



2024-25 ATHLETICS

# YEAR IN REVIEW



UCF KNIGHTS









## **DEAR KNIGHT NATION,**

As we closed out our second season in the Big 12 Conference, I'm proud of the strides we've made and energized by the bright future ahead for UCF Athletics. That progress has been shaped by a clear vision and a commitment to positioning our program for long-term success.

When we launched Mission XII in March of 2022, our goal was clear: to strategically position UCF Athletics for success as we transitioned into the Big 12. That path has been marked by growth and progress, made possible by the tireless efforts of our student-athletes, coaches, staff, and, of course, the generosity of Knight Nation.

I'm proud of what we've accomplished together. From record-setting academic performances to landmark revenue achievements and a growing presence across the Big 12, each milestone speaks to the vision we share and the possibilities ahead.

As we reflect on this phase of our journey, I often say we've reached "the end of the beginning." Mission XII was never the finish line: it was the foundation of our entry into a new conference.

We have more resources than ever to be successful. Now, we turn the page to what is next.

We've officially started shaping our next strategic plan—a bold, comprehensive roadmap to guide UCF Athletics through the rapidly evolving landscape of college sports. From a facilities master plan and fan experiences to student-athlete success and championship goals, this plan will help define the next era of Unleashing Potential.

We're excited to share this token of appreciation, highlighting key accomplishments from the past year while offering a glimpse of the vision ahead. Thank you for your unwavering support, passion, and commitment to UCF Athletics.

**Go Knights, Charge On!**



**Terry Mohajir**

Vice President and Director of Athletics









## AUGUST

The UCF football team, in conjunction with Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, recognized Childhood Cancer Awareness Month leading up to the game vs. Sam Houston State. After a successful UCF Spring Game, which featured pediatric patients from the hospital creating their own UCF helmet logos, the two organizations showcased these brave patients again for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month as they continue their fight for life. The football team sported specially designed logos on each side of their helmets, which were designed by the children.



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FOX Big Noon Kickoff made its highly anticipated Week 4 stop at UCF, drawing the largest crowd in the show's history. The record-setting event energized campus as part of the electric pregame atmosphere leading into the UCF vs. Colorado showdown.







## NOV. 1

The UCF Athletics Hall of Fame officially inducted its 2024 class at the Celeste Hotel, celebrating the achievements and contributions of six remarkable inductees: Chris Duffy (baseball), Mark Giacone (football), Shaquem Griffin (football), Ashley Holder (women's golf), Anne-Marie Blaney (track and field/cross country), and Kirk Speraw (men's basketball head coach).



## NOV. 2

UCF continued its dominance in the annual Space Game, improving to 8-0 all-time with a 56-12 win over Arizona. The Citronauts jumped out to a 28-0 lead and scored touchdowns on eight of their 10 drives, including seven in a row. UCF controlled nearly every statistical category in the wet, lopsided victory at FBC Mortgage Stadium.



## NOV. 4

Senior Darius Johnson led UCF to a statement 64-61 upset over No. 13 Texas A&M with a game-high 24 points in the season opener. The victory marked UCF's 11th all-time win over a ranked opponent and its first in a season opener.





## DEC. 5

RJ Harvey was named First Team All-Big 12 following a record-breaking season in which he led the conference and ranked third nationally with 1,577 rushing yards. He scored 25 total touchdowns, including a program-record 22 rushing, and set the UCF all-time mark for career touchdowns with 48.



## DEC. 8

Scott Frost was (re)introduced as the next head football coach at UCF by Vice President and Director of Athletics Terry Mohajir.





## DEC. 12

UCF officially broke ground on the new Roth Tower at Acrisure Bounce House. The Roth Tower was made possible by a \$90 million commitment of Tourist Development Tax revenues from the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.

## DEC. 21

Matt Botsford is named UCF's 10th head volleyball coach. Botsford spent the past 11 seasons at Florida Gulf Coast where he led the Eagles to four consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference Championships, including four consecutive, and five NCAA tournament appearances.









## MARCH 4

UCF baseball defeated No. 6 Florida 13-3 at John Euliano Park, the sixth straight win over the Gators in front of a crowd of 4,204 fans—the second-largest home crowd in program history.



## APRIL 1-6

UCF enjoyed a thrilling run in the inaugural College Basketball Crown tournament in Las Vegas, advancing past Oregon State (76-75), Cincinnati (88-80), and an overtime victory over Villanova (104-98) to earn a spot in the championship game before falling to Nebraska in the final. The run propelled UCF to just its 10th 20-win season in program history.



