

GAMECOCK WOMEN'S TENNIS

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Tennis Quick Facts

Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Southeastern
Head Coach	Arlo Elkins
Alma Mater	Northwood Institute, 1971
Record at USC	341-226/22 years
Career Record	Same
Assistant Coach	Katarina Petrovic
Alma Mater	South Carolina, 2001
Home Courts	Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center
Surface	Hard
Capacity	700
NCAA Appearances	15
2005 Record	15-9
2005 SEC Record	6-5 (6th)
2005 Final ITA National Ranking	23
Longest 2005 Winning Streak	6
Longest 2005 Losing Streak	3
Letterwinners Returning	7
Letterwinners Lost	3
Singles Starters Returning	5
Other Returnees	2
Newcomers	2
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Location	Columbia, S.C.
Mailing Address	Rex Enright Athletic Center 1300 Rosewood Drive, University of South Carolina Columbia, SC 29208
Founded	1801
Enrollment	23,772
Nickname	Fighting Gamecocks
Mascot	Cocky
Colors	Garnet (PMS 201) & Black
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Gamecocks Look To Make Strong SEC And NCAA Run In 2006

South Carolina women's tennis is looking to have another competitive season in 2006 after finishing last year ranked in the nation's top 25. Head coach Arlo Elkins and the Gamecocks expect to be contenders in the Southeastern Conference and one of the top teams in the country.

"We're returning almost everybody from last year's team, which finished the season ranked No. 23 nationally," Elkins said. "And, with the addition of two new players who will play high in our lineup, we look to have a really good season."

In the first ITA individual rankings of the 2005-06 season, the Gamecocks totaled three players among the nation's top women's tennis athletes. Junior Christyn Lucas topped the Gamecock list at No. 64, while junior Laura Ganzer was 108th and senior Danielle Wiggins came in at 122nd.

Freshman netters Gira Schofield (Boca Raton, Fla.) and Natasa Vuckovic (Novi Sad, Serbia & Montenegro) made a significant impact on the Gamecocks' roster during the fall season.

Schofield, who was one of the top junior players in the United States, dominated the courts by claiming two runner-up singles finishes and earned her first fall tournament singles title at the Gamecocks' Southern Intercollegiate Tournament on Oct. 30.

Vuckovic has also earned runner-up finishes in singles action and teamed with Schofield to claim the pair's first intercollegiate doubles title at the fall season opener, the Furman Fall Classic. The duo captured a second doubles title at the Gamecocks' Southern Intercollegiate Tournament.



Freshman Gira Schofield figures to be a contender for one of the top spots in singles during the spring after an 11-2 fall.

"Gira is one of the top-ranked players in the U.S. We really look for big things from her, while Natasa is also a very experienced player," Elkins said. "She's played all the Grand Slam junior tournaments."

The Gamecocks return five of their six singles starters and seven of 10 letterwinners from last year's roster. Carolina is looking to extend its current streak of 11 straight NCAA Tournament appearances, the 11th-longest streak in NCAA Division I women's tennis.

The 2006 Schedule

The Gamecocks open the season Jan. 25 at home against the College of Charleston. After playing the Cougars, the Gamecocks will host Davidson and Furman before hitting the road for the first time.

USC will travel to College Park, Md., where it will face Maryland and Michigan. The Gamecocks then return home to face in-state rival Clemson on Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. Carolina will close out its non-conference schedule by playing away matches against Brown and Harvard.

The SEC opening weekend will have Carolina in the Magnolia State against Mississippi and Mississippi State on March 3 and March 5, respectively.

During the season, USC will face seven teams that are ranked in the preseason top 25, including three of the top-eight teams in the nation.

Carolina will close out the season April 15 at home against Florida before heading to Gainesville, Fla., for the 2006 SEC Tournament. The 2006 NCAA Regionals will take place over May 12-13 at an undetermined site, while the NCAA Championships will begin May 18 in Stanford, Calif.



Junior Laura Ganzer spent her first two years playing at primarily two and three singles. She is 23-15 in dual matches.



