

**Quick Facts****Cincinnati Facts**

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
 Founded: 1819
 Enrollment: 35,244
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I
 Conference: BIG EAST
 Nickname: Bearcats
 Home Facility: Gettler Stadium
 Capacity: 1,400
 Colors: Red and Black
 President: Dr. Nancy Zimpher
 Alma Mater: Ohio State, '68
 Director of Athletics: Mike Thomas
 Alma Mater: Colorado State, '83
 Faculty Representative: Dr. Fritz Russ

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Hylton Dayes
 Alma Mater: Wright State, '88
 Record at UC: 56-43-18/six seasons
 Overall Record: 152-128-37/17 seasons
 Associate Head Coach: Dan Ensley
 Alma Mater: James Madison, '96
 Year at UC: Third
 Assistant Coach: Jared Micklos
 Alma Mater: Indiana, '02
 Year at UC: First
 Assistant Coach: John Adams
 Alma Mater: Cincinnati, '04
 Year at UC: Second

Bearcats at a Glance

2006 Overall Record: 11-6-2
 2006 BIG EAST Record: 7-3-1
 Finish: First place, Red Division
 2006 BIG EAST Tournament: 0-1
 Quarterfinals: L, 0-2 vs. Providence
 2006 NCAA Tournament: 0-1
 First Round L, 0-3 at Northwestern
 Letterwinners returning/lost: 12/9
 Starters returning/lost: 7/4

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The University of Cincinnati traces its origins to 1819, the year in which Cincinnati College and the Medical College of Ohio were chartered. In 1870, the City of Cincinnati established the University of Cincinnati, which later absorbed the earlier institutions. In 1906, the University of Cincinnati created the first cooperative education program in the United States through its College of Engineering. For many years, the University was the second-oldest and second largest municipal university in the country. In 1968, UC became a "municipally sponsored, state affiliated" institution, entering a transitional period culminating on July 1, 1977 when UC became one of Ohio's state universities. The University of Cincinnati is classified as a Research Extensive University by the Carnegie Commission, and is ranked as one of America's Top 25 public research universities.

Cincinnati Firsts

UC has been the source of many contributions to society, including:

- the first electric organ
- the first oral polio vaccine
- the first observations of the National Weather Service
- the first safe anti-knock gasoline
- the first antihistamine
- the first use of lasers to remove brain tumors
- the first bachelor's degree program in nursing and first emergency medicine residency program
- the first degree program offered via satellite

Cincinnati Sports Firsts

- Cincinnati hosted one of the first night football games in the United States in 1923
- George Smith, captain of the 1934 football team, wore a device to protect a facial injury, a fore-runner of the facemask
- In 1961, Hank Hartong became college football's first soccer-style kicker
- UC was the first school to make five consecutive appearances in the men's basketball Final Four, 1959-63



Academic Excellence

At the University of Cincinnati, excellence is a hallmark of the academic program. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks 10 UC programs among the Top 10 in the country, while another 21 programs are listed among the Top 50 in the nation.

Money Magazine's Elite Values in Higher Education, Kaplan's Unofficial, Unbiased Insider's Guide to the 320



Most Interesting Colleges, Octameron's College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You and Yahoo's *Internet Life* have all ranked the University of Cincinnati's programs among the best in the nation.

Undergraduate students in any college may apply to the University Honors Scholars Program. If selected as an Honors student, the rewards for being an outstanding student include smaller classes, honors housing, special advising and scholarships worth up to \$60,000



over four years.

UC's cornerstone scholarship program is Cincinnati, which awards more than 1,400 scholarships totaling over \$11 million.

Famous UC Alumni and Faculty

Cleveland Abbe	Founder of the U.S. National Weather Service
Kathleen Batte	Operatic Diva
Thomas Berger	Author (<i>Little Big Man, Neighbors</i>)
Eula Bingham	Environmental Scientist, head of OSHA
David Canary	Actor
Barbara Daniels	Soprano
Charles Dawes	U.S. Vice President, Nobel Peace Prize
Suzanne Farrell	Ballet Director
Heather Renee French	Miss America, 2000
Marilyn Gaston	U.S. Assistant Surgeon General
Michael Graves	Architect
Mark Oswald	Baritone
Michelle Pawk	Broadway Star
Faith Prince	Tony Award Winner
Lee Roy Reams	Broadway Star
Albert Sabin	Developer of Polio Vaccine
William Howard Taft	President, Supreme Court Chief Justice
Doris Twitchell	Founder of Children's Int. Summer Village
Jonathan Valin	Author (<i>The Lime Pit, Final Notice</i>)
Tom Wesselman	Artist