**APRIL 12**

The women's tennis team made history, capturing the school's first-ever Big 12 championship as the Knights dominated Utah 4-1.







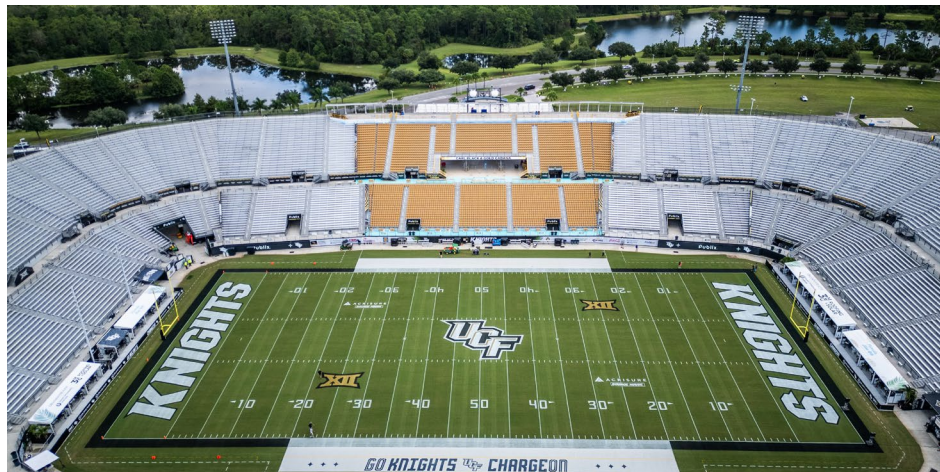
## APRIL 25-26

RJ Harvey (Broncos) and Mac McWilliams (Eagles) were selected in the second and fifth rounds, respectively, in the NFL Draft.

## APRIL 30

Women's tennis player Olivia Lincer was named Big 12 Player of the Year.





## MAY

TifTuf Bermudagrass was installed in Acrisure Bounce House, marking the first time the playing field had been replaced since the stadium opened in 2007.

## MAY 4

Men's tennis defeats in-state rival Florida to secure its first trip to the NCAA Sweet 16 in program history.







## MAY 7

Softball pitcher Isabella Vega was named First Team All-Big 12 after leading the conference with a 0.89 ERA.

## MAY 18

Softball advanced to the regional finals of the NCAA Tournament, its fifth straight NCAA appearance. In the process, head coach Cindy Ball-Malone notched her 250th victory in her career at UCF.











## MAY 18

Rowing captured its first Big 12 championship after a clean sweep in all races.

## MAY 22

Rower Hannah Lovejoy and head coach Mara Allen were named Big 12 Rower and Coach of the Year.

## JUNE 1

Rowing finished the 2025 season with a program-high 13th-place finish at the NCAA Championships.





## JUNE 10

UCF announced its approach to revenue sharing and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting student-athletes by investing up to \$20.5 million annually. This includes a \$3 million investment to add 74 new scholarships, 60% of which will support women's programs. Through expanded scholarships and smart, sustainable revenue strategies, UCF is building a model designed to strengthen all of its athletic teams.





# 13,206

**DONORS IN 2024-25**

## \$52.8M+

DOLLARS RAISED IN CASH AND GIFT COMMITMENTS TO THE CHARGEON FUND

### 579

Varsity Knights  
Members

### 467

Shareholders  
Society Donors



**ALL-TIME HIGHS FOR ALL CATEGORIES**

### **JUNE 12**

UCF announced the rebranding of its football stadium to Acrisure Bounce House; Levy was named UCF's new food and hospitality provider.

### **JULY 15**

UCF Athletics announced an all-time high in fundraising, continuing its upward trajectory with an unprecedented \$52.8 million in cash and commitments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The record-setting total was achieved through the generosity of more than 13,206 donors, including 467 Shareholders Society donors and 579 Varsity Knights members, marking the fourth consecutive year UCF has surpassed \$40 million in annual fundraising commitments to the Charge On Fund.









## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Construction is well underway on the new Roth Tower and the Hagle Football Gateway. These projects will completely transform the gameday experience for Knights fans, give UCF Athletics the potential for year-round revenue, and continue to drive tourism to Central Florida.











# LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

IN THE KENNETH G. DIXON  
ATHLETICS VILLAGE

## ◆ **NEW WEST SIDE TOWER**

The new Roth Tower will enhance the gameday experience and serve as a premier event space in east Orange County. The tower will increase premium capacity, expand suite offerings, and provide unique event opportunities year-round, attracting more fans, visitors and events to the Kenneth G. Dixon Athletics Village beyond game days... The Tower is Go for Launch in Fall of 2026.

