

**A**uburn University has a proud and dynamic 150-year history. The institution was chartered on Feb. 1, 1856 as the East Alabama Male College, a private liberal arts school established by Alabama Methodists to foster Christian education.

A single four-story building was completed at a cost of \$111,000 in 1859 with 80 students enrolled and a faculty of five. Five male students were graduated in the first commencement held. When Alabama seceded from the Union, faculty and students resigned to enlist for the duration of the Civil War. Among those joining was William J. Samford, who would later become governor of Alabama.

The college building, then named Old Main, was used as a Confederate hospital from 1864 until classes resumed in 1866. When fire destroyed Old Main in 1887, it was replaced on the same site in 1888 by Samford Hall, named after Gov. Samford. Today Samford Hall serves as the AU's administrative headquarters.

The college struggled in the shattered Southern economy during the years after the Civil War. It was a ruined economy and those that pledged large sums to the college went bankrupt and could not meet their pledges. The Methodist Church granted the institution to the state in 1872 for use as a land-grant university under the Morrill Act, signed by President Lincoln in 1862. The institution then became the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama, changing from the private liberal arts school to a state-supported college with an emphasis on the new scientific and agricultural programs.

Continuous expansion followed. In 1899, the Alabama Legislature decided a new name was needed to reflect the expanded role of the institution. The college's name was changed to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

From the beginning, however, virtually everyone connected with the university ignored official names, preferring always the name selected for the town, founded in 1836, where the institution was located—Auburn. Elizabeth Harper, the daughter-in-law of the settlement's founder, was inspired by a line from Oliver Goldsmith's poem, "The Deserted Village," which reads, "Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain." Would the history of this institution have been the same had it been named Geneva as once was proposed for naming the town? The story goes that straws were drawn for naming the town Geneva or Auburn. Auburn won out.

As Charles C. Thach, the university's sixth president said, "The Alabama Polytechnic Institute, a high sounding phrase, is fit for legal document; and grave legislation, but not to conjure with and not to yell and not to dream with as is "Fair Auburn." The Legislature agreed, and in 1960 Alabama Polytechnic Institute became Auburn University.

Women students were first admitted



to Auburn in 1892, making Auburn the oldest four-year coeducational school in Alabama and the second oldest in the Southeast.

Twelve schools and colleges advance the University's outstanding programs of teaching, research and service. The current colleges and schools and the dates of this original inception are: College of Agriculture, 1872; College of Architecture Design and Construction, 1907; College of Business, 1967; College of Education, 1915; Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, 1872; School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, 1984; College of Human Sciences, 1916; College of Liberal Arts, 1986; School of Nursing, 1979; James Harrison School of Pharmacy, 1885; College of Sciences and Mathematics, 1986; College of Veterinary Medicine, 1907; Graduate School, 1872. In 1986, a university reorganization created the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Sciences and Mathematics from the former school of Arts and Sciences (1872), as well as

portions of the School of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and the School of Architecture and Fine Arts (both subsequently renamed).

Auburn's greatest growth and development came after World War II. From a campus of 35 buildings in 1946, the university's multi-million dollar physical complex has grown to approximately 375 buildings on 1,840 acres. The Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station conducts crop, animal and soil experimentation statewide, and Extension agents are stationed in all 67 Alabama counties. Main campus enrollment currently exceeds 23,000, with about 1,250 faculty.

In 1967, the State Legislature approved a \$5 million bond issue for the purpose of establishing a four-year university at Montgomery under the supervision and control of the Auburn University Board of Trustees. It was named Auburn University at Montgomery. AUM began operation in the former Extension Center of the University of Alabama temporarily in 1969. The Montgomery community raised money to purchase a 500-acre site seven miles east of the city off I-85. The new campus was built and occupied in 1971. Currently its enrollment stands at approximately 5,000.

Auburn University is a pre-eminent land-grant and comprehensive research institution with nearly 23,000 students and 6,500 faculty and staff. Ranked among the top 50 public universities nationally, Auburn is Alabama's largest educational institution, offering more than 230 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree programs.

**Economic Impact Highlights**

- A recent study determined AU had a nearly \$4 billion economic impact on the state of Alabama.
- AU provides principal academic support for Alabama agricultural, construction





and manufacturing industries.

