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## The University

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# 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, No. 1 graduate international business program and 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 665 national fellowships and scholarships valued at \$19.6 million since 1994. University of South Carolina faculty members generated \$230.2 million in funding for research, training and outreach programs in fiscal year 2014, one of the highest totals ever at the university.

## 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.*



- 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 Inovista, 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.
- Students at the university regularly win Fulbright grants for research, study or teaching abroad, and USC was recently named a "Top Producer of U.S. Fulbright Students" by the Chronicle of Higher Education.
- The International House at Maxcy College opened in fall 2012, bringing USC's American and international students together to experience and share each others' cultures.
- 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 40 public universities to receive the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier research designation and community engagement designation and is the only university in South Carolina with the Carnegie top-tier designation.

## 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

Harris Pastides began his presidency at the University of South Carolina on Aug. 1, 2008. Just a few months later, the Great Recession began. Strong in the face of adversity, Pastides promised to accelerate USC's momentum as a world-class university. He has kept that promise. Today, more than six years later, USC has experienced remarkable growth and positive change.

USC Columbia's freshman classes have grown continuously while posting the highest average SAT scores in university history. USC's Honors College has been named the No. 1 public honors college in the nation, and the Palmetto State's only Carnegie top-tier university is also home to top programs in areas such as undergraduate international business; public health; engineering; hospitality, retail and sport management. In addition, Carolina's Promise, USC's capital campaign, has set records with five consecutive years of more than \$100 million in private giving.

An unwavering advocate for a superior student experience, Pastides encourages engagement beyond the classroom through leadership, service learning, international experience, internships and undergraduate research. Innovative programs like Palmetto College, On Your Time Graduation, Gamecock Gateway and Gamecock Guarantee are successfully providing greater access, flexibility and affordability to South Carolinians seeking a higher education degree. To date, 57,210 degrees have been awarded systemwide during Pastides' presidency. He often says, "Nothing makes me prouder than the students we enroll and those that we graduate."

Pastides serves on the NCAA Board of Directors Executive Committee representing the Southeastern Conference. The Executive Committee ensures that each division operates consistently with the basic purposes, fundamental policies and general principles of the Association.

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.



*An avid follower of Gamecock athletics, President Pastides regularly attends women's basketball games with the first lady and often visits with head coach Dawn Staley afterward.*

## Faculty Athletics Representative



## Dr. Zach Kelehear

Zach Kelehear assumed the duties as the University of South Carolina's Faculty Athletics Representative on July 1, 2010. Dr. Kelehear is a professor of educational leadership and also serves as the Associate Dean for the College of Education. His research is anchored in an arts-based approach to leadership practice in public schools and businesses with a keen eye toward investigating

organizational cultures. While at USC, Dr. Kelehear has also served on the Faculty Senate, on the University Athletics Advisory Committee, on the Graduate Council as Chair, as well as several other committees.

Dr. Kelehear provides leadership in national and international professional organizations such as the American Educational Research Association

and the Council of Professors of Instructional Leadership. Along with his peer reviewed publications, Kelehear has published in the Journal of Staff Development, American School Board Journal, The School Administrator, Principal Leadership and The Principal. He also serves as editor and/or reviewer for multiple journals and publications.

Over the past 32 years, Kelehear has been a college professor, a personnel director, staff development director, and a teacher and coach in high school and middle school. He also was a college athlete at Furman University where he played football while completing a double major in Latin and history in 1981. He later earned his master's in education from Furman in 1982, then earned his doctorate from N.C. State in 1993.

Dr. Kelehear is married to Dr. Karen Heid, an associate professor of art education in the School of Visual Art and Design at the University of South Carolina.



# ATHLETICS DIRECTOR RAY TANNER



University of South Carolina Athletics Director Ray Tanner is in his third year guiding the fortunes of the Gamecocks' athletics programs. He was named to the position on July 13, 2012 after a long and highly successful career as Carolina's baseball coach. Tanner officially began his new duties on Aug. 2, 2012.

