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# YEAR IN REVIEW

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South Carolina is the only Division I athletics program this decade (2010-18) to have at least one Top 4 national finish (championships and/or polls) each in football, men's and women's basketball, baseball and women's soccer.

# CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



## **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Gamecock athletics won its 18th regular season SEC Championship this year after the women's soccer team clinched its second straight SEC title on Oct. 26 with a 1-0 win at Florida. Overall, in their history, Gamecock teams have won 33 conference championships.

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

South Carolina athletics also won its 9th SEC Tournament Championship overall when the Gamecock women's basketball team won its fourth straight SEC tournament title.



## **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Individually, A'ja Wilson earned the SEC Female Athlete of the Year following her senior season. The Hopkins, S.C., native is just the third Gamecock to ever earn the conference honor with Kip Bouknight (Baseball, 2000) and Trinity Johnson (Softball, 1997). Wilson also swept national player of the year honors from every organization, highlighted by the Naismith Trophy, Wade Trophy and Wooden Award.

In total six Gamecocks earned major awards at the conference level:

A'ja Wilson: Player of the Year (WBB)

Chris Silva: Defensive Player of the Year (MBB)

Savannah McCaskill: Offensive Player of the Year (WSOC)

Grace Fisk: Defensive Player of the Year (WSOC)

Shelley Smith: Coach of the Year (WSOC) Moritz Moritz: Coach of the Year (BVB)

SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Megan Overberg (EQ) and Ncincilili Titi (TF)

A'ja Wilson



# WHO WE ARE

## **GAMECOCK ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT**

Gamecock Athletics develops our student-athletes intellectually, athletically, socially, and culturally to relentlessly compete for championships and high levels of achievement at the University and throughout life in harmony with our University's mission and vision.

## **GAMECOCK ATHLETICS VISION STATEMENT**

We serve as a source of pride and inspiration to our University, our state, our nation and the world by relentlessly competing for championships with integrity, character, and passion.

## **GAMECOCK ATHLETICS CORE VALUES**

Integrity: We expect and consistently demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, sportsmanship and character.

**Respect:** We hold each other mutually accountable for upholding our values. We honor all people while celebrating each individual's culture, beliefs and ideas.

**Positive Student-Athlete Experience:** We provide an environment that supports each student-athlete's well-being and success by encouraging personal, academic, and athletic development while at USC and beyond.

**Pursuit of Excellence:** We passionately and relentlessly pursue the achievement of excellence throughout every aspect of our lives.

**Stewardship:** We are trustworthy stewards of the reputation of the University, our resources, our relationships, and the experiences of our stakeholders and will demonstrate stewardship through service to our community.





## **GAMECOCK**

# **GALA AWARDS**



SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Award:

Meredith Vay

(Swimming and Diving)



SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Award:
Harrison O'Keefe
(Men's Tennis)



SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award: Jordyn Augustus (Softball)



SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award: Thomas Mayronne (Men's Tennis)



Female New Student-Athlete of the Year:

Megan Davies

(Women's Tennis)



Male New Student-Athlete of the Year: **Brandonn Almeida**(Swimming and Diving)



Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year:

Megan Overberg

(Equestrian)



Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year:
Nils Wich-Glasen
(Swimming and Diving)



Community Outreach Team of the Year: **Volleyball** 



Female Athlete of the Year:

A'ja Wilson

(Women's Basketball)



Male Athlete of the Year: **Akram Mahmoud**(Swimming and Diving)



Gamecock Inspiration Award:
Will Riggs
(Swimming and Diving)



President's Award:

A'ja Wilson
(Women's Basketball)

# GAMECOCK TEAM NVPs



Baseball LT Tolbert



Beach Volleyball

Macie Tendrich, Katie Smith



Women's Basketball
A'ja Wilson



Men's Basketball Chris Silva



Cheerleading
Ashley Steinberger



Carolina Girls Dance Team
Celia Burger



Equestrian
Chloe Schmidt



Football Skai Moore



Women's Golf
Ainhoa Olarra



Men's Golf Keenan Huskey, Scott Stevens



Women's Soccer

Dominique Babbitt



Men's Soccer William Pyle



Softball

Mackenzie Boesel



Women's Swimming and Diving **Emma Barksdale** 



Men's Swimming and Diving

Fynn Minuth, Tomas Peribonio



Women's Tennis
Hadley Berg



Men's Tennis

Gabriel Friedrich



Women's Outdoor Track and Field Tyler Brockington



Women's Indoor Track and Field **Rougui Sow** 



Men's Outdoor Track and Field **Tye Williams** 



Men's Indoor Track and Field Josh Awotunde



Cross Country

Anna Kathyrn Stoddard



Volleyball Mikayla Shields

The Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Fayetteville Super Regional in head

coach Mark Kingston's first

season in Columbia.



# BASEBALL

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

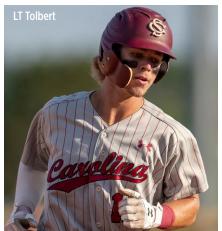
Carolina won each of its last five SEC series to finish in fifth place overall and third place in the SEC East Division. The Gamecocks swept LSU and took 2-of-3 games from Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, Missouri and Texas A&M.

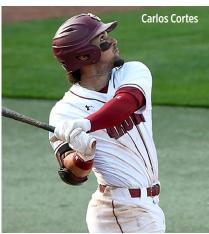
- The Gamecocks defeated Ohio State. East Carolina and UNC Wilmington to win the Greenville Regional. Danny Blair was named the regional's Most Outstanding Player and he was joined on the All-Tournament team by Cody Morris, Justin Row, LT Tolbert and Carlos Cortes.
- Carolina finished 12th in the final Collegiate Baseball and NCBWA polls. The Gamecocks were ranked in the top 25 of all six major baseball polls.
- Ten Gamecocks were selected in the 2018 MLB First-Year Player Draft, including four picked in the top 10 rounds (Carlos Cortes, Adam Hill, Cody Morris and Madison Stokes). Seven signees also were selected in the three-day event.
- The Gamecocks ended the 2018 season seventh in the country in fielding percentage at .980. That mark also tied a school record with the 2012 squad. No Carolina player had more than seven errors on the year, and Jonah Bride had just five errors at the hot corner.
- Head Coach Mark Kingston won his 300th career game in a 13-5 win over Ole Miss on May 4. Kingston ended 2018 with a 310-206-1 career record after nine seasons as a head coach.
- South Carolina ended the 2018 season with 79 home runs, good for 12th in the country and tied for fourth in the SEC.

**CONFERENCE: 17-13 (5TH)** 









## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF



Mike Current: Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Skylar Meade: Assistant Coach/Pitching Coach

Stuart Lake: Volunteer Assistant Coach **Trip Couch: Director of Player Personnel** Tyson Lusk: Director of Baseball Operations Billy Anderson: Strength and Conditioning Coach

**Brainard Cooper: Athletic Trainer** Ryan Fischer: Equipment Manager

John Panchella: Bullpen Catcher, Student Assistant Kyle Barnes, Chipper Brown, Blaire Epting, Gordon Lisle, Alex Wright: Student Managers

**Lauren West: Administrative Assistant** 

Jake Ivory: Academic Advisor

Kent Reichert: Communications/PR Contact







# MEN'S **BASKETBALL**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**OVERALL RECORD: 17-16 CONFERENCE: 7-11 (T-11TH)** 

- Chris Silva's postseason All-SEC honor gave South Carolina at least one first-team honoree in each of the last three seasons. The last Gamecock to earn defensive player of the year honors was Sam Muldrow in 2011.
- Silva registered 26 double-figure scoring games for the Gamecocks, a team high, and was also stellar at the free throw line, leading the SEC in both attempts (283, 2nd nationally) and makes (213, 6th nationally).
- South Carolina compiled a winning record for the fourth-straight season, the longest such streak since the program had 15-straight winning seasons from 1967-1981.
- The Gamecocks finished the season 24th in the nation in average attendance, drawing 12,618 fans per home game.
- Frank Martin won his 100th game as the South Carolina head coach in the Gamecocks' Nov. 19 win against Western Michigan.