- AU is the primary source of instruction and research for Alabama's emerging aerospace, automotive, microelectronics, and wireless technology industries.

- AU has partnered with the state to develop a hotel and conference center at Gulf State Park, which will offer hands-on education to students and attract tourism to Alabama.

**Research Highlights**

- Sponsored research at AU totals more than \$71 million annually.

- Auburn devotes extensive research funding to seven Peaks of Excellence: cellular and molecular biosciences, detection and food safety, fisheries and aquaculture, forest sustainability, information technology, poultry products safety/quality and transportation.

**Research Highlights**

- AU research has led to licensing and sponsorship agreements with more than 250 commercial firms in less than three years to transfer a variety of its research developments to the marketplace.

- AU is in the planning phase for a research park to attract significant technology business and industry to the area and enhance and support AU's research mission.

- AU is one of six universities selected by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to provide experts for a homeland security "think tank."

**Instruction/Academics Highlights**

- U.S. News & World Report ranked two AU colleges in the top 100 in their fields nationwide. The Ginn College of Engineering was ranked 77th and the AU College of Education was ranked 82nd. The rankings were compiled as part of its America's Best Graduate Schools 2006.

- U.S. News & World Report - for the 12th consecutive year - ranked AU in the top 50 public universities in the nation.

- The November 2003 edition of Kiplinger's magazine ranked AU among its best values in U.S. public institutions, as did the 2004 Princeton Review. Kiplinger rated AU 26th in terms of in-state student value and 31st for out-of-state student value.

- AU is the only university in the country to offer a degree in wireless technology, and the first in the

**Auburn Profile**

**STUDENT PROFILE (2005-06)**

Enrollment .....	23,333
Undergraduates .....	19,254
Graduate students .....	3,169
Professional students .....	910
New freshmen .....	4,197
Male students.....	11,878 (50.9%)
Female students.....	11,455 (49.1%)
In-State students.....	14,456 (62%)
Minority students.....	2,698 (11%)
Mean ACT score of entering freshmen .....	24.1
First-Year Retention rate .....	85.2%
<b>Graduation rates:</b>	
4-year .....	33.6%
5-year .....	59.2%
6-year .....	64.9%
Number of National Merit Scholars.....	27

**FACULTY PROFILE: (2005-06)**

Faculty with terminal (highest available) degree .....	90%
Full-time faculty.....	1,176
Minority faculty.....	172 (15%)
Female faculty .....	316 (27%)
Male faculty .....	855 (73%)
Student to faculty ratio .....	17:1

Southeast to offer degrees in software engineering.

- AU is known for its "rocket science": six NASA astronauts graduated from AU, and the current director and one past director of Kennedy Space Center are also AU alumni.

- AU's Ralph Brown Draughon Library has more than 2.7 million volumes, with 2.5 million volumes of microfilm.

**Auburn People**

Auburn faculty and alumni are world-class achievers in practically every arena. Here are just a few examples:

- Auburn has graduated six astronauts: Henry "Hank" Hartsfield ('54), T.K. Mattingly ('58), Kathryn

Thornton ('70), Jan Davis ('77), Jim Voss ('72), and the late Clifton Williams ('54).

- Vincent "Bo" Jackson, a two-sport professional star who won the Heisman Trophy in 1985, received his bachelor of sciences degree in family and child development from Auburn in 1992.

- Fob James ('57), as an Auburn student-athlete earned all-America honors as a running back for the Tigers. In addition to an extremely successful career in industry, including founding DP Industries, he was twice elected governor of Alabama.

- Timothy D. Cook, senior vice president of worldwide operations for Apple Computer, Inc., of Cupertino, Calif., is responsible for leading Apple's global operations organization.

- Don Logan ('66) is president and CEO of Time, Inc.

- Carl Mundy ('57) retired after serving as Commandant of the Marine Corps. More than 100 AU graduates have served as admirals or generals in the U.S. armed forces.

- Rowdy Gaines ('82) is an Olympic gold medalist, world record holder and television sports commentator.

