



# MEET THE STAFF





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Chad Holbrook

Head Coach  
4th season as Head Coach  
8th season at South Carolina  
23rd season Overall

Chad Holbrook is in his fourth year as head coach of the South Carolina program and has spent over 20 seasons in college baseball including two national championship staffs with five national championship series appearances, six College World Series trips and 16 NCAA Regionals.

Holbrook was named head baseball coach for the University of South Carolina on July 16, 2012. He was promoted to the top spot by athletics director Ray Tanner after four seasons as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator for the Gamecocks. Holbrook came to South Carolina in July 2008 as associate head coach. Along with his recruiting coordinator duties, he served as hitting instructor, oversaw the Gamecock offense, including base running and the short game and was the third base coach. He also worked with the outfielders. Holbrook came to the Gamecock program after serving 15 seasons as a member of the University of North Carolina coaching staff. Holbrook was the 2011 ABCA/Baseball America Assistant Coach of the Year after the Gamecocks won a second consecutive national championship.

A tremendous evaluator of talent, Holbrook was named the No. 10 best recruiter in all of college sports by ESPN & ESPN The Magazine in the publication's 2011 January edition. The list was put together in conjunction with three-dozen experts who were asked the question: Who are the top 20 recruiters in college sports? Holbrook was the only baseball coach on the list.

Holbrook's 2015 team was highlighted by first-team All-America first baseman Kyle Martin, who led the Gamecocks in all three Triple Crown categories with a .350 average, 14 homers and 56 RBI. Martin earned first-team All-SEC honors as well and was selected in the fourth round of the 2015 MLB Draft. Junior second baseman Max Schrock also received All-SEC honors and was an 11th round MLB Draft choice by the Washington Nationals. Junior left-handed pitcher Jack Wynkoop would be selected in the sixth round of the MLB Draft as well by the Colorado Rockies after going 8-5 with a 3.27 ERA in 104.1 innings. The 2015 Gamecocks set a school record as well with over 6,000 season tickets sold. Carolina would finish third in the nation in total attendance with 250,057 fans flocking to watch the Gamecocks play at home.

The 2014 team finished 44-18 and finished ranked as high as No. 22 by the USA Today coaches' poll. South Carolina went 18-12 in the SEC and was one of only two schools in the conference to finish among the top four teams in the league in both 2013 and 2014 and one of four schools in the SEC to win at least 40 games in both 2013 and 2014. South Carolina was also one of only nine schools in the nation to host a NCAA Regional in 2013 and 2014.

Among the highlights in 2014 included a series sweep of in-state rival Clemson. Holbrook's team would claim six SEC series including a pair of wins at eventual national champion Vanderbilt as well as a series victory vs. CWS participant Ole Miss. South Carolina hosted a NCAA Regional for the fifth-straight year marking the Gamecocks as one of only two schools in the nation to claim that distinction. South Carolina set a total attendance record at 305,564 in 2014, the first time South Carolina eclipsed the 300,000-plus mark.

The 2014 Gamecocks led the SEC with a 2.43 earned run average that ranked ninth in the nation. The pitching staff was among the best in the country with 13 shutouts, fifth-highest in the nation, a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.03, sixth-best in the country and a 1.12 WHIP that was eighth overall. South Carolina hit .281 as a team with a .361 team on-base percentage and fielded .975 as well.

South Carolina would have seven players selected in the 2014 MLB Draft including five players in the first 11 rounds. Highlighting that group was junior catcher Grayson Greiner, who was a third round pick and the No. 99 overall selection by the Detroit Tigers. Greiner was a second-team All-America honoree by Baseball America and Perfect Game and was named the 2013-14 USC Co-Male Student-Athlete of the Year alongside Gamecock football/basketball standout Bruce Ellington. He would also be a semi-finalist for the Johnny Bench Award for the top catcher in college baseball and a member of the SEC All-Defensive team. Greiner played in 60 games with 58 starts, hit .311 (66-for-212) with 39 runs scored, 50 RBI, 13 doubles and eight homers, also a .389 on-base percentage and a .486 slugging mark. Greiner hit a team-best .327 (37-for-113) in league games with four homers and 24 RBI vs. SEC teams. Junior left-handed pitcher Jordan Montgomery was a 4th round selection by the New York Yankees after leading the pitching staff with an 8-5 record and a 3.42 ERA in a team-high 100 innings with 95 strikeouts. Montgomery became the 22nd pitcher in school history to reach the 20-win total as well. Junior infielder Joey Pankake was a seventh round pick by the Tigers. He became the 26th player in school history to tally 200 or more hits with a double in the second inning of the Florida game at the SEC Tournament on May 22. He finished his career with 204 hits in the Garnet & Black. He started 58 games and hit .303 (67-

CHAD HOLBROOK CAREER RECORD

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
2013	South Carolina	43	20	0	.683
2014	South Carolina	44	18	0	.710
2015	South Carolina	32	25	0	.561
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>119</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.654</b>

HOLBROOK CAREER MILESTONE

Career Victories	Opponent	Result
Victory No. 1	vs. Liberty (2/15/2013)	4-3
No. 50	vs. Eastern Kentucky (2/23/2014)	6-0
No. 100	vs. Penn State (3/10/2015)	3-0

for-221) with a team-high 52 runs scored. Junior outfielder Tanner English went in the 11th round to the Minnesota Twins after manning the center field position the entire year with 62 starts and being named to the SEC All-Defensive team. Joel Seddon also was selected in the 11th round after earning second-team All-America honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association with 14 saves. He was a second-team All-SEC choice. Junior first baseman Kyle Martin was South Carolina's best hitter with a .336 average (82-for-244) and would be picked in the 20th round but chose to return to school for the 2015 season. Right-handed pitcher Evan Beal rounded out the group as a 21st round choice by the Royals. A Gamecock newcomer also found success as freshman right-handed pitcher Wil Crowe earned Freshman All-America honors as announced by Collegiate Baseball on Wednesday morning. In his first season, Crowe went 8-3 in 15 starts with a 2.75 ERA in 91.2 innings pitched. Crowe allowed just 32 runs, 28 earned, on 76 hits with 19 walks and 59 strikeouts. Crowe was strong in his last start with the Garnet and Black as he pitched four-hit complete game shutout in a 9-0 win vs. Campbell in the NCAA Regional that earned him All-Tournament Team honors. Crowe earned SEC Pitcher of the Week and SEC Freshman of the Week also.

The Gamecocks also shined off the field as Greiner continued a streak of a Gamecock making the Capital One Academic All-America player to four years, following LB Dantzler's Academic All-America Division I Baseball Player of the Year nod in 2013 and Michael Roth's two selections to the first team in 2011-12.

Holbrook's first season as head coach in 2013 saw the Gamecocks compile a 43-20 record and the school's 11th NCAA Super Regional appearance. Holbrook directed the 2013 squad to a final national ranking of No. 12 in the USA Today Baseball Coaches Poll along with No. 13 by Collegiate Baseball and Perfect Game and No. 14 by Baseball America.

The 2013 highlights was a series victory against Clemson, four sweeps of SEC teams and six SEC series victories including a pair of wins at LSU, making the Gamecocks the only team to go into Baton Rouge in 2013 and claim a three-game set. South Carolina hosted a NCAA Regional for the fourth straight year with the Gamecocks going undefeated in three games and continuing a run of 27 straight postseason wins at home including a 16-0 mark at Carolina Stadium. South Carolina ended the 2013 season with a total attendance of 260,605, third highest in the country.

The 2013 team raised its season batting average 19 batting points to .284 with a .375 on-base percentage and a .419 slugging clip. South Carolina led the SEC and ranked 18th in the nation with 52 homers. The 2013 pitching staff was among the best in the nation with a 3.02 earned run average to go along with a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.3 that ranked third best in the nation. South Carolina pitchers averaged 7.8 strikeouts per nine innings while walking just 2.36 batters per contest.