Taft



Dawes



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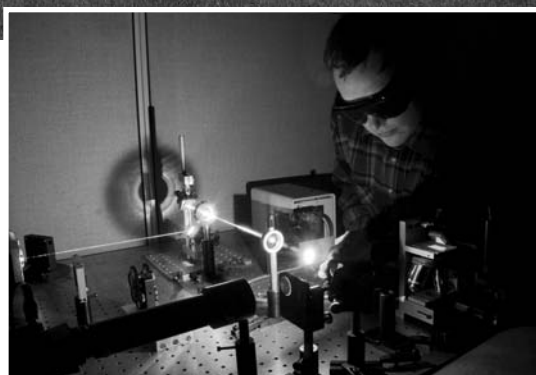
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Sports Greats

Ted Corbitt	Olympic Marathoner
Miller Huggins	Yankees Manager, Baseball Hall of Fame
Sandy Koufax	Los Angeles Dodgers, Baseball Hall of Fame
Oscar Robertson	Basketball Hall of Fame
Becky Ruehl	Olympic Diver
Jack Twyman	Basketball Hall of Fame

A Look at the University

- In fiscal year 2005, UC earned more than \$332 million in grants and contracts. Research funding has quadrupled in the past 20 years, and the University's National Science Foundation ranking has climbed from a placement of 76th to 46th
- UC's annual endowment is \$1.03 billion, ranking 54th in the U.S. and 12th among public institutions
- UC offers 98 doctoral degree programs, 170 master's degree programs, 167 bachelor's degree programs, and 139 associate degree programs
- The Carnegie Commission has designated UC as a Research I university
- The University of Cincinnati has an economic impact of over \$2 billion annually on the state's economy
- The University of Cincinnati is the home of cooperative education. The first co-op program in America was offered at UC in 1906, and UC's co-op program is now the second largest in the country
- The University of Cincinnati is the Greater Cincinnati area's fourth-largest employer with 9,000 employees
- UC's library system contains over three million books and subscriptions to 39,787 periodicals — ranking it among the top research libraries in the country.



University of Cincinnati National Rankings

National Science Foundation

Research and Development Rank: 46th

Association of University Technology Managers

Income on Patents and Licenses: 28th in U.S., 1st in Ohio

U.S. News and World Report

College of Law: 58th
 Cooperative Education: 4th
 College of Pharmacy: 32nd
 College of Medicine: 41st
 College of Nursing: 48th
 Opera/Voice: 3rd
 Musical Conducting: 5th
 Music: 6th
 Music Composition: 9th
 Orchestra/Symphony: 9th
 Drama: 37th
 Creative Writing: 46th
 Paleontology: 9th
 Environmental Engineering: 20th
 Aerospace Engineering: 31st
 Industrial Engineering: 37th
 Civil Engineering: 48th
 Criminal Justice: 3rd
 Pediatrics: 4th
 Otolaryngology: 18th
 AIDS Center: 26th
 Neurology: 28th
 Geriatrics: 29th
 Pulmonary Disease: 32nd
 Cancer Center: 33rd
 Rheumatology: 35th
 Endocrinology: 39th
 Speech and Language Pathology: 39th
 Cardiology: 43rd
 Audiology: 44th

2005 Design Intelligence

For six straight years, professionals across the nation have ranked UC's interior design program as the nation's best. UC's architecture program is ranked No. 2 in the United States

