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Dr. William L. Jenkins

Dr. William L. Jenkins is President of the Louisiana State University System, which includes ten institutions on 10 campuses in five cities as well as 10 public hospitals in 10 cities.

A native of South Africa, Dr. Jenkins received his professional veterinary medicine degree in 1958 and specialist credentials in 1968 from the University of Pretoria. In 1970 he received a Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia. After practicing veterinary medicine for four years, Dr. Jenkins joined the faculty at the University of Pretoria, advancing through the ranks to become professor and head of the Department of Veterinary Physiology, Pharmacology and Toxicology in 1971.

In 1978 Dr. Jenkins moved to the United States and joined the faculty in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology at Texas A&M University. In 1988 he was appointed dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, was named LSU's Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in 1993, Chancellor of LSU in 1996, and President of the LSU System in 1999.

Dr. Jenkins has taught extensively at both the professional and graduate levels. He also has been active in continuing education and has delivered more than 200 lectures and addresses to diverse groups in both the United States and abroad. He has published more than 60 scientific articles and has contributed 15 chapters to various textbooks. He is co-author of a textbook on veterinary pharmacology.

Over the years President Jenkins has received numerous teaching and service awards and recognitions. He also has served on many boards and commissions at the local, regional, state, and national levels.

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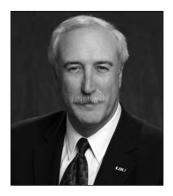
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Sean O'Keefe

Chancellor, LSU

The Honorable Sean O'Keefe assumed the office of Chancellor of Louisiana State University and A&M College on February 21, 2005. Prior to his appointment as LSU's seventh chancellor, O'Keefe established a distinguished career in higher education and United States government service.

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Chancellor O'Keefe earned his Bachelor of Arts from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1977 and his Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University in 1978. He held an endowed chair at the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs and served as the Director of National Security Studies, a partnership of Syracuse University and Johns Hopkins University for delivery of executive education programs. He was also Professor of Business Administration and Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at the Pennsylvania State University.

He served on four separate occasions as a presidential appointee. Most recently, until February 2005, he served as the 10th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. O'Keefe joined President George W. Bush's Administration as Deputy Assistant to the President and as the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget until December 2001.

Appointed Secretary of the Navy in July 1992 by President George Bush, O'Keefe served as Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Defense since 1989. Before joining then-Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's Pentagon management team in these capacities, he served on the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations staff for eight years and was Staff Director of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. His public service began in 1978 upon his selection as a Presidential Management Intern.

Chancellor Sean O'Keefe is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, a Fellow of the International Academy of Astronautics, and member of the Naval Postgraduate School Board of Advisors. During his academic postings, he was a Visiting Scholar at the Wolfson College of the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, a member of the Naval Postgraduate School's civil-military relations seminar team, and conducted seminars for the Strategic Studies Group at Oxford University. He served on the national security panel to devise the 1988 Republican platform and was a member of the 1985 Kennedy School of Government program for national security executives at Harvard University.

In 1993, President Bush and Secretary Cheney presented him the Distinguished Public Service Award. He was the 1999 faculty recipient of the Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Service; recipient of the Department of the Navy's Public Service Award in December 2000; and has been awarded five honorary doctorate degrees from several prestigious educational institutions. In 2003 and 2004, he was recognized and honored by the Irish American Magazine as one of the Top 100 Irish Americans.

He is the author of several journal articles and contributing author of Keeping the Edge: Managing Defense for the Future released in October 2000. In 1998, he co-authored The Defense Industry in the Post-Cold War Era: Corporate Strategies and Public Policy Perspectives.

He is married to Laura McCarthy O'Keefe, and they have three children - Lindsey, Jonathan, and Kevin.

Athletics Director

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Legacy

Bertman's unyielding desire to succeed drove him to the pinnacle of his profession, and his astute knowledge of the game -- obtained from over 40 years of coaching -- combined with his steadfast determination and irrepressible enthusiasm transformed LSU Baseball into the nation's premier program.

National Championships

2000, 1997, 1996, 1993, 1991

SEC Championships

1997, 1996, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1986

Career Record (1984-2001)

870-330-3 (.724)

NCAA Tournament Record

89-29 (.754), highest winning percentage in NCAA history

National Coach of the Year

2000, 1997, 1996, 1993, 1991, 1986

College World Series Appearances

2000, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1994, 1993, 1991, 1990, 1989, 1987, 1986

Iready a Louisiana Legend and one of the greatest college baseball coaches of all time, J. Stanley "Skip" Bertman has made the seamless transition into the athletics director's chair with the same enthusiasm, vision and demand for excellence that were trademarks of his stellar coaching career.