Arlo Elkins

23rd Season at South Carolina
341-226 (.601) Overall Record
13 NCAA Team Appearances



The Elkins File

Born: April 5, 1949

Education: Rockford High School, 1967; Northwood Institute, 1971; Bachelor of Arts (Business)

Prep Athletics: Four-year letterwinner at No. 1 singles; All-state in basketball.

College Athletics: Four-year starter at No. 1 singles for Northwood.

Professional Career: Held world ranking in doubles and singles; Formerly ranked No. 1 in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in South Carolina.

Coaching Career: University of South Carolina, 1984-present; Has guided 16 teams to national top 25 finishes; Won five Metro Conference championships; Three-time ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year; 1995 SEC Coach of the Year.

Honors/Awards

- 1995 SEC Coach of the Year
- Three-time Southeast Region Coach of the Year (1988, 1994, 1996)
- 1996 South Carolina Pro Tennis Association Coach of the Year
- Rockford High School Athletic Hall of Fame inductee in 1991
- 2003 South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame selection

Head coach Arlo Elkins has made a dramatic impact during his 22-year tenure at South Carolina, posting a 341-226 record. The 341 wins rank first not only among coaches at USC, but also among all Division I coaches in the state of South Carolina. He has proven that he is a winner and his winning attitude has made USC one of the most consistent programs in the country.

Elkins has guided South Carolina to 11 straight NCAA Tournament appearances, the 11th-longest active streak in the NCAA. During that time, USC has recorded a winning percentage of .500 or better in each of those seasons. South Carolina has also made a total of 13 NCAA Tournament appearances since Elkins began his coaching duties in 1984. Elkins has also guided the Gamecocks to top 25 finishes in 16 of the past 19 seasons and, while in the Metro Conference, the Gamecocks won five league titles in six years. In his 22 seasons, Elkins has always had a team or an individual compete in the NCAA Tournament, making South Carolina one of the most consistent teams in the nation and Elkins one of the nation's top coaches.

Elkins won his 300th match Feb. 5, 2003, placing him in an elite group of coaches. He became only the 22nd coach in NCAA Division I women's tennis history with 300 wins and was the 20th to reach 300 at one school.

Elkins has proven that his teams can compete with the top-ranked teams in the country. An Elkins-coached team has combined for four wins against the nation's first- and second-ranked teams. In 2002, the Gamecocks recorded three total wins against the final four teams in the 2002 NCAA Championship.

Elkins has brought top talent to USC, coaching many players who have received various awards during their tennis careers. Four of his players have been named All-SEC in singles, three teams in doubles and two student-athletes have been named GTE Academic All-Americans. Since 1984, a total of 33 players have been listed in the final national rankings in singles, while 12 doubles teams have been ranked, including an NCAA semifinalist.

Elkins believes the main goal of a student-athlete is to excel in the classroom.

Elkins Year-By-Year

Year	Record	Pct.	Ranking	Highlights
1984	12-17	.414	—	First season as head coach
1985	26-8	.765	—	First Metro Conference championship
1986	13-13	.500	—	Metro Conference Champions
1987	24-8	.750	19	First top 20 final ranking; Metro champions
1988	15-10	.600	15	First NCAA showing; Metro champions
1989	7-16	.304	18	Third consecutive top 20 finish
1990	18-6	.750	13	NCAA round of 16; Metro champions
1991	9-13	.409	24	Two NCAA singles and doubles participants
1992	13-10	.565	23	Tied for fifth in first year of SEC play
1993	10-12	.455	25	Helen Crook NCAA singles/doubles participant
1994	19-7	.731	18	ITA Southeast Region Coach of the Year
1995	22-7	.758	12	SEC Coach of the Year; NCAA round of 16
1996	17-10	.630	15	Third in SEC; NCAA second round
1997	15-10	.600	17	Fourth consecutive top 20 finish
1998	12-12	.500	33	Fourth consecutive NCAA appearance
1999	18-8	.692	12	NCAA Regional champs
2000	16-12	.571	20	NCAA second round
2001	15-9	.577	21	NCAA second round
2002	17-8	.680	16	NCAA second round
2003	14-11	.560	46	NCAA second round
2004	14-10	.583	33	10th consecutive NCAA appearance
2005	15-9	.625	23	11th consecutive NCAA appearance
Totals	341-226	.601		Top 25 finish in 16 of the past 19 seasons

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Since South Carolina joined the SEC in 1992, 61 Gamecock women's tennis players have been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll. The team's GPA has consistently been one of the best of all sports at South Carolina.

