

## Joyce Compton Head Coach



**C**hampions are led by leaders, and South Carolina Head Softball Coach Joyce Compton is both a champion and a leader. In the history of NCAA softball, Carolina is known for its tradition and success, thanks to the efforts of Coach Compton. Inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame on December 6, 2002, the legendary Compton now enters her 22nd year at the helm of Gamecock Softball.

As she embarks on her 26th season at a Division I school, the two-time Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year has amassed a 1013-473-3 record. That Division I record puts Compton among the top 25 winningest coaches in NCAA history. Among her SEC peers, Compton is second in career victories and first in victories at their current school. As the longest tenured female coach in Gamecock history, Compton is one of 13 coaches in NCAA history to serve at one school for at least 20 years, and among seven active coaches, ranking sixth. In 32 years of coaching, Compton is 1,106-492-3.

Awards have not just rolled in for Compton, but also for her players during her time in Columbia. Since 1997, the first year of SEC Softball, South Carolina has had 15 All-SEC selections, 19 SEC All-Tournament selections, 92 SEC Academic Honor Roll selections, nine CoSIDA Academic All-District honorees, and a three-time CoSIDA Academic All-American and 2003 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in Ashley Smith.

The year 2007 served as a return to prominence for the Gamecocks, as they advanced into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2004. Carolina not only hosted the regional round, but it also upset No. 16-seeded North Carolina State and nationally-ranked Oregon to advance into the program's first Super Regional. There, the Garnet and Black fought valiantly before ultimately falling to Northwestern. Compton surpassed another milestone in her legendary career on March 27,

2007, when she recorded her 1000th Division I victory over Winthrop.

During the 2007 season, McKenna Hughes set the Gamecock career home-run record and also picked up SEC All-Tournament accolades. Melissa Hendon and Lindsay Walker also garnered SEC weekly honors during the campaign, the first for the Garnet and Black since 2005.

The 2007 season came after the Gamecocks hovered around .500 during 2005 and 2006. The 2005 squad went 28-28-1, while the 2006 edition came in at 28-30.

In 2004, Compton recorded her 1,000th career win, her 900th NCAA Division I win and her 800th Carolina win. She also led the Gamecocks to a program-record sixth consecutive NCAA appearance.

Carolina Softball celebrated its 30th year in 2003 while Compton was in her 28th year of coaching. She led her team to its fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament, 13th NCAA trip overall and its seventh-straight SEC Tournament. The Gamecocks also recorded their fifth consecutive 40-plus win season.

In 2002, Compton led a talented Gamecock program to an SEC Eastern Division title for the second year in a row, and to the NCAA Tournament for the 10th time during her tenure at Carolina.

With a 46-20 overall record in 2002, the SEC Co-Coach of the Year posted her fourth consecutive 40-plus win season, 11th overall while coaching at Carolina. Also in 2002, the Gamecocks went 20-10 in the SEC to record their first 20-plus win conference record since 1997, the first year the SEC sponsored softball.

In 2000, Compton and her USC squad rebounded from a sub-par regular season performance and claimed the program's second-ever SEC Tournament title.

Much of Compton's success comes from her fine tuning of the defensive aspect of the game. Compton's coaching philosophy centers around the notion that offense wins games, but defense wins championships. Throughout her career, Compton has become accustomed to winning championships.

During the glorious 1997 season, USC won a Division I record 38-straight games, the SEC regular season and tournament championships, a fourth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament, and the school's third appearance at the Women's College World Series. In 1989, the Gamecocks won the South Regional Championship, earning a trip to the WCWS. Compton earned her first trip to the WCWS in 1983 when she skippered the Missouri Tigers to the Midwest Regional Championship and their first Big Eight title.

For the success she has earned in the coaching ranks, Compton has earned several prestigious awards. In addition to her NFCA 2002 Hall of Fame induction, she has five Region Coach of the Year honors in 1987, 1989, 1994, 1995 and 1997 as well as the inaugural SEC Coach of the Year award in 1997. She earned that honor again in 2002.