## SUCCESS ON THE COURT

Junior forward Chris Silva earned First Team All-SEC honors and was the conference's co-Defensive Player of the Year.



## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Frank Martin: Head Coach Perry Clark: Assistant Coach **Chuck Martin: Assistant Coach Bruce Shingler: Assistant Coach** 

Andy Assaley: Director of Basketball Operations Scott Greenawalt: Strength and Conditioning Coach Doug Edwards: Student-Athlete Development

Mark Rodger: Athletic Trainer

Jay Gibbons: Director of Men's Basketball Video Services

**Dushawn Davis: Director of Social Media** 

Jarett Gerald: Special Assistant to Head Men's Basketball Coach

John Revnolds: Administrative Assistant **Brian Steele: Graduate Student Manager TeMarcus Blanton: Student Assistant Coach** Justin McKie: Administrative Assistant Mac Credille: Equipment Manager **Rochelle Robinson: Academic Advisor Emily Miles: Communications/PR Contact** 





# WOMEN'S **BASKETBALL**

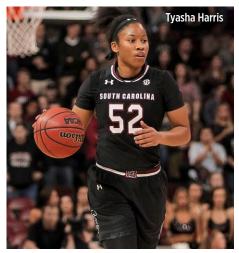
## **HIGHLIGHTS**

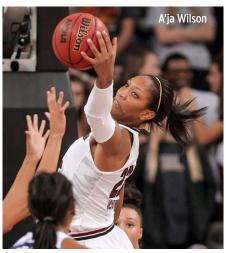
- South Carolina reached its third NCAA Elite Eight in four seasons, finishing the season with 29 wins for its seventhstraight 25-win season under head coach Dawn Staley.
- The Gamecocks finished second in the SEC regular-season standings but went on to win their fourth-straight SEC Tournament title, becoming the first program in league history to amass that many consecutive championships.
- Senior forward A'ja Wilson was the unanimous National Player of the Year, collecting the award from every organization and media outlet that bestowed the honor.
- Wilson became the first three-time SEC Player of the Year in league history and the Gamecocks' first four-time First-Team All-SEC selection.
- Sophomore guard **Tyasha Harris** earned Second-Team All-SEC honors from both the league's coaches and the media.
- Staley recorded the 400th win of her career, defeating Western Carolina 101-43 on Nov. 30, 2017.
- With her 21 points in the SEC Tournament semifinal against Georgia, Wilson became the program's all-time leading scorer (2,389). She is just the second Gamecock to amass 2.000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career.
- Selected first overall by the Las Vegas Aces in the 2018 WNBA Draft, Wilson became the third Gamecock of any sport to be selected with the No. 1 pick in a professional draft.

**OVERALL RECORD: 29-7 CONFERENCE: 12-4 (T-2ND)** 

The Gamecocks advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight and became the first program to win four consecutive SEC Tournament championships.









## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

**Dawn Staley: Head Coach** 

Lisa Boyer: Associate Head Coach Fred Chmiel: Assistant Coach Jolette Law: Assistant Coach

**Cynthia Jordan: Director of Basketball Operations** Freddy Ready: Director of Player Development Mary Wooley: Director of Recruiting Operations/

Administration

Ariana Moore: Special Assistant to the Head Coach

**Hudson Jacobs: Video Coordinator** Marcella Shorty: Athletic Trainer

Katie Fowler: Sports Performance Coach Xavier Shannon: Academic Advisor Diana Koval: Communications/PR Contact



# **BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The team's 24 wins made it three straight seasons with 20 or more wins

- Of those 24 wins, 12 came against nationally ranked opponents. To contrast, the team had just five wins over ranked opponents in the previous four seasons combined.
- Head coach Moritz Moritz earned the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association's Coach of the Year award for leading the Gamecocks to a record year and the number six seed at the NCAA tournament.
- The team ended the season ranked eighth in the country, never dropping out of the top 10 for the entire season.
- The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) debuted its AVCA Top Flight Award following the 2018 regular season, and three Gamecock teams were recipients: Cadie Bates and Katie Smith at the second position, Julia Mannisto and Carly Schnieder at the third position, and Leah Perri and Macie Tendrich in the fourth position.
- Julia Mannisto and Carly Schnieder became the program's winningest pair, finishing their two seasons together with 43 victories. That broke the record of 39 set by Macie Tendrich and Katie Zimmerman.
- Bates and Smith earned the conference's pair of the week honors on March 27, just the second Gamecock team ever to be honored with a weekly award.

**OVERALL RECORD: 24-9 CONFERENCE: 9-3 (2ND)** 











## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Moritz Moritz: Head Coach

RJ Abella: Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Luke Higgs: Volunteer Assistant Coach

Maddie Hills: Director of Beach Volleyball Operations Keith Scruggs: Strength and Conditioning Coach

Aja Corchado: Athletic Trainer

Courtney Smith, Collin Wilson: Student Managers

Jake Ivory: Academic Advisor

Joe Kepler: Communications/PR Contact



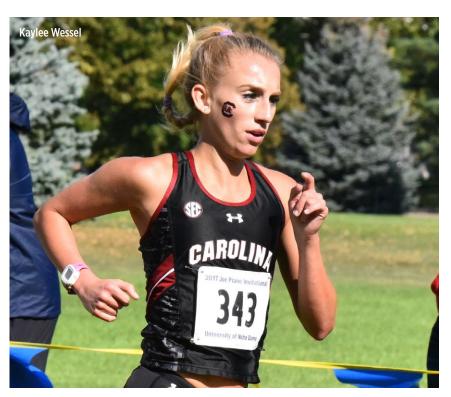
# **CROSS COUNTRY**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

SEC: 12TH NCAA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL: 19TH

Carolina earned two team victories and achieved its first USTFCCCA Southeast Regional Ranking since 2015.

- South Carolina captured the team title at both the Carolina Challenge and the Koala Classic.
- The Gamecocks finished 12th at the SEC Championship, their best finish at the conference meet since 2013.
- Carolina took 19th place at the NCAA Southeast Regional, second among teams from the Palmetto State and its best finish at the regional meet since 2014.
- The Gamecocks earned the No. 15 spot in the final USTFCCCA Southeast Regional rankings of the regular season, their highest regional ranking since 2015.
- Allie Mueller was honored as a Google Cloud Academic All-American.
- Kaylee Wessel won the individual crown at the Koala Classic.
- Anna Kathryn Stoddard became the 14th Gamecock in history to break the 22-minute mark in a 6K at the Crimson Classic, and she repeated the feat at the SEC Championships.









## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

**Curtis Frye: Head Coach** 

**Andrew Allden: Cross Country Coach Greg Lowing: Volunteer Assistant Coach Penny Boswell: Director of Operations** 

Scott Gardner: Athletic Trainer

Julie Wiemerslage: Graduate Assistant Manager

**Xavier Shannon: Academic Advisor Rob Walden: Communications/PR Contact** 

The Gamecocks advanced to the national semifinals of the NCEA Championship's

reining bracket.