Elkins has also received many awards during his tenure in the Palmetto State. In 1988, Elkins won the United States Professional Tennis Association Southern Division Coach of the Year while also earning the South Carolina Tennis Association College Coach of the Year. In 1995, he became the first head coach at USC in any sport to win the SEC Coach of the Year award, and in 2003, he was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame.

Before becoming a coach, Elkins played professionally and competed in the main draw at Wimbledon and the French Open. He also competed in more than 50 different countries, and in 1978, Elkins ranked among the top 200 in the world. Within the state of South Carolina, Elkins has been ranked No. 1 in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in men's open 25- and 35-year-old age groups.

Elkins was named the fifth women's tennis coach at USC in 1984. Elkins and his wife, Tara, have three children: Alyssa (27), Elliott (23), and Kelsey (20).



The Elkins family (front row): Alyssa and Kelsey (back row): Elliot, Arlo and Tara.

Elkins Versus All Opponents

Southeastern Conference			School Record Pct.			School Record Pct.			School Record Pct.		
School	Record	Pct.	California	0-2.....	.000	Oklahoma State....	0-4.....	.000	Texas A&M.....	7-1.....	.875
Alabama	8-6.....	.583	Charleston	12-0...	1.000	Pacific.....	1-0...	1.000	Toledo.....	1-0...	1.000
Arkansas.....	15-3.....	.800	Chas. Southern.....	1-0...	1.000	Pennsylvania	1-0...	1.000	Trinity.....	2-1.....	.667
Auburn.....	18-1.....	.941	Charlotte.....	2-0...	1.000	Pepperdine	1-1.....	.500	Tulane.....	1-0...	1.000
Florida.....	0-23.....	.000	Chattanooga.....	1-0...	1.000	Presbyterian	1-0...	1.000	Tulsa.....	1-0...	1.000
Georgia.....	4-26.....	.143	Cincinnati.....	2-0...	1.000	Princeton	1-0...	1.000	UC-Irvine	1-0...	1.000
Kentucky.....	9-12.....	.474	Coastal Carolina...	1-0...	1.000	Purdue	1-0...	1.000	UC Santa Barbara	1-0...	1.000
LSU.....	15-1.....	.929	Colorado.....	2-0...	1.000	Rice	1-0...	1.000	UCLA.....	0-2.....	.000
Mississippi St.....	16-1.....	.933	Davidson.....	4-0...	1.000	Richmond	2-0...	1.000	UNLV	1-0...	1.000
Ole Miss.....	7-12.....	.313	Francis Marion.....	1-0...	1.000	Rollins College....	2-0...	1.000	USC-Aiken.....	1-0...	1.000
Tennessee	7-15.....	.350	Furman	14-0...	1.000	San Diego.....	1-0...	1.000	Utah.....	8-3.....	.727
Vanderbilt.....	9-12.....	.421	Ga. Southern	2-0...	1.000	San Diego State ...	1-3.....	.250	Utah State.....	1-0...	1.000
Total	107-114.....	.483	Hampton.....	1-0...	1.000	South Alabama	1-0...	1.000	VCU.....	0-2.....	.500
Atlantic Coast Conference			Harvard.....	1-0...	1.000	South Florida	5-1.....	.833	Virginia Tech.....	6-0...	1.000
School	Record	Pct.	Houston	1-1.....	.500	Southern Illinois...	1-0...	1.000	Western Michigan.	1-0...	1.000
Clemson	12-9.....	.667	Indiana.....	2-8.....	.200	SIU-Edwardsville ..	1-0...	1.000	William & Mary.....	3-3.....	.500
Duke	3-12.....	.200	Iowa.....	2-0...	1.000	Stanford.....	0-2.....	.000	Winthrop	2-0...	1.000
Florida State	10-0...	1.000	Kansas State	1-0...	1.000	TCU.....	11-3.....	.786	Wisconsin	2-4.....	.333
Georgia Tech	4-2.....	.667	Long Beach St.....	1-0...	1.000	Texas	0-2.....	.000	Total	179-77.....	.699
North Carolina	6-5.....	.545	Louisville.....	1-0...	1.000						
N.C. State.....	11-0...	1.000	Marquette	1-0...	1.000						
Virginia.....	1-0...	1.000	Maryland.....	2-0...	1.000						
Wake Forest	8-7.....	.533	Miami (Fla.).....	0-2.....	.000						
Total	55-35.....	.618	Miami (Ohio).....	1-0...	1.000						
All Others			Michigan	1-1.....	.000						
School	Record	Pct.	Middle Tenn.	3-0...	1.000						
App. State.....	2-0...	1.000	Minnesota.....	1-0...	1.000						
Arizona	0-1.....	.000	Nebraska	2-0...	1.000						
Arizona State.....	0-2.....	.000	New Mexico.....	1-0...	1.000						
Boston College	9-0...	1.000	North Florida.....	5-0...	1.000						
BYU.....	8-7.....	.571	N.E. Louisiana	1-1.....	.500						
			Northwestern	0-3.....	.000						
			Notre Dame	1-3.....	.250						
			Ohio State.....	1-0...	1.000						
			Oklahoma	2-0...	1.000						