Compton is the first to admit, however, that her success is a result of the players whom she

has coached. That list of players reads like a who's who of collegiate softball players, including 11 different Carolina players who have achieved All-America status a total of 21 times. In 1997, pitcher Trinity Johnson garnered first-team All-America status while Tina Plew was named to the second team. It was the third consecutive year that Johnson was named an All-American. Johnson also was a Honda Award honoree and was named the 1997 SEC Female Athlete of the Year. In 2003, infielder Danielle Quinones was invited to the USA National team tryouts, a first for a Carolina player since 1999.

"I have been lucky to have talented players, as well as having fine assistant coaches, to work with," stated Compton. "They are directly responsible for any success which I am able to obtain as a coach."

Compton's collegiate coaching career began in 1975 at Mattatuck Community College in Waterbury, Connecticut. For her efforts, Compton was named Coach of the Year in Mattatuck's conference an unprecedented five times. Compton also coached the women's basketball and volleyball teams at Mattatuck.



# Coaching Staff

After seven seasons at Mattatuck, Compton was named head softball coach at the University of Missouri in 1983. Her career at Missouri was highlighted by an overall record of 115-77 and a berth in the Women's College World Series. While at Missouri, Compton became the all-time winningest coach in MU history, a record which stood until the 1991 season.

In 1987, after four straight winning seasons, Compton made the move from one Columbia to another, becoming the Gamecocks' fifth head coach in 13 years.

Immediately, Compton instilled her winning system into the Gamecock program, which has been the basis of Carolina softball and its successful legacy.

Compton is a member of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, and she has served on various NFCA and NCAA Committees.

Before becoming a softball coach, Compton was successful as a player as well. While earning all-star status at Trenton State College, she became a member of the nationally known Raybestos Brakettes amateur team from 1973-1975. While playing first base, Compton led the team to three-consecutive national championships and an international championship as well. Her numbers were almost as impressive as her coaching record, posting an overall batting average of .388 and knocking in 142 runs.

Compton furthered her playing career as a member of the Connecticut Falcons, a professional softball team. She earned all-star honors when she batted .355 during the regular season and .300 in World Series play in 1978. While playing first base for the Falcons, she led the team to four World Series Championships in the Women's Professional Softball League. Compton also accompanied the team to China to perform exhibitions and clinics for the Chinese softball players.

During her playing career, Compton established herself as one of the most dominant offensive performers in the nation. For three consecutive years, from 1976-78, she was the RBI champion in the Women's Professional League.

The success that Compton has achieved has not gone unnoticed by her coaching peers either.

"Joyce's teams are always well coached and well disciplined," stated Yvette Girouard, head coach at Louisiana State. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for the job she has done at South Carolina."

Coach Compton is a winner. From a small college in Connecticut, to the University of Missouri, to the University of South Carolina, she has left her mark on them all. Three different programs, but one common denominator — success!

## The Joyce Compton File

**Born:** Trenton, New Jersey

**High School Education:** Allentown High School, 1968

**College Education:** Trenton State College, 1972, B.S. Physical Education

**College Softball:** Trenton State College, 1968-72

**Amateur Softball:** Raybestos Brakettes, 1973-75

**Professional Softball:** Connecticut Falcons, 1976-79

**Coaching Career:** 1973-74, Piscataway H.S.; 1976-82, Mattatuck Community College; 1983-86, University of Missouri; 1987-present, University of South Carolina.