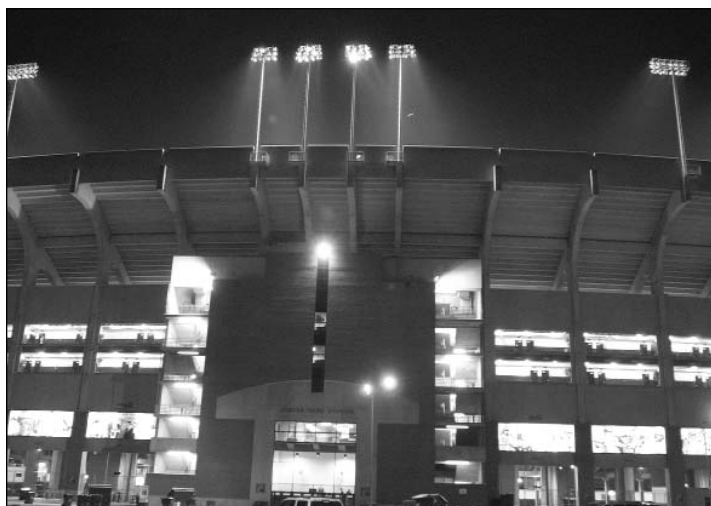
- Elmer Harris ('62) was chairman and CEO of Alabama Power Company.

**The Campus/City**

Auburn's beautiful main campus graced by greenery and open spaces and highlighted by historic Samford Park -- is made up of 375 buildings spread across 1,875 acres bordered on two sides by farms and woodlands. Buildings in the main campus area are within walking distance of each other. Residence halls are only a short walk from classrooms, dining and athletic facilities. Auburn is located in the Southeastern United States in east-central Alabama about 30 miles from the Georgia border.

One of the state's fastest growing cities, Auburn has a population of about 45,000. An adjacent twin-city, Opelika, has a population of about 30,000. Atlanta, Ga. is only 100 miles to the northeast via Interstate 85; Birmingham is 100 miles to the north via U.S. 280 or I-85/65; Montgomery is 50 miles to the east via I-85; and the Gulf beaches are about 200 miles away.

The university enjoys the advantages of security, seclusion and clean air and water. Auburn is a clean city with a mild climate that offers many cultural opportunities.





## DR. ED RICHARDSON

Auburn President

The Auburn University Board of Trustees unanimously voted on Sept. 1, 2006 to remove interim from Dr. Ed Richardson's title, making him the 17th president of Auburn University. He had served as interim president since Jan. 20, 2004. As State Superintendent of Education, Richardson had served on the Auburn University Board of Trustees from 1995 until his interim appointment.

Upon accepting the position, his primary task was to convince the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to lift the probationary status placed upon Auburn University late in 2003. Clearing the university's name with regard to its accreditation status in December 2004 was the culmination of a year of difficult work.

With the SACS accreditation problem behind him, Richardson began working on projects of lasting importance: positioning Auburn to attract a permanent president with outstanding qualifications.

To that end, Richardson put before the AU Board of Trustees an aggressive agenda for 2005-2006.

The agenda places major emphasis on the development of Auburn University's Research Park, improving its airport, effecting changes in the current structure of AU's agriculture programs, establishment of a closer working relationship with AU-Montgomery and formation of a process to conduct academic program reviews including post-tenure review and student assessment. The agenda also includes the formation of an Auburn University and University of Alabama team to work for better state funding. Prior to assuming the post at Auburn, Richardson had served as State Superintendent of Education since October, 1995.

Before he became state superintendent, Richardson was superintendent of schools for the Auburn City Board of



Education for 13 years. He spent eight years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Montgomery County school system and served eight years as principal of Andalusia High School. Richardson has earned three degrees from Auburn University: a B.S. in science education in 1962, an M.Ed. in 1967, and an Ed.D. in 1972, both in educational administration.

Richardson is married to Nell Campbell Richardson, a retired school teacher. Born in Selma, Auburn's first lady moved to Montgomery at age 16, and graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in 1961.

Mrs. Richardson, who attended AUM, but earned a bachelor's degree from AU in 1983, taught English and French at several high schools. She also served as an adjunct instructor at Southern Union and Alex City Community College. Mrs. Richardson retired from Montgomery Public Schools in 2004 to join her husband in Auburn when he was named the university's interim president. Mrs. Richardson is now compiling a booklet featuring Auburn University's first ladies that lived in the current president's home.