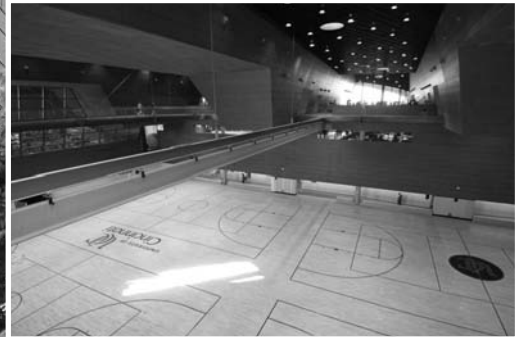
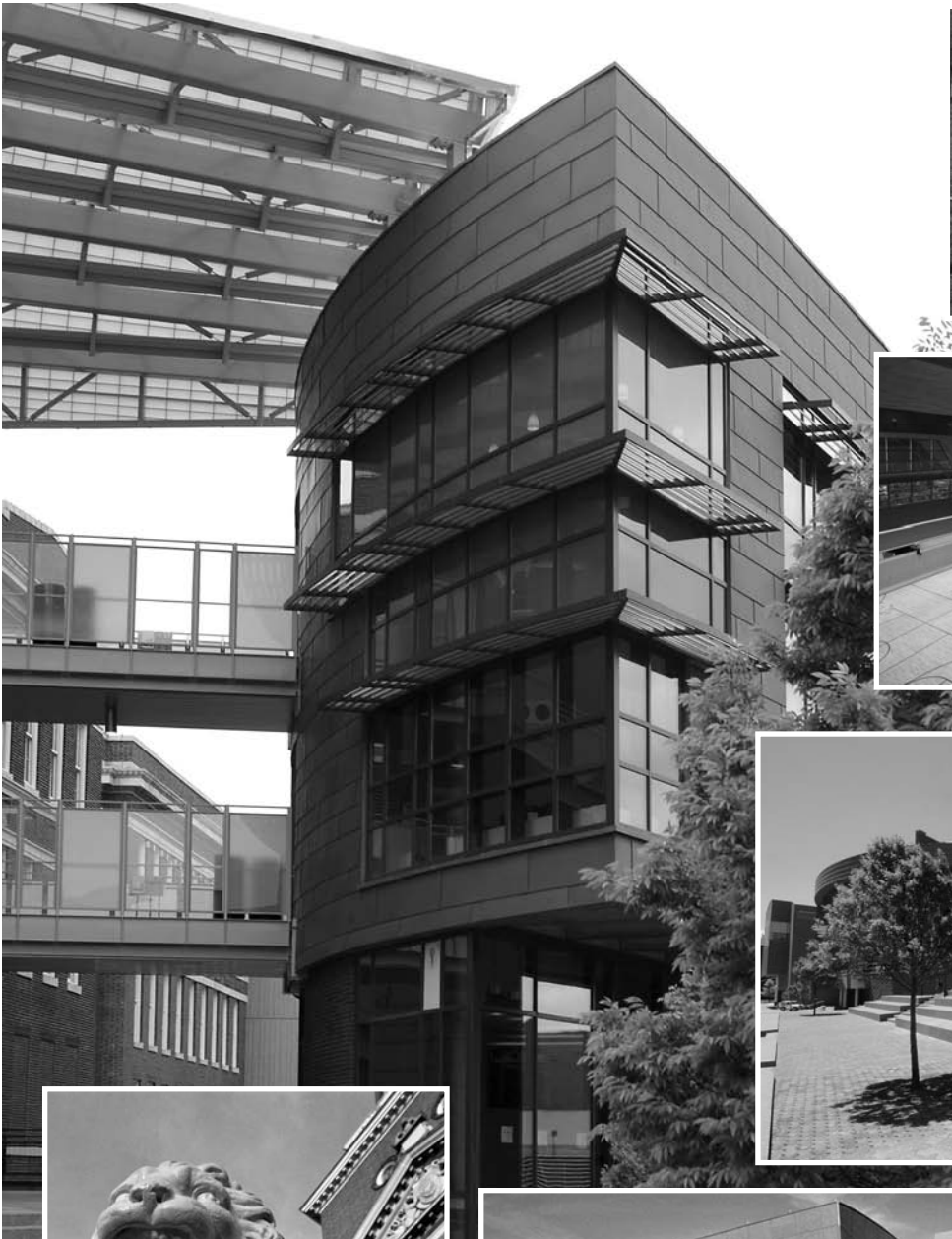
North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination

In 2002 the UC College of Pharmacy had a 91 percent pass rate, a mark unmatched by any other Ohio school



MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Cincinnati is a public comprehensive system of learning and research. The excellent faculty have distinguished themselves world wide for their creative pedagogy and research especially in problem solving and the application of their discoveries. The University system is designed to serve a diverse student body with a broad range of interests and goals. It is a place of opportunity. In support of this mission, the University of Cincinnati strives to provide the highest quality learning environment, world renowned scholarship, innovation and community service, and to serve as a place where freedom of intellectual interchange flourishes.





The City of Cincinnati provides the perfect complement to the UC educational experience.

Cincinnati and the surrounding area provides recreational and leisure time activities to meet every interest — from rock climbing, canoeing and camping for outdoor enthusiasts to theatre and arts for the culturally inclined.

Cincinnati is truly a “major league city.” Fans flock to the waterfront to attend games and events at a pair of new venues — the Bengals’ Paul Brown Stadium, opened in 2001, and the Reds’ Great American Ballpark, opened in 2003.

The variety of museums and galleries, fine dining, festivals and events, attractions and sports, parks, recreation facilities, and shopping are the reasons millions visit the “Queen City” year after year.

Kings Island theme park and the world-renowned Cincinnati Zoo are just two major attractions that on the list of “must see” items on any trip to Greater Cincinnati.

Numerous concert facilities attract big-name entertainers and acts to the Cincinnati area. The Ohio River offers a variety of scenic views and entertainment options.

Five-star dining, revolving circular restaurants, and riverboat dining are just a few of the succulent options that Cincinnati offers. Its visitors find themselves coming back for classic “Cincinnati-style” chili, tasty



barbecue ribs, and local homemade ice cream.

Annual surveys of the area’s quality of life resulted in Cincinnati being listed as one of the most livable cities in North America.

Cincinnati and the Tri-State area are the corporate headquarters of 10 Fortune 500 companies. Major corporations, such as Procter and Gamble, Chiquita Brands, and Kroger, make Cincinnati their home while carrying the city’s trademark to worldwide marketplaces.

The corporate community has strong ties to UC and provide a wealth of employment opportunities.

Cincinnati is one of America’s truly spectacular cities. Its character provides a prime place to enjoy all of the best in life. A great place to visit, an even better place to live and learn.