In his first season as AD, Tanner experienced a wealth of success. The football team turned in its highest national ranking in school history at that time, while women's basketball, men's and

women's golf, men's and women's tennis, women's indoor and outdoor track & field, men's outdoor track & field, equestrian, men's and women's swimming and diving, softball and baseball all reached the NCAA postseason.

His second year produced another stellar campaign in Gamecock Athletics history. The football team won 11 games for the third-straight season and finished as the nation's No. 4 ranked squad. Equestrian (second), women's golf (sixth), women's basketball (eighth) and men's golf (ninth) joined football as teams that were ranked in the Top-10 nationally in its final poll or national championship. Twelve of the Gamecocks' programs were ranked at one time during the season in its sport's Top-25. Off the field, a total of 92 student-athletes graduated from South Carolina during the 2013-14 academic year. Additionally, Gamecock student-athletes performed more than 5,000 hours of community service, an average of more than 9.5 hours per student-athlete.

A dedicated community leader whose charitable organization 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.

Tanner and the Gamecocks have created one of the top environments in college baseball at Carolina Stadium. After a successful run at Sarge Frye Field through 2008, the Gamecocks made the move to the new \$36 million Carolina Stadium where college baseball has continued to grow. South Carolina's total attendance of 295,389 in the 2012 season was second highest in the nation. The average attendance of 7,574 also was a Carolina Stadium record, besting the previous mark of 7,431 in the 2011 season. The Gamecocks also set a record for sellouts in 2012 with 15 games at a capacity of 8,242 fans.

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 also inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in May 2013.

The 2012 season was 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 has 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.

Tanner was affiliated with the Wolfpack baseball program for more than 20 years. He came to the Raleigh campus in the fall of 1976 as a player following an outstanding career at South Johnston High School in Four Oaks, N.C. A four-year starter, he earned All-ACC honors his senior season and still ranks among the Wolfpack's all-time leaders in several categories.

Following his playing career, Tanner served as an assistant for NC State coach Sam Esposito, overseeing recruiting efforts and coaching third base. During his tenure as an assistant, the Wolfpack reached the NCAA Tournament twice. He had additional duties as assistant to the athletics director and as assistant athletics director in charge of game operations.

After Esposito's retirement, Tanner was named head coach at the age of 28 by the legendary late Jim Valvano, becoming one of the youngest head baseball coaches in the nation.

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, N.C., Tanner grew up in Benson, N.C. He is married to the former Karen Donald, a native of Charleston, S.C. 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.

They 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 34 Final Four appearances and 113 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 25 of 33 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. Overall, SEC squads have filled 34 of the 132 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 373 NCAA Tournament games against 195 losses (.656) for an average of 11.3 NCAA wins per year. All 14 current members of the league have appeared in the NCAA Tournament.

The SEC has paced the pack in NCAA Tournament bids 23 times in its 33-year history. The SEC was the first league to ever have seven teams invited to the NCAA Tournament and has achieved this honor a leading nine times – 1986, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2009 and 2013.

### All-Americans Abound

In the 40 years that All-Americans have been named in women's basketball, the SEC has had 69 student-athletes named first team a total of 113 times. Since the league began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83, 61 student-athletes have earned a total of 88 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 29 Academic All-Americans as well.

### On a World Stage

SEC schools have produced 39 United States Olympians since 1976, with 35 coming since the SEC began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83. Other USA Basketball rosters included 22 on the National Team, 18 on the U18 National Team, 18 on the U19 World Championship Team, 21 on the Pan American Team, and 44 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 131 former players drafted for the professional league, including five No. 1 picks. Overall, the SEC has had 124 former players go on to play in the league.

The SEC had 25 former student-athletes make 2014 WNBA opening day rosters. In the 2014 WNBA Draft, a total of five SEC women's basketball players were selected.

### Power in the Polls

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 2013-14, four SEC teams made the final Associated Press poll and five were in the final USA Today/WBCA poll.

