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Name of School	University of Cincinnati
Location	Cincinnati, Ohio 45221
Founded	1819
Enrollment	36,518
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	BIG EAST
Nickname	Bearcats
Colors	Red & Black
President	Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher (Ohio State, 1968)
Director of Athletics	Mike Thomas (Colorado State, 1983)
Faculty Representative	Dr. Frederick Russ

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Reed Sunahara (UCLA, 1989)
Overall Record (Years)	199-115 (10)
Record at Cincinnati (Years)	180-75 (8)
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2007 Record/ BIG EAST Record	19-12/9-5
Finish	T-3rd
Starters Returning/Lost	5 + Libero/1
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the UNIVERSITY

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.

Academic Excellence

At the University of Cincinnati, excellence is a hallmark of the academic programs. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks 12 UC programs among the Top 10 in the country, while another 26 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, Octamer'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 Cincinnatus, which awards more than 1,400 scholarships totaling over \$11 million.

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.

A Look at the University

- In fiscal year 2006, 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 45th in the nation.
- UC's annual endowment is \$1.185 billion, ranking 54th in the U.S. and 17th 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 Extensive 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 second-largest employer with 9,000 employees and ranks seventh in the state of Ohio.
- 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.



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.

University of Cincinnati



Famous UC Alumni and Faculty

Cleveland Abbe	Founder of the U.S. National Weather Service
Kathleen Battle	Operatic Diva
Thomas Berger	Author ("Little Big Man," "Neighbors")
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
Kirsten Haglund	Miss America, 2008
Mark Oswald	Baritone
Michelle Pawk	Broadway Star
Faith Prince	Tony Award Winner
Lee Roy Reams	Broadway Star
Albert Sabin	Developer of Polio Vaccine
Joseph B. Strauss	Designer of Golden Gate Bridge
William Howard Taft	President, Supreme Court Chief Justice
Doris Twitchell	Founder of Children's Int. Summer Village
Jonathan Valin	Author ("The Lime Pit," "Final Notice")
Tom Wesselman	Artist

Sports Greats

Ted Corbitt	Olympic Marathoner
Miller Huggins	Yankees Manager, Baseball Hall of Fame
Sandy Koufax	Los Angeles Dodgers, Baseball Hall of Fame
David Payne	Track and Field Olympic Silver Medalist
Oscar Robertson	Basketball Hall of Fame
Becky Ruehl	Olympic Diver
Jack Twyman	Basketball Hall of Fame
Mary Wineberg	Track and Field Olympic Gold Medalist



William Howard Taft



Charles Dawes



Albert Sabin



University of Cincinnati National Rankings

National Science Foundation

Research and Development Rank: 45th

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: 52nd
 Cooperative Education: 4th
 College of Pharmacy: 32nd
 College of Medicine: 40th
 College of Nursing: 48th
 Opera/Voice: 3rd
 Musical Conducting: 5th
 Music: 6th
 Music Composition: 9th
 Orchestra/Symphony: 9th
 Drama: 37th
 Creative Writing: 46th
 Paleontology: 7th
 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

Design Intelligence

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



all-american CITY

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 about 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 are 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 the most livable city in North America.

Cincinnati and the tri-state area are the corporate headquarters of 10 Fortune 500 companies. Major corporations, such as Proctor 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 the best in life. It is a great place to visit, an even better place to live and learn.



Cincinnati at a Glance

City Population: 332,252 **Metropolitan Area Population:** 2.1 million **U.S. CMSA Rank:** 24th

Television Market: 32nd

Fortune 500 Company Headquarters: 10

Corporate Headquarters: More than 1,000

• 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.

• *Esquire Magazine* ranked Cincinnati No. 7 on its list of "Cities that Rock."