# EQUESTRIAN

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Gamecocks qualified for the NCAA Championship main draw and advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to Georgia.
- Carolina also qualified for each NCEA Championship single-event bracket, advancing to the semifinals in reining and the quarterfinals in both equitation on the flat and equitation over fences.
- Megan Overberg was honored as SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, making it three-straight seasons the Gamecocks have earned the award.
- Lauren Fabiano was honored as an NCEA All-American in equitation over fences.
- Horsemanship superstar Reggie was named NCEA Horse of the Month in January and was honored as an NCEA Top-10 Horse for the sixthstraight season.
- Carolina led the nation with 12 NCEA All-Academic selections and 19 NCEA Honor Roll picks.
- Fabiano, Paisley Roberts and Chloe Schmidt each earned SEC Rider of the Month honors.
- Kate Eagleton was chosen as NCEA Standout Athlete of the Month for November after performing over 100 hours of community service in the fall semester.
- Overberg and Bailey Walters were named to the SEC All-Championship Team.

**OVERALL RECORD: 4-11 CONFERENCE: 0-6** 









## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

**Boo Major: Head Coach** 

Ruth Sorrel: Associate Head Coach/Western Kristen Terebesi: Assistant Coach/Hunt Seat

Maggie Barton: Barn Manager Gabi Deucher: Athletic Trainer **Bridgette Tabor: Academic Advisor Rob Walden: Communications/PR Contact** 



# FOOTBALL

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Gamecocks have increased their overall win total from three in 2015 to six in 2016 to nine in 2017. South Carolina is one of only three NCAA FBS programs and the only one in the Power Five to have a multiple-win improvement in each of the last two regular seasons.
- The Gamecocks won five or more conference games for just the eighth time in 26 years since joining the SEC, and finished in sole possession of second place in the SEC Eastern Division.
- The Gamecocks capped the season with a 26-19 win over Michigan in the Outback Bowl. Carolina rallied from a 19-3 deficit in the contest to earn the victory, the largest comeback win in Will Muschamp's head coaching career.
- Junior tight end Hayden Hurst was a First-Team All-SEC selection by the Associated Press, the SEC coaches and Phil Steele. He was selected in the first round of the NFL draft by the Baltimore Ravens.

**OVERALL RECORD: 9-4 CONFERENCE: 5-3 (2ND, EAST)** 



The Gamecocks won nine or more games for just the seventh time in school history.





## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Will Muschamp: Head Coach **Bobby Bentley: Running Backs Coach** 

Coleman Hutzler: Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers Coach Brvan McClendon: Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers Coach

Mike Peterson: Outside Linebackers Coach

Travaris Robinson: Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach

Kurt Roper: Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach Lance Thompson: Asst. Head Coach - Defense/DL Coach

Pat Washington: Tight Ends Coach Eric Wolford: Offensive Line Coach

Jeff Dillman: Strength & Conditioning Director **Robbie Liles: Football Operations Director** Matt Lindsey: Player Personnel Director Kristin Coggin: Football Nutrition Director

Charles Jackson Jr.: Player Development Director Jessica Jackson: On-Campus Recruiting Director

Joe Lisle: Assistant AD, Video Operations

Kristin Sheetz: External Communications Director Larry Waters: Football Equipment Operations Director

Clyde Wrenn: High School Relations Director

Logan Hall: Assistant Director, Football Player Personnel Shaq Wilson: Assistant Director, Football Player Personnel

**Andrew Belluomini: Offensive Analyst** 

Ellis Johnson: Defensive Analyst **Kyle Krantz: Defensive Analyst Demarco McNeil: Defensive Analyst** Seth Strickland: Offensive Analyst

Montell Allen: GA, Defense Landon Martin: GA, Offense Benji Russell: GA, Defense Matt Symmes: GA, Offense

John Griffin: Assistant Director, Strength & Conditioning Corev Jenkins: Assistant Director, Strength & Conditioning Josh Lawson: Assistant Director, Strength & Conditioning Corey Miller: Assistant Director, Strength & Conditioning

Chas Dodd: GA, Strength & Conditioning Nathan York: GA, Strength & Conditioning Clint Haggard: Head Football Athletic Trainer **Daryl Faulkner: Assistant Athletic Trainer Rachel Sharpe: Assistant Athletic Trainer** 

Kim Fields: Assistant to Head Coach and Director of Operations

Carina Hargreaves: Defensive Operations Coordinator Caroline Rietkovich: Offensive Operations Coordinator Shuler Hayes: Assistant Director, Football Equipment Patrick Shine: Performance Analytics Coordinator

Katie Christensen: Academic Advisor

Steve Fink: Assistant Athletics Director, Communication/PR

postseason appearance (26th all-time) in 12 seasons under

head coach Bill McDonald at

Carolina made its 11th



# MEN'S GOLF

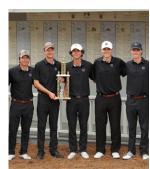
## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Gamecocks finished seventh in the 13-team field at NCAA Regionals, falling just shy of the five-team cutline for the NCAA Championship.
- Carolina finished the year with five top-five finishes in the team's 12 events, including its third win in the last four seasons at the 2017 Camden Collegiate Invitational (Oct. 21-22). It marked Bill McDonald's 21st victory as head coach, adding to his program record for tournament wins.
- Senior Keenan Huskey won the 2018 All-American Intercollegiate (Feb. 16-18) for his fourth collegiate win after fending off defending NCAA Champion Braden Thornberry of Ole Miss in the final round with a 7-under
- Huskey's four career wins are tied for second on the all-time victories list at Carolina with fellow All-Americans Matt NeSmith and Carl Paulson.
- Huskey, an All-American in 2017, finished his illustrious Gamecock career second on the career scoring average list (71.66) and T-6th all-time with 16 career top-10s.
- Junior Scott Stevens paced Carolina at NCAA Regionals with a T-11th finish at 2-under. The Chattanooga, Tenn., native led the Gamecocks during the 2017-18 season in scoring average (71.44), rounds in the 60s (10) and rounds of par or better (24).
- Steven's scoring average ranked as the seventh best single-season stroke average all-time and the fourthlowest scoring average by a junior in program history.

## SEC: 13TH **43RD IN FINAL GOLFSTAT TEAM RANKINGS**









## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Bill McDonald: Head Coach

Jake Amos: Associate Head Coach

Ryan Holroyd: Volunteer Assistant Coach

John Kasik: Athletic Trainer

Tim Flanagan: Practice Facility Superintendent Marci Saltzman: Administrative Assistant