2013 featured third-team All-America designated hitter LB Dantzler. The senior ranked third in the SEC in homers (15) slugging percentage (.617) and walks (42) as well as fifth in total bases (132) sixth in on-base percentage (.444). Dantzler led Carolina in hitting with a .322 average (69-for-214) and was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays. Senior left-hander Tyler Webb, earned third-team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and second-team All-SEC honors after anchoring a bullpen with 17 saves. That mark is fifth highest in school history and ranked second in the league and seventh in the nation. Webb struck out 60 batters in 43.0 innings and pitched in 32 games on his way to setting a school record for career appearances with 110 on the mound with the Garnet & Black. Webb was selected in the 10th round by the New York Yankees. Greiner was tabbed second-team All-SEC at catcher as a sophomore and made USA Baseball's Collegiate National Team. He hit .298 (61-for-205) with 10 doubles and 38 RBI. Sophomore shortstop Joey Pankake continued his rise with a .311 average (69-for-214) with 11 homers and 42 RBI. Two Gamecock newcomers recruited by Holbrook garnered Freshman All-America honors. Max Schrock started 61 games at second base and hit .282 with six homers

**“I’m honored and privileged to be the head baseball coach at the University of South Carolina. This is a 19-year dream come true. What this program has accomplished over the years is amazing. I’ve learned so much from Coach Tanner, and I still call him Coach Tanner. It’s been my dream to coach at a premier institution, to raise my family in a great community and work at a university where I can work with great people. South Carolina and this university affords me all of that. This is the perfect opportunity for me and my family.” - July 16, 2012**

and 49 RBI with 36 walks to just 23 strikeouts and was second-team choice by Baseball America, the NCBWA and Perfect Game. Jack Wynkoop went 7-3 with a 3.09 ERA in 64.0 innings pitched on his way to recognition by Collegiate Baseball.

Holbrook’s team succeeded off the field logging its highest cumulative GPA in school history with a 3.201 in the Fall 2012 semester. The Gamecocks maintained a high mark in the Spring of 2013 with a 3.050 GPA. The baseball team had 16 players named to the 2013 SEC Spring Academic Honor Roll. Among those were Dantzler, who was named 2013 CoSIDA Baseball Academic All-American of the Year. Dantzler was a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award. Senior right-hander Patrick Sullivan was South Carolina’s male nominee for the 2012-13 Brad Davis SEC Community Service Scholarship.

Holbrook is the only head coach in South Carolina history to have led a team to the NCAA Regionals in his first two years as head coach. His overall winning percentage of .696 is the second-highest of any South Carolina coach in his first two seasons at the helm of the program.

Holbrook’s offensive prowess made an immediate impact on the South Carolina baseball program in his first four seasons as associate head coach. His guidance was instrumental in helping the Gamecocks to back-to-back national championships in 2010 and 2011 at the College World Series as well as a national runner-up finish in 2012.

Holbrook helped in the development of two-time All-America Christian Walker, who led the Gamecocks in all three Triple Crown categories in 2011 and 2012. He finished 2012 hitting .321 (77-for-240) with 11 homers and 55 RBI as well as a .450 on-base percentage and a .525 slugging percentage. Walker was a fourth round selection by the Baltimore Orioles in the 2012 MLB Draft. Walker was named to the CWS All-Tournament team for a third time. He tied a CWS record for hits also in a career as he notched 28 that put him alongside Dustin Ackley of North Carolina (2007-09), ironically also a player that Holbrook recruited and coached while in Chapel Hill.

Holbrook worked to bridge together a new crop of Gamecocks in the 2012 season as he molded newcomers Tanner English, Grayson Greiner and Joey Pankake into SEC All-Freshman honorees. All three would factor into Carolina’s successful season. The group of newcomers was also rated the top recruiting class in the country in 2011 by Collegiate Baseball and No. 6 in the nation by Baseball America.

Holbrook played a key role in 2011 MLB supplemental draft selection Jackie Bradley Jr.’s Gamecock career. In 2010 Bradley was a All-SEC selection and College World Series Most Outstanding Player. That season, Holbrook helped to oversee an offense that peaked in the postseason with a .309 batting average in 12 postseason contests. Evan Marzilli was the team’s top postseason hitter with a .419 average (18-for-43) with Walker right behind him at .389 (21-for-54) and Bradley hitting .348 with four HR and 17 RBI. Carolina finished the season with a .300 team batting average as well as a .392 on-base percentage. The squad’s 734 hits were second highest in the conference with the team also tallying 298 walks, 14th highest in the country.

In 2009, Holbrook’s first season, the Gamecocks finished with a team batting average of .310 on the year, the highest average in over nine seasons, along with an improved on-base percentage of .394 and a .528 slugging percentage. Carolina was fifth in the nation with 109 home runs. Among the players he tutored that first year were Freshman All-America Jackie Bradley Jr. and All-SEC selections, Justin Dalles, Nick Ebert, Bobby Haney and DeAngelo Mack.

Prior to joining the Gamecock program, Holbrook worked for 15 seasons on the North Carolina coaching staff. While at UNC, the Tar Heels made 11 NCAA Tournament appearances including four NCAA Super Regionals and three trips to the College World Series. The 2007 squad also captured an ACC championship, the first in Chapel Hill since 1990 when Holbrook was a freshman player.

At UNC, Holbrook mentored several top players including 2008 second-team All-America outfielder Tim Fedroff, third-team All-America first baseman Dustin Ackley and third-team All-America second baseman Kyle Seager. Ackley also earned third-team All-America honors in 2007 and was both Baseball America & Collegiate Baseball’s Freshman of the Year. Ackley was drafted No. 2 overall in the 2009 MLB Draft by the Seattle Mariners.

Holbrook was instrumental in recruiting current Major League Baseball players Matt Harvey, Chris Iannetta, Andrew Miller, Adam Warren, Seager and Ackley to UNC.

As recruiting coordinator for the North Carolina program, Holbrook put together consecutive top 10 recruiting classes that helped the Tar Heels in making three consecutive College World Series appearances.

From 2006-2008, North Carolina led the nation in wins with 54 in 2006, 57 in 2007 and 54 in 2008. PG Cross Checker ranked his last UNC recruiting class No. 3 in the nation. Holbrook’s 2007 class ranked fourth in the nation by Baseball America with his 2006 class selected eighth in the country. Baseball America also ranked his 2004 class 11th in the nation with the publication naming the Tar Heels recruiting class of 2003 as the No. 1 group in the country. That 2003 class also tied for first in Collegiate Baseball’s recruiting rankings with South Carolina.

Under Holbrook’s eye, UNC batted .324 as a team in the 2008 season and posted six of the top seven hitting seasons in Tar Heel history. The Tar Heels led the nation in hits in 2007 as well with 820 to finish the year.

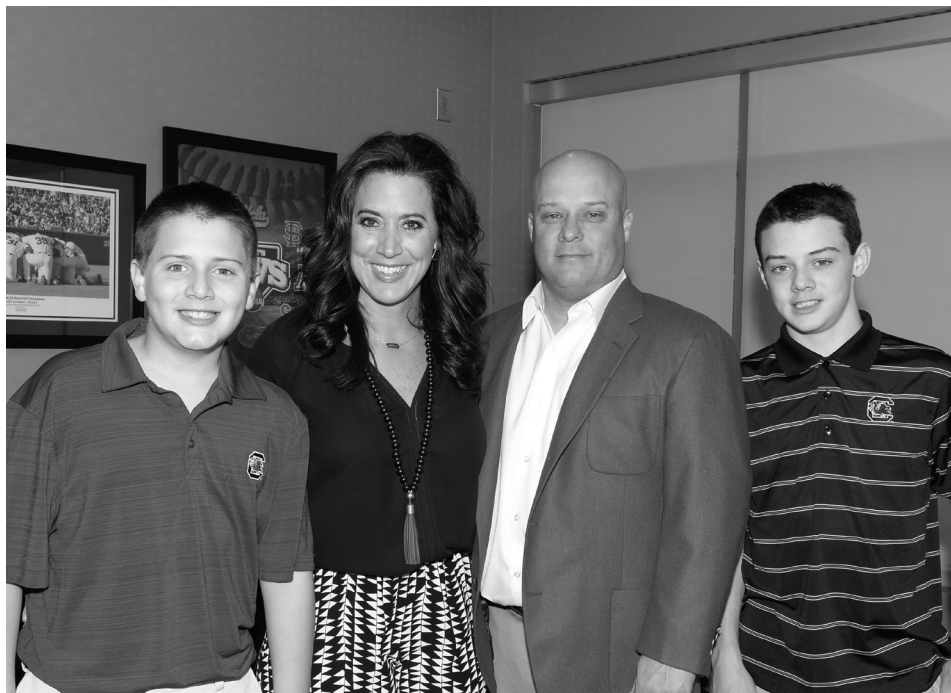
The school record for batting average in Chapel Hill was also set under Holbrook’s direction in 2002 when the Tar Heels finished with a .325 mark.