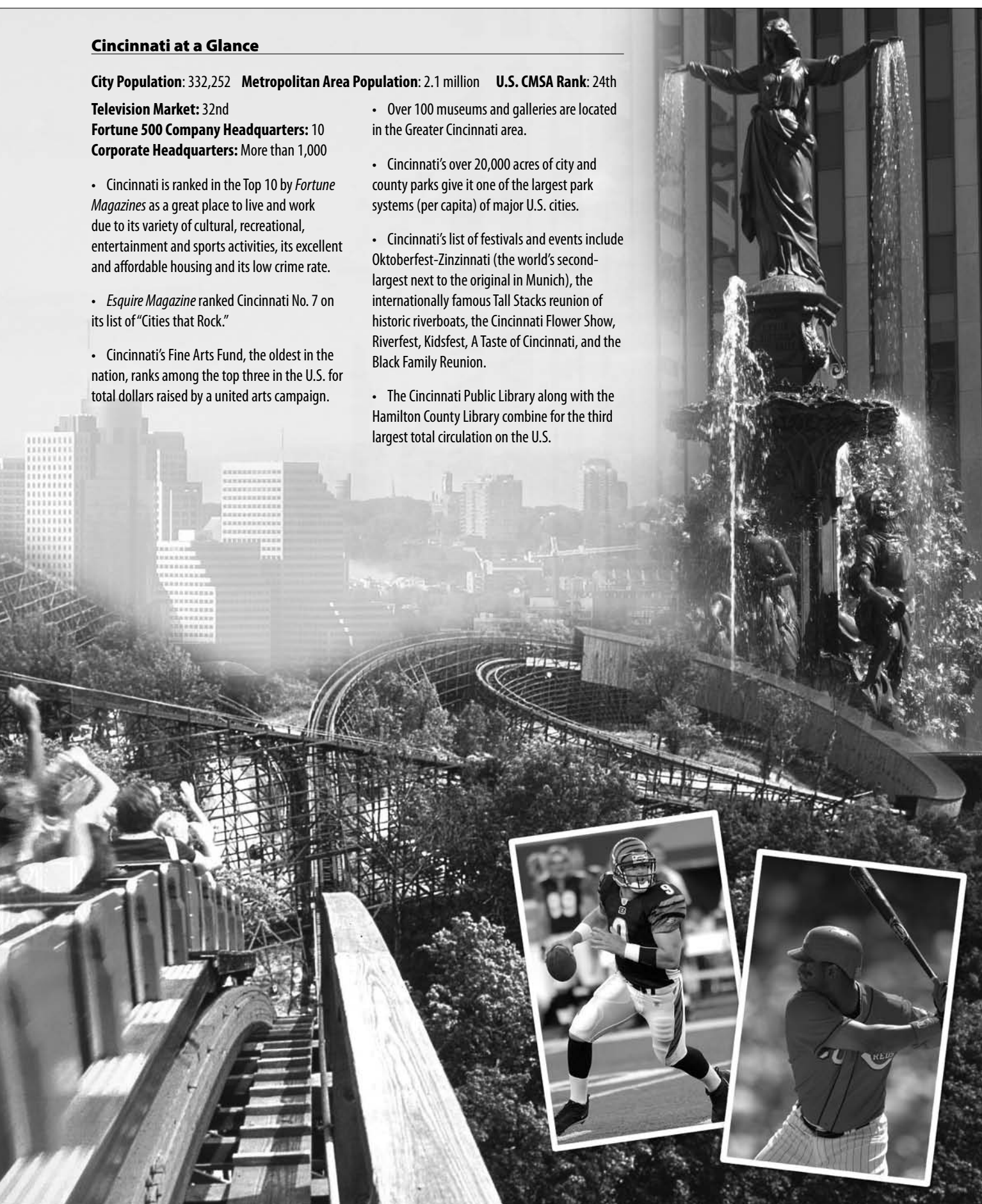
• Cincinnati's Fine Arts Fund, the oldest in the nation, ranks among the top three in the U.S. for total dollars raised by a united arts campaign.

• 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 on the U.S.



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richard e. lindner VARSITY VILLAGE

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. Its purpose is 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 80 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, making UC the first school in the country to have one in its athletics facilities.

Space for strength and conditioning training in the adjacent Fifth Third Arena has been 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. A five-story trophy case, making it one of the world's largest, houses the Bearcat's championship memorabilia.