For more information visit

***[UCFKnights.com/roth-tower-project](https://UCFKnights.com/roth-tower-project)***





TAYLOR A. GERRING  
FOOTBALL CENTER

EAGLE GATEWAY

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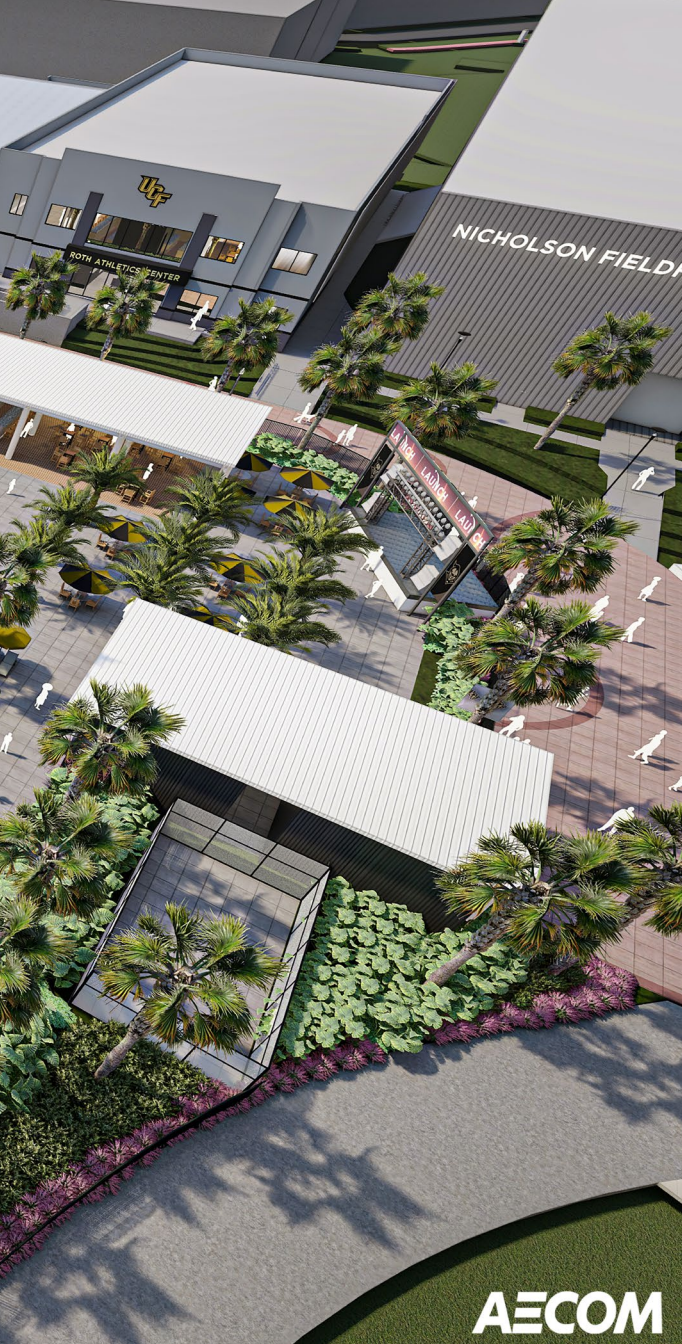
## ◆ **SHARON & MARC HAGLE GATEWAY**

The Sharon & Marc Hagle Gateway will not only change the way we recruit and operate, it will create a brand new activation area on gameday, and an additional grand entry into FBC Mortgage Stadium. The Hagle Gateway will include the Taylor A. Gerring Football Center, Nicholson Plaza, McNamara Cove, a renovated Wayne Densch Sports Center, The Wayne Densch Practice Complex, a new VIP parking lot, and a pedestrian promenade.









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## ◆ **TAYLOR A. GERRING FOOTBALL CENTER**

A new state-of-the-art building that will house coaching staff offices, meeting rooms and a student-athlete lounge.

## ◆ **MCNAMARA COVE**

Featuring the recovery river and hydrotherapy pools for UCF student-athletes, McNamara Cove will also be the home of Covegating on football gamedays, recruiting and alumni events, and corporate outings.









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## ◆ NICHOLSON PLAZA

A new tropical entrance and tailgate zone at FBC Mortgage Stadium.





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ATHLETICS VILLAGE

## ◆ **WAYNE DENSCH SPORTS CENTER RENOVATION**

Renovation of the existing Wayne Densch Sports Center including a new football Thow Family Locker Room, weight room, training room and other team facilities.