In just five years as LSU's director of athletics, Bertman has already added to his impressive list of on-the-field achievements. Under his direction, LSU enjoyed arguably the greatest athletics years in the history of the institution. In 2003-04, three teams won national championships, nine teams finished in the nation's top ten, and 14 teams ranked in the top 25, and in 2004-05, 14 teams advanced to the postseason. LSU teams also enjoyed improved grade point averages across the board, making the LSU student-athlete experience a success on and off the fields of competition.

While supervising the Tigers' progress on the playing fields, he has begun to implement measures necessary to realize his vision of building the LSU athletics department into the best in the country. Bertman's bold and innovative plans promise to keep the Tigers among the nation's elite in all phases of collegiate athletics.

Bertman is now in the midst of upgrading LSU's athletics complex. Working hand in hand with the Tiger Athletic Foundation, Bertman has already overseen the completion of the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes while renovating Tiger Stadium and the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, and constructing the Football Operations Center.

It was also Bertman who took the bold but essential move to implement a seat contribution program in Tiger Stadium to fund facility improvements and ensure the financial stability of the LSU Athletics Department for the next decade.

Bertman was named LSU's athletics director on Jan. 19, 2001. With Bertman, LSU gained an athletics director who provides the leadership and experience necessary to manage the Tigers' \$52 million budget

Bertman guided LSU to five NCAA baseball titles, and his teams drew huge crowds to venerable Alex Box Stadium, as the Tigers led the nation in attendance in each of his final six seasons (1996-2001).

He also served as head coach of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team that captured the bronze medal in Atlanta.

Bertman continues to be honored for his remarkable coaching tenure, as he was inducted in June, 2002, into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January, 2003. In 2006, he was one of 10 inaugural inductees into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in Lubbock, Texas.

In a Baseball America poll published in 1999, Bertman was voted the second greatest college baseball coach of the 20th century, trailing only the late Rod Dedeaux of Southern California. Bertman and Dedeaux are the only coaches to win five CWS titles.

He had previously earned recognition as one of the nation's brightest assistant coaches while at the University of Miami (Fla.) for eight seasons (1976-83). Before working at Miami, Bertman was renowned for his coaching excellence. In 11 seasons at Miami Beach High School, he directed the Hi-Tides to a state championship and two runners-up finishes and he was named Florida's Coach of the Year on three occasions.

In 1975, Bertman coached at Miami-Dade Downtown, leaving after one season to join legendary head coach Ron Fraser at Miami. The move was a homecoming of sorts, as Bertman spent his collegiate playing days with the Hurricanes as an outfielder and catcher from 1958-60. He earned his B.A. in health and physical education from Miami in 1961 and received his master's degree from UM in 1964.

Bertman and his wife Sandy are the parents of four daughters -Jan, Jodi, Lisa and Lori. The Bertman's have three grandchildren - Sophie Faith and Isaac Stanley, the children of Emile and Lori Bertman Guirard, and Samuel Aaron, the son of Drew and Lisa Pate.

Athletics Administration



Verge Ausberry Senior Associate AD

A former LSU football standout, Verge Ausberry joined the LSU Athletics Department administrative staff in August 2001.

Ausberry supervises and is responsible for football scheduling and new projects as well as overseeing the LSU men's basketball team, the equipment staff, the strength and conditioning staff, the Dr. Martin Broussard training room, video department and football game management.

Ausberry, from New Iberia, La., played inside linebacker for the Tigers, lettering in 1986-89. He was the leading tackler on the team in both 1988 and 1989 and was part of two Southeastern Conference championship teams (1986 under Bill Arnsparger and 1988 under Mike Archer), playing on teams that went to four bowl games.

Before joining the LSU athletic administration, he was very closely involved in the athletic program, first serving for almost seven years as a member of LSU's highly regarded Academic Center for Athletes where he worked with many of the student-athletes, primarily dealing with LSU's football squad.

After leaving the Academic Center, he moved in July 1999 to the Tiger Athletic Foundation staff as part of LSU's fund-raising arm prior to joining the department. He was appointed Senior Associate AD in May 2006.

Ausberry received his Bachelor of Science degree in education in May of 1990, his master of education in administration, supervision and certification in child welfare in May of 1992 and his specialist in higher education administration in 2004. He is presently a doctoral candidate in higher education administration at LSU. He is married to the former Cheri Morial of New Orleans and they have two boys. Austin and Jaiden.