The unique building was designed by signature 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.



fifth third ARENA

The University of Cincinnati volleyball team plays its home games in Fifth Third Arena and has access to first-class facilities in the Richard E. Lindner Athletics Center. Below are some of the perks the Bearcats take advantage of on a daily basis.

Fifth Third Arena

Opened: November, 1989

Capacity: 13,176

Surface: All-Star Plus

Varsity Village Improvements:

- State-of-the-art Daktronics videoboard
- New playing surface

Lindner Athletics Center

The building includes a 335-seat auditorium for University use.

The first floor of the building houses a 12,000-square foot practice gym.

The entire fifth floor houses the Nancy Hamant Academic Center, which includes a computer lab with 71 work stations, a large study hall and 14 individual tutor rooms.

The Sports Medicine Suite includes a 4,000-square foot treatment and rehab space, three hydrotherapy pools, a sauna, and a steam room. Student Health Services, located on the third floor, houses X-ray facilities and a pharmacy.

The Bob Goin Team Meeting Room can seat over 100 people, or be divided in half for separate offensive and defensive meetings.

The Jack Twyman Traditions Lounge, named after one of three Bearcats to have their men's basketball number retired, features couches, fireplaces, and electronic kiosks where former student-athletes can gather and view archived information on UC athletics.



FIFTH THIRD ARENA RECORDS

Fifth Third Arena has been the home of UC volleyball since 1989, although not all 217 home matches have been played on its court. On occasion the Bearcats have played in Laurence Gym and at St. Ursula Academy. These facility records reflect marks set in all venues.

individuals MATCH

MOST KILLS	35	Monique Swaby (Memphis) vs. UC, 10/27/95
MOST ERRORS	16	Stephanie Ross (Pitt) vs. Marquette, 11/17/06
MOST ATTEMPTS	88	Haylee Reed (USF) vs. UC, 10/15/95
HIGHEST HITTING PERCENTAGE		
	.818 (9-0-11)	Lauren Burny (UC) vs. Chicago St., 9/15/97
MOST ASSISTS	83	Anne Kordes (UC) vs. USF, 10/15/95
MOST SERVICE ACES	9	Julie DuPont (UC) vs. Wis.-Milwaukee, 11/11/02
MOST BLOCK SOLOS		
	11	Jennifer Carter (UC) vs. Wright State, 10/13/92
MOST BLOCK ASSISTS		
	18	Jenn Brown (Marquette) vs. Pittsburgh, 11/17/06
MOST DIGS	42	Jessica Sippy (Saint Louis) vs. UC, 10/9/98

team MATCH

MOST KILLS	98	UC vs. USF, 10/15/95
MOST ERRORS	47	UC vs. Florida State, 11/2/90
MOST ATTEMPTS	289	UC vs. Saint Louis, 10/9/98
HIGHEST HITTING PERCENTAGE		
	.634 (28-2-41)	UC vs. Chicago St., 9/15/97
MOST ASSISTS	89	UC vs. USF, 10/15/95
MOST SERVICE ACES	17	UC vs. Wis.-Milwaukee, 11/11/01
MOST BLOCK SOLOS		
	18	Bowling Green vs. UC, 10/23/90
MOST BLOCK ASSISTS		
	46	Marquette vs. Pittsburgh, 11/17/06
MOST DIGS	162	Saint Louis vs. UC, 10/9/98

miscellaneous

LARGEST CROWD	1,180	UC vs. Xavier, 10/3/95
LONGEST WINNING STREAK		
	23	11/17/02 to 10/24/04
LONGEST LOSING STREAK		
	6	9/14/91 to 11/1/91

year-by-year at HOME

Year	Conference	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1989	Metro	9-3	3-1
1990	Metro	10-3	2-1
1991	Great Midwest	2-10	1-3
1992	Great Midwest	4-8	3-2
1993	Great Midwest	3-7	2-3
1994	Great Midwest	4-4	3-2
1995	Conference USA	6-2	4-2
1996	Conference USA	7-2	6-1
1997	Conference USA	11-3	7-1
1998	Conference USA	9-4	6-1
1999	Conference USA	12-1	8-0
2000	Conference USA	7-1	7-1
2001	Conference USA	10-1	7-1
2002	Conference USA	7-1	5-1
2003	Conference USA	13-0	7-0
2004	Conference USA	12-3	5-1
2005	BIG EAST	9-3	4-3
2006	BIG EAST	13-2	7-0
2007	BIG EAST	9-2	5-1
Totals		157-60 (.724)	92-25 (.786)

uc's CATAPULT

“CATAPULT”