HEAD COACH

Katarina Petrovic



Assistant Coach
Second Season at South Carolina
5 NCAA Team Appearances



The Petrovic File

Born: April 11, 1978
High School Education: P.P.P.N.
College Education: South Carolina, 2001

Honors/Awards

- NCAA Championship selection in 2000
- Ranked as high as 13th in the country in singles during 2000, best in South Carolina history
- 1999 Southeast Region Rookie of the Year
- Earned All-SEC honors in 1999
- Named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll two times
- Finished with a personal best national ranking of 29th in 2000
- Held three national year-end rankings in singles in her four seasons
- Tabbed South Carolina's team MVP in 2000

Katarina M. Petrovic is in her second season as assistant coach for the University of South Carolina women's tennis team, but she is already a part of the Gamecock tennis family. Petrovic lettered at Carolina from 1999 to 2002.

Petrovic, 27, joined the staff in September 2004 after serving as an instructor at the Michael-Ann Russell Community Center in North Miami Beach, Fla.

A native of Valjevo, Yugoslavia, Petrovic came to USC in the fall of 1998 and made an immediate impact on the Gamecock tennis program. She was voted Southeast Region Rookie of the Year and earned All-SEC honors, winning nine of her 10 matches to begin her career at USC.

As a sophomore, Petrovic earned team MVP honors, was selected to the NCAA Championship draw and reached an individual ITA national ranking of 13, the highest-recorded individual ranking in school history. Petrovic continued to lead the Gamecocks during her junior and senior seasons, finishing her career in the No. 9 spot in career doubles wins with a 69-34 record and in the No. 12 spot for overall wins with 134-92. She was also a member of the SEC Honor Roll.

"It's exciting having Katarina as a member of the Gamecock tennis program," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "She made a significant impact on the program as a team leader on and off the courts, and she is having the same impact as an assistant coach."

The former Katarina Markovski is married to Stevan and resides in Columbia.