Cincinnati at a Glance

Population

City: 331,285

Metropolitan Area: 1.99 million

U.S. CMSA Rank: 24th

Television Market: 32nd

Fortune 500 Company Headquarters: 10

Corporate Headquarters: More than 1000

- Cincinnati is ranked in the Top 10 by *Fortune Magazine* as a great place to live and work due to its variety of cultural, recreational, entertainment and sports activities, its excellent and affordable housing and its low crime rate.
- Cincinnati is one of the seven safest places to live based on crime statistics for metropolitan areas.
- Esquire Magazine ranked Cincinnati No. 7 on its list of "Cities that Rock."
- Cincinnati's Fine Arts Fund, the oldest in the nation, ranks among the top three in the U.S. for total dollars raised by a united arts campaign.
- Over 100 museums and galleries are located in the Greater Cincinnati area.
- Cincinnati's over 20,000 acres of city and county parks give it one of the largest park systems (per capita) of major U.S. cities.
- Cincinnati's list of festivals and events include Oktoberfest-Zinzinnati (the world's second-largest next to the original in Munich), the internationally famous Tall Stacks reunion of historic riverboats, the Cincinnati Flower Show, Riverfest, Kidsfest, A Taste of Cincinnati, and the Black Family Reunion.
- The Cincinnati Public Library along with the Hamilton County Library combine for the third largest total circulation in the U.S.





In 2007-08, the BIG EAST will be in its third academic year as a 16-member conference. While many outside the league were curious and sometimes skeptical of the long-term prospects of the largest Division I-A conference, the student-athletes concentrated on their tasks at hand and continued the league's proud tradition of success.

BIG EAST teams earned plenty of recognition at the highest levels in 2006-07. In basketball, the Georgetown men's team and the Rutgers women's team each advanced to their respective Final Fours with Rutgers playing in the national championship game.

The 2006 football season was the BIG EAST's best ever. Louisville, West Virginia and Rutgers all finished in the top 12 in the final national polls. The BIG EAST posted a 5-0 bowl record and won the ESPN Bowl Challenge Cup.

On the diamond, the Louisville baseball team played its way to the College World Series. In softball, DePaul also participated in the College World Series. The Notre Dame women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA title game and the Connecticut field hockey team made it to the Final Four.

The BIG EAST took the men's and women's M.A.C. Hermann Trophy, the top individual award in soccer. The winners were Joseph Lapira and Kerri Hanks, both of Notre Dame.

The goals of the BIG EAST have never changed. The league aims and expects to compete at the highest level and does so with integrity and sportsmanship.

The BIG EAST became the nation's largest Division I-A group in 2005-06 when five new members began competing. The new schools were: University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, University of Louisville, Marquette University and the University of South Florida.

BIG EAST institutions reside in nine of the nation's top 34 largest media markets, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Tampa, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Milwaukee and Cincinnati. With its newest members, BIG EAST markets will contain almost one fourth of all television households in the U.S.

Since opening its doors in 1979, the league has won 25 national championships in six different sports and 124 student-athletes have won individual national titles.

The BIG EAST has always been able to boast that some of its best students are also some of its best athletes. More than 350 student-athletes have earned academic all-America honors. Last year in football, Brian Leonard of Rutgers won the Draddy Award, known as the academic Heisman. In addition, Rhema Fuller of Connecticut and Jay Henry of West Virginia were named national scholar-athlete award winners by the National Football Foundation.

Louisville field hockey standout Jessica Javelet, the 2006 BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year, was named first team academic all-America. The Louisville team, which earned a berth in the NCAA Championship, was recognized by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association for the highest team GPA in the nation for a second straight year.

The BIG EAST has continued its basketball success in the 21st century. In 2003-04, Connecticut became the first school in NCAA history to win the men's and women's NCAA titles in the same season. In '02-03, the BIG EAST became the first conference in NCAA history to win the men's and women's titles in the same year when the Syracuse men and the Connecticut women took home the NCAA crowns. In men's basketball, BIG EAST squads have won three of the last nine NCAA championships. BIG EAST women's teams have taken five of the last eight NCAA titles.

Proactive movement has been a signature strategy for the conference that was born in 1979.

BIG EAST Tradition

Team	'06 Record	NCAA App.	Conf. Champs.	All-Americans
Cincinnati	11-6-2	3	2	3
Connecticut	10-7-2	25	14	36
DePaul	5-12-2	0	0	0
Georgetown	6-11-0	2	1	1
Louisville	5-10-3	0	0	0
Marquette	1-15-1	1	1	0
Notre Dame	15-6-2	8	6	9
Pittsburgh	5-11-2	1	0	6
Providence	13-7-0	2	0	5
Rutgers	10-6-3	15	11	20
Seton Hall	9-8-1	12	4	16
St. John's	14-6-2	10	12	14
Syracuse	7-8-1	1	2	2
USF	9-6-4	11	16	11
Villanova	6-10-1	0	0	0
West Virginia	15-3-3	9	1	12



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Associate Commissioner	John Paquette
Associate Commissioner	James Siedliski
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Football Administration Assistant	Ben Tario

The BIG EAST continually turns challenges into opportunities to become stronger.

