

The University

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W O M E N ' S B A S K E T B A L L

THE UNIVERSITY

The University of South Carolina is home to more than 200 years of history and tradition, rising from a single building in 1805 on what would become the heart of the campus, the Horseshoe. Today, the 11 buildings that make up the Horseshoe frame a lush lawn that is an irresistible gathering place for students, faculty and staff members and alumni and the scene of many important university events.

And while the Horseshoe will always be the symbol of Carolina's proud tradition, the university's presence and reach stretch across the state, with baccalaureate universities in Aiken, Spartanburg (Upstate) and the sea islands (Beaufort and the gateway to Hilton Head) as well as Palmetto College, which encompasses our associate degree-granting campuses — in Allendale and Walterboro (Salkehatchie), Sumter, Lancaster and Union — and our online bachelor's degree completion programs.

Together, they are building economic prosperity; fulfilling the university's mission of teaching, research and service to the state; and preparing future leaders in business, law, education, the arts, tourism, communications, medicine and the health sciences.

Key Notes About the University

- The University of South Carolina's Columbia campus offers more than 300 degree programs through its 14 degree-granting colleges and schools.
- The South Carolina Honors College is the nation's best public honors college based on honors college factors according to the guidebook "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs."
- *U.S. News & World Report* recognizes the Moore School of Business for having the No. 1 undergraduate international business program and No. 1 graduate international business program, and Financial Times credits the Moore School with the No. 1 international course experience.
- USC launched a new online degree completion program in 2013. Palmetto College's online offerings bring together the resources of the entire University of South Carolina system to combine the quality of a USC degree with the flexibility of online learning.
- Students at the University of South Carolina have earned 786 national fellowships and scholarships valued at \$24 million since 1994. University of South Carolina faculty members generated \$250.1 million in funding

University History

In 2001, the University celebrated the bicentennial of its charter, but 2005 also marked a watershed anniversary: 200 years since the first classes began at South Carolina College, as it was then known. Carolina has endured the Civil War and Reconstruction, closings and name changes. Permanently chartered in 1906 as the University of South Carolina, it grew throughout the 20th century and today is building its reputation as a cutting-edge research institution.



for research, training and outreach programs in fiscal year 2015, the highest total ever at the university.

- USC is ranked in the top 5 percent of U.S. public universities in the number of national awards its faculty has received.
- The new Darla Moore School of Business building serves as the front door of Innovista, the university's research district, and is a hub for creativity, research and entrepreneurial activity. The school is pursuing a net zero status and LEED Platinum rating for its new home.
- The USC School of Medicine pioneered the nation's first medical school curriculum that teaches first- through fourth-year students how to use leading ultrasound technologies for bedside diagnosis.
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education* named USC a "Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students." Our students are consistent winners of other prestigious awards, such as National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.
- USC has partnered with IBM and Fluor Corporation to open the Center for Applied Innovation on the Columbia campus. The center promises to reshape how technology is used in higher education.
- USC is consistently recognized by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine, Princeton Review and USA Today for being one of the best values among public colleges and universities.
- USC is one of only 32 public universities to earn the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier designations in both research activity and community engagement.

University Mission Statement

The University's mission is threefold: the education of the state's diverse citizens through teaching, research and creative activity, and service.





Dr. Harris Pastides

On Aug. 1, 2008, as Harris Pastides began his presidency at the University of South Carolina, he promised to accelerate USC's momentum as a world-class university. He has kept that promise. Indeed, under Pastides' watch, the USC system is now uniquely positioned to meet the state's education, cultural, health and research needs.

Today, USC Columbia, a Carnegie

Pastides serves on many local, state, national and international boards including the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and the Fulbright Faculty Programs. He is the immediate past chair of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors.

Prior to joining the university's faculty as dean of the Arnold School of Public Health, Pastides was a professor of epidemiology and chairman of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He received his master's in public health and his Ph.D. in epidemiology from Yale University. President Pastides and the first lady, Patricia Moore-Pastides, live on USC's historic Horseshoe.

top-tier research university, is also ranked as South Carolina's top global university. Its freshman classes have grown continuously while posting the highest SAT scores in university history. The USC Honors College has been named the No. 1 public honors college in the nation and Carolina is home to top programs in areas such as undergraduate and graduate international business; public health; engineering; nursing; and hospitality, retail and sport management.

An unwavering advocate for a superior student experience, Pastides encourages engagement beyond the classroom through leadership, service learning, international experiences, internships and undergraduate research. Innovative programs like Palmetto College, On Your Time Graduation, Gamecock Gateway and Gamecock Guarantee are providing greater access, flexibility and affordability to South Carolinians seeking a higher education degree. To date, 78,651 degrees have been awarded systemwide during Pastides' presidency.