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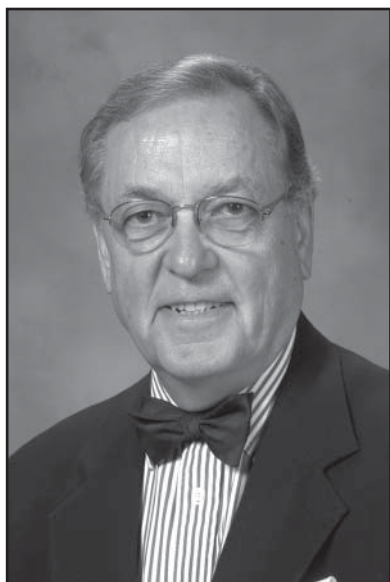
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Scholarships & Research Productivity

With every new class, USC's student body grows in academic excellence. This year's freshman class promises to be the most talented academically in the history of the university. And they're joining an impressive group of students. Last year, University students won 28 national awards, earning more than \$1.1 million for advanced academic study. Winners included a Mellon Scholar, a Udall Scholar, a US Department of Homeland Security Fellow, three Fulbright Fellows, four National Science Foundation Research Fellows, three Goldwater Scholars, two EPA GRO Fellows, two Knowles Science Teaching Fellows, two Gilman Scholars, three Rotary International Scholars, a National Security Education Program Scholar, a Tau Beta Pi Scholar, a Target Scholar, a *USA Today* All-USA Academic Team Member, an Alpha Lambda Delta Scholar, and a Soros Fellowship Finalist.

As Carolina builds its research campus, faculty are garnering prestigious grants to conduct research in areas that have real-world applications for

our state and our nation. Most recently, USC signed agreements with two leading research institutes in Korea and in Germany to share research and faculty in an area of immense importance to the world – next energy, specifically hydrogen fuel cells and other alternative energy sources. USC researchers also are directing their efforts toward the environment, biomedical science, and nanotechnology.

Selected Program Rankings

The University of South Carolina's capstone program for seniors and the undergraduate international business program at the Moore School of Business are among the nation's best, according to the 2005 "America's Best Colleges Guide," published by U.S. News & World Report.

USC's Moore School of Business is ranked No. 1 for undergraduate international business education — a ranking that USC has held since 1995 — and No. 8 for its undergraduate insurance program. USC's programs for first-year and senior students are cited among the nation's best by the magazine in its "Programs to Look For" section, which lists colleges and universities with outstanding programs that lead to student success.

USC's University 401 program was listed among 15 colleges and universities whose "Senior Capstone" programs enable students at the end of their college careers to make a smooth transition to the workplace or graduate school.

USC libraries rank in the top 50 for overall size of collections among more than 3,000 college and university libraries in the United States and Canada, according to the Association of Research Libraries' report.

Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996 to 2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990 to 1996). Dr. Sorensen also has been executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the Uni-

versity of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University, and has been a visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and at the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 100 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC's Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is vice president of the SEC, past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He was a member of the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush's Transition Team during 2000-01, and was appointed in 2005 to the NIH National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity. He is active in community affairs, serving as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Donna Sorensen

Donna Ingemie Sorensen holds a baccalaureate degree in chemistry from Wheaton College (Massachusetts) and master's degrees in nutrition from Cornell University and in chemistry from Wesleyan University. Shortly after arriving at USC, Mrs. Sorensen was appointed by S. C. Department of Education Superintendent Inez Tennenbaum to serve on the S. C. Department of Education Task Force on Nutrition and Health in Our Youth, an effort that examined the problem of childhood obesity. She is president of the board of the Girl Scout Council of the Congaree Area and serves on the boards of the S. C. Arts Foundation, the USC Board of Dance, McKissick Museum Advisory Council, and the Ex Libris Society Executive Committee. She also serves on the national board of Associated Marine Institutes.



Eric Hyman
Athletics Director

Eric Hyman, named director of athletics for the University of South Carolina on April 16, 2005, comes from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. He officially began his duties at Carolina on July 1, 2005. At TCU, Hyman worked to solidify a national reputation as an architect of championship programs, as an advocate for academic success and as a skilled administrator. For his success, Hyman was named the 2003-04 *Street and Smith's Business Journal* National Athletics Director of the Year and was also chosen as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). The 2004-05 school year produced three conference championships, seven second-place finishes and the C-USAMale and Female Athletes of the Year in All-Americans Lance Broadway and Sandora Irvin.