## **MISSION CRITICAL PROJECTS**

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UCF Athletics has invested more than \$26 million in facility enhancements and maintenance since launching Mission XII that have changed the way UCF recruits future Knights, develops student-athletes, and generates revenue. Continued investment in all sports in the Kenneth G. Dixon Athletics Village are essential to our continued success. Our immediate mission, the Hagle Football Gateway, will solidify the foundation for the Knight's football campus that will benefit all student-athletes, coaches and fans.





# STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS

## **100% JOB PLACEMENT**

Under Terry Mohajir's leadership, UCF continued its guarantee of job placement or graduate school admission for every graduating student-athlete within the first year of graduation, an unparalleled commitment in today's collegiate athletics landscape.



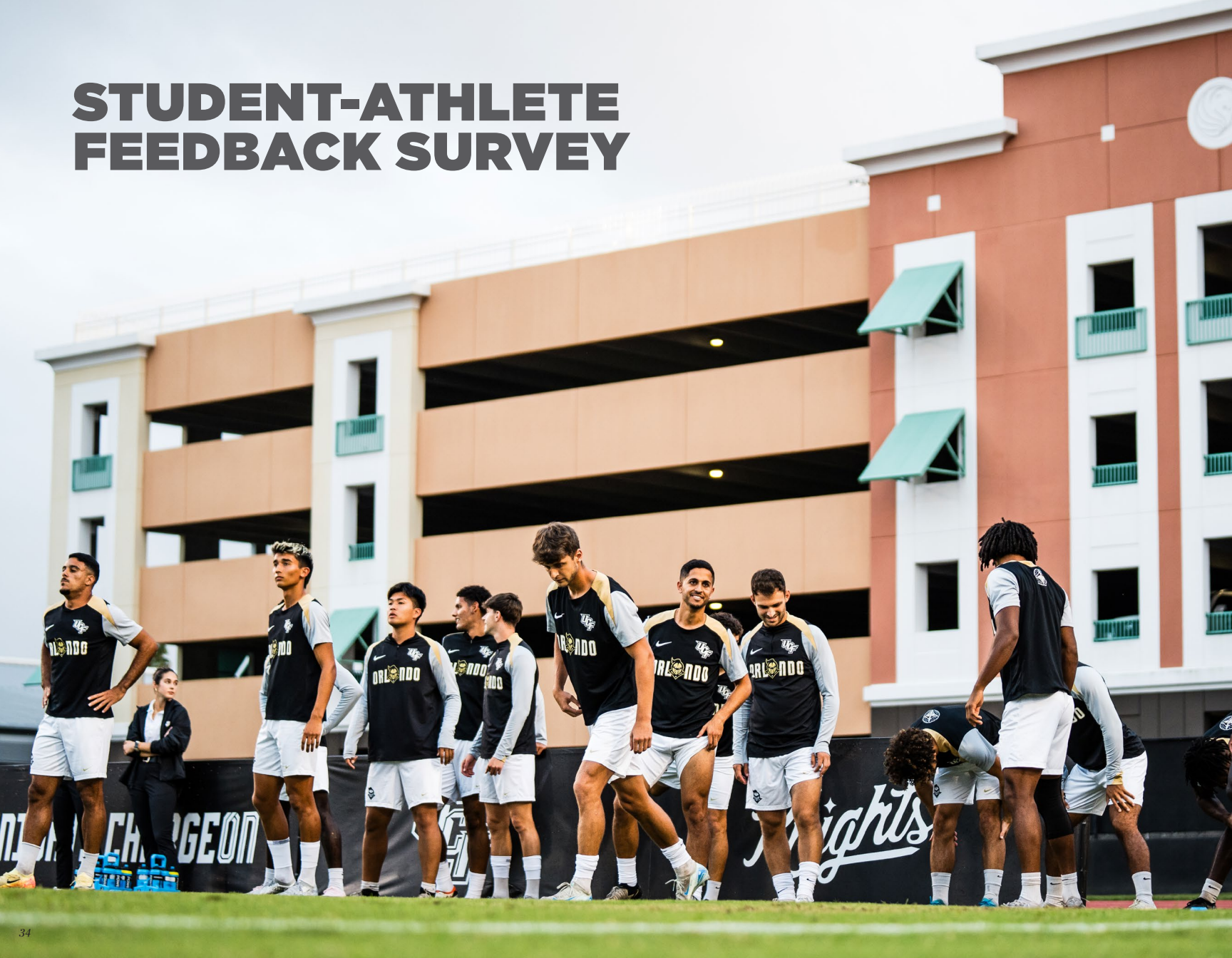


## **SUSTAINED SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM**

UCF student-athletes continued to excel academically, with several programs earning perfect multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores of 1,000. Women's volleyball, women's golf, men's golf, and women's tennis all achieved perfect scores. UCF student-athletes also set a new departmental record with a 3.47 GPA, marking the 35th consecutive semester with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and 12 straight semesters above 3.3. Overall, nearly 79 percent of student-athletes earned a 3.0 or higher, with 53 achieving perfect 4.0 GPAs.