Holbrook served as undergraduate assistant coach in 1994 and was promoted to full-time assistant in the fall of 1994. Holbrook served as assistant coach up to 2007 when he earned a promotion to associate head coach. Holbrook worked one summer in the Cape Cod League as head coach of the Harwich Mariners in 1997 where he led them to the league’s Eastern Division championship.

Before joining the North Carolina staff, Holbrook played for the Tar Heels from 1990-93. He was a second-team All-ACC selection as a senior when he hit .353 at the plate. He also earned all-tournament team honors in 1993 at the NCAA Central I Regional in College Station, Texas, where he hit .565 (13-for-23) with three doubles and two triples in five games. Holbrook sits second all-time on the UNC list for triples with 14 in his career as well as 40 stolen bases. His stolen bases record was broke by Brian Roberts, who played for UNC from 97-98 before transferring to South Carolina.

Holbrook is a 1994 graduate of North Carolina with a degree in physical education. He is the son of Eddie Holbrook, former head men’s basketball coach for Gardner-Webb and Furman.

Holbrook and his wife, the former Jennifer Hilliard, were married in August of 2000. They have two sons, Reece, who was born on May 4, 2002, and Cooper, who was born on June 14, 2004.



**THE HOLBROOK FAMILY  
Cooper, Jenn, Chad & Reece**

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**CHAD HOLBROOK BY THE NUMBERS  
ENTERING THE 2016 SEASON**

- .700 WINNING PERCENTAGE AT SOUTH CAROLINA SINCE COACH HOLBROOK JOINED STAFF IN 2009
- 2 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS HE HAS COACHED ON (2010, 2011)
- 5 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES APPEARANCES (2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- 6 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TEAMS HE HAS COACHED ON (2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- 10 NO. 10 BEST RECRUITER IN ALL OF COLLEGE SPORTS BY ESPNU & ESPN THE MAGAZINE
- 16 NCAA TOURNAMENT TEAMS HE HAS COACHED ON
- 17 PLAYERS RECRUITED BY COACH HOLBROOK THAT HAVE PLAYED IN THE BIG LEAGUES
- 20 ALL-AMERICA HITTERS HE HAS COACHED
- 23 SEASONS HE HAS COACHED IN COLLEGE BASEBALL
- 46 ALL-CONFERENCE HITTERS HE HAS COACHED
- 317 NUMBER OF WINS AT SOUTH CAROLINA IN 7 SEASONS HE HAS COACHED WITH GAMECOCK PROGRAM



**HOLBROOK AT SOUTH CAROLINA  
VS. ALL OPPONENTS**

Alabama.....	2-1.....	.667
Albany.....	3-0.....	1.000
Appalachian State.....	2-0.....	1.000
Arkansas.....	1-5.....	.167
Auburn.....	3-3.....	.500
Ball State.....	2-0.....	1.000
Brown.....	3-0.....	1.000
Bucknell.....	3-0.....	1.000
Campbell.....	2-0.....	1.000
Charleston Southern....	2-1.....	.667
Clemson.....	6-3.....	.667
Coastal Carolina.....	1-1.....	.500
College of Charleston...	5-1.....	.833
Davidson.....	2-0.....	1.000
Eastern Kentucky.....	3-0.....	1.000
Florida.....	1-9.....	.100
Furman.....	4-2.....	.667
Gardner-Webb.....	0-1.....	.000
Georgia.....	5-4.....	.556
High Point.....	1-0.....	1.000
Kentucky.....	7-2.....	.778
Liberty.....	4-1.....	.800
LSU.....	3-3.....	.500
Maryland.....	0-2.....	.000
Miami (Ohio).....	3-0.....	1.000
Mississippi State.....	2-6.....	.250
Missouri.....	6-4.....	.600
North Carolina.....	1-2.....	.333
Northeastern.....	3-0.....	1.000
Ole Miss.....	2-1.....	.667
Penn State.....	2-0.....	1.000
Presbyterian.....	2-1.....	.667
Rider.....	3-0.....	1.000
Saint Louis.....	1-0.....	1.000
Stetson.....	1-0.....	1.000
Tennessee.....	7-2.....	.778
Texas A&M.....	5-1.....	.833
The Citadel.....	5-1.....	.833
USC Upstate.....	3-0.....	1.000
Vanderbilt.....	4-5.....	.444
Winthrop.....	0-1.....	.000
Wofford.....	3-0.....	1.000
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>119-63.....</b>	<b>.654</b>
<b>Vs. SEC.....</b>	<b>48-46.....</b>	<b>.511</b>
<b>Vs. Non-Conference..</b>	<b>71-17.....</b>	<b>.807</b>



“In 1996, I snuck into the press conference as Coach Tanner was introduced as the new South Carolina coach. I talked my way in and told them I was a member of the media. At that press conference, I handed him a note and I told him it was my hope and dream that I would come work for (him). He kept that note and remembered what I said in that note, and (in 2008) he gave me the opportunity to work on his staff. I’ve learned so much from him. He’s given me the blueprint on how to run a college baseball program. Our staff will continue to use that blueprint that Coach Tanner has given to me step by step.”

Head coach Chad Holbrook came to South Carolina on July 7, 2008. The Gamecocks have put together a .700 winning percentage since the 2009 season when Coach Holbrook joined the program. In those seven seasons, the Gamecocks have played in six NCAA Regionals, made four NCAA Super Regionals, three College World Series appearances, three National Championship Series appearances and won two Division I National Championships. This decade, South Carolina is the fifth winningest team in NCAA Division I Baseball as South Carolina has posted 277 wins for an average of 46 per season.

**Top 10 NCAA Division I Schools by Victories This Decade  
(2010 to 2015)**

School	Record
Virginia	293-97-1
Vanderbilt	291-114
LSU	281-99
Florida State	278-111
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>277-113</b>
Louisville	271-114
Florida	268-127
TCU	265-116
North Carolina	263-117
Oregon	259-130-1



**CHAD HOLBROOK HONOR ROLL**

**20 ALL-AMERICA HITTERS COACHED**

**AT SOUTH CAROLINA**

2015	Kyle Martin (1B)	.350 AVG - 14 HR, 56 RBI
2014	Grayson Greiner (C)	.311 AVG - 8 HR - 50 RBI
2013	LB Dantzer (DH)	.322 AVG - 15 HR - 53 RBI
2012	Christian Walker (1B)	.321 AVG - 11 HR - 55 RBI
2011	Christian Walker (1B)	.358 AVG - 10 HR - 62 RBI