In the spring of 2001, the BIG EAST added women's lacrosse and rowing to its growing list of sports. The first women's golf championship was held in the spring of 2003.

The BIG EAST became a reality on May 31, 1979, following a meeting of athletic directors from Providence College, St. John's, Georgetown and Syracuse Universities. Seton Hall, Connecticut and Boston College completed the original seven school alliance.

While the membership has both increased and changed, the focus of the BIG EAST has not wavered. The conference reflects a tradition of broad based programs, led by administrators and coaches who place a constant emphasis on academic integrity. Its student athletes own significantly high graduation rates and their record of scholastic achievement notably show a balance between intercollegiate athletics and academics.

Any successful organization needs outstanding leadership. Michael Tranghese, the league's first full-time employee, and for 11 years the associate to Dave Gavitt, became Commissioner in 1990. In his first year, he administered the formation of The BIG EAST Football Conference.

The league has long been considered a leader in innovative concepts in promotion and publicity, particularly regarding television. Those efforts have resulted in unparalleled visibility for BIG EAST student athletes. The conference has enjoyed long-standing relationships with CBS, ESPN, Inc. and ABC.

While BIG EAST basketball games are regular sellouts at campus and major public arenas, including the annual men's BIG EAST Championship in Madison Square Garden, attendance figures also are significant in soccer, women's basketball and baseball games.

More than 550 BIG EAST student-athletes have earned all America recognition and dozens have won individual NCAA national championships. The BIG EAST has been well represented in U.S. or foreign national and Olympic teams. Several athletes earned gold medals in each of the last five summer Olympiads.

The BIG EAST has its headquarters in Providence where the conference administers to more than 5,500 athletes in 23 sports.

SYSTEM OF SUCCESS

BIG EAST CONFERENCE ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 1979-80

- Thirteen Final Four appearances in men's basketball, including NCAA titles by Connecticut in 2004 and '99, Syracuse in '03, Villanova in '85 and Georgetown in '84.
- NCAA women's basketball titles by Connecticut in 1995, 2000, '02, '03 and '04 and Notre Dame in '01.
- Twelve Final Four appearances in women's basketball (Connecticut '91, '95, '96, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04; Notre Dame '97, '01 and Rutgers '00, '07).
- National championships in football by Miami in 2001 and 1991.
- A seventh NCAA cross country title for Villanova in 1998, following an NCAA record six straight from 1989-94.
- NCAA men's soccer titles by St. John's in 1996 and Connecticut in 2000.
- NCAA women's soccer titles by Notre Dame in 1995 and 2004.
- NCAA women's cross country title by Providence in 1995.
- Appearance in the NCAA Men's College World Series by Notre Dame in 2002 and Louisville in 2007.
- NCAA Women's College World Series appearances by Connecticut in 1993 and DePaul in 2007.
- The National Player of the Year (Erin Elbe, Georgetown) in women's lacrosse for 2002.
- Two NCAA Woman of the Year award winners (Nnenna Lynch, Villanova, 1993; Rebecca Lobo, Connecticut, 1995).
- Four Honda-Broderick Cup winners recognizing collegiate athletic achievement among women (Vicki Huber, Villanova, 1988-89; Rebecca Lobo, Connecticut, 1994-95; Jennifer Rizzotti, Connecticut, 1995-96; Cindy Daws, Notre Dame, 1996-97).
- The 1992 Heisman Trophy Winner (Gino Torretta, Miami).
- Five women's basketball Wade Trophy winners (Shelly Pennefather, Villanova, 1986-87; Rebecca Lobo, Connecticut, '94-95; Jennifer Rizzotti, Connecticut, '95-96; Sue Bird, Connecticut, '01-02; Diana Taurasi, '02-03).
- Two consensus National Players of the Year in men's basketball (Walter Berry, St. John's, 1985-86; Patrick Ewing, Georgetown, 1984-85).
- A member of the CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame (Dr. Leigh Curl, Connecticut '85).
- 22 Kodak First Team All Americans in women's basketball.
- 21 consensus all-America first team selections in men's basketball.
- 36 consensus all-America selections in football.
- 2006 Winter Olympian in the bobsled.
- 2004 Olympians (U.S. and others) in baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's soccer, men's and women's swimming & diving and men's and women's track & field.
- 2000 Olympians (U.S. and others) in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's diving, men's and women's track & field, women's soccer and men's and women's swimming.
- 1996 Olympians (U.S. and others) in men's and women's basketball, men's and women's track & field, field hockey, men's pentathlon, women's soccer and women's swimming.
- 1992 Olympians (U.S. and others) in men's basketball, men's track and field and women's swimming.
- 1988 Olympians (U.S. and others) in baseball, men's basketball and men's and women's track and field.
- 1984 Olympians in men's track and field, women's swimming and men's basketball.
- 42 top five NCAA team finishes in men's and women's track and field.
- 57 NCAA individual event champions and 10 relay event champions in women's track and field.
- 30 NCAA individual event champions and 10 relay champions in men's track and field.
- 29 top 10 NCAA team finishes and 19 top 10 individual finishes in men's cross country.
- 52 top 10 NCAA team finishes (three in 2004) and 43 top 10 individual finishes in women's cross country.
- Eight NCAA individual champions in women's cross country.
- One NCAA individual champion in men's cross country.
- 21 NCAA individual event champions in men's and women's swimming & diving.
- All Americans in men's soccer (70), baseball (62), softball (28), men's swimming and diving (101), women's swimming and diving (61), women's soccer (64), field hockey (82), men's cross country and track (79), women's cross country and track (119), volleyball (17), women's lacrosse (45) and rowing (3).
- Academic All-Americans in women's cross country and track (44), men's cross country and track (34), baseball (35), softball (29), women's soccer (30), men's soccer (29), golf (3), men's tennis (4), women's tennis (3), women's lacrosse (3), men's swimming and diving (13), women's swimming and diving (8), football (23), men's basketball (19), women's basketball (14), field hockey (6) and volleyball (7).
- Nation's top academic all-American in softball (3), women's basketball (2), women's soccer (2), men's basketball (2) men's soccer (1) and women's cross country and track (1).