Jake Ivory: Academic Advisor

Michael DeBates: Communications/PR Contact

the individual title at the 2018 SEC Championship, the

second-straight season a

**Senior Ainhoa Olarra captured** 

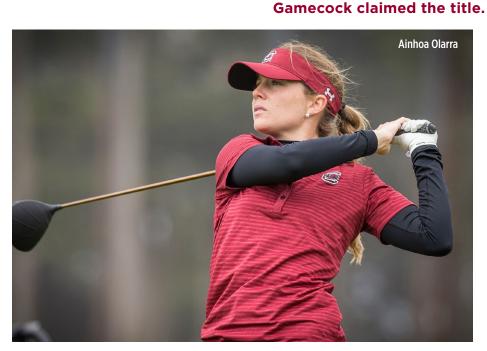


# WOMEN'S GOLF

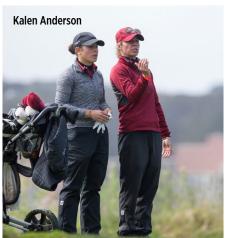
## **HIGHLIGHTS**

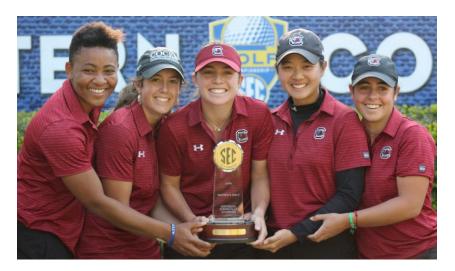
- The Gamecocks earned runner-up honors at the 2018 SEC Championship after falling to Arkansas 3-2 in the match play finals. All five golfers grabbed top-25 showings and earned the top seed in the eight-team match play bracket at Greystone Country Club after finishing atop the leaderboard with a three-round mark of 867 (+3).
- Ainhoa Olarra earned All-America honors from the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA), one of 11 golfers selected to the WGCA All-America Second Team. It is the third All-America laurel for the San Sebastian, Spain, native, who was tabbed a 2017 Honorable Mention All-American by the WGCA and Golfweek last spring as a junior. Olarra is the sixth player in school history to garner All-America honors in multiple seasons.
- Lois Kaye Go earned a spot on the GolfWeek Honorable Mention All-America team after setting the program's sophomore record for scoring average (72.45)
- Olarra boasted a historic showing in her final year at Carolina, turning in the program's lowest single-season stroke average (71.00). Olarra totaled five top-five finishes, shot par or better in 18 of her 26 rounds and grabbed runner-up honors at the 2017 Tar Heel Invitational after posting the school's second-lowest 54-hole total ever (205, -11).

SEC: 2ND NCAA REGIONAL: 10TH









## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Kalen Anderson: Head Coach

Puggy Blackmon: Assoc. Head Coach & Director

of Golf Development & Facilities **Larry Mattox: Volunteer Coach Luran Strunk: Athletic Trainer** 

Billy Anderson: Strength and Conditioning Coach

Rochelle Robinson: Academic Advisor

**Scott Waggoner: Communications/PR Contact** 



# MEN'S SOCCER

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Mark Berson is only the fourth coach in NCAA Division I men's soccer history to reach the 500-win plateau.
- Sophomore striker Luca Mayr was named First-Team All-C-USA after leading the team in points (18), goals (6) and assists (6).
- The Gamecocks finished in the top 10 for the fourth consecutive season in national attendance average.
- Carolina handed No. 13 Furman its first loss of the season, 1-0, at Stone Stadium in mid-September.
- Senior defender Christoffer Wallander lanev was named Second-Team All-C-USA after tallying a career-high five assists in his final season in Garnet and Black.
- Freshman Justin Sukow was named to the C-USA All-Freshman Team after recording 12 points (5G, 2A), his three game-winners tied for the league lead.
- Senior goalkeeper William Pyle led C-USA in saves (83) and saves per game (4.88). Pyle finished his career seventh on the all-time saves lists with 227 stops and T-8th in program history with 12 career shutouts.
- Pyle was named to the C-USA All-Academic Team and was one of 30 candidates in NCAA Division I Men's Soccer for the 2017 Senior Class Award.
- The team celebrated its 40th anniversary with a surprise pregame celebration in late September with former players for coach Berson prior to the team's match with Coastal Carolina.

**OVERALL RECORD: 6-9-2 CONFERENCE: 7TH (2-4-2)**  South Carolina defeated UAB 1-0 on the road in the final regular-season match of the year for head coach Mark Berson's 500th career victory.









## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Mark Berson: Head Coach Justin Cook: Assistant Coach **Tyler Kettering: Assistant Coach** 

Keith Scruggs: Strength and Conditioning Coach

**Brainard Cooper: Athletic Trainer Allison Orvin: Administrative Assistant Bridgette Tabor: Academic Advisor** 

Michael DeBates: Communications/PR Contact





# WOMEN'S **SOCCER**

OVERALL RECORD: 19-3-1 • CONFERENCE: 11-0-1 (1ST)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Gamecocks cleaned up the postseason SEC awards, with senior forward Savannah McCaskill garnering Offensive Player of the Year honors for the second-straight season, sophomore center back Grace Fisk tabbed the Defensive Player of the Year, and Shelley Smith grabbed Coach of the Year.
- McCaskill and Fisk were also chosen as First-Team All-SEC selections, and Mikayla Krzeczowski, Tatumn Milazzo and **Lindsey Lane** were placed on the league's second team. Carolina's five All-SEC honorees led the conference. Three first-year players were also recognized, as forwards Luciana Zullo and Ryan Gareis and center back Jackie Schaefer grabbed a spot on the SEC All-Freshman Team.
- South Carolina went unbeaten in conference action for the secondstraight year, finishing with a mark of 9-0-1. The Gamecocks trailed in just one match during league play and outscored opponents 17-3 during their conference slate. Carolina is unbeaten in its last 23 SEC contests in a streak that dates back to 2015.







SUCCESS ON THE FIELD

**South Carolina punched** its first ticket to the



## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

**Shelley Smith: Head Coach** 

Jamie Smith: Associate Head Coach Clark McCarthy: Assistant Coach

Alex Buchman: Strength and Conditioning Coach

Stephanie Rosehart: Athletic Trainer **Bridgett Tabor: Academic Advisor** 

Scott Waggoner: Communications/PR Contact



# SOFTBALL

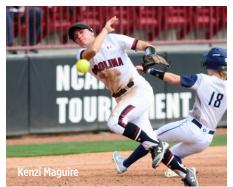
## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- South Carolina finished third in the SEC, after being picked 12th in the preseason poll. The team advanced all the way to the SEC Tournament final, its first appearance since 2001 in the championship game.
- For its efforts in the regular season, the team earned the number nine overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, and won its home regional with a doubleheader sweep of Liberty.
- Including the postseason, Carolina finished with a 29-3 record. In those games, the Gamecocks outscored opponents 173-63.
- The Gamecocks set single-season team records for home runs, RBI and fielding percentage.
- The 49 wins are the most of the Beverly Smith era and the most since the Gamecocks won 49 in 1999. This was the 15th time in program history Carolina has won 40 or more games and the first time since 2003 the Gamecocks had done so.
- Five players were named to All-SEC teams. Kenzi Maguire, Mackenzie Boesel and Alyssa VanDerveer were named to the All-SEC Second Team, while **Jana Johns** and **Kelsev Oh** earned All-Freshmen Team honors, Johns was also named to the SEC All-Defensive Team. This marked the first time since 2015 the Gamecocks had first- or second-team honors and the first time since 2002 they've had three or more named. The five overall recognitions are the most since five in 1997.

**OVERALL RECORD: 49-17 CONFERENCE: 15-9 (3RD)** 

The Gamecocks reached an **NCAA Super Regional for** the second time in program history and improved their win total by 15 games from the season before.









## **COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF**

**Beverly Smith: Head Coach** Lisa Navas: Associate Head Coach Matt Lisle: Assistant Coach **Matt Stewart: Volunteer Assistant** 

Kacey Friedman: Director of Softball Operations Lacy Adams: Graduate Student Manager

Chelsea Wilkinson: Graduate Student Manager Nickie Blue: Graduate Student Manager Victoria Williams: Graduate Student Manager

**Preston Long: Head Manager** Jessica Elliott: Student Assistant **David Dinh: Athletic Trainer** Ed Lowery: Academic Advisor

Patrick Osbourne: Communications/PR Contact



# SWIMMING & DIVING

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The team finished 17th at this year's NCAA Championships in Minneapolis, Minn., for its fourth-straight top-20 finish.
- South Carolina's men had eight total All-SEC selections and had 10 NCAA qualifying times during the year.
- Fynn Minuth took home SEC championships in both the 500 freestyle and the 200 butterfly, becoming the first South Carolina men's swimmer to win multiple individual conference championships in the same year.
- Akram Mahmoud earned a thirdconsecutive SEC championship in the 1650 freestyle becoming the first South Carolina swimmer to win three straight individual conference championships.
- Mahmoud was named All-America in the 1650 freestyle for a fourthconsecutive season, becoming just the third men's swimmer in program history to earn All-America honors in the same event for four straight years.
- Brandonn Almeida joined the team late in the season but set a school record in the 400 IM (3:39.09) at the SEC Championships before earning First-Team All-America honors in the 400 IM with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships.
- Tom Peribonio (400 IM) and Nils Wich-Glasen (200 breast) each earned All-America honors for a fourth-straight season qualifying for second swims at the NCAA Championships.