**AT NORTH CAROLINA**

2008	Dustin Ackley (1B)	.417 AVG - 7 HR - 51 RBI
	Tim Fedroff (OF)	.404 AVG - 12 HR - 71 RBI
	Kyle Seager (2B)	.347 AVG - 9 HR - 75 RBI
2007	Dustin Ackley (1B)	.402 AVG - 10 HR - 74 RBI
2006	Josh Horton (SS)	.395 AVG - 7 HR - 59 RBI
2004	Chris Iannetta (C)	.336 AVG - 15 HR - 71 RBI
2003	Jeremy Cleveland (OF)	.410 AVG - 19 HR - 65 RBI
2002	Russ Adams (SS/3B/2B)	.370 AVG - 7 HR - 55 RBI
	Adam Greenberg (OF)	.337 AVG - 17 HR - 57 RBI
	Chris Maples (3B)	.347 AVG - 23 HR - 79 RBI
2000	Tyrell Godwin (OF)	.363 AVG - 11 HR - 67 RBI
1998	Brian Roberts (SS)	.353 AVG - 13 HR - 49 RBI
1997	Brian Roberts (SS)	.427 AVG - 8 HR - 44 RBI
1996	Michael Stoner (1B)	.346 AVG - 20 HR - 65 RBI

A Closer Look At South Carolina Baseball

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY SEVEN SCHOOLS TO APPEAR IN THE NCAA REGIONAL 15 OF THE LAST 16 YEARS

NCAA Regional Appearances Since 2000

1.	Cal State Fullerton	16	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
	Florida State	16	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
	Miami (Fla.)	16	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
	Rice	16	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
5.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14</b>
	Arizona State	15	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-13-14-15
	Clemson	15	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
8.	Arkansas	14	2002-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
	Florida	14	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
	Georgia Tech	14	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-08-09-10-11-12-13-14
	North Carolina	14	2000-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14
	Oral Roberts	14	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15
	Texas	14	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-14-15

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY SIX SCHOOLS TO APPEAR IN THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES AT LEAST SIX TIMES IN THE LAST 14 YEARS

NCAA College World Series Appearances the Last 14 Years (2002-15)

1.	Texas	7	2002-03-04-05-09-11-14
2.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2002-03-04-10-11-12</b>
	Cal State Fullerton	6	2003-04-06-07-09-15
	LSU	6	2003-04-08-09-13-15
	North Carolina	6	2006-07-08-09-11-13
	Florida	5	2005-10-11-12-15
7.	Rice	5	2002-03-06-07-08
8.	Arizona State	4	2005-07-09-10
	Arkansas	4	2004-09-12-15
	Miami (Fla.)	4	2003-04-06-08
	Oregon State	4	2005-06-07-13
	Virginia	4	2009-11-14-15

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE SCHOOLS TO APPEAR IN THE NCAA SUPER REGIONAL AT LEAST 11 TIMES SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1999

NCAA Super Regional Appearances

1.	Florida State	14	1999-2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10-11-12-13-15
2.	Cal State Fullerton	12	1999-2001-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-13-15
3.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2000-01-02-03-04-06-07-10-11-13</b>
	LSU	11	1999-2000-01-02-03-04-08-09-12-13-15
	Miami (Fla.)	11	1999-2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-08-10-15
6.	Rice	10	1999-2001-02-03-05-06-07-08-09-13
	Stanford	10	1999-2000-01-02-03-06-08-11-12-14
8.	Clemson	9	1999-2000-01-02-05-06-07-09-10
	Texas	9	2000-02-03-04-05-06-10-11-14
10.	Arizona State	7	2003-05-07-08-09-10-11
	Florida	7	2004-05-09-10-11-12-15
	North Carolina	7	2003-06-07-08-09-11-13

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS THE FIFTH-HIGHEST TOTAL OF WINS SINCE 2010

Most Wins In This Decade (2010-15)

	Wins	CWS Appearances (2010-15)	National Titles (2010-15)
1.	Virginia	293	(3) 2011-14-15
2.	Vanderbilt	291	(2) 2011-14
3.	LSU	281	(2) 2013-15
4.	Florida State	278	(2) 2010-12
5.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>(3) 2010-11-12</b>
6.	Louisville	271	(2) 2013-14
7.	Florida	268	(4) 2010-11-12-15
8.	TCU	265	(2) 2010-14
9.	North Carolina	263	(2) 2011-13
10.	Oregon	259	N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS THE SECOND-HIGHEST TOTAL OF WINS SINCE 2000

Most Wins In This Century (2000-2015)

	Wins	CWS Appearances (2000-15)	National Titles (2010-15)
1.	Florida State	782	(3) 2008-10-12
2.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>(6) 2002-03-04-10-11-12</b>
3.	Rice	740	(5) 2002-03-06-07-08
4.	North Carolina	722	(6) 2006-07-08-09-11-13
5.	LSU	721	(7) 2000-03-04-08-09-13-15
6.	Texas	711	(8) 2000-02-03-04-05-09-11-14
7.	Cal State Fullerton	689	(6) 2001-03-04-06-07-09
8.	Miami (Fla.)	682	(6) 2001-03-04-06-08-15
9.	Coastal Carolina	671	N/A
10.	Georgia Tech	670	(2) 2002-06

ATTENDANCE AT SOUTH CAROLINA

The South Carolina fan base has increased to all-time highs and school records since the opening of Carolina Stadium. South Carolina set a total attendance record at 305,564 in 2014, the first time South Carolina eclipsed the 300,000-plus mark. South Carolina surpassed record season tickets sold in 2013 (5,835), 2014 (5,957) and 2015 (6,049).

Year	Total Attendance (Average)	NCAA Rank
2009	231,360 (6,804)	4th
2010	241,582 (6,710)	4th
2011	297,279 (7,431)	2nd
2012	295,389 (7,574)	2nd
2013	260,605 (7,445)	3rd
2014	305,564 (7,452)	2nd
2015	250,057 (7,354)	3rd

SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE SCHOOLS TO HOST A NCAA REGIONAL FIVE OR MORE TIMES THIS DECADE

NCAA Regional Hosts (2010-15)

1.	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2010-11-12-13-14</b>
	Florida	5	2010-11-12-14-15
	Florida State	5	2011-12-13-14-15
	UCLA	5	2010-11-12-13-15
	Virginia	5	2010-11-12-13-14
6.	Cal State Fullerton	4	2010-11-13-15
	Louisville	4	2010-13-14-15
	LSU	4	2012-13-14-15
	Miami (Fla.)	4	2010-12-14-15
	TCU	4	2010-11-14-15
	Vanderbilt	4	2011-13-14-15

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SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS MORE WINS THAN ANY SEC TEAM SINCE 2000

Win Totals Since 2000	
1. South Carolina	745-314
2. LSU	721-309-5
3. Florida	654-366-2
4. Vanderbilt	636-362
5. Texas A&M	617-374-3
6. Arkansas	610-382
7. Ole Miss	607-376-1
8. Alabama	580-398
9. Mississippi State	571-397-2
10. Auburn	532-405
11. Georgia	521-440-2
12. Missouri	510-518-2
13. Tennessee	504-412
14. Kentucky	502-408-2

SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE ONLY SEC SCHOOL TO REACH NCAA REGIONALS 15 OF THE LAST 16 YEARS

NCAA Regional Appearances Since 2000		
1. South Carolina	15	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14
2. Arkansas	14	2002-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
Florida	14	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
4. LSU	13	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10-12-13-14-15
Ole Miss	13	2001-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-12-13-14-15
6. Alabama	11	2000-02-03-05-06-08-09-10-11-13-14
Mississippi State	11	2000-01-03-04-05-06-07-11-12-13-14
Vanderbilt	11	2004-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15
Texas A&M	10	2003-04-07-09-10-11-13-13-14-15
10. Missouri	8	2003-04-05-06-07-08-09-12
11. Auburn	7	2000-01-02-03-05-10-15
Georgia	7	2001-02-04-06-08-09-11
13. Kentucky	4	2006-08-12-14
14. Tennessee	3	2001-04-05

SOUTH CAROLINA IS TIED FOR THE MOST NCAA SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCES OF THE 14 SEC SCHOOLS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1999