CHAMPIONSHIPS ... ACADEMICS ... TOGETHER

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 Director of Athletics Mike Thomas.

Thomas' five-year vision for UC's 18-sport intercollegiate program was launched six months into his tenure at UC. 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.

"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, and go all the way to the top."

The basic components of CATAPULT are:

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.

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 59 percent rate, which exceeds the 49 percent rate of school's general student body and is on par with the national student-athlete rate of 62 percent. In the most recent compilation of the grade-point averages, UC student-athletes posted an accumulated grade point average of 3.07 while the overall GPA of the UC student body was 2.969.

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.



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big east CONFERENCE

The 2008-09 academic year will be the 30th for The BIG EAST Conference. While the league has gone through membership changes since its birth, it has never been stronger. This academic year will mark the conference's fourth year as the nation's largest Division I-A conference.

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 student-athletes of the member schools continue to maintain the league's proud tradition of success.

BIG EAST teams earned their share of recognition at the highest levels in 2007-08. Four women's teams advanced to their respective NCAA Final Fours: Connecticut field hockey and women's basketball, Notre Dame soccer and Syracuse lacrosse.

Individually in men's sports, Villanova's Bobby Curtis was the NCAA outdoor track champion in the 5,000 meters. Connecticut's O'Brian White won the M.A.C. Hermann Trophy, the highest individual honor in soccer. Two years ago, BIG EAST male and female student-athletes were Hermann Trophy winners.

In men's basketball, the BIG EAST tied its own record set in 2006 by earning eight NCAA Championship bids. BIG EAST women's teams have received eight NCAA invitations in each of the past two years. The combined 16 men's and women's berths in 2008 was an NCAA first.

The quality of BIG EAST football has never been more balanced. Six of the league's eight squads were nationally ranked in 2007. For the third straight year, the BIG EAST representative in the Bowl Championship Series won its BCS bowl game.

The BIG EAST continued to produce student-athletes who were at the forefront of athletic and academic achievement. Nineteen BIG EAST players were chosen to their respective ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Teams, including eight first-team selections.

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 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 125 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 370 student-athletes have earned academic all-America honors. Last year in football, Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm, who finished his career as the BIG EAST's career passing leader, was one of the league's eight first-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America team picks.

Also, Connecticut's Rebecca Lobo, one of the most heralded women's basketball players in the history of the sport, was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 2008. Lobo, a two-time BIG EAST Player of the Year, led the Huskies to the 1995 NCAA national championship.

The BIG EAST has enjoyed tremendous basketball success, especially in this decade. 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 captured their respective national championships. In men's basketball, BIG EAST squads have won three of the last 10 NCAA championships. BIG EAST women's teams have taken five of the last nine NCAA titles.

Proactive movement has been a signature strategy for the conference that was born in 1979. 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. In 2007, the league conducted its first women's lacrosse championship tournament. In 2009-10, the BIG EAST will begin sponsorship of men's lacrosse, its 24th sport.

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 shows 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.

For 2009-10, the BIG EAST will undergo one significant change. Tranghese has announced that he will step down from his position on June 30, 2009.

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 six summer Olympiads.