SEC CHAMPIONSHIP: 7TH NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: 17TH

Carolina had three individual SEC championships before posting five total All-America performances at this year's NCAA Championships.







## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

McGee Moody: Head Swimming Coach
Todd Sherritt: Head Diving Coach
Mark Bernardino: Associate Head Coach
Kevin Swander: Assistant Coach/ Recruiting

Coordinator

Erin Mullins: Assistant Coach

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# WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

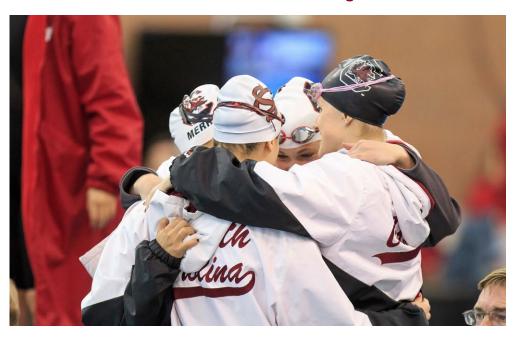
## HIGHLIGHTS

- South Carolina finished 20th at the NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio, the program's best finish at NCAAs since 2004.
- Julia Vincent posted a pair of top-three finishes at the NCAA Championships, claiming second in the 1-meter competition and third place on the 3-meter board.
- Vincent finished as the runnerup in the 3m at the SEC Championships in addition to a fifth-place finish on the 1-meter.
- Emma Barksdale also had a pair of All-America swims at the women's NCAA Championships with top-12 finishes in both the 200 IM and 400 IM.
- Barksdale had five top-10 finishes at the SEC Championship, including a third-place finish in the 400 IM to earn Second-Team All-SEC honors.
- The Gamecocks set a school record in the 800 free relay (7:02.86) at this year's NCAA Championships.
- South Carolina had three SEC Swimmer/Diver of the Week honors during the season as the women's team went 8-3 during its dual-meet schedule.

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP: 8TH** NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: 20TH



The Gamecocks posted their best finish at the NCAA **Championships since 2004** and set 11 school records during the 2017-18 season.





## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

McGee Moody: Head Swimming Coach **Todd Sherritt: Head Diving Coach** Mark Bernardino: Associate Head Coach **Kevin Swander: Assistant Coach/** 

**Recruiting Coordinator Erin Mullins: Assistant Coach** 

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Carolina had six ranked wins and its first back-to-back winning SEC seasons in

program history.

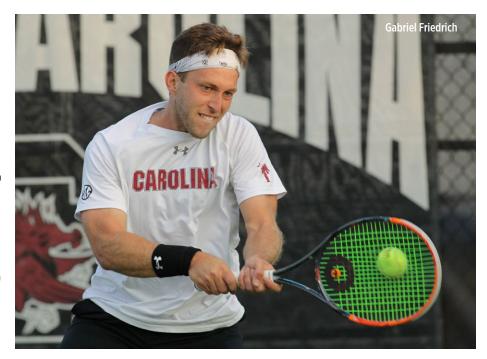


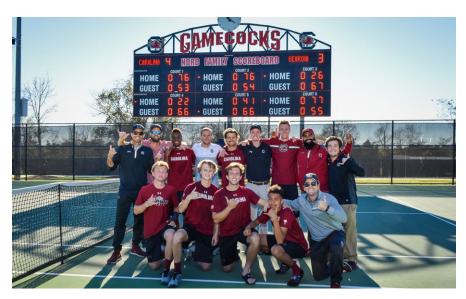
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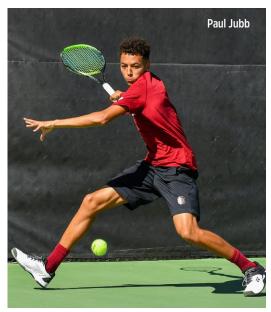
## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Gamecocks finished 23rd in the final Oracle/ ITA rankings of the season for its first back-to-back top-25 finishes since 2002-03.
- Carolina's six ranked victories included top-25 wins at home over No. 17 Georgia and No. 10 Florida.
- Sophomore Paul Jubb was named Second-Team All-SEC as well as the ITA Carolina Region Player to Watch after posting a 24-11 singles record with a 9-2 record at No. 2 singles during SEC play.
- Assistant Coach Kyle Bailey was named the ITA Carolina Region Assistant Coach of the Year.
- Jubb and senior Gabriel Friedrich each had first-round wins to advance to the round of 32 in the NCAA Singles Championship.
- Friedrich went 25-15 on the season to earn First Team All-SEC recognition and reached a career-high No. 24 singles ranking, the highest nonpreseason ranking for a South Carolina men's tennis player since 2001.
- Friedrich and doubles partner Yancy
   Dennis reached the round of 16 in the
   NCAA Doubles Championship with a
   first round win over No. 20 Kay/ Divar
   of Georgia Tech.
- Harrison O'Keefe finished his career in the top 15 in program history in matches won and matches played in both singles and doubles.

OVERALL RECORD: 19-9 CONFERENCE: 7-5 (5TH)







## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Josh Goffi: Head Coach

Kyle Bailey: Associate Head Coach

Pablo Bellagamba: Volunteer Assistant Coach Arulram Sriram: Director of Tennis Operations

**Robert Cook: Athletic Trainer** 

**David Terry: Stringer** 

Rochelle Robinson: Academic Advisor Chris Paige: Communications/PR Contact

South Carolina's final ranking

of No. 12 in the ITA team standings is the highest for

the Gamecocks since 1999



# WOMEN'S TENNIS

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

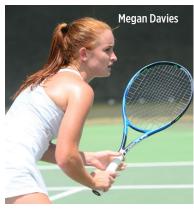
The team's 11-2 record in SEC play was good for second place, tied with the 1996 team for the best finish in school history in the regular-season standings.

- The Gamecocks advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the eighth time in program history.
- South Carolina finished the season at 10-5 against ranked opponents, including wins at No. 7 Ole Miss, No. 11 Texas, No. 35 Texas A&M, No. 36 LSU, No. 30 Tennessee, No. 8 Georgia, No. 15 Auburn, No. 48 Arkansas, No. 23 Kentucky and No. 23 Virginia.
- The Gamecocks received multiple First-Team All-SEC selections for the first time in program history in **Hadley** Berg and Ingrid Gamarra Martins. Berg also made the CoSIDA Academic All-District team, the team's first alldistrict honoree since 2002.
- Megan Davies' 56 combined wins in singles (29) and doubles (27) are the most in a single season in school history by a Gamecock freshman.
- With a 40-7 record and .851 winning percentage, Rachel Rohrabacher is the first player to finish the season with a combined winning percentage of .800 or higher since the 1982-83 season.
- The Gamecocks' 13-match winning streak from Feb. 24-March 31 was the second-longest winning streak in program history and the longest since 1980, when the team won 22 straight matches.