Committed to civil and substantive campus conversations, Pastides exemplifies the ideals found in the Carolinian Creed. His unqualified support of diversity and inclusiveness is reflected in bold new initiatives such as The Center for Civil Rights History and Research and the Welcome Table SC, both critical steps in creating an era of greater unity of purpose.



President Pastides and first lady Patricia Moore-Pastides are regulars at women's basketball games since the arrival of head coach Dawn Staley.



Dr. Valinda Littlefield

Dr. Valinda Littlefield begins her second season as the Athletics Faculty Representative at the University of South Carolina. Littlefield is an associate professor of history and African-American studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is a scholar of the history of women, African Americans and education with an emphasis on Southern African-American history

While at USC, Dr. Littlefield has served on numerous university committees including co-chair of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Desegregation, QEP, University Women's Faculty Organization, and Faculty Committee on Instructional Development. She currently serves on the University Caroliniana Society Board and as a TRIO Ronald McNair Faculty Research Mentor. In addition, Littlefield serves on boards and executive committees of a number of local, state and national organizations such as One Columbia, the SC Academy of Authors, the SC African American Council for the Social Studies and the Southern Historical Association.

She is the co-editor with Marjorie Spruill and Joan Marie Johnson of a three-volume anthology, *South Carolina Women: Their Lives and Times*. She also served as subject editor of Education for the *African American National Biography*.

Dr. Littlefield is married to Dr. Daniel C. Littlefield, Carolina Professor of History.

from 1877 to the present.

Dr. Littlefield graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina Central University in 1987 with a double major in political science and history. She earned her doctorate from the University of Illinois in 2003.

Dr. Littlefield joined the South Carolina faculty in 1999 after professional stops at each of her alma maters, North Carolina Central and Illinois.

Faculty Athletics Representative

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR RAY TANNER



University of South Carolina Athletics Director Ray Tanner is in his fifth year guiding the fortunes of the Gamecocks' athletics programs. After a long and highly successful career as Carolina's baseball coach, Tanner officially began his new duties on Aug. 2, 2012.

Under Tanner's watch, Gamecock student-athletes have achieved tremendous success in intercollegiate athletic competition, in the classroom and the community.

During the past two academic years, Gamecock student-athletes have led all schools in the SEC Academic Honor Roll, earning more than 700 recognitions. Carolina student-athletes have earned a cumulative 3.0 grade point average or better in 18 consecutive semesters.

In the last four academic years, the Gamecocks have won a national championship (equestrian), five SEC regular season and tournament championships and its 686 points in the 2015-16 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup All-Sports Standings is the most since 2002-03 (701 points).

In 2015-16, Carolina also claimed the inaugural Certified SC Grown Palmetto Series, sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. The series consists of athletic, community service and academic points in head-to-head matchups against Clemson.

The Gamecocks have had 15 teams finish in the Top 10, 29 finish in the Top 25 with student-athletes earning 127 All-SEC and 205 All-America honors during the last four years.

Carolina student-athletes accomplished these academic and athletic feats while performing more than 9,000 hours of community service, breaking an athletics department record for three straight years.

In September 2014, Tanner spearheaded the development of "The Gamecock Student-Athlete Promise," a document that showcases the depth and breadth of the commitments the South Carolina Athletics Department has made to its student-athletes.

As part of the document, USC became the first school in the SEC to guarantee four-year scholarships for all qualifying sports. It also offers former student-athletes the opportunity to return back to campus to complete their undergraduate degree as part of the "Gamecock Degree Completion Program."

As part of giving Gamecock student-athletes a "championship experience" at USC, the commitment to develop the finest facilities in the nation continues.

Since taking on the athletics director role at USC, Tanner has overseen construction and facility renovation projects such as Springs-Brooks Plaza and the Bignon Game Day Center, Gamecock Football Indoor Practice Facility, USC Soccer Complex, Weems Baskin Outdoor Track, Wheeler Beach Volleyball facility and locker rooms in Carolina Natatorium. Plans are also underway for a new football operations building and upgrades to Founders Park.

Tanner completed his first year as a member of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and is scheduled to be on the committee through the 2019 baseball season.

A dedicated community leader whose charitable organization, The Ray Tanner Foundation, has made a difference in many South Carolina families, a three-time National Coach of the Year and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year, Tanner completed 16 years as head coach at the University of South Carolina, establishing one of the premier programs in college baseball prior to being named AD. He led the Garnet & Black to two NCAA Division I Baseball Championships, a pair of national runner-up finishes, six College World Series appearances, three SEC championships, six SEC Eastern division titles, a SEC tournament crown and 13 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Under the direction of Tanner, South Carolina's postseason success from 2010-2012 is arguably the greatest run in collegiate baseball history. In the three-year span, the Gamecocks established NCAA records with 22 consecutive postseason wins and 12 consecutive wins in the College World Series. The Gamecocks won the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship

in 2010 and 2011 with a national runner-up finish in 2012. South Carolina's 30-4 (.882) record over that three-year period in the NCAA Tournament is the fifth best three-year postseason record in NCAA history.