**Coaching Highlights:** 2002 NFCA Hall of Fame inductee...2002 SEC Co-Coach of the Year...Carolina's all-time winningest coach...1997 SEC Coach of the Year...1994, 1995 and 1997 Southeast Region Coach of the Year...1987 and 1989 South Region Coach of the Year...1983 Midwest Region Coach of the Year...15 NCAA Regional appearances (1982-83-88-89-94-95-96-97-99-00-01-02-03-04-07)...One NCAA Super Regional appearance (2007)...Three Women's College World Series appearances (1989 and 1997 at South Carolina; 1983 at Missouri)...2000 SEC Tournament Champions ...1997, 1999, 2001 and 2002 SEC Eastern Division Champions

## Compton's Collegiate Record

Year	School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Highlights
1976-82	Mattatuck	93	19	0	.830	Five-time Coach of the Year
1983	Missouri	40	13	0	.755	Women's College World Series
1984	Missouri	21	18	0	.538	
1985	Missouri	29	23	0	.558	
1986	Missouri	25	23	0	.521	Fourth Consec. Winning Season
1987	South Carolina	34	14	0	.708	South Region Coach of the Year
1988	South Carolina	47	14	0	.770	NCAA Regionals
1989	South Carolina	46	12	0	.793	Women's College World Series/Coach of the Year
1990	South Carolina	49	14	0	.778	South Region Top 3
1991	South Carolina	51	13	0	.797	South Region Top 3
1992	South Carolina	54	14	0	.794	Final Rank 15th
1993	South Carolina	36	21	1	.629	Notched her 500th Career Win
1994	South Carolina	52	17	0	.754	NCAA Regional/Region Coach of the Year
1995	South Carolina	53	21	0	.716	NCAA Regional/Region Coach of the Year
1996	South Carolina	38	13	0	.745	NCAA Regional/Final Rank 10th
1997	South Carolina	63	5	0	.926	WCWS/SEC Champions/Final Rank 7th
1998	South Carolina	36	21	0	.632	South Region Top 10
1999	South Carolina	49	21	0	.700	NCAA Regionals/800th Career Win/Final Rank 14th
2000	South Carolina	41	28	0	.594	NCAA Regionals/SEC Tourn. Champs/Final Rank 22nd
2001	South Carolina	40	20	1	.665	NCAA Regionals/SEC East Champs/Final Rank 23rd
2002	South Carolina	46	20	0	.697	NCAA Regionals/SEC East Champs/ 900th Career Win/Final Rank 12th
2003	South Carolina	41	20	0	.672	NCAA Regionals/Final Rank 21st/24th
2004	South Carolina	28	24	0	.538	NCAA Regionals/1,000th Career Win
2005	South Carolina	28	28	1	.500	
2006	South Carolina	28	30	0	.482	
2007	South Carolina	38	26	0	.594	NCAA Super Regionals/1,100th Career Win/ 1000th Division I Win/Final Rank 21st/24th
<b>Mattatuck C.C.</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.830</b>	
<b>Missouri</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.599</b>	<b>Missouri's First Big 8 Title</b>
<b>South Carolina</b>		<b>898</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.694</b>	<b>All-Time Winningest Coach</b>
<b>OVERALL (32 years)</b>		<b>1,106</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.692</b>	<b>13 NCAA Appearances at South Carolina</b>