NCAA Super Regional Appearances		
1. South Carolina	11	2000-01-02-03-04-06-07-10-11-12-13
LSU	11	1999-2000-01-02-03-04-08-09-12-13-15
3. Florida	7	2004-05-09-10-11-12-15
4. Arkansas	6	2002-04-09-10-12-15
Texas A&M	6	1999-2004-07-08-11-15
Vanderbilt	6	2004-10-11-13-14-15
7. Mississippi State	5	2000-01-07-11-13
Ole Miss	5	2005-06-07-09-14
9. Georgia	4	2001-04-06-08
10. Alabama	3	1999-2006-10
Tennessee	2	2001-05
12. Auburn	1	1999
Missouri	1	2006
14. Kentucky	0	N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA HAS THE MOST COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES OF THE 14 SEC SCHOOLS IN THE LAST 14 YEARS (2002-15)

College World Series Appearances The Last 14 Years (2002-15)		
1. South Carolina	6	2002-03-04-10-11-12
LSU	6	2003-04-08-09-13-15
3. Florida	5	2005-10-11-12-15
4. Arkansas	3	2004-09-12-15
Georgia	3	2004-06-08
Vanderbilt	3	2011-14-15
7. Mississippi State	2	2007-13
8. Ole Miss	1	2014
Tennessee	1	2005
Texas A&M	1	2011
Vanderbilt	1	2011
11. Alabama	0	N/A
Auburn	0	N/A
Kentucky	0	N/A
Missouri	0	N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA OWNS MORE SEC WINS THAN ANY SEC TEAM SINCE 2000

SEC Win Totals Since 2000 (2000-2015)	
1. South Carolina	288-189
2. LSU	282-190-4
3. Florida	281-197-2
4. Ole Miss	256-222
5. Vanderbilt	246-226
6. Arkansas	242-229
7. Alabama	240-237
8. Georgia	217-252-2
9. Auburn	214-266
Mississippi State	214-256
11. Tennessee	190-281
12. Kentucky	187-287-2
13. Texas A&M	45-42
14. Missouri	31-59

note - only conference games, does not include SEC Tournament or NCAA postseason games. Texas A&M and Missouri joined the SEC after the 2012 season.

SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE ONLY SEC SCHOOL TO RECORD 40 OR MORE WINS IN 15 OF THE LAST 16 YEARS

40-Plus Win Seasons Since 2000		
1. South Carolina	15	2000-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14
2. LSU	13	2000-01-02-03-04-05-08-09-10-12-13-14-15
3. Florida	10	2000-02-04-05-09-10-11-12-14-15
4. Arkansas	8	2004-07-09-10-11-12-14-15
Texas A&M	8	2003-04-07-08-10-11-12-15
Vanderbilt	8	2004-07-08-10-11-13-14-15
6. Alabama	5	2000-02-05-06-10
Ole Miss	5	2005-06-07-09-14
8. Mississippi State	4	2000-03-05-13
10. Auburn	3	2000-03-10
Georgia	3	2004-06-08
Kentucky	3	2006-08-12
Tennessee	3	2000-01-05
14. Missouri	2	2005-07

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12  
Jerry Meyers

Associate Head Coach  
14th season at South Carolina  
28th season Overall

Jerry Meyers is the associate head coach for South Carolina. Meyers is in his 14th year associated with the Gamecock baseball program. Meyers, who served as an assistant at South Carolina from the 1997-2004 seasons, returned to Carolina in August of 2010 to coach the pitchers following six years as head coach at Old Dominion.

The 2015 Gamecocks featured MLB sixth rounder Jack Wynkoop, who was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 6th round of the 2015 MLB Draft. Wynkoop went 8-5 with a 3.27 ERA with 16 appearances and 14 starts. Wynkoop pitched a team-high 104.1 innings and struck out 86 batters with just 14 walks. Wynkoop became the 23rd pitcher in school history to reach the 20-win total. Wynkoop ranks 17th all-time in career wins with 22 in his three-year career. In league games, Wynkoop was 5-3 in league play with a save and a 3.57 ERA vs. SEC teams as well as 59 strikeouts to eight walks in 70.2 innings.

The 2014 Gamecocks led the SEC with a 2.43 earned run average that ranked ninth in the nation. That ERA is the best by a Gamecock pitching staff in the last 40 seasons. The pitching staff was among the best in the country with 13 shutouts, fifth-highest in the nation, a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.03, sixth-best in the country and a 1.12 WHIP that was eighth overall.

Gamecock pitchers that garnered attention included junior left-hander Jordan Montgomery, who was a fourth-round selection in the 2014 MLB Draft by the New York Yankees. Montgomery compiled an 8-5 record and a 3.42 ERA in a team-high 100 innings with 95 strikeouts and became the 22nd pitcher in school history to reach the 20-win total as well. Junior right-hander Joel Seddon also was selected in the 11th round by the Oakland A's after earning second-team All-America honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association with 14 saves. He was a second-team All-SEC choice as well. A Gamecock newcomer also found success as freshman right-handed pitcher Wil Crowe earned Freshman All-America honors as announced by Collegiate Baseball. In his first season, Crowe went 8-3 in 15 starts with a 2.75 ERA in 91.2 innings pitched. Crowe allowed just 32 runs, 28 earned, on 76 hits with 19 walks and 59 strikeouts. Crowe was strong in his last start with the Garnet & Black as he pitched four-hit complete game shutout in a 9-0 win vs. Campbell in the NCAA Regional that earned him All-Tournament Team honors. Crowe was also honored by the SEC twice as SEC Pitcher of the Week and SEC Freshman of the Week.

Just like the 2014 squad, the 2013 pitching staff was among the best in the nation with a 3.02 earned run average to go along with a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.3 that ranked third best in the nation. South Carolina pitchers averaged 7.8 strikeouts per nine innings while walking just 2.36 batters per contest.

Among the pitchers grabbing headlines for South Carolina in 2013 was senior left-hander Tyler Webb, who earned third-team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and second-team All-SEC honors after anchoring a bullpen with 17 saves. That mark is fifth highest in school history and ranked second in the league and seventh in the nation. Webb struck out 60 batters in 43.0 innings and pitched in 32 games on his way to setting a school record for career appearances with 110 on the mound with the Garnet & Black. Webb was selected in the 10th round by the New York Yankees.

Senior left-hander Nolan Belcher was stellar in 17 starts with seven victories including a pair of complete games as well as a shutout in an 8-0 win in the rubber game of the Clemson series. Belcher pitched a team-high 117.0 innings and struck out 95 batters to just 16 walks. Despite missing a month to injury, Montgomery continued his development and went 6-1 with a 1.48 ERA in 79.0 innings pitched with opponents hitting only .222 against him. Montgomery continued his postseason dominance with victories over Liberty in the NCAA Regional and North Carolina in the NCAA Super Regional.

Two more left-handers were big contributors to the success of the 2013 season. Senior left-hander Adam Westmoreland went 7-4 with a 2.32 ERA in 29 relief appearances, opponents hitting just .211 against him. Westmoreland was drafted in the 26th round by the Miami Marlins. Also in the mix was freshman left-hander Jack Wynkoop, who was named Freshman All-America by Collegiate Baseball after going 7-3 with a 3.09 ERA. The southpaw picked up SEC Freshman of the Week accolades in consecutive weeks as well as he earned victories vs. Kentucky and at LSU.

In 2012, the Gamecocks finished with a 2.97 earned run average. Opponents would hit just .221 as Carolina finished the year in the CWS Championship Series and with a 49-20 overall record. Meyers' pupils included senior left-hander Michael Roth, who concluded his impressive career by being named the 2011-12 SEC H. Boyd

McWhorter Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and earning a spot on the 2012 CWS All-Tournament team. He would also receive the President's Award, the top honor given to a South Carolina student-athlete. Roth ended his stellar career with three CWS records including career starts (8), career innings pitched (60.1) and career hit batsmen (7). Roth's career ERA of 1.49 is the fifth lowest among all pitchers with at least 30.0 career IP at the CWS. Roth became the first player to start in the championship game of a CWS in three different years. Jim Withers of Southern California (1960, 1961) is the only other player to even start in two. Roth was a ninth round MLB Draft selection by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Junior right-hander Matt Price also was under Meyers' tutelage. Price earned second-team All-SEC honors and continued his dominance on the mound in the postseason. He set a record for career wins at the CWS with five and tied the CWS career appearance record as he made 13 appearances in the CWS, tying Texas' J. Brent Cox (2003-04-05). Price was a seventh round MLB Draft selection and signed with the Baltimore Orioles. Price finished his career with the Garnet & Black as the career record holder in saves (43) as well as the SEC career record in saves.