In addition, the 2012 CWS trip marked the sixth time in 11 years that South Carolina had reached Omaha. No Division I baseball team made more appearances than the Gamecocks over the 11-year span.

For all of his accolades, Tanner's uniform No. 1 was retired and the street outside Carolina Stadium was renamed in his honor. He was inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in May 2013 and into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January 2016.

The 2012 season marked Tanner's 25th year as a collegiate head coach. He posted a 738-316 record at South Carolina with a .700 winning percentage, second highest all-time among SEC coaches. His career record was 1,133-489-3 for a winning percentage of .699. His final 12 teams featured 23 All-Americans.

Tanner gained valuable experience at an international level in his association with USA Baseball. He served five stints with Red, White and Blue, including in 2003 as head coach for the USA National Baseball Team. At the helm of some of the top freshmen and sophomores in the country, Tanner's club finished with a 27-2 record, the best record for a U.S. National Team (.931 winning percentage) and won a silver medal at the 2003 Pan American Games. He was named the U.S. National Coach of the Year for his work that season. Prior to his head coaching stint, Tanner served as an auxiliary coach under Tommy Lasorda for the 2000 Olympic Team that won a gold medal at the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia. He was also an assistant under former LSU coach Skip Bertman with the 1995 and 1996 USA teams that culminated in a bronze medal win at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. Tanner also served alongside former Mississippi State coach Ron Polk on Bertman's staff. Tanner's first stint with USA Baseball came as an assistant coach to the national team in the summer of 1993.

Tanner was named the South Carolina head coach June 14, 1996, after nine successful seasons at North Carolina State. At NC State, Tanner led his alma mater to seven appearances in the NCAA postseason tournament and ranked second for most wins in school history. He was the 1990 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year and in 1993, was named Atlantic Region Coach of the Year when his team won 49 games.

Following his playing career with the Wolfpack, Tanner served as an assistant at NC State for Coach Sam Esposito. As an assistant coach, he also held additional duties as assistant to athletics director Jim Valvano and an assistant athletics director in charge of game operations. Following Esposito's retirement, Valvano elevated the 28-year-old Tanner to head baseball coach.

Tanner has a bachelor's degree in recreational administration from NC State (1980) and a master's of public affairs, public administration (1983).

Born Donald Ray Tanner, Jr., March 25, 1958, in Smithfield, NC, Tanner grew up in Benson, NC. He is married to the former Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, SC. A University of South Carolina graduate, she was formerly head women's athletic trainer at NC State. During the summer of 1997 she served as trainer for the Charlotte Sting in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She is the former director of athletics and director of sports medicine at Columbia College.

The Tanners have two daughters, Bridgette Grace ("Gracie") and Margaret Pearl ("Maggie") and one son, Joseph Luke ("Luke").





With eight national championships, 10 runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 35 Final Four appearances and 121 first-team All-America honors, the Southeastern Conference stands firmly as the nation's premier intercollegiate women's basketball conference.

NCAA Tournament Rich

SEC teams have earned appearances in 26 of 35 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. Overall, SEC squads have filled 35 of the 140 Final Four berths, including having two Final Four teams in 1988, 1989, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008. SEC teams have made 18 appearances in a nation-high 16 NCAA Championship games, winning eight NCAA Championships. The league provided both national finalists twice in history – 1996 and 1989.

SEC teams have won 395 NCAA Tournament games against 211 losses (.652) for an average of 11.3 NCAA wins per year. All 14 current members of the league have appeared in at least one NCAA Tournament.

The SEC has paced the pack in NCAA Tournament bids 24 times in its 35-year history. In 2016, the SEC had nine teams earn bids to the event, marking just the second time in NCAA history one conference has sent that many teams to the tournament.

All-Americans Abound

In the 41 years that All-Americans have been named in women's basketball, the SEC has had 71 student-athletes named first team a total of 121 times. Since the league began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83, 63 student-athletes have earned a total of 96 selections to the All-America first team. Seven Naismith Player of the Year winners have come from the SEC as have six Honda Sports Awards winners. The SEC boasts nine NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners and 31 Academic All-Americans as well.

On a World Stage

SEC schools have produced 42 United States Olympians since 1976, with 38 coming since the SEC began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83. Other USA Basketball rosters included 28 on the National Team, 19 on the U19 World Championship Team, 22 on the U18 National Team, 21 on the Pan American Team, and 47 have been on the World University Games Team.