## Compton Versus All Opponents

Adelphi.....	1-0	Hofstra.....	7-0	Oregon State.....	1-2
Akron.....	1-0	Illinois-Chicago.....	4-2	Pacific.....	1-0
Alabama.....	14-19	Illinois State.....	3-3	Penn State.....	2-0
Arizona.....	2-5	Indiana.....	6-0	Pittsburgh.....	6-0
Arizona State.....	2-6	Indiana State.....	1-0	Princeton.....	9-0
Arkansas.....	22-8	Iona.....	2-0	Purdue.....	2-0
Auburn.....	18-15	Iowa.....	2-2	Radford.....	2-0
Austin Peay.....	1-0	Iowa State.....	3-1	Rhode Island.....	2-0
Ball State.....	2-0	Jacksonville.....	1-1	Robert Morris.....	3-0
Baptist.....	7-0	Jacksonville State.....	1-0	Rutgers.....	2-0
Baylor.....	2-0	Kansas.....	3-1	St. Mary's.....	1-0
Bethune-Cookman.....	0-1	Kent State.....	2-0	Sam Houston State.....	5-1
Boston.....	1-0	Kentucky.....	29-10	Samford.....	4-1
Boston College.....	2-1	Louisiana-Lafayette.....	4-20	San Diego State.....	1-0
Bradley.....	2-0	Louisiana-Monroe.....	4-0	Seton Hall.....	1-0
Cal Poly Pomona.....	0-2	Louisiana State.....	11-23	South Dakota State.....	1-0
Cal Poly SLO.....	1-0	Louisiana Tech.....	5-17	Southeastern Louisiana.....	2-0
Cal-Santa Barbara.....	1-2	Louisville.....	1-0	Southern Illinois.....	3-0
Cal State-Fullerton.....	0-3	Maine.....	3-0	Southern Mississippi.....	3-0
Cal State-Long Beach.....	0-1	Marshall.....	0-1	Stanford.....	0-1-1
Cal State-Northridge.....	3-2	Maryland.....	4-1	Stephen F. Austin.....	1-0
Campbell.....	10-0	Massachusetts.....	4-0	Stetson.....	3-0
Canisius.....	2-0	McNeese State.....	1-0	Syracuse.....	0-2
Centenary.....	3-0	Memphis.....	1-1	Temple.....	3-0
Central Michigan.....	7-3	Mercer.....	1-0	Tennessee.....	15-19
Charleston Southern.....	2-0	Miami (Ohio).....	2-0	Tennessee-Chattanooga.....	2-0
Charlotte.....	29-3	Michigan.....	6-5	Tennessee Tech.....	3-1
Coastal Carolina.....	41-5	Michigan State.....	1-0	Texas.....	1-0
College of Charleston.....	6-0	Middle Tennessee State.....	1-0	Texas A&M.....	9-10
Colgate.....	1-0	Minnesota.....	2-0	Texas-Arlington.....	2-0
Connecticut.....	4-0	Mississippi.....	20-7	Texas State.....	1-0
Coppin State.....	2-0	Mississippi State.....	19-15	Texas Tech.....	0-2
Creighton.....	3-0	Missouri.....	2-0	Toledo.....	9-1
Dayton.....	1-0	Missouri State.....	1-1	Troy.....	1-0
DePaul.....	0-2	Nebraska.....	2-5	U.S. International.....	0-1
Detroit.....	1-0	New Mexico.....	1-1	UAB.....	1-0
East Carolina.....	15-1	New Mexico State.....	2-1	UCLA.....	2-7
Eastern Kentucky.....	2-1	Nicholls State.....	10-5	UNLV.....	3-4
Eastern Michigan.....	4-3	North Carolina.....	47-11	USF (South Florida).....	20-7
East Tennessee State.....	4-0	North Carolina Greensboro.....	6-1	Utah.....	3-2
Florida.....	22-23	North Carolina State.....	3-0	Utah State.....	1-2
Florida Atlantic.....	6-1	North Carolina Wilmington.....	4-0	Virginia.....	25-5
Florida A&M.....	2-0	North Dakota State.....	1-0	Virginia Tech.....	5-6
Florida State.....	20-20	North Florida.....	1-0	Washington.....	4-5
Fordham.....	0-1	Northern Illinois.....	3-0	Western Carolina.....	1-0
Fresno State.....	1-3	Northwestern.....	1-4	Western Illinois.....	2-1
Furman.....	49-8-1	Northwestern State (La.).....	3-1	Western Michigan.....	4-0
Gardner-Webb.....	1-0	Notre Dame.....	5-3	Wichita State.....	2-0
George Mason.....	3-0	Ohio.....	4-0	Winthrop.....	26-2-1
Georgia.....	24-18	Ohio State.....	2-1	Wisconsin.....	1-0
Georgia Southern.....	40-0	Oklahoma.....	4-1	Wright State.....	3-0
Georgia State.....	33-5	Oklahoma City.....	3-0	Yale.....	1-0
Georgia Tech.....	21-0	Oklahoma State.....	2-5	Youngstown State.....	2-0
Hawaii.....	0-2	Oregon.....	2-3		