**CONFERENCE: 11-2 (2ND)** 











## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Kevin Epley: Head Coach Jeff Nevolo: Assistant Coach

**Dennis Nevolo: Volunteer Assistant Coach Arulram Sriram:** Director of Operations

**Heather Key: Athletic Trainer** 

**David Terry: Stringer** 

Keely Lassiter: Student Manager Paul Stoltzfus: Academic Advisor

Carson Mason: Communications/PR Contact



# MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

SUCCESS ON THE TRACK

Josh Awotunde won the SEC indoor shot put championship with a meet-record throw of 69-11 3/4, the ninth-best effort in collegiate history.

NCAA FINISH: INDOOR - 21ST | OUTDOOR - 35TH CONFERENCE: INDOOR - 9TH | OUTDOOR - 12TH

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Josh Awotunde won the SEC championship in the indoor shot put, finished second in the league in the outdoor shot put, placed third at the NCAA Indoor Championships and came in second at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.
- Ncincilili Titi was named SEC Indoor Men's Track & Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Titi finished fifth in the 200m at the NCAA Indoor Championships to earn First-Team All-America honors, and he was a Second-Team All-American outdoors.
- Yann Randrianasolo earned Second-Team All-America laurels in the long jump indoors and outdoors.
- Awotunde (indoor and outdoor shot put), Randrianasolo (indoor long jump),
   Otis Jones (outdoor 800m) and Armand Woodley (outdoor pole vault) earned spots on the All-SEC Team.
- Awotunde (indoor and outdoor shot put), Titi (outdoor 200m) and Tye Williams (indoor high jump) set new school records during the season.
- Titi was a two-time SEC Runner of the Week.
- Randrianasolo won the long jump title at the Penn Relays for the second-consecutive season.
- Awotunde, Jones, Randrianasolo, Titi, Woodley, Jones and Rivaldo Leacock qualified for the NCAA East Regional.



# Ncincilili Titi CAROLIN COASSERI

## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

**Curtis Frye: Head Coach** 

**Delethea Quarles: Associate Head Coach** 

Mike Sergent: Assistant Coach

Kevin Brown: Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Andrew Allden: Assistant Coach Hadrien Choukroun: Assistant Coach Penny Boswell: Director of Operations

**Scott Gardner: Athletic Trainer** 

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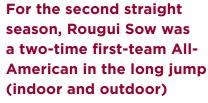


# WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

NCAA FINISH: INDOOR - 54TH | OUTDOOR - 56TH CONFERENCE: INDOOR - 12TH | OUTDOOR - 13TH

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Delethea Quarles was named USTFCCCA Indoor Assistant Coach of the Year after having four of her student-athletes qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships.
- Rougui Sow finished eighth at the NCAA Indoor Championships and seventh at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the long jump.
- Lissa Labiche was a Second-Team All-America honoree indoors and outdoors in the high jump.
- Hanifah Abdulqadir (indoor triple jump), Jordan Fields (indoor high jump) and the outdoor 4x100m relay team of Stephanie Davis, Maiya Dendy, Milan Parks and Makyla Stanley also earned Second-Team All-America honors.
- Aliyah Abrams qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 400m and also ran the 4x400m relay in Eugene along with Davis, Precious Holmes and Tatyana Mills.
- Allie Mueller was a Google Cloud Academic All-America honoree.
- KD Young earned SEC All-Freshman Team accolades indoors and outdoors in the shot put.
- Labiche earned the high jump championship title at Penn Relays.





## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

**Curtis Frye: Head Coach** 

Delethea Quarles: Associate Head Coach

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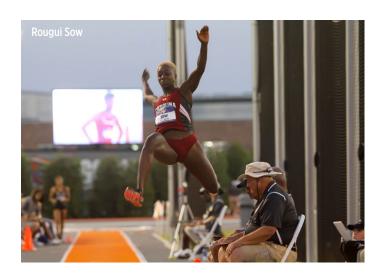
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**Student Managers** 

Xavier Shannon: Academic Advisor **Rob Walden:** Communications/PR Contact





# VOLLEYBALL

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tom Mendoza was named the 13th head coach in program history on Jan. 3, after leading High Point University to back-to-back NCAA Tournament berths. The Panthers won 24 matches in 2017, and Mendoza earned Big South Coach of the Year and American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Southeast Region Coach of the Year for his efforts.
- Sophomore Mikayla Shields was named to the All-SEC and AVCA All-Southeast Region teams. She is the first Gamecock to make the all-conference team since Juliette Thévenin in 2013.
- Shields set the sophomore record for kills, leading the team with 429. The total was the fourth most in the rally-scoring era, and moved her past 700 kills for her young career. Just two other Gamecocks in program history reached 700 kills in just their first two seasons with the team - Shonda Cole in 2004 and Lori Rowe in 1984.
- Freshman Mikayla Robinson made the SEC All-Freshman team after leading all SEC freshmen in blocks and hitting .304 with 260 kills.
- Junior Aubrey Ezell ranked third in the SEC for digs, and her 527 were the second most ever in a single season in the program's 45-year history.

**OVERALL RECORD: 12-18 CONFERENCE: 5-13 (T-12TH)** 

Thanks to a 3-0 sweep of rival Clemson on Sept. 16, South Carolina has three straight wins in the alltime series.







## COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF

Scott Swanson: Head Coach (Through Oct. 4)

**Dottie Hampton: Interim Head Coach** 

**Shonda Cole: Assistant Coach** Adrianna Culbert: Assistant Coach

**Alyssa Taylor: Director of Volleyball Operations** 

**Maddie Hills: Graduate Assistant** 

Keith Scruggs: Strength and Conditioning Coach

Jenn Herod: Athletic Trainer

Julian Welsh-White: Volunteer Assistant

Jake Ivorv: Academic Advisor

Joe Kepler: Communications/PR Contact

Swimmer Bryce Kananowicz led all South Carolina student-athletes with over 550 hours of community service.



Jordyn Augustus with Softball and Thomas Mayronne with Men's Tennis won the SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award.



The Gamecocks led the SEC for the fifth consecutive year with over 7,100 hours of community service.

## 2017-18 Gamecock SEC Community **Service Team Representatives**

BASEBALL - Jonah Bride, Sr., Owasso, Okla, MEN'S BASKETBALL - Khadim Gueye, So, Dakar, Senegal WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - A'ja Wilson, Sr., Hopkins, S.C. EQUESTRIAN - Jordan Scott, So., Bristol, Tenn. FOOTBALL - Spencer Eason-Riddle, R-Fr., Raleigh, N.C. MEN'S GOLF - Ben Dietrich, Sr., Bluffton, S.C. WOMEN'S GOLF - Gabby Amos, Sr., Gainesville, Fla. WOMEN'S SOCCER - Jackie Schaefer, Fr., Atlantic Beach, Fla. SOFTBALL - Jordyn Augustus, Sr., New Tripoli, Pa. MEN'S S&D - Bryce Kananowicz, Sr., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho WOMEN'S S&D - Katie Shannahan, Jr. Scottsdale, Ariz. MEN'S TENNIS - Thomas Mayronne, Sr., Monroe, La. WOMEN'S TENNIS - Rachel Rohrabacher, Jr., Tampa, Fla. MEN'S T&F/XC - Matt Froschauer, So., Union, Ky. WOMEN'S T&F/XC - Leah Ford, So., Mason, Ohio VOLLEYBALL - Courtney Furlong, Jr., Oviedo, Fla.

Indoor Volleyball had the most hours per teammate, with 49 hours per student. Volleyball was the winner of the Community Service Team Award at the 2018 Gamecock Gala.



Equestrian had the most total hours of community service, completing over

1,770.



# BEYOND SPORTS

## **Student-Athlete Development**

The University of South Carolina Athletics Department is committed to the personal growth and development of Gamecock student-athletes. The Student-Athlete Development department coordinates programming designed to assist student-athletes as they transition into college, during their time as a student at South Carolina, and in preparation for life after graduation. Programming is strategically implemented for each class, freshman through senior year. Additional initiatives are offered for all student-athletes to help promote leadership skills and enhance professional development.