While at an SEC school, 13 head coaches have been named to coach, as an assistant or head coach, for USA Basketball teams.

Professional Push

Since the inaugural WNBA draft in 1997, the SEC has had 141 former players drafted for the professional league, including five No. 1 picks. Overall, the SEC has had 143 former players go on to play in the league. In the 2016 WNBA Draft, a total of five SEC women's basketball players were selected and 15 former SEC student-athletes made 2016 WNBA opening day rosters.

Power in the Polls

The SEC has the richest history of any conference in terms of rankings, boasting more poll appearances than any other league – 3,649. The SEC is responsible for 74 of the 106 instances in which one conference had at least seven teams ranked in the AP poll. There have also been 10 weeks in which a conference had eight teams in the rankings, and nine of those occurrences belong to the SEC.

SEC teams have earned 1,636 Top-10 appearances and 853 Top-5 showings. The league also boasts 148 No. 1 rankings in the AP Poll.

Since it began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982, the SEC has had at least four members in each of the final polls in all but three seasons. In 2015-16, five SEC teams made the final Associated Press poll and the final USA Today/WBCA poll.



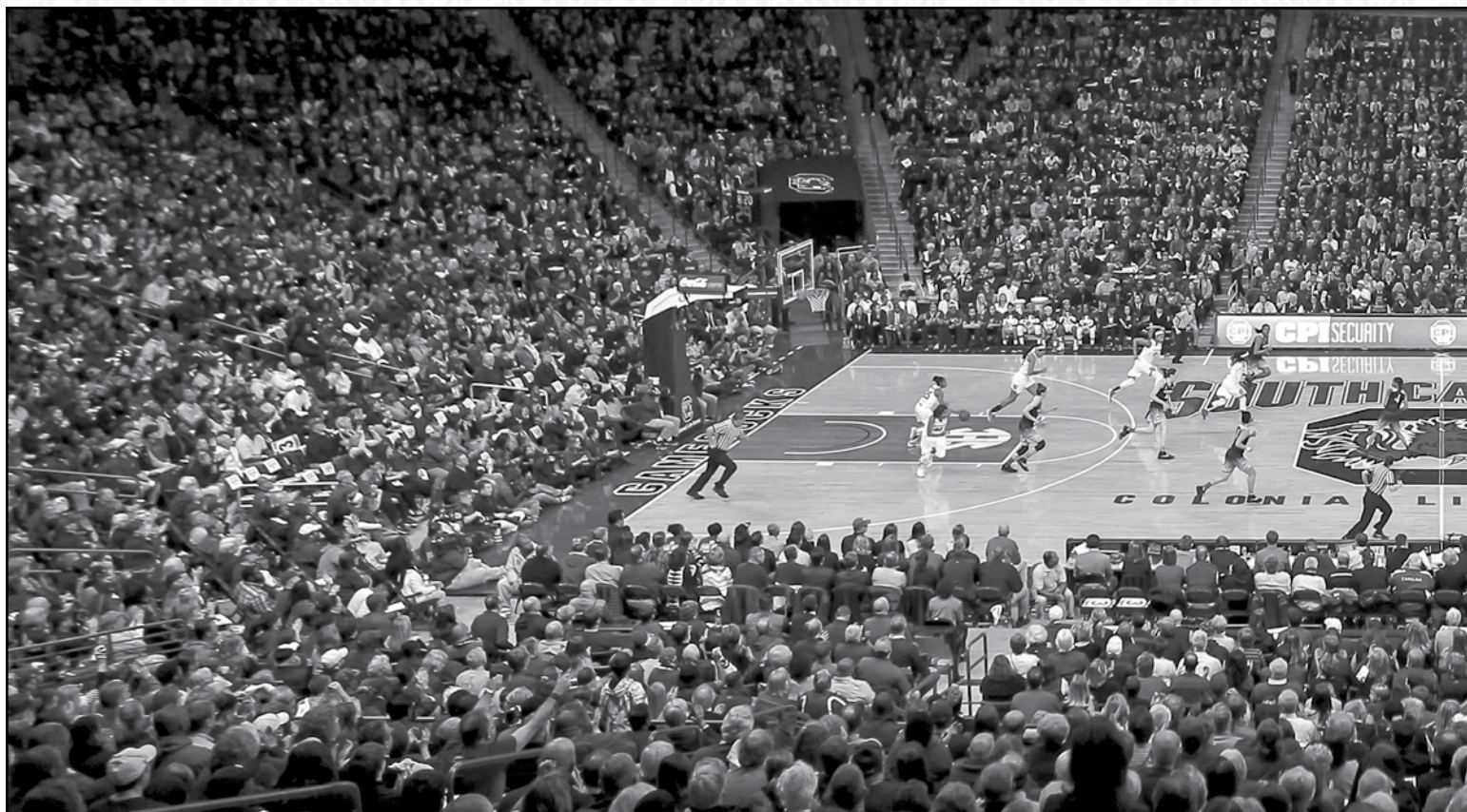
The Southeastern Conference and ESPN signed a 20-year agreement through 2034 to create and operate a multiplatform network which launched August 14, 2014. The network and its accompanying digital platform carried SEC content 24/7 including more than 1,000 events in its first year making every SEC basketball game available nationwide. Programming also includes studio shows and original content such as SEC Storied and SEC Inside. The Network has reoccurring weekday programming such as SEC Now, a news & information show featuring SEC Network hosts Peter Burns, Dari Nowkhah or Laura Rutledge and network analysts, discussing all the SEC news of the day, airing each weekday evening. The network also has weekend programming, including SEC Rewind, when the Network takes a look back at a historic game from the SEC, and SEC Scoreboard, a Saturday evening recap show featuring highlights and analysis of all the day's events.