Under his leadership, TCU teams recorded 32 conference titles and consistently posted a graduation percentage rate higher than that of the overall TCU student body. Hyman was instrumental in orchestrating TCU's invitation to join Conference USA in July 2001 and spearheaded the effort for TCU to join the Mountain West Conference in July 2005, moving the program up from the Western Athletic Conference it was in when Hyman arrived.

In the 2000-01 school year, TCU teams turned in the best athletics record in school history when the Horned Frogs registered a school record eight WAC championships and had seven teams nationally ranked. TCU was one of only four schools to record 10 victories in football and 20 wins in both men's and women's basketball, while setting a school record for football season tickets sold.

TCU turned in the most successful overall season of any Conference USA member in 2001-02. The Horned Frogs' debut campaign in the league featured nine NCAA appearances, five tournament championships and one

regular season title. In 2003-04, TCU captured four Conference USA crowns along with nine second-place finishes. The conference titles in women's swimming and women's indoor track & field were the first in school history for those programs, while the baseball team reached the NCAA Tournament for just the third time ever. In addition, the football team was ranked as high as sixth in the BCS polls during the season. The 2004-05 school year produced three conference championships and seven second-place finishes. During Hyman's tenure, the football team went to six bowl games in seven seasons, the women's basketball team went to five straight NCAA Tournaments and the baseball team earned back-to-back regional appearances for the first time in school history.

As TCU's athletics director, Hyman worked diligently to improve athletic facilities. The first phase of a building plan he put in place included the construction of a soccer stadium, a track complex and football practice fields. Phase two included renovations to TCU's coliseum and the construction of an athletics center housing the football offices and meeting rooms, an academic center, athletic administration offices and an athletics heritage area. The third phase of the building plan included the construction of a baseball stadium, basketball practice complex, tennis offices and locker room building, an all-weather football practice field and a volleyball gymnasium.

During the TCU years, Hyman negotiated an innovative marketing partnership for TCU athletics with ESPN Regional, the most extensive agreement of its kind between ESPN and a university. Hyman also hired a number of coaches of national prominence, including football coach Dennis Franchione and former USC assistant basketball coach Neil Dougherty, bringing recognition and success to the school and placing TCU on the national scene in athletics.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years at Furman University, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975). He and his wife, Pauline, coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville College in Tigerville, S.C., leading the team to national rankings.

Hyman played football at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was an All-ACC football player, on the Dean's List and selected for the Hula Bowl. He also served as the executive associate athletics director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.

Before joining TCU, Hyman was the athletics director at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During his tenure, Miami had the fifth highest student-athlete graduation rate among all NCAA Division I schools in the country. His last two years at Miami brought home 10 conference championships. Hyman also served as athletics director at VMI in Lexington, Va., in the 1980s.

Pauline is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her arrival at UNC, she played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology as well as serving as a college administrator. Pauline developed and taught the NCAA CHAMPS Life

Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU.

The Hymans have two adult children: Ryan, who graduated from TCU in 2001 and Corrine, a 2004 graduate of TCU. Ryan works for L.T. Barton Insurance Company in Fort Worth and Corrine is a realtor with Williams Trew Real Estate in Fort Worth.



Val Sheley
Senior Associate
Athletics Director/
Senior Women's
Administrator

Val Sheley, who has experience as an athletics director and in several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics, and student-athlete development, is in her second year as senior associate athletics director/senior women's administrator at the University of South Carolina.

Sheley is also in her second stint with USC during her college athletics career, having served as an associate athletics director/NCAA compliance officer at the school from 1995 to 2000. She left Carolina to become athletics director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw that school's athletics program for three years. In 2003, Sheley served as the interim associate athletics director for academic support and career development at the University of Maryland.

Sheley began her work in athletics administration in 1988, where she served as the assistant athletics director/senior women's administrator at UNC Asheville. From there she went to the NCAA Office in Overland Park, Kan., working as a legislative assistant for the national organization.

Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State University, where she excelled as a track athlete. She has a master's degree from the University of Houston.

Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier for Great Britain's track and field team. Her husband, Mike, is a former track All-American and NCAA relay champion at South Carolina.

Sheley is also a graduate of the Sports Management Institute.