Also in the mix in 2012 was Montgomery, who developed into a Freshman All-American. Montgomery made 15 appearances with 13 starts and compiled a 6-1 record with a 3.62 ERA in 74.2 innings pitched with 57 strikeouts to just 10 walks. He was instrumental as well in the postseason with a win over Clemson in the NCAA Regional as well as a victory over Arkansas in the College World Series.

In 2011, Meyers oversaw a pitching staff that was among the best in school history, on the way to the school's second consecutive national championship. The Gamecock hurlers won 55 games and compiled a 2.45 earned run average, Opponents hit just .227 against the Gamecocks.

Roth would go on to earn Consensus All-America honors as he went 14-3, with a 1.06 ERA and was College Baseball Insider's National Player of the Year. Meyers helped with Price, who earned All-America honors as well as he was one of college baseball's most dominant closers with a 7-3 record to go along with 20 saves and a 1.83 ERA. Senior side-armed John Taylor also tied a NCAA single-season record for appearances with 50 as a crucial setup arm to Price. Taylor would go 8-1 with a 1.14 ERA and earned All-America honors from College Baseball Insider as well. Freshman right-hander





Forrest Koumas won six games with a 2.96 ERA to pick up SEC All-Freshman accolades and sophomore right-hander Colby Holmes won SEC Pitcher of the Week honors twice and increased his victories to a seven-win total to go along with a 3.69 ERA in his second season. In addition, left-handers Bryan Harper and Steven Neff along with Taylor were drafted and signed pro contracts. Price and Roth also were selected in the 2011 MLB Draft but elected to return to Columbia for the 2012 season.

Before his arrival to Columbia, Meyers helped turn around the Old Dominion baseball program in six seasons (2005-10) leading the Monarchs to the top of the Colonial Athletic Association including a co-regular season championship in 2007 and the top seed at the CAA Tournament. That 2007 squad featured the top pitching staff in the CAA with a 3.97 ERA and 471 strikeouts. In his second year at ODU in 2006, the school enjoyed one of the nation's biggest improvements with the squad compiling a 39-17 overall record and finishing second in the CAA. That season ODU climbed back into the national top 15 for the first time since the mid 1980s. Meyers earned CAA Coach of the Year honors with four of his players selected in the MLB draft and the team breaking or tying eight school and individual records. Most notable among his standouts at ODU was right-hander Daniel Hudson, who just completed his sixth season in the big leagues. Meyers compiled a 167-158 record during his tenure with the Monarchs.

Meyers also served one summer on the staff of the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team that won a gold medal in the 2008 FISU World Championships in Europe and finished the summer with a 24-0 record and an impressive 0.88 earned run average. Among the pitchers he worked with that summer included current MLB pitchers Stephen Strasburg, Mike Leake Mike Minor (Atlanta Braves) and Kyle Gibson. Along with an earned run average under one, his staff also struck out 268 batters to just 72 walks in 224 innings pitched with opponents batting just .154 as well.

Meyers initially joined Ray Tanner in Columbia in the summer of 1996 after Tanner was announced as the school's new head coach. In eight seasons with the Gamecocks, Meyers built one of the top pitching staffs in the country and coached 10 All-American pitchers along the way. The Gamecocks reached the NCAA Tournament in six of eight seasons in Meyers first stint along with a national runner-up finish (2002) three College World Series appearances (2002, 2003, 2004), two Southeastern Conference championships (2000, 2002), four SEC Eastern Division titles (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003) and one SEC Tournament title (2004).

Among the stars that learned under the helm of Meyers was Kip Bouknight (1998-01), who garnered National Player of the Year honors in 2000 along with the Golden Spikes Award, presented by USA Baseball to the top amateur player in the country. Bouknight put together one of the greatest single-season years in college history in 2000 posting a 17-1 record to help lead the Gamecocks to a 56-10 record and an SEC Championship. His 17 single-season wins is a school record and are tied for the most wins in a season by an SEC pitcher. Bouknight joined with Peter Bauer and Scott Barber to form the "Killer B's," a dominant trio that saw all three pitchers earn All-America recognition. The 2000 pitching staff posted a 3.51 team ERA.

In 2001, the Gamecocks again had one of the top pitching staffs in the country with the group finishing with a 3.41 team ERA. The squad featured All-America closer Lee Gronkiewicz, as well as a pair of 10-game winners in Bouknight and left-hander Gary Bell. That year, Bouknight rewrote the record book at South Carolina as the winningest pitcher in school history,



**THE MEYERS FAMILY**  
Jerry, Audrey, Riley & Chris

compiling a career record of 45-12 in a four-year span, also setting a school records for strikeouts (457) and decisions (57).

When the Gamecocks returned to Omaha in 2002 to play for a national title, the pitchers were right at the forefront - chief among them was right-hander Blake Taylor, who set a school record and led the nation in saves with 21 on the year on his way to All-America honors. The 2003 staff was another star-studded group that reached the College World Series and led the SEC with a 3.57 ERA. The staff featured David Marchbanks, who tallied a 15-3 record and was named Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year in addition to All-America honors. Marchbanks was one of three USC pitchers drafted and signed by professional baseball in 2003. Steven Bondurant signed with Oakland and Chris Hernandez with Pittsburgh. In Meyers final season at Carolina in 2004, the Gamecocks made a third straight trip to Omaha with the pitchers putting together a 3.40 team ERA. Left-hander Matt Campbell was a first round MLB draft selection by the Royals with right-hander Billy Buckner selected in the second round by the Royals and right-hander Chad Blackwell also a sixth round choice by Kansas City. Blackwell became the Gamecocks' fourth reliever in five seasons to pick up All-America honors as he led the nation in saves with 20 with right-hander Aaron Rawl also picking up All-America accolades with a 13-4 overall record.

Meyers came to Carolina after one year at Old Dominion as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. Prior to his first stint at ODU, Meyers spent four years as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington where he worked with pitchers and catchers. The 1995 Seahawk staff ranked 11th nationally in earned run average at 3.37 with two pitchers ranked among the nation's top 15 in strikeouts per nine innings.

Previous to his UNC-Wilmington stint, Meyers worked at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla., 1989-91 (ranked 4th nationally in 1989) where several pitchers went on to sign professionally or with Division I schools including Tim Davis (Seattle Mariners) and former Gamecock pitcher Scott Pace. Meyers managed the 1994 Winchester, Va., team in the Shenandoah Valley league to a second place finish.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of South Alabama from 1988-89. Born Jerald Ray Meyers March 8, 1965 in Harvey, Ill., Meyers grew up in Chesterton, Ind., where he attended Chesterton High School, earning four letters in baseball and basketball. He was a second team all-state selection in basketball.

Meyers was a four-year starting pitcher at Iowa State University where he was named to the All-Big Eight Conference team as a senior. He was the team captain as a junior and senior and was named the team's Most Valuable pitcher his senior year.

Meyers received a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Iowa State and the master of education in physical education from South Alabama in 1989 with an emphasis in exercise and movement technology. Meyers and his wife, Chris, have two daughters, Jaye Riley born July 31, 1999, and Audrey Reese, born December 31, 2001.

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**41**  
**Sammy Esposito**

Assistant Coach  
9th season at South Carolina  
11th season Overall

Sammy Esposito was named recruiting coordinator by head coach Chad Holbrook on August 20, 2012. Esposito has worked on the baseball staff since the fall of 2007 and has worked with the hitters and catchers since joining the Gamecocks. He has been a part of seven NCAA regional teams including the 2010 and 2011 national championship squads. Esposito has signed three straight Top 5 recruiting classes with Baseball America ranking the 2013 class No. 3 in the nation, the 2014 class No. 5 in the country and Collegiate Baseball ranking this year's 2015 class as No. 2 in the nation.