South Carolina Productions

The University of South Carolina will produce 120-130 events with an ESPN-caliber production. These include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, softball, volleyball and sand volleyball games that are not covered by CBS, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU or the SEC Network linear channel. Live operations for the SEC Network at Carolina are led by David Cockfield (producer), Mark Slice (engineer), Justin Stoll (graphic design), Valerie Gerfin (associate producer) and Kim Justice (assistant engineer). Play-by-play duties will be handled by familiar voices Brad Muller, Derek Scott and Burch Antley.



COLONIAL LIFE ARENA



In women's basketball, Colonial Life Arena has become one of the most feared places to play as enormous crowds fill the building with passion for the Gamecocks.

The state of South Carolina has rallied around head coach Dawn Staley's program in unprecedented numbers as the Gamecocks have led the nation in average attendance in each of the last two seasons. In 2015-16, South Carolina led the nation with an average of 14,364 fans, an increase in 2014-15's NCAA-leading 12,293 average. Gamecock fans annual "welcome" a myriad of ranked opponents to Colonial Life Arena, none moreso than the program's first sell out in the building with 18,000 showing up for the No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown with Connecticut on Feb. 8, 2016.

Colonial Life Arena is more than just the home of South Carolina men's and women's basketball, though. It is also a thriving entertainment venue that the city of Columbia and its surrounding metropolitan area are able to enjoy throughout the year.

The Arena was ranked third in the nation's highest grossing university arenas for "University Top Stops" in Venues Today for ticket sales in 2015 and ranked number one in sales in South Carolina for 2015 in Venues Today for "Carolina Top Stops."

Colonial Life Arena is the largest arena in the state of South Carolina with 18,000 seats, and the 10th-largest on-campus basketball facility in the nation. Located on the beautiful University of South Carolina campus, this one-of-a-kind facility features 41 suites, four entertainment suites, and the Frank McGuire Club, a full-service hospitality room that has a capacity of 300. The state-of-the-art facility also features plush seating, a technologically advanced sound system, a four-sided video scoreboard, and a one-of-a-kind selection of unique concession foods that will delight fans of all ages.

The Arena has hosted numerous sold out shows, including Barnum and Bailey Circus, Paul McCartney, country superstars Kenny Chesney and Taylor Swift, WWE Wrestling, Kanye West and numerous other acts.



Year-by-Year Record

Year	Record	Pct.
2015-16	16-1	.941
2014-15	16-0	1.000
2013-14	16-0	1.000
2012-13	12-3	.800
2011-12	12-3	.800
2010-11	14-5	.737
2009-10	7-5	.583
2008-09	6-9	.400
2007-08	12-6	.667
2006-07	15-5	.750
2005-06	12-5	.706
2004-05	8-9	.471
2003-04	5-6	.455
2002-03	14-2	.875
Total	165-59	.737



The largest building ever constructed at the University of South Carolina at 342,000 square feet, the Arena has an intimate double-deck design that puts every seat close to the action. The cantilever of the upper deck over the lower deck extends further than any other arena of its size with great sight lines.

Two spacious locker rooms for Gamecock men's and women's basketball include team meeting rooms, recruiting rooms, coaches locker rooms and an athletic training room.