Judy Southard Senior Associate AD/ Senior Woman Administrator

Judy Southard, who had a very successful career as both head women's basketball coach and

Director of Athletics, enters her sixth year at LSU having recently been promoted to Senior Associate Athletics Director in May 2006.

Southard came to LSU from Texas Woman's University, where she served as the school's Director of Athletics for nine years.

As LSU's Senior Woman Administrator, Southard's responsibilities include oversight of the highly successful Tiger Olympic Sports program including 17 men's and women's sports. She has direct supervision of Volleyball, Women's Basketball, Softball and Women's Golf as well as responsibilities in monitoring the athletic department's Gender Equity and Diversity Issues Plan.

Southard has served on numerous national committees during her career in athletic administration. She is currently a member of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee and will serve in the important role of committee chair for the 2006-07 academic year. In 2004 she was named to the SEC Executive Committee and continues to serve in that capacity.

While at Texas Woman's University, Southard initiated a corporate partnership program for the athletic department and was instrumental in the addition of two sports (softball and soccer) to the department's sport offerings. She addition initiated efforts to create the TWU Athletics Hall of Fame during her tenure there.

Prior to her stint at TWU, Southard served as head women's basketball coach at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., for 11 years, where she led the Lady Herd to five Southern Conference titles. At Marshall, Southard was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year three times and her career record of 178-130 still stands as a school record for women's basketball victories. Southard also served as Assistant Athletics Director/SWA at Marshall from 1983-88, including a four-month period when she was interim director. She will be recognized this fall as an inductee in the Marshall Athletic Hall of Fame.

Before going to Marshall, Southard spent three years as head coach at Tennessee-Martin and she also served for one season as an assistant coach at Tennessee. As a high school teacher from 1970-77, Southard coached both basketball and tennis, leading her West Florence High School basketball team to the South Carolina 4A state title in 1976.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Southard earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Coker College in 1970 followed by a master's degree in physical education from Tennessee in 1978. She was a 2000 inductee into the Coker College Athletics Hall of Fame.



Herb Vincent Senior Associate AD/ External Affairs

Herb Vincent was appointed to the position of senior associate athletic director for external affairs in

May of 2006 after serving as associate AD since August of 2002. In addition, he was LSU's sports information director for 12 years from 1988-2000.

In his present position, Vincent manages communications and serves as the primary public relations officer for the LSU Athletics Department and all its entities, including the Tiger Athletic Foundation. He also supervises the sports information office and marketing and promotions office, serves as the primary liaison with LSU Sports Properties and TAF, and serves as the department administrator for the sport of baseball.

Vincent served as the LSU sports information director from July 1988 to July 2000. He was appointed Assistant Athletics Director in November of 1989, and then was elevated to Associate AD/Communications in 1992.

He joined LSU as assistant sports information director in February of 1988 and was promoted to the position of SID in July of that year.

Prior to his return to LSU in 2002, Vincent served as Vice-President for Communications for the College Sports Southeast regional cable network, headquartered in Birmingham.

Vincent received a bachelor's degree in journalism from LSU in 1983. He worked as a student assistant in the sports information office directed by CoSIDA Hall of Famer Paul Manasseh during his undergraduate years.

After graduating from LSU, Vincent spent the 1984 season as assistant public relations director for the United States Football League's New Orleans Breakers. In 1985, he was assistant public relations director for the USFL's Los Angeles Express and was promoted during the season to the public relations staff's top position.

Before joining LSU in 1988, Vincent spent one year as assistant SID at Louisiana-Lafayette and also worked at the Southeastern Conference offices in Birmingham as assistant public relations director in charge of basketball publicity.

Vincent is married to the former Jamey Cavacini of Versailles, Ky, and they have recently become the parents of a baby girl, Kennedy.



A Champions



The 2005-06 athletics year was another wonderful one for LSU. The Tigers and Lady Tigers enjoyed success from the fields and courts to the classroom. All in all, it was an exciting year for LSU's student-athletes, coaches and fans.

Postseason Presence

Of LSU's 20 sports, 12 teams advanced to postseason play. Among the highlights: Both of LSU's basketball teams advanced to the NCAA Final Four, the football team defeated Miami in the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, the men's track and field team finished second at both the indoor and outdoor NCAA Championship meets, while the women placed seventh at both meets. The gymnastics team finished the season ranked eighth in the nation and softball was 15th.