The 2014 season featured junior catcher Grayson Greiner, who was among the top catchers in college baseball. Greiner was a third round pick and the No. 99 overall selection by the Detroit Tigers. Greiner was a second-team All-America honoree by Baseball America and Perfect Game and was named the 2013-14 USC Co-Male Student-Athlete of the Year alongside Gamecock football/basketball standout Bruce Ellington. He was a semi-finalist for the Johnny Bench Award for the top catcher in college baseball and a member of the SEC All-Defensive team. Greiner's career .994 fielding percentage is the best percentage by a Gamecock catcher in school history (1168 PO, 97 A, 7 E).

In the 2013 season, Esposito's catching corps kept opposing teams at bay as only 26 stolen bases were allowed on 45 attempts. Greiner continued his elevation as one of the game's top backstops as he earned second-team All-SEC honors and was named to USA Baseball's Collegiate National Team. Greiner allowed just 23 stolen bases and made only three errors in 49 starts behind the plate. Senior catcher Dante Rosenberg also contributed in 14 starts as he yielded only three stolen bases on eight attempts. Rosenberg signed a free agent contract with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The duo of Greiner and Rosenberg shined in 2012. Greiner would go on to earn Freshman All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball with Rosenberg a key cog in the Gamecocks' postseason run. Greiner limited opponents to just 25 stolen bases in 62 games played, while throwing out 18 runners attempting to steal. Both Greiner and Rosenberg made just five errors behind the plate as well and helped contribute to a pitching staff that finished the year with a 2.97 ERA.

The 2011 catching corps had a solid season behind the efforts of senior co-captain Brady Thomas and senior Robert Beary. The pair was dynamic in helping lead behind the plate a pitching staff that went 55-14 with a 2.45 ERA along with 536 strikeouts. The catchers allowed 38 stolen bases in 69 games. Beary fielded a solid .993 behind the plate and earned NCAA Regional MVP honors as well as College World Series All-Tournament team accolades. Thomas was also a CWS All-Tournament team recipient.

In 2010, Esposito led a catching staff that included senior co-captain Kyle Enders, Brady Thomas and Richard Royal. The trio helped to catch a pitching staff that finished with a 3.45 ERA along with 625 strikeouts to 220 walks. The group also allowed just 43 stolen bases in 70 games. In addition, Enders finished his career with a .993 fielding percentage, the best career mark in school history. Enders was also an NCAA Regional All-Tournament team selection with Thomas earning CWS All-Tournament team honors in Omaha.

In 2009, Esposito worked with junior catcher Justin Dalles, who earned All-SEC honors and was a sixth round MLB draft selection by the Baltimore Orioles. Dalles, Kyle Enders and Brady Thomas were among the most efficient defensive catchers in the nation as well with just four errors behind the plate in 553 chances and only 27 stolen bases allowed in 63 games.

In 2008, Esposito also oversaw a strong catching trio in Enders, Phil Disher and Richard Royal that finished with just four errors as well. Disher was a 2008 MLB Draft selection by the Houston Astros.

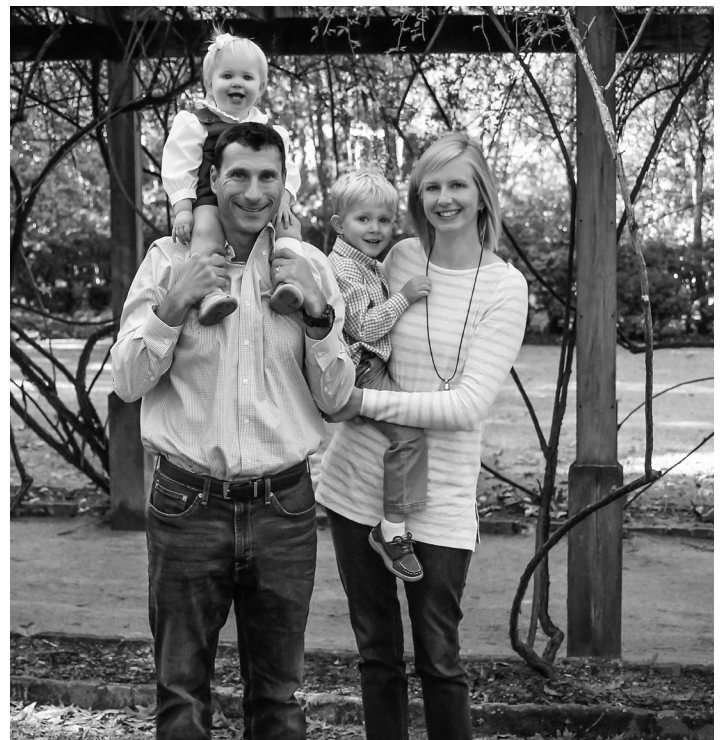
Esposito came to Columbia in the fall of 2007 after two seasons on the Georgia Southern staff. A four-year letterwinner at NC State, Esposito is the son of former NC State head coach Sam Esposito, who coached South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner during his playing days. Tanner also served on Esposito's staff from 1981-87 before becoming his successor with the Wolfpack.

In addition to his two seasons with Georgia Southern, Esposito has also been involved with several baseball camps in the Southeast Region including South Carolina, NC State and Richmond. Esposito also served as an assistant coach in the Cape Cod League for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox. Y-D won the Cape Cod Championship in 2007 following a league-best record of 31-12-1 in the regular season.

Esposito lettered as a catcher at NC State from 1999-2002. He graduated from NC State with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. He attended Broughton High School in Raleigh, N.C., where he was a two-time all-conference selection in baseball.



Esposito and his wife, the former Neal Webb, were married January 1, 2011. They have a son, Samuel Donato III, who was born on October 31, 2012 and a daughter, Olivia Read, born on October 11, 2014.



**THE ESPOSITO FAMILY**  
Sammy, Olivia, Sam & Neal



**55**  
**Brian Buscher**

Volunteer Assistant  
5th season on South Carolina Staff  
6th season Overall

Brian Buscher, a 2003 All-American at South Carolina and former major leaguer with the Minnesota Twins, is in his fourth year as volunteer assistant coach and fifth season as a member of the South Carolina baseball staff. Buscher works with the infielders and hitters and is also coordinator of the Chad Holbrook Baseball Camps.

In 2015, Buscher worked with senior first baseman Kyle Martin, who earned first-team All-America honors and led the Gamecocks in all three Triple Crown categories with a .350 average, 14 homers and 56 RBI. Martin earned first-team All-SEC honors as well and was selected in the fourth round of the 2015 MLB Draft. Junior second baseman Max Schrock also received All-SEC honors and was an 11th round MLB Draft choice by the Washington Nationals.

Buscher helped groom the Gamecock infielders, who were among the best in the nation in 2014 with just 37 errors in 62 games played. Junior infielder Joey Pankake was named to the SEC All-Defensive team after he made his way over to third base in 2014 after two seasons at shortstop. Buscher also helped out a Gamecock offense that ranked among the top four teams in the SEC and hit .281 with a .361 on-base percentage and a .373 slugging mark.

The return of Buscher to campus in the fall of 2012 helped the Gamecocks immediately as South Carolina transitioned Chase Vergason over to third base for the 2013 season. The former big leaguer's experience proved dividends immediately as Vergason gained comfort in his new spot and fielded .936 for the season at the hot corner with just 10 errors in 157 chances. Buscher also contributed to an offense that raised its season batting average 19 batting points to .284 with a .375 on-base percentage and a .419 slugging clip. South Carolina led the SEC and ranked 18th in the nation with 52 homers.

Before returning to campus, Buscher served as head coach at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in the 2011-12 season as well as manager for the 2012 Columbia Blowfish, who won the Coastal Plain League Petit Cup Championship.

Reaching the playoffs as the No. 4 seed, Buscher directed the Blowfish to a pair of sweeps in the first two rounds of the playoffs before coming back from one game down to win the 2012 CPL Petit Cup with consecutive victories on the road. It marked the first title for the Columbia Blowfish in team history.