League teams have been ranked a record 2,953 times, including 1,565 Top-10 appearances and 769 Top-5 showings. SEC teams boast 136 No. 1 rankings in the AP Poll.

The league has had the top three teams in the AP Poll twice – Week 3 in 2005 and Week 8 in 1989. A nation-leading eight SEC teams were ranked at one point in the AP and CNN/USA Today Top 25 polls during the 1995-96 season. The league mirrored that feat during the 1996-97 season.



The Southeastern Conference and ESPN signed a 20-year agreement through 2034 to create and operate the SEC Network, a multi-platform network that launched August 14, 2014. The new network and its accompanying digital platform will carry 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." The Network has reoccurring weekday programming such as "SEC Now," a news and information show featuring SEC Network hosts Peter Burns, Dari Nowkhah or Maria Taylor and network analysts, discussing all the SEC news of the day. The show airs at 7 p.m. (ET) on Monday and Tuesday and begins at 9 p.m. (ET) on Thursday and Friday. 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

As part of the SEC Network's digital platform, the University of South Carolina will produce 110-120 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 South Carolina are led by David Cockfield (producer), Mark Slice (engineer) and Justin Stoll (graphic design). Play-by-play duties will be handled by familiar voices Brad Muller, Andy Demetra and Derek Scott. Women's basketball games produced by South Carolina in 2014-15 will be covered by Muller (play-by-play) and Debbie Antonelli (analyst).





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Colonial Life Arena is more than just the home of South Carolina men's and women's basketball. 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 University of South Carolina women's basketball team christened Colonial Life Arena on Nov. 22, 2002, with a 72-58 defeat of archrival Clemson in front of a program-record 17,712 fans. In 2013-14, the team drew crowds to rival the record, including the last two games of the season each bringing in over 10,000. In fact, five the top 10 women's basketball crowds in the facility were recorded in 2013-14, helping the Gamecocks rank 10th in the nation in average attendance at 6,371.

The facility was ranked 12th in the United States for first quarter ticket sales by *Pollstar 2014*. The Arena was also ranked first in the Carolinas for "University Top Stops" in *Venues Today* for ticket sales.

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, Billy Joel, country superstars Kenny Chesney and George Strait, WWE Wrestling, Jamie Foxx and numerous other acts.

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.

## Year-by-Year Record

Year	Record	Pct.
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>133-58</b>	<b>.696</b>

## Top 10 Attendance

- 17,712 Clemson, 11/22/02\*
- 12,458 Georgia, 2/27/14
- 10,547 Florida, 2/23/14
- 10,101 Texas A&M, 2/10/13
- 8,118 Stanford, 12/19/12
- 8,118 Tennessee, 1/15/04
- 7,841 Tennessee, 1/13/08
- 7,828 Missouri, 2/2/14
- 7,740 Alabama, 1/19/14
- 7,545 Arkansas, 2/9/14

\* Inaugural Night of Colonial Life Arena



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## Media Policies

### 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 Associate Media Relations 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 during 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.

**Post-Game Interview Policy:** 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.

### Coach, Student-Athlete Radio Policy

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." The segment shall run no longer than 10 minutes. 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.

South Carolina student-athletes may not participate in any live 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.

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.

### Media Credentials

Credentials are limited to working daily print and electronic media and to others whose duties make necessary access to press row. Photographers are restricted to the baselines and may use natural light only. Flash units are not allowed.

**ALL** credentials will be distributed on game day at the press pass gate on the College Street entrance of the Colonial Life Arena. A limited number of media parking spaces are available. Media parking passes must be requested at the time of credential requests.

Credentials are issued to outlets that qualify under the South Carolina Athletics Media Policies, details of which can be found at: <http://www.gamecocksonline.com/school-bio/media-relations.html>.



# 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.

## Prospective Student-Athletes

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

- Started classes for the ninth grade, or
- 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
- 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 above information 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](mailto:athcompl@mailbox.sc.edu).

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