NCAA, Baylor met or exceeded the national GSR threshold in their particular sport for all Division I institutions. Baylor to have both their male and female GSR scores both rank among Virginia (84), Texas (80), Iowa State (79), Kansas State (77), than the national Division I average.

Baylor’s 2013 GSR composite score of 86 was a 4-point improvement over its 2012 figure and marked the fifth consecutive year its overall GSR score increased. BU’s 2013 score was also five points better than both the Division I national and FBS averages, both of which were 81.

Baylor again produced the Big 12’s top female student-athlete GSR mark with a 2013 score of 95 (tied with TCU), while its male student-athlete score of 78 ranked third behind TCU (84) and West Virginia (81). While BU’s 2013 female GSR score dipped two points from a year ago (97 to 95), its men’s GSR score increased some seven points from its 2012 mark (97 in 2012 to 95 in 2013). Baylor’s male GSR score was three points above the national Division I average, while its women’s GSR mark was seven points better than the national Division I average.

Baylor, TCU, Kansas and Texas were the only Big 12 schools to have both their male and female GSR scores both rank among the upper half of the Big 12.

In 15 of 16 programs where the GSR was measured by the NCAA, Baylor met or exceeded the national GSR threshold in their particular sport for all Division I institutions. Baylor produced league-leading scores in five sports—men’s golf (100), women’s golf (100), women’s tennis (100), volleyball (100) and baseball (99).

The most recent Division I Graduation Success Rates are based on the four entering classes from 2003-2006. More than 114,000 student-athletes are included in the most recent four classes using the GSR methodology, as compared to about 82,500 in the federal rate. The NCAA began compiling these figures with the entering freshmen class of 1995.

For the fourth consecutive year, Baylor’s softball program received a public recognition award from the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I Academic Performance Program for having an Academic Progress Rate (APR) score which ranks among the top 10 percent within their respective sport.

It marked the third consecutive year coach Glenn Moore’s softball program registered a perfect APR score (1000) and it again was the only Big 12 softball program to receive this honor.

Baylor has now received 12 public APR awards in six sports—men’s cross country (2006 and 2011), baseball (2007 and 2012), men’s basketball (2009), men’s golf (2010), women’s golf (2009 and 2010) and softball (2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014) since the program was instituted nine years ago. The APR provides a real-time look at a team’s academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team’s academic performance.

In the latest NCAA APR report, based on scores from the 2008-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years, every Baylor program registered an APR score of at least 954, no teams are subject to penalty and nine of 17 teams equaled or surpassed their 2013 APR score.

In addition to having the Big 12’s top APR score in softball, Baylor baseball (No. 2), men’s indoor track & field (No. 2), men’s outdoor track & field (No. 2), men’s golf, women’s Golf (T-No. 3) and women’s soccer (T-No. 3) all ranked among the top three among fellow conference schools.

Fourteen of Baylor’s 17 teams that the NCAA tracks for APR scored above the national 2014 Division I APR average for their respective sport—baseball, men’s cross country, football, men’s golf, men’s indoor track & field, men’s outdoor track & field, women’s basketball, women’s golf, women’s soccer, softball, volleyball, women’s indoor track & field, women’s outdoor track & field and women’s cross country.

After leading the Big 12 in federal student-athlete graduation rates for the sixth time in Big 12 history a year ago, Baylor’s 2013 federal rate of 50 percent tied Texas Tech for seventh in the league behind TCU (76), Iowa State (71), Kansas (70), West Virginia (65), Kansas State (64), Texas (64), and ahead of Oklahoma (58) and Oklahoma State.

Baylor, which has finished either first or second in the federal grad rate report nine times in the league’s 18-year history, produced the league’s top mark in 2012, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1998 and 1996, and has graduated at least 60 percent of its student-athletes in 14 of the Big 12’s 18 years.
Academic Honors & Community Service

Baylor student-athletes continued their winning ways in the classroom, too, as a school-record 163 individuals were selected to 2013-14 Academic All-Big 12 teams, including a record-tying 134 first-team honorees. It marked the fourth consecutive year BU produced 100 or more overall Academic All-Big 12 honorees and the fourth straight year it set a new school standard for total selections.