## All-Americans Under Compton

1983	Karen Sweet	Missouri	1990	Michelle Dellosa	S. Carolina	1995	Dana Fulmer	S. Carolina
	Teresa Wilson	Missouri		Tricia Popowski	S. Carolina		Trinity Johnson	S. Carolina
1986	Kris Schmidt	Missouri	1991	Michelle Dellosa	S. Carolina		Tina Plew	S. Carolina
1987	Karen Sanchelli	S. Carolina		Tricia Popowski	S. Carolina	1996	Trinity Johnson	S. Carolina
1988	Gretchen Koenig	S. Carolina		Tiff Tootle	S. Carolina		Chanda Lee	S. Carolina
	Karen Sanchelli	S. Carolina	1992	Tiff Tootle	S. Carolina	1997	Trinity Johnson	S. Carolina
1989	Michelle Dellosa	S. Carolina	1993	Tiff Tootle	S. Carolina		Tina Plew	S. Carolina
	Tricia Popowski	S. Carolina				1999	Kim Pietro	S. Carolina
							Megan Matthews	S. Carolina



# Coaching Staff

## Carrying on the Gamecock Tradition ...

Carolina head coach Joyce Compton has tutored many fine athletes during her tenure at South Carolina. Many of these players have continued to play softball after their collegiate careers were over.

But there is large contingent of former Gamecocks using their skills as coaches.

Former All-American Karen Johns has taken an assistant coaching job with the U.S. National Team. Carie Dever-Boaz, a former USC assistant coach under Coach Compton, led the National Pro Fastpitch regular-season champion Washington Glory this summer. Dever-Boaz and current Virginia head coach Eileen Schmidt were assistants under Compton from 1993-95.

Former Carolina pitching standout Megan Matthews continues on the coaching path as an assistant at Coastal Carolina.

With the number of Division I coaches that have learned under Coach Compton, it is clear to see the vast impact Coach Compton has had on the softball community.

## Compton's Legacy

Holly Aprile (Assistant Coach) .....	Asst. Coach, Pittsburgh
Adrianna Baggetta (1999-02) .....	Asst. Coach, South Carolina
Carie Dever-Boaz (Asst. Coach) .....	Head Coach, Washington Glory (NPF)
Karen Johns (1985-88) .....	Asst. Coach, US National Team
Megan Matthews-Buning (1999-02) .....	Asst. Coach, C. Carolina
Michelle Phalen (Missouri 1985-88) .....	Head Coach, Pittsburgh
Eileen Schmidt (Asst. Coach) .....	Head Coach, Virginia
Tiff Tootle (1991-93) .....	Head Coach, Columbus St.
Teresa Wilson (Missouri '80-'83) .....	Head Coach, Texas Tech

## Joyce Compton: NFCA Hall Of Famer



On December 6, 2002, South Carolina Head Coach Joyce Compton was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Compton became the NFCA's 27th inductee into the Hall of Fame and joined fellow softball greats Linda Wells, the Greek National Coach, USA Olympic Coach and University of Arizona head coach Mike Candrea and Sharon Drysdale, director of National Fastpitch Coaches College.