The Richardsons have two daughters, Merit and Laura, both graduates of Auburn. The Richardson family also includes three grandchildren: Seth (12), Molly (5), and the latest addition, Gunnar who was born April 3 of this year, along with two grand-dogs, Destin and Buckley.





# JAY JACOBS

Athletics Director

**A**uburn Athletics Director Jay Jacobs has a vision of leading Auburn Athletics to becoming the nation's preeminent Athletics Department. In his brief tenure at the helm of the Tigers' program, Jacobs has set out on a path that has seen the department prosper athletically, academically and financially, making sound decisions that have benefited Auburn student-athletes, coaches and fans.

Athletically, the Tigers have claimed five national championships under Jacobs, including a school-record four titles in 2005-06 along with six Southeastern Conference titles. Last year, the Auburn men's and women's swimming programs each won NCAA titles, the women's outdoor track and field team won its first-ever national championship and the equestrian team captured the national varsity equestrian crown.

Individually in 2005-06, Auburn produced 54 All-Americans, 52 All-SEC performers, six NCAA individual and relay champions, 21 Southeastern Conference champions and five Tiger student-athletes were named SEC Athlete of the Year in their respective sport.

Perhaps more impressive than Auburn's athletic achievements, are the successes by Tiger student-athletes in the classroom. The NCAA's Academic Progress Report (APR) that was released in February 2006, recognized three Auburn programs for scoring in the 90th-100th percentile nationally. The APR, which is a formula based upon student-athletes' retention and eligibility, saw the Auburn football team post the highest score of any Division I public institution from a Bowl Championship Series conference. The men's cross country and men's golf programs posted perfect APR scores of 1,000 and joined the football program to receive public recognition by the NCAA.

In 2005-06, five Auburn student-athletes were Academic All-Americans, 122 earned Academic All-SEC honors and cross country and track and field All-American Angela Homan won the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and received the prestigious Auburn University Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. A total of 200 Auburn student-athletes earned grade point averages of 3.0 or better during the Fall 2005 semester and a record 185 student-athletes were honored at the annual Tiger Torch Banquet.

Jacobs, who gained strong business expertise as the Senior Associate Athletic Director in charge of Tigers Unlimited prior to his appointment as Director of Athletics, has initiated several successful business ventures for the Athletics Department.

In December 2005, Auburn signed a five-year contract with Under Armour Performance Apparel to be the official outfitter of the University's athletic teams. The five-year contract, worth over \$10.6 million in sponsorship, product and additional benefits, provides Auburn's athletic teams Under Armour uniforms, cleats, apparel and accessories.

Auburn also extended its multi-media rights contract with ISP Sports for an additional nine years following the end of the current agreement in 2007. The new terms include revenue to the Athletics Department of an average of more than \$5.8 million annually more



than double the previous contract of nearly \$2.4 million per year.

Under Jacobs' leadership, Auburn has also moved forward with several facility projects designed to benefit Tiger athletic programs and their fans. The most recognizable update has been the Jordan-Hare Stadium Phase 1C renovation, set for completion in August 2006. The renovations include new concessions and expanded restroom facilities on the west and east concourses along with a spacious plaza on the west side of the stadium.

In 2005-06, Auburn opened the new Rosen-Hutsell Track and a new wood floor surface was placed over the old tartan floor at Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum. Other projects set for ground-breaking in 2006-07 include a new tennis facility west of campus, an outdoor training pool located at the old Luther Young Tennis Complex and a golf training center.

For Jacobs, it was only fitting that he was named Auburn's 14th Director of Athletics on Dec. 22, 2004, after working in almost every area of the Auburn Athletic Department for the previous 20 years.

It was the final step in a career that had allowed him to gain a wide-range of experiences in collegiate athletics, from the perspective of a student-athlete, to the position of Senior Associate Athletic Director in charge of Tigers Unlimited, Auburn's fund-raising arm.

Jacobs grew up just 20 miles from Auburn in LaFayette and made several trips a year to the campus to watch athletic events. Later, after moving to Jacksonville, Fla., to attend high school, he returned to Auburn for college. After walking on the Auburn football team, he earned two letters as an offensive tackle in 1982 and 1983. As a senior, he started for the SEC Championship Tigers that finished the season ranked third nationally.