The future arrived for the University of Cincinnati athletics program in May, 2006 with the completion of the Richard E. Lindner Varsity Village.

The extensive renovation and upgrade of all of UC's athletics facilities, and the construction of some new venues, positions the Bearcats' sports programs to compete among the nation's best.

The term "village" aptly applies because the close proximal location and interconnection of the facilities provides ease of use and access to services for all of the

sports teams and their student-athletes, similar to that of a small town.

There was nothing small about the vision for Varsity Village, a \$105 million project, over half of which was privately financed.

The centerpiece of the project was the construction of the Richard E. Lindner Center, to serve as the home for all of the sports programs as well as the centralized support services.

Located between Nippert Stadium and Fifth Third Arena, the Lindner Center is a futuristic eight-story structure which houses offices, locker rooms, and reception and meeting space for each of the sport programs. The administrative services and support areas are also housed in the building.

The emphasis of the Lindner Center programming is on the student-athlete. One entire floor of the building is devoted to the Nancy Hamant Academics Center, which

contains study facilities for UC's 560 student-athletes, including over 70 computer stations.

A new athletics training center, equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment equipment, including three hydrotherapy pools, is included in the Lindner Center. The University Health Services for students has been relocated to the Lindner Center and provides expanded medical coverage conveniently located for UC student-athletes. An MRI diagnostic center is also part of the building.

Space for strength and conditioning training in the adjacent Fifth Third Arena has doubled to 18,000 square feet and has been furnished with the latest in weight training equipment. A new 12,000-square foot practice gymnasium will ease the scheduling of workouts and practices.

While the Lindner Center provides for the present and future of UC athletics, it also recognizes and celebrates UC's proud past. The ground level of the five-story atrium features the George and Helen Smith Museum detailing the history of both the athletics program and the University. Sports histories are portrayed in graphic murals and on video screens. Terminals in the Jack Twyman Traditions Lounge enable former student-athletes and their families to look up photos and records of their participation. A five-story trophy case houses the Bearcat's championship memorabilia.

The unique building was designed by signature



Varsity Village is named in honor of Cincinnati philanthropist and businessman Richard E. Lindner, who gave the founding gift to get the project started.

architect Bernard Tschumi. UC graduate Eva Maddox (DAAP 1966) orchestrated the design of the museum.

Varsity Village created three new sports venues and made significant upgrades and enhancements to two others.

The new baseball stadium, named for late Cincinnati Reds owner and area philanthropist Marge Schott, opened late in the 2004 season. UC's tennis program benefits from a new on-campus tennis center. The swimming and diving teams have a new training and competition home, the Keating Aquatics Center, in the nearby new student recreation center.