*"Joyce exemplifies all that is right in the sport of fastpitch. I not only consider her a great coach, but more importantly, an exceptional friend. She is the person that you call when you need an honest opinion. She epitomizes the definition of INTEGRITY."*

- Michelle Delloso, USC Class of 1991

*"I think one of the things that always impressed me most about Coach is her confidence about softball. When you play for her, you constantly feel her confidence and passion for the game and that alone drives her players to reach her level of expectation for how the game should be played."*

- Beth Collett, USC Class of 1996



## Compton's Accolades

### University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

- Head Coach, 1987-present
- Overall Record: 1,106-492-3, .692
- USC's All-time winningest coach
- SEC Coach of the Year: 1997, 2002
- Southeast Region Coach of they Year: 1994, 1995, 1997
- South Region Coach of they Year: 1987, 1989
- SEC Regular Season and Tournament Champions: 1997
- SEC Eastern Division Champions: 2001, 2002
- SEC Tournament Champions: 1997, 2000
- 14 All-Americans, Including a Honda Award Winner
- 13 NCAA Regional Appearances: 1988, 1989, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007
- 1 NCAA Super Regional Appearance: 2007
- 2 Women's College World Series Appearances: 1989, 1997

### University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

- Head Coach, 1983-86
- Overall Record: 115-77
- First Big Eight Title: 1983
- Midwest Region Coach of the Year: 1983
- Women's College World Series: 1983

### Mattatuck Community College, Waterbury, Conn.

- Head Coach, 1976-82
- Overall Record: 93-19
- Five Time Coach of the Year

### As a player

- Professional Softball, Connecticut Falcons, 1976-79
- Played First Base
- Four World Series Championships in the Women's Pro Softball League
- Batted .355 during regular season and .300 in World Series play, 1978
- RBI Champion of the Women's Pro SB League, 1976-78

## Angela Thompson Assistant Coach



### The Angela Thompson File

**Born:** July 27, 1973 in Nashville, Tenn.

**High School Education:** Nashville Christian School, 1991

**College Education:** Bachelor of Science in Public Relations, Austin Peay, 1995; Master of Science, Middle Tennessee State, 1998

**College Softball:** Ranked in the top 10 in lowest ERA in the nation and most strikeouts 1993-94; Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1993.

**Coaching Career:** Assistant Coach-Middle Tennessee State, 1997-99; Assistant Coach-Alabama-Birmingham, 2000; Assistant Coach-South Carolina, 2001-present.

Half of Fame coaches are no stranger to the South Carolina staff. Eight-year assistant Angela Thompson was named to her alma mater, Austin Peay's Hall of Fame in January 2005. Recognized as the best pitcher ever to play for the Lady Govs, Thompson became only the second softball player to be inducted into the APSU Hall of Fame.

Thompson serves as the Gamecocks pitching coach, and, under her guidance, South Carolina has thrown eight no-hitters with former standouts Megan Matthews, Stacey Johnson and Aleca Johnson and current senior Melissa Hendon all accomplishing the feat. In her seven-year stint at USC, her pitchers have compiled a 249-169-2 record. Also, she has had four pitchers rank among South Carolina's all-time leaders in strikeouts, wins, appearances, shutouts and saves.

Thompson also has helped direct the Gamecocks' camps and clinics for the past seven years and assists with recruiting. She also coordinates the team's travel throughout the year.

Under Thompson, Stacey Johnson won 17 games as a freshman in 2001, while in 2002, Aleca Johnson posted a 9-2 record as a freshman, including earning a win over then-No. 1 UCLA in the NCAA Regionals.

This season, Thompson returns her two primary starters from a year ago in Kate Pouliot and Melissa Hendon and gets redshirt freshman Krystle Robinson back from injury.

"Angela is very knowledgeable in working with pitchers and we have the consistency, which is important to the pitching staff," said head coach Joyce Compton. "Our pitchers have continued to show improvement under Angela."

Thompson came to Carolina from the University of Alabama-Birmingham where she helped start the program. At UAB, she coached a freshman pitcher to second-team All-Conference USA honors.

Before coming to UAB, Thompson coached for three seasons at Middle Tennessee State University. At MTSU, she coached freshman Jennifer Martinez to Pitcher of the Year honors, as well as Freshman of the Year honors in the Ohio

Valley Conference in 1999. Thompson's pitcher was ranked in the top 10 in the nation for lowest ERA and strikeouts during the 1999 season.