Not long after his career ended against Michigan in the 1984 Sugar Bowl, Jacobs started the journey that led him to being named Athletic Director.

After one season as a coach at Lee-Scott Academy in Auburn, Jacobs returned to his alma matter in 1985 as the Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach. After serving two seasons (1986-87) as a graduate football coach, Jacobs was named Conditioning Coach, a position he held for three years (1988-91).

In 1991, he became an Assistant Athletic Director. Three years later, he was promoted to Associate Athletic Director for Operations, overseeing a variety of support functions in the Athletic Department.

As the Senior Associate Athletic Director in charge of Tigers Unlimited from 2001-05, Jacobs oversaw the fund-raising efforts that secured approximately \$60-million in gifts the last three years. He spearheaded a \$90 million capital campaign which is the largest in Auburn athletic history.

Jacobs earned his undergraduate and master's degree in business administration from Auburn in 1985 and 1988, respectively. He is married to the former Angie Sapp of Dublin, Ga. The couple has three daughters, Haley, Meagan, and Jayne.



**ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**



# MEREDITH JENKINS

Senior Associate AD/Senior Women's Administrator

**Joined AU Staff ...** July 11, 1994

**Responsibility ...** Administrator over women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, equestrian, men's and women's swimming and diving, softball and Sports Medicine.

**Experience ...** Served as Associate Athletic Director for Women's Sports from 2005-06. Former Associate Athletics Director for Media Relations serving as the head football contact for six years. Worked with baseball, women's basketball, track and field, volleyball and soccer for first five years at Auburn. Served as the media coordinator for the 1995 SEC Women's Tennis Championship, the 1997 SEC Track and Field Championship, the 1998 SEC Men's Tennis Championship and the 1998 NCAA Baseball Regional at Auburn. Former member of SEC Media Coordination Committee for football and basketball. Came to Auburn after four years as a graduate assistant and student assistant in the Florida State Sports Information Department. Assisted with publicity for football, volleyball, women's basketball, softball and men's and women's tennis.

**Personal Information ...** Born February 6, 1970. Native of Melbourne Beach, Fla. Graduated cum laude with a B.S. in Communication and M.S. in Athletic Administration from Florida State. Married to Russell Jenkins. One son, Robert Alexander, born May 29, 2003.



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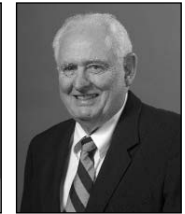
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**Auburn University** is committed to maintaining the highest standard of academic excellence. Auburn's academic curriculum is recognized nationally and internationally by leading education publications for its services in preparing students for challenges of the future.

Auburn student-athletes excel because of one of the top student support service programs in the country. Virgil Starks, Sr. Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Support Services (SASS) and Assistant to the Provost, oversees a staff of seven full-time Academic Counselors, a Learning Specialist and two Eligibility Specialists.



The Charlotte G. Lowder Student Athlete Development Center

### **Charlotte G. Lowder Student Athlete Development Center**

The Charlotte G. Lowder Student Athlete Development Center, with 33,000 square feet of dedicated space to students and learning, gives Auburn University the physical infrastructure that allows the ability to implement and expand the array of programs designed to enhance the academic performance of Auburn student-athletes. Located adjacent to the Auburn Athletic Complex, the facility is centrally located for easy access for all Tiger athletic teams.

The goals of the Charlotte G. Lowder Student Athlete Development Center are to create an opportunity for one-stop learning for all services including academic counseling, life skills, and tutorial services; to utilize the technology available to support academic missions; and to create a showplace that honors achievements of student-athletes. In addition, programs are designed to develop leadership skills and a strong altruistic attitude, which are fundamental characteristics of the Auburn graduate.

Within the walls of the center are the Academic Hall of Honor designed by Auburn student-athletes, two "smart" classrooms with new and innovative technology that hold 50 people per room, seven counselor offices as well as administrative support, the PAW (Promoting Academic Winners) office, Operation Follow-Through, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee office, 40 four-person tutorial rooms, a library resource area, a soft-study lounge, a 25-station computer classroom, the student "Cantina" for snacks and beverages and the tutor coordinator office.

The construction of the Student Athlete Development Center was made possible by the generosity of Robert and Charlotte Lowder and from the Lowder Family Foundation.