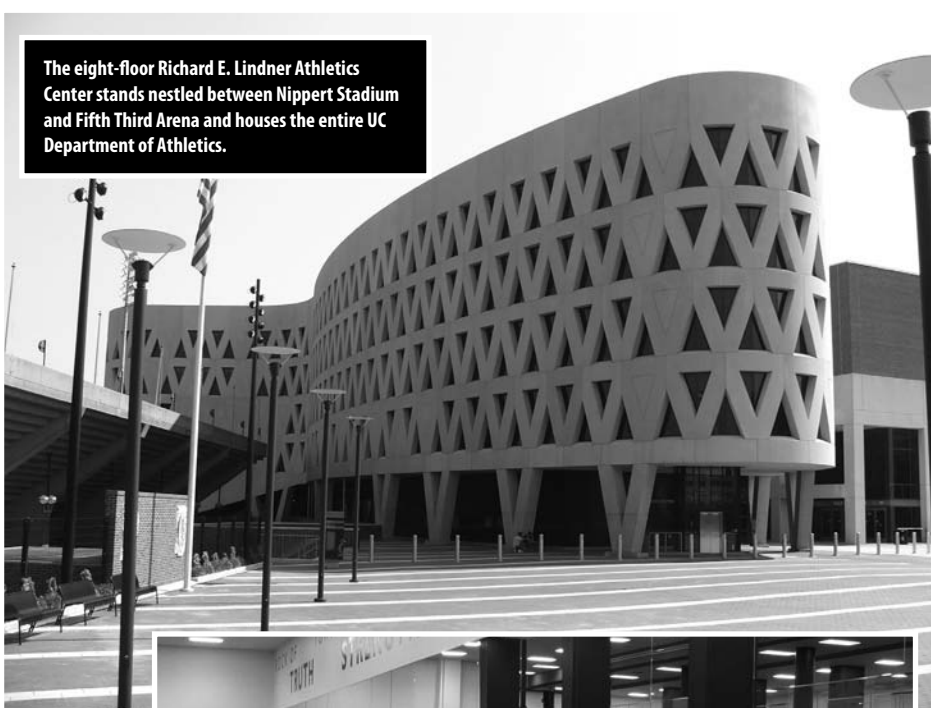
UC's track and soccer complex was totally renovated and permanent seating for 1,400 was added, along with a press box, and reopened as the Ben and Dee Gettler Stadium.

Nippert Stadium, which has been the home to UC football, and the activities of just about every other outdoor sport since 1902, has undergone significant improvements in seating and other accoutrements for the spectators, such as expanded concourses and concessions areas, and a new video board. Teams benefit from field-level game day locker rooms and a grass-like FieldTurf artificial playing surface.

Even UC's Marching Band benefited with the creation of the Rockwern Band Center.

Landscaping has created a major walkway, O'Varsity Way, that leads visitors through the heart of Varsity Village. The Raymond D. Sheakley Lawn and Victory Plaza provide gathering and activities space for UC fans attending events.

The eight-floor Richard E. Lindner Athletics Center stands nestled between Nippert Stadium and Fifth Third Arena and houses the entire UC Department of Athletics.



The main entrance of the Lindner Center opens into a five-story atrium (far left) that features a history of the University down one side and a timeline of UC Athletics down the other (left). Also in this area is the George & Helen Smith Athletics Museum, which houses the Bearcats' two men's basketball national championship trophies and the James P. Kelly Athletics Hall of Fame. The building also houses an 18,000 square foot weight training area (above right) and a state-of-the-art athletic training facility (above left).



2007 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI SOCCER

GETTLER STADIUM

Gettler Stadium is the home for both the University of Cincinnati men's and women's soccer programs, the outdoor track & field teams and the women's lacrosse team. The facility, renovated following the 2003 season, was named in recognition of the gift by Ben and Dee Gettler to the Richard E. Lindner Varsity Village.

The renovated facility features an official-size soccer field with FieldTurf Pro playing surface. The surface has been sanctioned by FIFA, the international governing body of soccer, for all levels of play except the semifinals and finals of the World Cup. Also present are an eight-lane, 400-meter track, permanent grandstand seating for 1,400, concession stands, restrooms, team rooms and a pressbox.

These improvements follow a facility upgrade from 2000 that saw the installation of new lights and a new scoreboard with message center.



BEARCATS IN THE PROS



Omar Cummings was UC's first first-team all-American. He was drafted by the Colorado Rapids in the 2007 MLS SuperDraft.



Tim Brown currently plays for the Wellington Phoenix (left) in the Hyundai A-League while also captaining the New Zealand National Team (below with Welsh captain Ryan Giggs).



Josh Gardner (top) was drafted by the Los Angeles Galaxy in the 2004 MLS SuperDraft. He now plays for the USL's Seattle Sounders. Kwame Sarkodie (left) and Sam Miller (bottom left) are members of the USL's Cincinnati Kings while Jeff Hughes (bottom right) plays for the Wilmington Hammerheads of the USL.



Bearcats in the Pros

Tim Brown	Wellington Phoenix, Hyundai A-League
Omar Cummings	Colorado Rapids, MLS
Josh Gardner	Seattle Sounders, USL First Div.
Jeff Hughes	Wilmington Hammerheads, USL Second Div.
Sam Miller	Cincinnati Kings, USL Second Div.
Wiremu Patrick	Miramar Rangers, NZ Central
Kwame Sarkodie	Cincinnati Kings, USL Second Div.

Bearcats in the MLS SuperDraft

Omar Cummings	Colorado Rapids, 3rd round, 2007
Jeremiah Gallegos	L.A. Galaxy, Supplemental Draft, 2005
Josh Gardner	L.A. Galaxy, 2nd round, 2004



BIG EAST Championships in every sport within the next five years, continued leadership by UC student-athletes in academics, and community engagement are the main goals of CATAPULT, an action plan for University of Cincinnati athletics unveiled by athletics director Mike Thomas.

