

Jim Jarrett timeline and accomplishments as athletic director

- 1967 Hired as associate professor of Health and Physical Education by current athletic director and department chair Bud Metheny
- 1970 Named athletic director, replacing Bud Metheny, who remains head baseball coach
- Field house opens and 1st regular season game played with Washington & Lee
- 1971 ODU men's basketball loses in NCAA Division II finals to Evansville
- 1974 Initiates scholarships for female student athletes
- 1975 1st Donna Doyle scholarship women's basketball game is played to raise funds for women's athletic scholarships.
- ODU men's basketball wins ODU's first national championship with 76-74 win over New Orleans.
- 1976 ODU moves from Division II to NCAA Division I status and becomes member of the ECAC South Conference
- 1978 Lady Monarchs win the NWIT on a 70-60 win over Texas
- December – Lady Monarchs move to No. 1 in the AP poll and remain there all year
- 1979 March – Lady Monarchs win first national crown (AIAW) with 76-65 win over Louisiana Tech. Nancy Lieberman and Marianne Stanley win the national player and coach of the year awards, respectively.
- October – State approves funding to renovate Foreman Field to add astro-turf and build a new baseball stadium.
- November – Men's basketball team upsets the defending Olympic champion Soviet team at Scope.

Overall program posts best winning percentage in State among Division I schools. ODU teams would go on to win the state award in 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1994, 1996, 1999, 2006 and 2007.

December – Lady Monarchs fall to Soviet national team at Scope and set the largest single game attendance record in nation for women’s basketball with 10,237 fans.

1980 ODU Hall of Fame created and initiates first class

Monarchs earn their 1st NCAA automatic bid and meets UCLA in tournament

Lady Monarchs win second AIAW national title with 68-53 win over Tennessee.

1981 Named to first NCAA women’s basketball committee

1982 March – ODU hosts first NCAA women’s basketball national tournament at Scope.

June – women’s sailing wins first national ICYRA title

November – Field hockey wins first NCAA title and Yogi Hightower becomes school’s first Honda award winner and first African American to win the award

1983 March – Anne Donovan named Naismith national Player of the Year, along with Ralph Sampson of the University of Virginia.

ODU hosts second NCAA national championship for women at Scope.

April – Bud Metheny Baseball Complex opens

November – Field hockey wins second national title by defeating Connecticut in three overtimes.

1984 Field hockey wins third consecutive NCAA crown

1985 March -Women’s basketball wins first NCAA and third national title with win over Georgia.

November – ODU hosts NCAA field hockey national championships at Foreman Field

1986 November – ODU hosts second consecutive NCAA field hockey championships

- March – Men’s basketball wins first NCAA tournament game vs. West Virginia in first round action in Greensboro
- 1987 Women’s sailing wins second national crown
- 1988 Sailing wins sloop national title
- Named Metropolitan Man of the Year by the Norfolk Sports Club
- 1989 Sailing repeats as national champions and soccer advances to first NCAA tournament
- 1989 Field hockey wins fourth NCAA crown
- 1990 ODU joins the Colonial Athletic Association
- The ODU Soccer Stadium opens with 3200 in attendance for a match against William and Mary
- Field hockey wins fifth NCAA crown
- Sailing wins ICYRA team national title and Terry Hutchinson named national Sailor of the Year
- 1991 Chris Gatling becomes ODU’s first, 1st round NBA draft pick and Jon Hurst of men’s golf competes in school’s first NCAA golf championship
- Field hockey wins sixth NCAA title
- 1992 Lady Monarchs win their first of 17 straight CAA women’s basketball tournament championships
- Field hockey wins 7th NCAA crown
- Sailing wins sloop national title for its 8th national championship
- 1993 Athletics announces its gender equity plan and addition of women’s soccer and the elimination of men’s cross country
- 1996 Sailing wins single handed national crown

- 1997 Lady Monarchs advance to the NCAA final four, losing to Tennessee in the championship game. Wendy Larry named the national coach of the year.
- 1998 Sailors claim Dinghy national crown
- 1999 Beth Anders wins national coach of the year honors
- Ted Constant donates \$5 million for the construction of a new basketball arena on campus. Cal Bowdler is selected in the first round of the NBA draft by Atlanta and Sports Illustrated selects ODU as one of the Top 20 best colleges for women's intercollegiate sports.
- 2000 ODU hosts NCAA field hockey national championships and Lady Monarchs claim their 9th national crown. Marina DiGiacomo is named the national player of the year and school's Fifth Honda Award winner.
- 2001 Women's tennis competes in first NCAA tournament
- Recipient of Women's Basketball Coaches Association Collegiate Director Award
- 2002 Women's golf is added and women's cross country is dropped in the athletic curriculum
- Women's sailing wins national championship
- The Ted Constant Center opens in October
- Anna Tunicliffe wins national single handed title in sailing
- 2003 Men's golf qualifies for first NCAA tournament as a team
- Named as Southeast regional Athletic Director of the Year by NACDA
- 2004 Tunicliffe becomes first collegiate sailor to win back to back single handed national title
- Justin Verlander is selected as the second pick in the first round of the Major League draft, ODU's highest baseball pick.
- 2005 Tunicliffe named national sailor of the year

Board of Visitors votes to add football and women's rowing to the athletic curriculum, with football starting in 2009 and rowing in 2008.

2007

Bobby Wilder is hired as the school's first football coach since 1940

Folkes Stevens Indoor Tennis Center opens with 8 indoor and 16 outdoor courts

Soccer offices and locker rooms completed at the stadium

Football season ticket applications available and over 2,700 orders placed in first day.

Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award by NACDA

2008

Soccer practice field completed adjacent to the stadium

Powhatan Sports Complex , including two football practice fields and a field

hockey/lacrosse stadium seating 1500.

Wrestling addition completed on the Athletic Administration Building, featuring practice area and offices

Women's rowing begins its first competitive season

2009

Foreman Field renovated as ODU fields its first football team since 1940

Induction into Hampton Roads Sports Hall of Fame in October