### **Student-Athlete Support Services**

The Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills program focuses on five commitments that the NCAA has specified as necessary to a holistic approach to student development programming. Auburn University is committed to the growth and development of its student-athletes by promoting the following areas:

- Commitment to Academic Excellence
- Commitment to Athletic Excellence
- Commitment to Personal Development
- Commitment to Service, Outreach and Leadership
- Commitment to Career Development

The Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills program at Auburn provides a series of classes, workshops, speakers and seminars that are designed to enhance the total development of student-athletes. The Tiger CHAMPS program is committed to meeting the needs of student-athletes and providing interactive activities which promote and develop skills necessary to compete in the "game" of life.

In order to accomplish this, the Student-Athlete Support Services (SASS) department has developed a comprehensive program which includes:

- **Academic Counseling**
- **Tiger Tutor Program**
- **Specialized Services**
- **Study Table Program**
- **Life Skills Classes**
- **Promoting Academic Winners (P.A.W.)**



Auburn student-athletes have spacious classrooms and study areas at their disposal



2006 Auburn Softball Top Tigers: Head Coach Tina Deese, Nicole Russo, Sara Ghezzi, Lauren Walton, Jorja Bell, Robin Martin, academic advisor Janice Robinson

**Academic Counseling**

- All staff members participate in recruiting scholar student-athletes.
- Student-Athlete Support Services maintains a book depository.
- Student-Athlete Support Services assists in advising degree curriculum for student-athletes.
- Student-Athlete Support Services monitors progress towards obtaining a degree.

**Tiger Tutor Program**

- This program is responsible for assigning tutors to student-athletes for one-on-one and group tutorial assistance.
- The Tiger Advantage Supplemental Instruction (SI) is designed to support the core curriculum.

**Specialized Services**

- An Eligibility Specialist monitors NCAA Eligibility Standards.
- A Learning Specialist serves as a liaison for the Program for Students with Disabilities.
- Student-Athlete Support Services provides an academic monitoring program.

**Life Skills Program**

The Student-Athlete Support Services life skills program offers four classes:

- **Life Skills for Student-Athletes** is a freshman/transfer class which provides a variety of life skills components and opportunities for the first-year student in a university setting. This class offers various activities, discussions, guest speakers and community service opportunities.

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**

The primary function of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to provide student-athletes with an official voice in the decision-making processes of the athletic department. Auburn's SAAC is comprised of two representatives from each athletic team. These two representatives serve as a liaison between the committee and their teams. Secondary functions of SAAC are the development of leadership skills and to promote citizenship through community service. The SAAC is involved in community service activities such as organizing canned food and clothing drives, visiting patients in area hospitals and nursing homes and hosting local elementary school children each year for National Student-Athlete Day. The Auburn University SAAC also plans and hosts an annual fall picnic and a spring social for all student-athletes in appreciation of their contributions to Auburn.

- **Career Awareness For Student-Athletes** is a Freshman/Sophomore class where students learn to research their majors and professional career interest and develop resumes and portfolio resources.
- **Career Success for Student-Athletes** is a Junior/Senior class developed to explore careers based on their majors, skills and interests. Students also learn to aggressively market themselves through networking and other job search tactics. They are also actively engaged in enhancing their self-confidence by polishing their job search skills, interviewing and business etiquette.
- **Athletes in Society** is a course designed to help student-athletes with civic involvement and commun

**Other life skills programs include:**

- Career Seminars for Student-Athletes
- Tiger Tracks Resume Portfolio
- Career Symposium for Student-Athletes
- Drug/Alcohol Education Program
- Adopt a School Program (Stay in Bounds)

The Life/Skills program is uniquely structured so that each counselor has the responsibility of planning activities and/or seminars in a given area of expertise. The Life/Skills coordinator directs the implementation of activities and spearheads the development of the Tiger CHAMPS Program.