Thomas' five-year vision for UC's 18-sport intercollegiate program was launched on the six-month anniversary of his hiring as AD. The plan focuses on three main initiatives: winning BIG EAST team championships, high-level academic achievement, and a comprehensive integration with the Greater Cincinnati Community.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

UC will win a BIG EAST championship in every sport within the next five years. The Bearcats picked up their first BIG EAST championship in 2006 as the men's soccer team captured the regular-season title.



CATAPULT

CHAMPIONSHIPS ... ACADEMICS ... TOGETHER

"It is critically important for our student-athletes, past, present and future, along with our coaches, staff, alumni and fans to know that we are 100 percent committed to being a championship program within the BIG EAST," said Thomas. "Setting specific goals will keep

all of our stakeholders focused on where we need to go. The title of the program, CATAPULT, is truly symbolic of what our department is poised to do over the next five-years, which is to leap over the rest of the BIG EAST, all the way to the top."

ACADEMICS

UC student-athletes will set the pace academically by continuing to lead the general student body in graduation rates and over a five-year period outperform the general student body in grade point average. UC student-athletes are graduating at a 61 percent rate, exceeding the 48 percent rate of the school's general student body and is on par with the national student-athlete rate of 62 percent. In the most recent compilation of grade point averages, UC student-athletes posted an accumulated grade point average of 2.90 while the overall GPA of the UC student body was 3.04.



TOGETHER

UC student-athletes, coaches and staff will respect and honor the privilege of competing as Cincinnati Bearcats. All participants recognize that UC's goals cannot be achieved without engaging the UC family and the Cincinnati community.



ACADEMIC SERVICES

The Academic Services Office works with coaches, faculty and administrators to help make the student-athlete's academic and athletic experience as enriching and rewarding as possible. The office helps student-athletes keep abreast of the eligibility requirements of their particular colleges, assists with the coordination of class schedules, and monitors their progress in their respective programs and toward graduation.

Weekly meetings with academic advisors are set up for all first-year student-athletes to better monitor their academic progress and assist with adjustment to college. Tutoring and educational assistance are also readily accessible.



Dr. Nancy Hamant

Nancy Hamant Academic Center

The opening of the Richard E. Lindner Athletic Center pays huge dividends for student-athletes in terms of academics, as the building houses the spacious Nancy Hamant Academic Center on the entire fifth floor.

The center, named in honor of the longtime faculty athletics representative, The Hamant Academics Center gives student-athletes a variety of ways to fulfill their study needs. The large study room is furnished to accommodate a variety of study habits and features 34 work areas. There are also 14 tutor rooms for more focused attention and five group meeting rooms.

Additionally, the center includes a computer lab, equipped with 71 work stations, that provide a wide-range of computer and word-processing activities, as well as access to the internet.

Services Provided for Student-Athletes

Academic Advising: The UC Academic Services staff provides information regarding policies, procedures, course selection, selection of major and minor areas of study as well as NCAA and university guidelines for adequate academic progress.

Priority Registration: Student-athletes meet with an advisor in their college in order to obtain a check sheet and a graduation plan. The student-athlete then meets with an athletic academic advisor during priority registration in order to register for the quarter. Priority registration allows student-athletes to register for classes around practice and competition schedules.

Counseling: Individual work is done with student-athletes with specific concerns such as decision-making, adjustment to college, communications, relationships, test-anxiety and necessary study skills. Appropriate referrals are made to other campus resources.

Monitoring Academic Progress: Progress reports are used to gather classroom performance information from professors. This information is shared with the student-athlete and his/her coach so everyone can keep abreast of the current academic progress.

Tutorials: Services are provided for one-on-one and small group tutoring. Student-athletes may submit requests for a tutor assignment in most courses.

Career Development and Placement: The interests and strengths of each student-athlete are continually measured to prepare the student-athlete for a career beyond college. In addition to aiding career exploration and placement, this program provides assistance in securing vacation employment opportunities and internships.



The Bearcats soccer program is committed not just to success on the playing field, but also to be a contributing member in the community.

Throughout the year, the team gives back to the community in a number of ways, from volunteering time around the holidays at the Drop Inn Center to visiting the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The team has also taken part in various other community service activities ranging from Make a Difference Day to volunteering at area YMCAs. Other community service projects include Sports Buddies, Habitat for Humanity, Cincinnati Kid Fest, the Special Olympics, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ronald McDonald House, reading to school children and volunteering at a homeless shelter.

The Bearcats give back to the soccer community as well. Each spring the men's and women's programs host a free soccer clinic for area youth. The Bearcats, partnered with the Clifton Soccer Association for Youth (S.A.Y.), use the clinics to promote the game of soccer to the local community. Last spring, over 100 youngsters were in attendance along with the entire men's and women's teams and coaching staffs.

The clinics, led by head men's coach Hylton Dayes and head women's coach Meridy Glenn, focus on teaching the basic skills involved in the game. Members of both the men's and women's teams work with groups of youngsters, practicing dribbling, passing and goalkeeping techniques.