Thompson honed her skills with two of the top pitching coaches in the nation, Gary Martineau and Cheri Kempf of Nashville, Tenn. She has worked at numerous camps in the Southeast including the USA Gold Medal Camps with Ralph Weekly, as well as numerous college camps.

The Nashville, Tenn., native did her undergraduate work at Austin Peay University, graduating in 1995. Thompson received her Master of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State in 1998.

As a player, Thompson still holds many Austin Peay and Ohio Valley Conference pitching records. She was ranked in the top 10 in the nation in ERA and strikeouts in 1993-94, while earning OVC Pitcher of the Year honors in 1993. She also traveled to Illinois to play against top competition in the women's majors in 1993 and 1994.





## Adrianna Baggetta Assistant Coach

**F**ormer Gamecock softball player Adrianna Baggetta enters her fifth year as an assistant coach. Baggetta served as the volunteer coach in 2003 and was promoted to assistant coach in July 2003. Baggetta assists in all aspects of coaching and works primarily with the outfielders and catchers. She also assists with recruiting.

"It is good for the program to have a former player as a member of our staff," said head coach Joyce Compton. "Her knowledge of the game and of the University as both a player and a coach are valuable to the program."

Since joining the coaching staff, Baggetta has helped tutor players like McKenna Hughes to high honors. A utility player earlier in her career, Hughes played all 64 games behind the plate last year. Hughes also flourished at the plate, setting a program record with 12 homers in one season. For her efforts, Hughes picked up SEC All-Tournament Team honors and first-team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District accolades.

As a player, the Chantilly, Va., native was named to the 2002 All-SEC second team and the 2002 SEC All-Tournament team. Baggetta played infield, outfield and catcher during her career. In 2002, she led the team in hitting with a .353 average, tied for home runs with six and led in slugging percentage with .573. Against Tennessee in 2002, she became the fourth player in Gamecock history to hit two home runs in a single game.

Baggetta also closed out her career ranked 10th on Carolina's all-time list for walks with 52. Baggetta graduated from the University of South Carolina in Dec. 2002 with a degree in sport and entertainment management and a minor in business administration.



**The Adrianna Baggetta File**  
**Born:** September 7, 1980  
**High School Education:** Chantilly H.S., 1998  
**College Education:** Bachelor of Science in Sport and Entertainment Management, South Carolina, 2002  
**College Softball:** South Carolina, 1999-2002  
**Coaching Career:** Volunteer Coach-South Carolina, 2003; Assistant Coach-South Carolina, 2004-present.





## Billy Anderson

### Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

Billy Anderson is in his 15th season as strength coach for the Gamecock softball program. Anderson also works with the baseball team along with men's and women's golf. Anderson began working in 1992 at South Carolina as a graduate assistant and has been a full-time member of the strength staff since 1994. He is certified by the United States American Weightlifting Association (USAWA) as well as the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and the National Association of Speed and Explosion (NASE). A native of Stratford, Conn., Anderson received his bachelor of science degree in Health Fitness from Springfield (Mass.) College. Anderson and his wife, the former Tish Fellers, were married July 22, 2000. They have a son, Kaden Ellis.



## Robert Campbell

### Academic Advisor

Robert Campbell joined South Carolina's Athletic Department in January of 2007. Campbell serves as the Academic Advisor for football and softball. A Kentucky native and graduate of the University of Louisville, Campbell previously worked at his alma mater's Olga Peers Academic Center for Student-Athletes and the University of Central Florida. Campbell holds both a bachelor's and masters

degree in sport administration.