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

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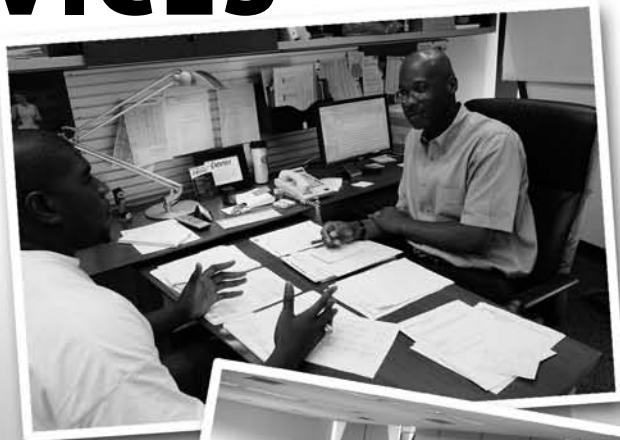
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academic SERVICES

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 student-athletes to better monitor their academic progress and assist with adjustment to college. Tutoring and educational assistance are also readily accessible.



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, 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 71 computer stations, a 50-person study room, five group meeting rooms and over 14 individual tutor rooms.

sports **MEDICINE**

The University of Cincinnati's sports medicine program is responsible not only for helping student-athletes make speedy recoveries from injuries, but in preventing injuries from occurring.

UC's sports medicine program is a comprehensive approach to the injury care and the wellness of the University's over 500 student-athletes, utilizing state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment equipment with the latest methods in the care and prevention of injuries. Its objectives are simple: to prevent injuries, to rehabilitate injuries, to adjust to the stress following injuries and to educate student-athletes about various wellness issues. The goal is to get UC's athletes back in the classroom and on the playing field functioning at 100 percent capacity. The goal is attained in several ways. New student-athletes are carefully examined before they participate to detect potential problems. Student-athletes are afforded state-of-the-art therapeutic care.

The opening of the Richard E. Lindner Athletics Center in May 2006 provides a new, state-of-the-art sports medicine facility that caters to the needs of UC's student-athletes. Features of the facility include over 4,000 square feet of space for treatment and taping, spacious office suites for training staff and physicians, a physicians exam area, pharmacy, and x-ray facilities.

A highlight is the hydrotherapy facility which has a three-level, 5,000 gallon, two-treadmill exercise pool, and two 12-person whirlpools (one for hot and one for cold therapy). The sports medicine facility is located one floor below the new University Health Services Center, providing easy access to physicians and services. University Radiology has an MRI diagnostic center as part of the new complex.

Under the direction of Assistant Director of Athletics for Sports Medicine Jeff Carrico, UC's athletics training staff is the backbone of the sports medicine program. Trainers are present at every practice and event to monitor the health of the student-athletes and respond to injuries.

Dr. W. Kenneth Stephens, a fellow in the American College of Sports Medicine and member of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, has served as the Bearcats' team physician for the past 30 years. UC's University Health Service provides a staff of medical professionals accessible to student-athletes 24 hours a day.

Dr. Angelo Colosimo and the staff of the University Orthopedics Associates of Cincinnati is on call to address orthopedic injuries, performing all orthopedic surgeries and supervising post-operation rehabilitation programs.

The UC Medical College provides nationally-recognized specialists who are immediately accessible. University Hospital, a nationally-recognized medical center, is immediately adjacent to the campus, providing UC student-athletes the absolute best in health and medical care.



strength and **CONDITIONING**

Strength and conditioning is one of the most important ingredients of any successful intercollegiate athletic program. To help the Bearcats' student-athletes maximize their athletic potential, UC combines a modern, comprehensive facility with the latest techniques in strength training.

No area of the volleyball program is given greater attention and emphasis than strength and conditioning.

With the opening of the Richard E. Lindner Athletics Center, the Bearcats utilize an 18,000-square foot strength training facility. The new center includes over \$1 million in Hammer Strength equipment and a five-lane running track.

The mirror-covered room is trimmed in red and black and features a tuflex floor made especially for weight training facilities. The modernized weight facility is highlighted by a quadraphonic sound system.

Dave Andrews is the director of UC's olympic strength training and conditioning program. Andrews has a proven record of success developing student-athletes and helping them achieve their full potential.

Strength and conditioning is on-going. Programs are tailored to enable athletes to maintain strength during the peak physical demands of a playing season and increase strength through more extensive training during the off-season.