In the Classroom

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Nine of LSU's sports posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better during 2005-06.

50%

50 percent of student-athletes (207 of 314) recorded a grade point average of 3.0 of higher. 79 of those student-athletes recorded at least a 3.5 GPA and 28 finished with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

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One Tiger - Rudy Niswanger in football - was named SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Niswanger also earned the 2005-06 H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year honor.

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LSU had a total of 141 student-athletes named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 2005-06. To receive the recognition, each student-athlete must maintain a 3.0 grade point average for the previous year.



XAVIER CARTER



APRIL BURKHOLDER

X Factor

Track sprinter Xavier Carter sprinted his way into the record books in 2006. Carter won six NCAA titles and became the first athlete in NCAA history to ever win both the 100 and 400 meters at the championship meet and was the first male to win four titles in one meet since Jesse Owens in 1936. Carter was named the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year.

Augustus Again

Seimone Augustus earned women's basketball's National Player of the Year honors for the second straight season. She received the Wade, the Naismith and the John R. Wooden Awards and was named the Associated Press' Player of the Year. Augustus, a Kodak All-American, also led the nation in scoring averaging 22.7 points per game.

National Champions

Gymnast April Burkholder earned the individual NCAA title on the balance beam. Track star Xavier Carter was a six-time NCAA champion in 2006, winning the 100m and 400m races at the NCAA Outdoor Championships and the 400m race at the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships. He led the 4x100m relay to an outdoor title and both the indoor and outdoor 4x400m relays to titles. The LSU women's 4x400m relay claimed the NCAA indoor and outdoor dutdoor dides as well.





SEC MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR , GLEN DAVIS

2005 PEACH BOWL CHAMPIONS, LSU FOOTBALL

Hoops Sweep LSU's duo of Glen Davis and Seimone Augustus were named the Southeastern Conference Men's and Women's Players of the Year, respectively. Davis helped lead the men's program to its first SEC title since 2000, while Augustus guided the Lady Tigers to a second straight league title. Tyrus Thomas was crowned the SEC's Freshman of the Year as well.

Tops in the League

Xavier Carter and Seimone Augustus swept the SEC Male and Female Athlete of the Year honors. Carter, the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year, was a three-time individual NCAA champion, winning the outdoor 100 and 400 meter races and the 400m indoors. Augustus led the SEC in scoring and help guide the Lady Tigers to a second straight conference title.

Rare Feat

LSU joined North Carolina as the only schools in LSU joined North Carolina as the only schools in NCAA history to have its football team and men's and women's basketball teams finish their seasons ranked in the top 5 in the nation during the same athletic year. LSU's football team finished fifth in the nation after a solid victory over Miami in the Peach Bowl. The men's basketball team finished third in the polis after advancing to the NCAA Final Four, while the women's basketball team competed the season ranked fourth after a third straight trip to the NCAA Final Four.



National Team Championships (43)

Men's Basketball (1)	1935
Boxing (1)	1949
Football (2)	1958, 2003
Men's Golf (4)	1940, 1942, 1947, 1955
Men's Indoor Track (2)	2001, 2004
Women's Indoor Track (11)	1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2004
Men's Outdoor Track (4)	1933, 1989, 1990, 2002
Women's Outdoor Track (13)	1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003
Baseball (5)	1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000

SEC Team Championships (108)

Baseball (13)	1939, 1943, 1946, 1961, 1975, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2003	OVER
Men's Basketball (9)	1935, 1953, 1954, 1979, 1981, 1985, 1991, 2000, 2006	NCAA
Women's Basketball (2)	2005, 2006	1. Star
Football (9)	1935, 1936, 1958, 1961, 1970, 1986, 1988, 2001, 2003	2. Col
Men's Golf (15)	1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1953, 1954, 1960, 1966, 1967, 1986, 1987	3. UCI
Women's Golf (1)	1992	4. LS
Gymnastics (1)	1981	5. Ker
Men's Swimming (1)	1988	3. Kei
Men's Tennis (4)	1976, 1985, 1998, 1999	
Men's Indoor Track (4)	1957, 1963, 1989, 1990	
Women's Indoor Track (10)	1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999	
Men's Outdoor Track (22)	1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1951, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1963, 1988,	, 1989, 199
Women's Outdoor Track (8)	1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1996	
Softball (5)	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004	
Volleyball (4)	1986, 1989, 1990, 1991	

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10. College of New Jersey

9. Texas

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Setting the Standard for Intercollegiate Athletics in Softball

In only its 11th year of existence, Southeastern Conference softball has become one of the premier softball conferences in the nation.