## Dawn Ellerbe

### Marketing Director for Varsity Sports

Dawn Ellerbe is in her third year as marketing director for varsity sport, directly overseeing the promotional efforts of women's basketball, volleyball, softball and men's and women's soccer. Prior to joining the athletics department, Ellerbe worked at South Carolina's Colonial Center in marketing and public relations. An alumna of South Carolina and

2000 Olympian, Ellerbe was a volunteer assistant track and field coach for the Gamecocks from 2001 to 2004. A four-time NCAA champion, six-time All-American and five-time SEC champion, Ellerbe received her bachelor's degree in journalism from South Carolina in 1996. She earned her master's in communication from Wyoming. A native of Long Island, N.Y., Ellerbe is a member of the South Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame and is on the Board of Directors for the United Way of the Midlands.



## Kelly Lewis

### Operations & Facilities Manager

Kelly Lewis is in her 14th year with Gamecock athletics. Lewis manages event operations for softball, as well as several other sports at South Carolina. Lewis was the event coordinator for the 1999 NCAA Women's Golf East Regional and served as the Gamecocks' coordinator for the 1997-2001 SEC women's basketball tournaments. She also worked as an event coordinator for the 1997 NCAA Women's Basketball East Regional held at the Carolina Coliseum. Lewis earned her master's degree in sports administration at Eastern Kentucky in 1994. A native of Aiken, S.C., Lewis received a Bachelor of Science in physical education in 1982 from USC-Aiken, where she also coached volleyball and basketball.



## Koby Padgett

### Assistant Media Relations Director

Koby Padgett is in his first year at South Carolina and serves as an assistant media relations director, working mainly with volleyball and softball. Padgett came to Columbia from Tennessee, where he worked as a graduate assistant in the women's athletic department there. While in Knoxville, he worked with the soccer and rowing programs, and acted as the media coordinator for the 2007 NCAA Women's Rowing Championships. Prior to getting his masters in sports administration at UTK, he worked as the media relations assistant at Jacksonville University, where he handled day-to-day tasks for 11 of the Dolphins' 18 sports. Padgett earned his bachelors at Mississippi State in communication and worked with the Bulldogs' track and field and cross country programs for two years. The Lexington, Miss., native also served as co-media coordinator at the 2002 SEC Outdoor Track & Field Championships.



## Val Sheley

### Senior Associate AD/SWA

Val Sheley, who has experience as a former student-athlete, coach, athletics director and several other administrative areas, including compliance, academics and student-athlete development, is in her fourth year as senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator. Her many responsibilities include administration of eight sports and the NCAA compliance office. Her athletics career started in 1988 when she served as head of men's and women's track and field, then added the responsibilities of assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator at UNC Asheville. From there, she went to the NCAA office working as a legislative assistant for the national organization. Sheley is in her second stint with South Carolina during her college athletics career, having served as an associate athletics director for NCAA compliance at the school from 1995 to 2000. In 2000, she left the Gamecocks to become athletics director at Presbyterian College, where she oversaw the school's 13 athletics programs and facility improvements for three years. During 2003-04, Sheley served as the interim associate athletics director for academic support and career development at Maryland before returning to South Carolina. Sheley has a bachelor's degree from Murray State, where she excelled as a track and field athlete. She earned a master's from Houston and is a graduate of the Sports Management Institute. Sheley was a 1984 Olympic qualifier in track and field for Great Britain. Her husband, Mike, was a track and field All-American and NCAA national champion (4x800-meter relay, 1974 indoors) at South Carolina.



## Erin Thomas

### Assistant Athletic Trainer

Erin Thomas serves as assistant athletic trainer for softball. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from South Carolina in physical education with a concentration in athletic training in May 2005. Thomas acquired her Master of Science in sport psychology at Tennessee in December 2006. While at UT, she worked with the Lady Volunteer volleyball program. During her two years with the team, she accompanied them to two postseason NCAA tournament appearances, one of which was the volleyball Final Four in 2005. A native of Gilbert, S.C., the former Miss Hallman married Scott Thomas, an athletic trainer and teacher at Batesburg-Leesville High School, in June 2007.