## **Freshmen**

**Financial** Education

## **Sophomores**

Professional Dress

## **Juniors Networking**

**Seniors** 

Dining Etiquette





## **Founders Federal Credit Union Beyond Sports Professional Development** & Internship Program

South Carolina student-athletes have a chance to gain valuable work experience in their chosen field thanks to a program launched in 2017 by the Athletics Department titled "Beyond Sports." In partnership with Founders Federal Credit Union, this summer professional development and internship program is part of the Gamecock Promise.

The Beyond Sports program assists student-athletes for future success outside the fields of competition by giving them real-world experiences in their academic and career interests. One of the main goals is to provide student-athletes with meaningful professional development and work experience, while also helping them to be better prepared for professional life after college.

South Carolina student-athletes must apply to be a part of the Beyond Sports program, which includes an application, resume and cover letter submission, and interviews. The selected participants attend weekly educational professional development events and work a minimum of 100 hours over the course of the eight-week program.

In 2018, 28 student-athletes participated in the program at 18 different organizations across Columbia.



# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



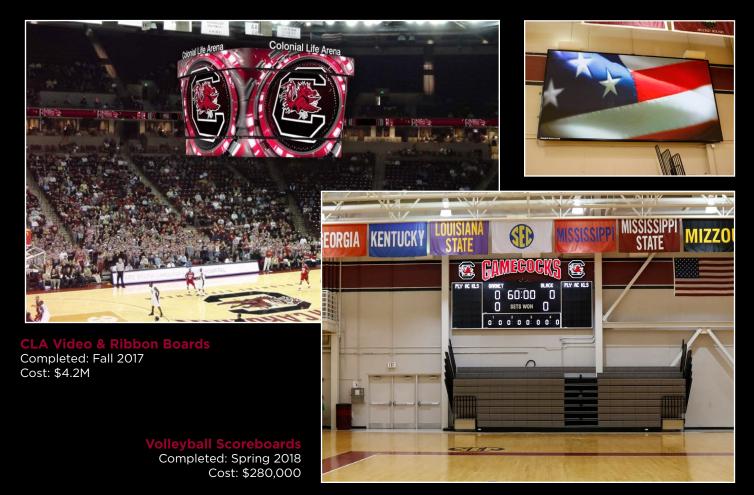
- A total of 369 South Carolina student-athletes made the 2017-18 SEC Academic Honor Rolls, second among league schools (82-Fall, 73-Winter, 113-Spring, 101-First Year). Since the start of the 2015-16 academic year, South Carolina leads all schools with 1,028 studentathletes making the four SEC Academic Honor Rolls (Fall, Winter, Spring and First-Year). The 101 student-athletes who earned First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll set a departmental record.
- The Spring 2018 semester ended with University of South Carolina student-athletes achieving a school-record departmental GPA of 3.287. This achievement gives the department 23-consecutive semesters in which the student-athletes have combined for a GPA above a 3.0.
- South Carolina named 69 student-athletes to the President's List (4.0 GPA) this spring, 216 to the Dean's List (3.5 for sophomores and higher/3.25 for freshmen), and 387 to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0). During the fall 76 student-athletes earned President's List, 203 earned Dean's List and 366 earned Athletic Director's Honor Roll.
- All teams' NCAA Academic Progress Rates were above 950 for the seventh consecutive year. Nine teams earned a perfect single year score of 1,000 for APR (BVB, WCC, WGO, WSO, SB, MSW, MTN, WTN, VB).
- A total of 253 Gamecock student-athletes have earned their degrees during the last 12 months (three graduation ceremonies)
   24 following the 2017 fall semester, 104 following the 2017 spring semester and 33 following the 2016 fall semester.
- During the 2017-18 academic year, three Gamecock squads earned national team recognition for their academics - women's cross country (USTFCCCA All-Academic Team), men's swimming (CSCAA Scholar All-America Team) and women's swimming

- (CSCAA Scholar All-America Team). Men's and women's track & field earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Team status.
- 23 student-athletes have also earned conference, regional and national individual academic honors Mackenzie Boesel, Softball (3rd-team Google Cloud Academic All-America), Allie Mueller, Track & Field/Cross Country (2nd-team Google Cloud Academic All-America), Megan Overberg, Equestrian (SEC Equestrian Scholar-Athlete of the Year), Mikayla Shields, Volleyball (CoSIDA Academic All-District), Anna Conklin, Women's Soccer (CoSIDA Academic All-District), Mikayla Krzeczowski, Women's Soccer (CoSIDA Academic All-District), Lindsey Lane, Women's Soccer (United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-South Region), Chris Wallander lanev, Men's Soccer (United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-South Region) and William Pyle, Men's Soccer (Conference USA All-Academic Team).
- 14 Gamecock swimmers earned first-team CSCAA Scholar All-America honors, for earning a 3.5 GPA and competing at the NCAA Championships. On the women's side were Emma Barksdale, Emily Cornell, Kersten Dirrane, Albury Higgs, Mikaela Lujan, Heather Merritt, Julia Vincent and Taylor Worrell. For the men, Brandonn Almeida, Cody Bekemeyer, Rafael Davila, Lionel Khoo, Tomas Peribonio, and Nils Wich-Glasen each received first-team recognition.
- Ncincilili Titi was named the 2018 SEC Indoor Track & Field Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and equestrian's Megan Overberg also earned Scholar-Athlete of the Year for her sport.
- 11 Gamecocks were named USTFCCCA All-Academic selections after finishing with a 3.25 GPA and earning an NCAA postseason bid: Eric Favors, Rivaldo Leacock, Markus Leemet, Ncincilili Titi and Armand Woodley, Aliyah Abrams, Shelby Freedman, Amecia Pennamon, Rougui Sow, Alycia Springs and Hailey Sweatman.

1,028

Since the start of the 2015-16 academic year, South Carolina leads all schools with 1,028 student-athletes making the four SEC Academic Honor Rolls







# Colonial Life Arena Trophy Cases Completed: Summer 2018

Cost: \$400,000

Completed: Spring 2018 Cost: \$150,000







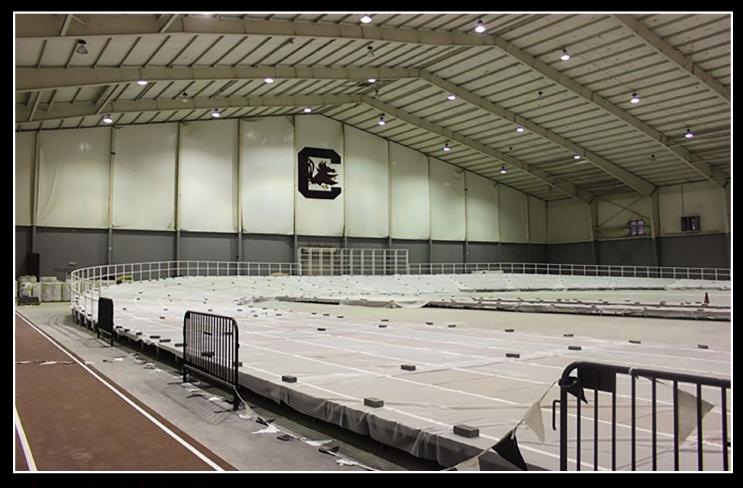
Cyndi and Kenneth Long Family Football Operations Center Anticipated Completion Date: December 2018 Approximate Cost: \$50M











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Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2018 Approximate Cost: \$4.2M

Men's Basketball Locker Room Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2019 Approximate Cost: \$995,000





Beach Volleyball Locker Room Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2019 Approximate Cost: \$337,000



Gamecock Sculpture for Heisman Plaza Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2019 Approximate Cost: \$995,000



## ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT REPORT



## PURPOSE

- To provide vision and advice for the direction of the athletics department and athletics programs.
- To serve as the primary prospecting and fundraising advisory group for South Carolina Athletics.
- To function as the ambassadors for South Carolina Athletics among key South Carolina constituencies, stating our case and potentially making joint visits.
- To assist with the implementation of the Master Plan for Athletics Facilities, campaign case statement and marketing strategy.
- To serve as a trusted sounding board for the Athletics Director on important issues.