The SEC qualified six teams for the 2006 NCAA Tournament - Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU and Tennessee. Alabama and Tennessee advanced to represent the league in the Women's College World Series for the second straight year. It was Alabama's fourth WCWS appearance and Tennessee's second, making them two of three SEC teams with multiple WCWS appearances since softball became a conference sport in 1997. The Lady Vols went on to finish third in the WCWS for the second consecutive year.

The Crimson Tide claimed the regular season championship and the Western Division title, while Georgia claimed the Eastern Division crown. Tennessee won the SEC Tournament, outlasting LSU, 3-0, to capture its first SEC Tournament Championship.

The SEC also qualified six teams for the 2005 NCAA Tournament - Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi State and Tennessee. Alabama and Tennessee advanced to represent the league in the Women's College World Series.

Leading all conferences in the nation, the SEC qualified a league-best eight teams for the 2004 NCAA Tournament

Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee. LSU was the lone SEC school to receive a No. 1 seed, while Georgia hosted its first regional tournament. With its second Women's College World Series appearance, LSU joined Alabama as the only SEC schools to represent the conference in the WCWS twice.

The SEC qualified six teams for the 2003 NCAA Tournament - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State and South Carolina. Alabama was the lone SEC team to receive a No.1 seed, and the Crimson Tide, along with Florida, hosted regional tournaments. It was the second time that two SEC schools have hosted regionals. The six teams from the SEC to qualify was second only to the PAC-10 for the most teams from one conference to make the 2003 NCAA Tournament.

The SEC qualified seven teams for the 2002 NCAA Tournament - Alabama, Auburn, Arkansas, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State and South Carolina. LSU was the Ione SEC team to receive a No. 1 seed, while South Carolina hosted a regional for the second time since 1997. The seven teams from the SEC to qualify tied the Pac-10 for the most teams from one conference to make the 2002 NCAA Tournament.

In 2001 the SEC qualified four teams for the NCAA Tournament. LSU, Alabama, South Carolina and Florida all made yet another appearance in the tourney, while Mississippi State barely missed the field. LSU and Alabama both secured No. 1 seeds and hosted a regional championship, marking the first time the SEC had two schools achieve such an honor.

Trailing only the Pac-10, the SEC qualified six teams for the 2000 NCAA Tournament, as LSU, Arkansas, Mississippi State, Alabama, Florida and SEC

Tournament Champion South Carolina all made the field of 48.

The 1999 season was the first in which the conference was eligible for an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. That year, four teams earned bids to postseason, the second most by any conference.

The sport came under the auspices of the SEC in 1997. Since then, nine different teams have made appearances in the NCAA Tournament, including nine WCWS berths - four by Alabama in 2000, 2003, 2005 and 2006, two by LSU in 2001 and 2004, two by Tennessee in 2005 and 2006 and one by South Carolina in 1997.

Two different teams have won both the SEC regular season and tournament titles in the same season. South Carolina has won both once (1997) and LSU has won both four times (1999, 2001, 2002 and

2004).

Eight teams (Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee) have made Top 25 appearances and five teams (Alabama, Georgia, LSU, South Carolina and Tennessee) have climbed into the Top 10 of the NFCA/USA Today Poll. At least one SEC team has been ranked in the poll each week since the inception of SEC Softball. In 2006 alone, SEC teams made 84 appearances in the poll.

South Carolina is the dean of SEC Softball, with a rich history dating back 30 seasons. The Gamecocks have made 13 NCAA Regional and three WCWS appearances.

Mississippi State played softball for five seasons during the 1980's before resuming the sport when it was added to the SEC. Tennessee added softball in 1996, one year before Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU and Ole Miss began softball programs to give the league 11 representatives (Vanderbilt does not sponsor softball).

SEC SOFTBALL

- ▶ 48 NCAA Regional Appearances
- ▶ Nine Women's College World Series Appearances
- ▶ 108 NCAA Regional Wins
- ▶ In 10 years, nine of the 11 SEC teams have advanced to the NCAA Tournament
- ► SEC Teams have been ranked in every NFCA/USA Today poll since the inception of SEC softball
- ▶ SEC teams have made 177 Top 10 appearances in the NFCA/USA Today poll
- ▶ SEC Teams have won 615 games over Top 25 opponents in the past six years
- ➤ The SEC has made 45 appearances on FOX Sports, including seven SEC Tournament Championship games