Top 10 Attendance

18,000	Connecticut, 2/8/16
17,712	Clemson, 11/22/02*
17,156	Kentucky, 1/11/15
16,815	Ohio State, 11/13/15
16,465	Auburn, 1/2/15
16,429	Duke, 12/6/15
16,186	Georgia, 2/18/16
15,934	Missouri, 1/10/16
15,255	Vanderbilt, 2/15/15
15,047	Mississippi St., 2/26/15

* Inaugural Night of Colonial Life Arena



What They're Saying About Playing at Colonial Life Arena

The word is out on the atmosphere for women's basketball at Colonial Life Arena, and it's more than just the home team taking notice about what it feels like to play in Columbia.

"It is a beautiful thing to see unfold because a lot of people really didn't think it could get done. I think we are inching towards selling the place out, and I hope we do because not many women's basketball teams are selling arenas out. I tip my hat to Gamecock Nation for making this a wonderful place and creating a home court advantage that allows us to win close basketball games." – South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley

"It was amazing out there. I've never seen anything like it. We couldn't get into the ...arena today. People were lined up from here to Atlanta it seemed like." – Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma

"I think we have the best fans in America. It's a great feeling to come out and ...look up in any direction and see fans. I'm telling you, the more fans we see the more hyped we get and the better we play. We know we can't disappoint these fans." – South Carolina guard Khadijah Sessions, Class of 2016

"You wish every site was like this, because it really creates a lot of excitement for the players, for the coaches and for all the fans. I was very impressed by their knowledgeable fan base. The really knowledgeable fans cheer when their team needs something." – Kansas State head coach Jeff Mittie

"I don't think the fans really understand how it feels when we might be in a drought one time, but when we come down and just hearing all the fans roaring, you see can see the opponents kind of getting shaken up a little bit." – South Carolina forward A'ja Wilson

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Media Policies

The University of South Carolina understands the importance of assisting the media in providing coverage of the institution, its athletics programs, administrators, coaches and student-athletes. Our goal is to disseminate information as widely, uniformly and fairly as possible using normally accepted media standards. To this end, the best attempt will be made to fill reasonable requests by recognized media outlets.

Interview Policies

Per departmental policy, media are not permitted to contact South Carolina student-athletes or coaches on their own at any time in any fashion, including social media networks. All women's basketball interview requests must be arranged through media relations associate director Diana Koval via telephone or email.

Practice will be open for the final 15 minutes on the day before each weekday game and on the Friday before each Saturday or Sunday game, with limited exceptions based on travel plans. Head coach Dawn Staley and selected student-athletes will be available for interviews at the conclusion of practice those days as well. Koval will send out an advisory regarding time and location for those sessions.

Special requests for one-on-one interviews will be considered on an individual basis and will take place around the standard media availability time whenever possible. All interviews will take place at a campus location, likely either the practice site or the media relations office. Dormitory, apartment and/or cell phone numbers for student-athletes and coaches will not be provided to the media. Should the media need to conduct a telephone interview with a student-athlete, a call will be placed by the student-athlete at a mutually agreeable time.

Credential Policies

Working media credentials for South Carolina women's basketball home games must be requested at least two days prior to a game by emailing media relations associate director Diana Koval at dkoval@mailbox.sc.edu. Credential requests must come from the sports editors and sports directors only.

Once approved, all credentials must be picked up on game day at Media Will Call, located at the College Street Entrance of Colonial Life Arena. Media Will Call opens at the same time as arena doors – one hour prior to tipoff for non-conference games, 90 minutes prior to tipoff for SEC contests. A photo ID must be presented to receive the press credential.

Note: Credentials will be considered only for those media members on specific assignment for a specific media outlet that meets the criteria below. Credentials are non-transferable and may be revoked at any time.

The granting and number of credentials for daily **NEWSPAPERS** will be based on the newspaper's circulation on a space available basis. Those newspapers publishing more than twice a week but less than six, will have a priority after those in the daily newspaper category.

WEBSITES that meet one of the following criteria will be issued a maximum of three (3) season approved credentials.

1. Is the official website of the home or visiting school or its conference;
2. Is the official online service of a national over-the-air or cable television network;
3. Has a "national affiliate agreement" with or is an official licensed site of a national or local news-gathering organization and has at least one full-time employee dedicated to writing for the site; or
4. Is a local news-gathering organization that has at least two full-time employees and is owned by a media company with multiple assets.

Websites that are an extension of a non-digital local media outlet (newspaper, radio, television) will not be issued credentials independent of their originating organization. Sport-specific websites with more than two full-time writers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

No credentials will be issued to any website that is not deemed by University of South Carolina Assistant AD/Media Relations Steve Fink to have adequate editorial oversight. Credentials will not be approved to anyone who writes or posts under an alias.

TELEVISION stations will be issued a maximum of two (2) season approved credentials.

Local **RADIO** stations will be granted one (1) season approved media credential for a full-time host of a daily sports show. In addition, one (1) media

credential will be distributed per station for the sports director. Non-daily local radio sports shows and out-of-market radio stations that have a daily sports show will be granted a maximum of one (1) credential on a game-by-game, space available basis.