**Auburn Softball SEC Academic Honor Roll**

**1997**

Jill Nunnally, Jennifer Paige

**1998**

Jennifer Paige, Amy Dalsing, Wendy Cork, Rebecca Cleary, Chris Steiner

**1999**

Rebecca Cleary, Wendy Cork

**2000**

Rebecca Cleary, Jennifer Kraemer, Kimball Pratt

**2001**

Rebecca Cleary, Jennifer Kraemer, Kimball Pratt, Kim Freeland, Jennifer Hammock, Robin Thornburg

**2002**

Arin Cobb, Kim Freeland, Jennifer Hammock, Jennifer Kraemer, Kimball Pratt

**2003**

Lindsey Chitwood, Kim Freeland, Tyanne Fries, Jennifer Hammock, Jennifer Lofton, Martha Phillips

**2004**

Lindsey Chitwood, Sara Dean, Jenny Diaz, Cami Fenn, Paige Jones, Martha Phillips

**2005**

Lolani Alvarez, Sara Dean, Sara Ghezzi, Paige Jones, Robin Martin, Nicole Russo, Lauren

**2006**

Jorja Bell, Holly Currie, Sara Ghezzi, Robin Martin, Nicole Russo, Lauren Walton

Auburn, Alabama was founded in 1836 by Judge John J. Harper of Harris County, Georgia. Envisioned as a religious, educational and cultural center, Auburn was incorporated as a town on Feb. 2, 1839. By 1856, Auburn University was chartered as the East Alabama Male College and has since become a thriving addition to the city.



With each year, "the loveliest village of the plains" continues to grow and improve. With a steadily increasing population of over 42,000, Auburn offers big-city appeal in a hometown atmosphere. Cultural activities, sporting events and educational opportunities are never in short supply. Auburn also boasts a newly expanded mall, Colonial University Village, a number of unique downtown shops and over 100 restaurants, two bed and breakfasts, four campgrounds and 1,550 hotel rooms.

Geographically, the city of Auburn and Auburn University meet at what is known as "Toomers Corner." Here the flourishing community and expanding university create a warm, friendly spirit that can only be described as "Auburn."

The bond between the city and university is exemplified along the streets of downtown Auburn where tribute is paid to Auburn University's greatest athletes, coaches and administrators. Known as Tiger Trail of Auburn, this walk of fame consists of 38 granite plaques bearing the names of those honored along the Trail. Each year new plaques are added as more Auburn women and men are recognized for their contributions to Auburn. The Tiger Trail is sponsored by the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and funded by Auburn people. This tradition represents a connection between the city of Auburn and Auburn University that will remain forever.

Truly, the city of Auburn is unique to the state of Alabama. Once the "Auburn Spirit" gets in your blood, you will never want to leave. Come to visit and stay a lifetime.

### Mileage Chart

Miles From Auburn To...	
Athens, GA	187
Atlanta, GA	118
Baton Rouge, LA	448
Birmingham, AL	116
Chattanooga, TN	237
Columbia, SC	336
Columbus, GA	36
Dothan, AL	122
Fayetteville, AR	749
Gainesville, FL	327
Huntsville, AL	206
Jackson, MS	302
Knoxville, TN	337
Lexington, KY	537
Little Rock, AR	525
Memphis, TN	374
Miami, FL	647
Mobile, AL	235
Montgomery, AL	55
Nashville, TN	318
New Orleans, LA	398
Orlando, FL	422
Oxford, MS	312
Pensacola, FL	229
Shreveport, LA	522
Starkville, MS	235
Tampa, FL	426
Tuscaloosa, AL	157



Some of the activities Auburn offers include:

#### Chewaca State Park

A 696-acre park with a 26-acre lake, offers rustic cabins, tennis courts, nature trails and camping facilities.

#### Kiesel Park

Willed to the city by Dr. Goerge Kiesel, this property has been developed as a "nature park." A two and one-half mile walking and jogging trail winds in and around gurgling streams, over rolling, tree-covered hills and through a wildflower meadow.

#### Golf

In an area known for big time sports and small town charm, a golfer's dream awaits. The Auburn area offers more than 162 holes of great golf: Auburn University Club, Auburn Links at Mill Creek; Grand National; Indian Pines Golf Complex; Moore's Mill Country Club, Pin Oaks Golf Club; Saugahatchee Country Club and the Driver's Club, a lighted driving range.

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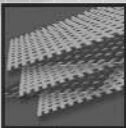
# HOW THE TEAMS AT THE TOP GET THERE

**RAZOR-SHARP SKILLS. A RELENTLESS WILL TO WIN.**  
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