# STUDENT-ATHLETE FEEDBACK SURVEY





## ROWING

"I'm not so sure I could find a better environment and group of people... So many of my friends at other schools don't have that culture." - **Freshman**

"To have a school and department that actually listens to their athletes is amazing and hard to come by. The past two years with the new staff is amazing, and I would go through the rough times again if it meant this outcome." - **Senior**

## VOLLEYBALL

"I would choose UCF again because I have made relationships and gained experience that I could never put a price tag on. It's been a huge factor in my development as a student, athlete, and person." - **Sophomore**

## FOOTBALL

"I believe UCF was my home before I even came, so I believe it would be again." - **Freshman**

## M SOCCER

"At UCF, I have found people who I will call family for the rest of my life... while also being surrounded by amazing people." - **Junior**

9.32 OUT OF 10

### Average score UCF Student-Athletes rated support staff services.

- ✦ Training staff
- ✦ Sport Psychology
- ✦ Sport Performance
- ✦ Nutrition
- ✦ Garvey
- ✦ Academic Staff
- ✦ KLA
- ✦ Compliance



## MISSION XII OBJECTIVES & PROGRESS REPORT

### To fully support our student-athletes in their NIL endeavors

- ◆ As we enter the new Rev Share Era of college sports, we are fully committed to the maximum allowable \$20.5 million for FY26.
- ◆ The Competitive Success Fund strengthens our ability to recruit, retain, and develop student-athletes competing at the highest levels.

### To provide championship-caliber services to our student-athletes in their educational and career pursuits

- ◆ We've committed \$3 million toward 74 new scholarships, with 60 percent designated for women's sports.
- ◆ UCF student-athletes set a department-record 3.47 GPA last spring — the 35th straight semester with a 3.0 or higher.
- ◆ A 94 percent graduation success rate ranks us among the Top 4 in the Big 12.
- ◆ We guarantee 100 percent job placement or graduate school admission for every graduating student-athlete — an unmatched commitment in college athletics.

### To position UCF Athletics to win conference and national championships and successfully transition into the Big 12

- ◆ Our teams continue to compete at a high level while building the foundation for long-term success.
- ◆ Since joining the Big 12, UCF has made 10 NCAA team appearances — more than Cincinnati, Colorado, Houston, and West Virginia, and tied with Kansas State and Utah.
- ◆ In 2024-25, women's tennis and rowing captured UCF's first two Big 12 championships.

- ◆ We remain focused on winning conference titles and sustaining success.

### To increase the UCF Athletics operating budget to rank in the top half upon Big 12 entry, then target top third

- ◆ In 2022, we set a goal to generate \$20 million in new self-generated annual revenue to reach a \$100 million budget. Following another record year in FY25, that goal has been exceeded — UCF's 2025-26 operating budget is projected at \$121 million.
- ◆ As of August 2025, we've secured \$266.5 million in cash and commitments since the initiative launched in March 2022.

### To deliver unique, indigenous athletics facilities for all student-athletes and fans

- ◆ Construction is underway on the Hagle Football Gateway, the first major project of our long-term facilities vision. Completed or active projects include Roth Tower, Wayne Densch Practice Complex, Nicholson Plaza, VIP parking, and the Gateway Promenade.
- ◆ More than \$27 million has been invested in facility enhancements and maintenance since launching Mission XII, directly impacting recruiting, development, and revenue.

**To give to the  
Competitive Success Fund,  
visit *UCFKnights.com***



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## IMPRESSIONS

### FAN ENGAGEMENT

As UCF Athletics continues its upward trajectory, its fan base and social media presence have also experienced impressive growth. From July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, UCF generated more than 282 million impressions across all platforms, ranking second in the Big 12 for both its main and football accounts.

## 107,831,058

**UCF Football Accounts**

#2 in Big 12

## 17,465,895

**UCF Knights Accounts**

#2 in Big 12

## 14,176,913

**UCF Knights Accounts**

## 91,515,425

**Total Video Views**

## 76,901,914

**Instagram Reel Video Views**







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