STUDENT MEDIA outlets for the home and visiting schools will be issued media credentials in accordance with the policy for their format (newspaper, website, radio, television). To be considered student media, the outlet must be sanctioned as such by the university, have full-time university staff overseeing the training of staff or be governed by a university-appointed board, and receive some portion of its funding from student fees.

PHOTO WIRE SERVICES that distribute nationally and retain all rights for sale and usage of any image taken at the event will be issued one (1) credential. Any wire served that sells/shares its images for non-editorial uses must provide the University of South Carolina Athletics Media Relations department with a statement indicating how it ensures that non-editorial clients use its images within NCAA regulations.

All other requests, including weekly newspapers, magazines, specialty publications, etc., will be considered on a game-by-game and case-by-case basis at the discretion of media relations associate director Diana Koval. All credential policies are subject to change, and final approval of all women's basketball credentials is at the discretion of Koval.

Non-affiliated bloggers and freelance photographers will not be credentialed.

Media outlets that cover the visiting school will be considered following consultation with that school's athletics media relations staff.

Media Parking

Media parking is available in the Discovery Plaza Garage, located at the corner of College and Park Streets. Media holding a parking pass should enter the garage via College Street.

In-Game Statistics

Media should utilize StatBroadcast for all the latest live statistical information during games. Visit GamecockStats.com for live scoring of all home women's basketball games.

Postgame Interviews

All postgame interviews will be conducted in the green room at Colonial Life Arena. NO interviews will take place outside the green room, including in the South Carolina locker room or hallway. Courtside interviews may be granted whenever possible to television stations broadcasting live from the arena if the reporter notifies Koval by halftime.

Postgame interviews will begin with the visiting coach addressing the media first, followed by South Carolina student-athletes then South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley. Depending on radio or network television commitments, Koval may change the order of appearance to ensure an efficient beginning to the press conferences and will notify the visiting team and media prior to making the change.

Live Broadcasts

It is not permissible for any non-rightsholder to broadcast over the air, stream over the internet (audio or video), or transmit in any other way, including social media apps, any live event without the consent of the University of South Carolina Athletics Department. Live events include varsity contests, press conferences (including but not limited to scheduled and postgame press conferences) and any other group media availability. Exceptions may be made for any major news-breaking event and will be communicated in the media advisory for the event. No television live shots, with the exception of the rightsholder, may take place inside Colonial Life Arena beginning 30 minutes prior to tipoff until the broadcast is concluded.

Audio/Video Event Archiving

It is not permissible for any non-rightsholder to archive audio or video Event content that exceeds five (5) minutes in length. Events are defined as varsity contests, press conferences and any other group media availability.

Archiving may not begin until the conclusion of the entire event. WNKT-FM is the only radio station that can carry press conferences live and/or archived in their entirety.

Non-Rightsholder Radio Appearances

South Carolina coaches are limited to one appearance from one member of a sport's coaching staff per seven-day period on any radio station or any radio show that is aired as part of a state-wide, regional or national network in the Columbia market. The length of the interview should be no more than one segment, defined as "commercial break to commercial break." In addition, the same member of a sport's coaching staff or South Carolina administrator cannot make appearances in consecutive seven-day periods on the same radio station. Media outlets in which the institution or the SEC is contractually affiliated are exempt from this language. Exceptions can be made in the occurrence of a major "breaking news" event.

Student-Athlete Television/Radio Appearances

South Carolina student-athletes may not participate in any live television or radio show other than during a regularly scheduled newscast and for no longer than four minutes, postgame interview times, conference media days and structured media opportunities during NCAA championships, without the consent of the South Carolina Media Relations department. This policy is in effect year-round and does not apply to institutional networks. It does apply to internet chat rooms that are sponsored by a media outlet for the sole purpose of conducting Q&A sessions with the viewing public concerning the student-athlete's athletic career.

Social Media Presence

The University of South Carolina has one of the largest social media followings in college athletics. The athletics department provides a wide variety of venues beyond the official website, GamecocksOnline.com, to keep up on the latest information, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Snapchat. Follow the following teams and staff on Twitter at:

Gamecock Athletics.....	@GamecocksOnline
Women's Basketball.....	@GamecockWBB
Head Coach Dawn Staley.....	@DawnStaley
Assoc. Head Coach Lisa Boyer.....	@CoachBoyer
Asst. Coach Nikki McCray-Penson.....	@NikkiMcCray15
Asst. Coach Fred Chmiel.....	@CoachChmiel
Athletics Director Ray Tanner.....	@RayTannerSC
Baseball.....	@GamecockBasebl
Men's Basketball.....	@GamecockMBB
Beach Volleyball.....	@GamecockSandVB
Cross Country.....	@GamecockXC
Equestrian.....	@GamecockEQ
Football.....	@GamecockFB
Men's Golf.....	@GamecockMGolf
Women's Golf.....	@GamecockWGolf
Men's Soccer.....	@GamecockMSoccer
Women's Soccer.....	@GamecockWSoccer
Softball.....	@GamecockSoftbl
Swimming & Diving.....	@GamecockSwim
Men's Tennis.....	@GamecockMTennis
Women's Tennis.....	@GamecockWTennis
Track & Field.....	@GamecockTrack
Volleyball.....	@GamecockVolley
Office of Compliance Services.....	@UofSCcompliance
Carolina Girls Dance Team.....	@TheCarolinaGirls
Cheerleading.....	@GamecockCheer
Cocky.....	@Cocky2001
University of South Carolina.....	@UofSC
Gamecock Club.....	@TheGamecockClub

COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The University of South Carolina Office of Compliance Services is committed to a comprehensive compliance program that educates everyone about the importance of adhering to NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules. We strive to create a “compliance conscience” within the University and throughout the community.

The commitment to compliance ensures institutional control over the department of athletics and furthers the mission of the University of South Carolina. The existence of a successful compliance program depends on the willingness of coaches, administrators, staff, student-athletes and boosters to be cognizant of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules.

What is Compliance?

At South Carolina, the Office of Compliance Services works within the department of athletics and the University to ensure South Carolina’s compliance with all applicable rules. In doing so, the compliance staff is charged with the following tasks:

- Educating administrators, coaches, staff, prospects, student-athletes and boosters about NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules;
- Developing monitoring systems to ensure compliance with these rules. These systems are designed to monitor rules pertaining to recruiting, academic eligibility, financial aid, awards, extra benefits, ethical conduct, amateurism, agents, employment, occasional meals, and the playing and practice seasons for each sport; and
- Investigating and reporting violations of NCAA, SEC, and institutional rules to the appropriate governing authority.

Are You a Booster?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

- Been a member of a booster organization that supports University of South Carolina athletics;
- Made any financial contributions to any area the University of South Carolina;
- Made any annual or lifetime membership commitment to a booster organization;
- Been involved with the recruitment of a prospect;
- Provided benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or his/her relatives or friends;
- Been involved in promoting South Carolina’s athletics program;
- Provided or helped to arrange employment for student-athletes;
- Been a season ticket holder.
- Remember, once a booster, always a booster

Prospective Student-Athletes

A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is a student who has:

- Started classes for the ninth grade, or
- If they haven’t started ninth grade, ever received any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive.

An individual remains a prospect until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term (including summer) of a four-year collegiate institution’s regular academic year.
- The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.

Remember a prospect remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent with the University of South Carolina.

Extra Benefits

A recruiting inducement or extra benefit is any special arrangement by a University of South Carolina employee or booster to provide a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends a benefit not expressly authorized by the NCAA. Examples of impermissible extra benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Free or reduced cost services, rentals, or purchases of any type (e.g., meals, drinks, clothing, laundry, haircuts, legal fees, tattoos, car repairs, free upgrades on products or services, etc.)
- Gifts of any kind, including special occasions (birthdays, holidays, graduation, etc.)
- VIP access to bars, clubs, events, etc.
- Free or reduced cost housing for any length of time
- Loans (including co-signing)
- Cash or like items
- Use of an automobile or transportation
- An employment arrangement for a prospect or student-athlete’s relatives
- Entertainment
- Use of your telephone or credit card
- Providing a meal in your home (if occasional meal, please contact compliance services)
- Academic assistance of any kind (e.g., tutoring, editing papers/projects, assistance in completing classwork, use of computer, etc.)
- Any tangible items, including merchandise

What are the Consequences?

South Carolina is responsible for the actions of its boosters. If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, South Carolina may be subject to penalties, even if the student-athlete has completed his or her eligibility. The prospect or student-athlete who accepts an impermissible benefit jeopardizes his or her eligibility for intercollegiate competition. A booster who provides an impermissible benefit may be disassociated from the University’s athletics program. Disassociation results in a loss of all benefits or privileges offered by the department of athletics and may involve other penalties as appropriate.

Got Questions? Ask Compliance!

The information here is a brief overview of compliance and rules pertaining to boosters and their interactions with prospective and current student-athletes. It is not an exhaustive discussion. If you have any questions about any NCAA, SEC, or institutional rules, please contact the Office of Compliance Services at (803) 777-1519 or via email at athcompl@mailbox.sc.edu.

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