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# GAMECOCK CLUB REPORT

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Giving Level	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Diamond Spur	12	11	11	11	13	12	13	14	14
Platinum Spur	25	26	25	23	45	50	46	47	49
Golden Spur	114	121	110	119	121	133	135	131	130
Garnet Spur	85	78	83	76	96	101	106	109	104
Car Dealer	51	51	54	53	55	54	57	57	53
Silver Spur	1,162	1,151	1,170	1,185	1,214	1,176	1,133	1,110	1,083
Full Scholarship	2,216	2,136	2,116	2,113	2,173	2,145	2,085	2,024	1,896
Half Scholarship	2,178	2,227	2,213	2,285	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,492	2,446
Roundhouse	1,863	2,117	2,409	2,576	2,987	2,990	2,742	2,642	2,486
Century	2,570	3,308	3,550	3,731	4,205	3,878	3,767	3,440	3,137
Roost	1,605	2,443	2,586	1,688	2,368	2,392	1,650	1,609	1,279
Junior			880	1,080	1,046	982	992	922	748
Student					2,152	2,830	1,929	3,032	514
Total	12,113	13,896	15,430	16,931	19,120	19,269	17,299	18,881	15,107
REVENUE	\$12.2M	\$11.7M	\$13.2M	\$13.1M	\$14.01M	\$14.1M	\$14.5M	\$14.4M	\$13.8M

<sup>\*</sup>As of 7/23/18. Please note: each giving year is from January to January.

# GAME DAY ATTENDANCE

	<b>Home Total</b>	<b>Home Games</b>	Home Avg.	<b>NCAA</b> Rank
Baseball	229,434	34	6,748	4th
MBB	189,265	15	12,618	30th
WBB	225,064	17	13,239	1st
Football	550,099	7	78,586	16th
M. Soccer	29,002	10	2,900	6th
W. Soccer	25,260	12	2,105	4th
Softball	40,209	32	1,257	11th
Volleyball	19,400	15	1,293	33rd



# 3 MILLION

fans attend Gamecock athletics events this year





## ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## **Cumulative Giving**

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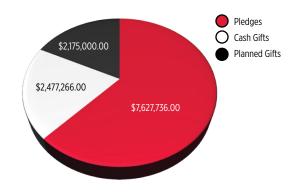
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# **2017-18 SOCIAL MEDIA**



TOP 20

South Carolina is one of only eight schools to be ranked in the Top 20 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube

## **Summary/Highlights**

South Carolina has one of the largest social media followings among NCAA programs, ranking among the Top 20 in followers on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. South Carolina is one of only eight schools to be ranked in the Top 20 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, joined by Auburn, Florida, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin. Beyond just following, Gamecock fans are highly engaged on social media, sharing photos, videos, commenting and cheering on their team.

Fans may view all the ways to connect with Gamecock Athletics online at GamecocksOnline.com/Connect

## **Platforms**



## **FACEBOOK**

Facebook.com/GamecocksOnline 603,914 likes Ranked 10th nationally and 6th in SEC

Facebook continues to have the largest following of any social media platform and is a place for Gamecock fans to gather and engage, throughout the year and consume our can't-miss content. We post videos, high quality photos and graphics, feature videos and stories from GamecocksOnline.com, and questions to spark discussion. Our fans are the focus, highlighted by our fan photo features and several themed fan photo albums. Facebook is the place to see the best videos and catch the consistently popular Facebook Live streams from football games and more.



## **TWITTER**

@GamecocksOnline 265,285 followers Ranked 11th nationally and 5th in SEC

From June 2017 to June 2018 the main @GamecocksOnline Twitter account earned 30,655 new followers, a 12% increase on the year.

Twitter continues to be the go-to source for breaking news , information and fan engagement. We use it to release news, post in-game updates, share photos and behind-the-scenes action, answer questions, provide customer service, and engage with fans on a daily basis. Fans join us in widely using the #Gamecocks, #SpursUp, and #ForeverToThee hashtags to track and join conversations about South Carolina teams.

In addition to the main athletics department account, every South Carolina team has an individual team Twitter account. This year, every individual team account received a verification badge. Among college baseball programs the @GamecockBasebll team account continues to hold the No. 2 spot with the most followers in the country (180,987) behind only LSU. With the success of the team in recent years, exclusive content, and inside access through photos and videos, the women's basketball team account (@GamecockWBB) has grown to 57,656 followers, up 7% from last year, maintaining the third-largest follower count in the country. The most notable growth on the year is our softball team account (@GamecockSoftbll), which had a 31 percent increase across all social media platforms after a record year and postseason.

Outside of follower ranking, the Gamecock football team account (@GamecockFB) was recognized by Athlon Sports as the No. 1 college football Twitter account in the nation last fall. The publication noted, "they've got animation, personality and a new voice that will only continue to be one of the leading forces for years to come." Our team continues to create content ahead of the curve that subsequently matched the direction the program is headed.

Among coaches who are tracked, women's basketball head coach Dawn Staley is the most-followed head coach in her sport in the country with 70,722 followers. Football head coach Will Muschamp is ranked No. 5 in college football with over 282,875 followers, an increase of 30,000 followers since last year. Men's basketball head coach Frank Martin is also in the top 10 at No. 8 in college basketball with 93,972 followers, an increase of almost 16,000 on the year. New baseball coach Mark Kingston is continuing to hold his own in the No. 17 spot.

Most of the Gamecocks' head coaches as well as Athletics Director Ray Tanner have individual Twitter accounts. A full directory may be found at http://GamecocksOnline.com/Connect.



## YOUTUBE

YouTube.com/GamecocksOnline 28,259 subscribers, Ranked 15th nationally and 5th in SEC

**Our YouTube channel generated 4,536,457 views** from June 30, 2017, to July 9, 2018. Over the past year the South Carolina Gamecocks channel has had over 13 million minutes watched. The staying power of high quality videos on YouTube is evidenced by several videos remaining in the Top 10 for views despite being online for multiple years.



## **INSTAGRAM**

instagram.com/GamecocksOnline 84,948 followers, 21st nationally and 8th in SEC

On Instagram we focus on posting high quality photos from our events, fans, and our archives. New this year we also often use the Instagram Story feature to post content in real time. We saw upwards of 11,000 views and average about 7,00 views per story. Newly launched in May 2018 is IGTV, an archival element to the platform ,where we intend to house team specific content that is longer than a minute. Several Gamecock squads have team-specifc Instagram accounts. Fans can follow all of them at http://GamecocksOnline.com/connect.



## **SNAPCHAT**

Several of our Gamecock teams have joined the fun on Snapchat, posting quick video clips and funny photos to their stories. Our Snapchat accounts give an inside look

at practices, games, and student-athlete personalities. We have custom geo filters for our venues, such as the Carolina Baseball pennant at Founders Park and stadium silhouette at Williams-Brice Stadium. Find teams to add on Snapchat at http://GamecocksOnline.com/connect

\*All numbers and data current as of June 14, 2017. Rankings data maintained by Auburn University and University of Tennessee.



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