Prior to his stint at Heathwood Hall and with the Blowfish, Buscher returned to Columbia in 2010 to complete his undergraduate work and earn a bachelor's degree in psychology. As undergraduate student assistant coach his influence on the 2011 Gamecock national championship squad was evident with his work with the corner infielders and on game day as bench coach to Ray Tanner.

Buscher decided to turn to coaching and education after completing a successful eight-year stint in professional baseball highlighted by three years in Major League Baseball with the Twins.

As a player, Buscher was a member of consecutive College World Series teams in 2002 and 2003 for the Gamecocks. Buscher never missed a game in two seasons at Carolina starting 140 of 142 games played at third base. He was a staple in the lineup as a junior on the 2002 SEC championship team that reached the national championship game at the College World Series and he followed that up with an even more successful year in 2003 that saw him earn All-America honors as the Gamecocks made a second straight trip to the CWS. Buscher's .393 batting average (106-for-270) his senior season is the best batting average by a Gamecock player in this century and his 106 hits is tied for the second highest single-season total in school history. He totaled 201 career hits, one of 23 players at Carolina to record 200 or more hits.

His success at Carolina led him to being selected in the third round of the '03 MLB Draft by the San Francisco Giants. He would spend three seasons in the Giants minor league system before being selected by the Twins in the Rule Five Draft. Buscher made his MLB debut on July 27, 2007 and spent two and a half seasons with the Twins culminating in a first place finish in the American League Central division in 2009.

Buscher and his wife, the former Sarah Simmons, have two daughters, Finley Amelia and Allyn Isabelle.



**THE BUSCHER FAMILY**  
Sarah, Finley, Brian & Allyn

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**Billy Anderson**

Director of Sport Performance for Olympic Sports  
23rd season at South Carolina  
14th season with Baseball

Billy Anderson is the director of sport performance for Olympic sports at the University of South Carolina. This is Anderson's 14th season with the baseball program and his 23rd year at Carolina.

Anderson also works with women's golf and women's soccer. Anderson began working in 1992 at South Carolina as a graduate assistant and has been a full-time member for the strength staff since 1994.

Anderson is certified by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and most recently in May of 2010 was awarded the prestigious title of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach. This honor is given to strength coaches who have been in the field for a minimum of 12 years and represents professionalism, experience, expertise as well as longevity in the field.

A native of Stratford, Conn., Anderson received his bachelor of science degree in Health Fitness from Springfield (Mass.) College.

While at Springfield, Anderson ran track all four years and is still the record holder in the 800 meter run. He was the junior and senior Athlete of the Year at Springfield as his team was the ECAC champions both years. In 1991, Anderson finished eighth in the 800 meter run at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships.

A 1987 graduate of Bunnell High School in Stratford, Conn., Anderson was an All-State performer in football and track.

Anderson and his wife, the former Tish Fellers, were married July 22, 2000. They have a son, Kaden Ellis, born on Sept. 11, 2005 and a daughter, Ashlyn Paige, born on May 5, 2008.



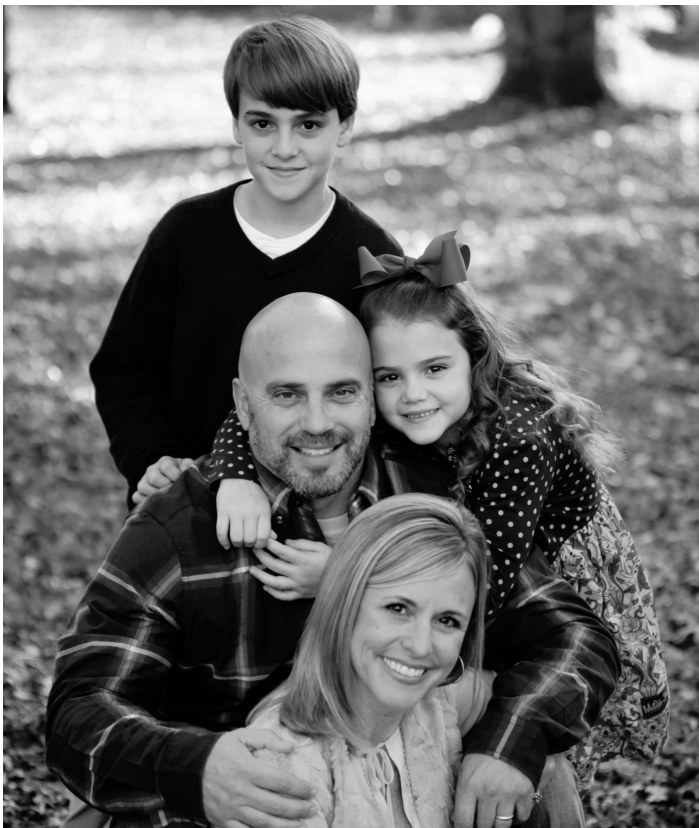
**Tyson Lusk**

Director of Operations  
3rd season at South Carolina  
11th season Overall

Tyson Lusk is in his third season as director of operations for the baseball team. Lusk coordinates team travel, oversees team equipment and apparel ordering, serves as liaison to visiting teams and umpires and supervises the student managers. Lusk also works closely with the coaching staff on the program's budget and with on-campus recruiting.

Lusk came to Columbia after four years as clubhouse/equipment manager with the University of North Carolina as well as eight seasons with the baseball program. Before entering his role as equipment manager, Lusk was the head student manager for UNC from August 2005-June 2009. While with the Tar Heels program, Lusk worked with six College World Series teams and eight NCAA Tournament squads.

He graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in political science.



**THE ANDERSON FAMILY**  
Kaden, Billy, Ashlyn & Tish

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Coach



**Matt Price**  
Student Assistant  
Coach



**Lora Lee Fuhrmann**  
Athletic Training  
Graduate Assistant



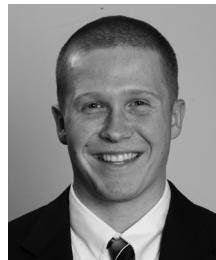
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Student Assistant



**Blaire Epting**  
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Student Assistant



**Anthony Steenvoorden**  
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**Kasey Hancock**  
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**Talley Young**  
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Grounds Crew



**GROUNDS CREW:** Front Row: Daniel Derrick, Matt Price, Marcus Thurber, Randall Boland, Donnie Lindler, Donald Robbins, Blake Cooper

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## President - 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, serving in his eighth year, USC is experiencing remarkable growth and positive change.

USC Columbia's freshman classes, counter to the national trend, 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 and hospitality, retail and sport management. In addition, Carolina's Promise, USC's historic capital campaign successfully exceeded the \$1 billion goal through gifts and pledges from more than 120,000 donors.

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, 68,507 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."

In January 2015, during a time of great reform and transformation, Pastides was selected to serve as the chairman of the NCAA's Division I Board of Directors. He also serves on many local and state boards including the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

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.

## Athletics Director - Ray Tanner



University of South Carolina Athletics Director Ray Tanner is in his fourth 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 addition to his athletics director duties, Tanner is in his first year serving on the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee.

In his first season as AD (2012-13), 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 (2013-14) 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' student-athletes performed more than 5,000 hours of community service.

More success followed in year three (2014-15), led by a national championship in equestrian, a Final Four berth in women's basketball, and an Elite Eight appearance by the women's soccer team. South Carolina had 15 of its 21 programs ranked among the nation's Top-25 at one point, including seven in the Top-10. In the Spring 2015 semester, the department posted a combined 3.256 GPA, the second-highest on record. Ninety-four student-athletes graduated during the academic year, and student-athletes performed a record-setting 8,860 hours of community service.

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 inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in May 2013 and was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Hall of Fame on Friday, January 8, 2016 in Nashville, Tenn.

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

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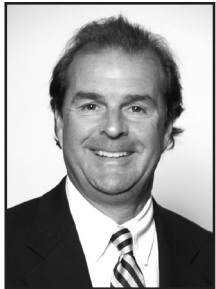


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