Every BU program produced at least two 2013-14 Academic All-Big 12 performers with 18 teams having multiple first-team honorees, led by women’s track & field’s 17 first-teamers and 14 first-team selections each from women’s cross country, women’s soccer and acrobatics & tumbling.

All told, seven Baylor programs—women’s track & field (19), equestrian (19), acrobatics & tumbling (16), women’s soccer (15), women’s cross country (14), football (13) and baseball (13) produced double-digit 2013-14 Academic All-Big 12 selections.

Baylor had eight teams—equestrian (19), acrobatics & tumbling (16), led all at-large team programs, women’s soccer (15), women’s cross country (14), baseball (13), softball (nine), men’s cross country (seven) and men’s tennis (six) produce a league-leading number of 2013-14 Academic All-Big 12 selections for their respective sports.

Baylor placed a school-record 50 student-athletes on the second annual Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team, which honors conference student-athletes who are new, incoming freshman at their respective league institution with at least a 3.00 grade-point average and pass 24 hours of non-remedial course work.

Texas led the way with 71 honorees, followed by Oklahoma’s 49 selections and BU’s 50.

A school-record 678 Baylor student-athletes earned Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll status—347 for the 2013 fall semester and 331 for the 2014 spring term. One-hundred-nineteen (119) of those were named with a 4.0 grade-point average during the spring term. Student-athletes must achieve a minimum 3.00 semester grade-point average to earn Commissioner’s Honor Roll status.

Baylor established school records for fall, spring and total Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll selections in 2013-14. It marked the ninth consecutive year BU achieved record numbers of overall and spring Commissioner’s Honor Roll members, while its fall 2013 term performance broke the 2011 fall term mark of 326.

Baylor has had at least 200 student-athletes earn Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll recognition in each of the last 12 semesters.

During the fall 2013 semester, 66.7 percent of all BU student-athletes posted a GPA of 3.0 or better, while 64.0 percent recorded at least a 3.0 in the classroom for the spring 2014 term.

Fifty-nine (59) Baylor student-athletes achieved perfect 4.0 grade-point averages during the fall 2013 term, while 60 registered 4.0 marks for the 2014 spring semester.

Some 94 Baylor student-athletes, including four master’s degree recipients, earned degrees during fall 2013 (20) and spring 2014 (74) commencement ceremonies. An additional 11 student-athletes are expected to graduate during summer 2014 ceremonies to push the 2013-14 academic year total to 105 graduates, which will mark the fifth consecutive year BU has graduated at least 100 student-athletes.

In each of the last 12 semesters, the cumulative GPA of all Baylor teams has been above a 3.0, with the last seven terms (spring 2011, fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2012, spring 2013, fall 2013 and spring 2014) ranking as the highest semester GPAs in school history for any term. BU student-athletes produced a school-record 3.27 cumulative GPA for the fall 2013 semester, followed by a 3.18 mark in spring 2014—the highest spring semester GPA in school history and the second-highest overall behind the 2013 fall mark.

Thirteen (13) Baylor teams posted 3.00 grade-point averages for both the fall 2013 and spring 2014 semesters. Of those 13 teams, 10 participated in postseason play in 2013-14.

Eight teams—football, women’s basketball, volleyball, women’s golf, men’s golf, equestrian, men’s cross country and acrobatics & tumbling posted their highest grade-point averages ever for any one term during the 2013-14 academic year.

At the end of the 2014 spring semester, the cumulative GPA for all 19 BU teams stood at 3.25.

Sixteen of 19 Baylor teams had a cumulative grade-point average above a 3.00 at the end of the spring 2014 semester.

Baylor had 244 student-athletes named to the Dean’s List during the 2013-14 academic year, 130 for the fall 2013 semester and 114 for the spring 2014 term. Baylor Dean’s List recognition is awarded to all students with a 3.7 grade-point average who are enrolled in at least 12 hours and make no grade lower than a C.

Baylor infielder Sarah Crockett, a double-major in International Studies and Arabic, was named NCAA Division I Softball’s recipient of the 2014 Elite 89 award presented at the 2014 Women’s College World Series banquet. The award recognizes the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average who has reached the competition at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s 89 men’s and women’s championships across its three divisions. Crockett is Baylor’s sixth Elite 89 award winner all-time.

Baylor All-American pitcher Whitney Canion earned the 2013-14 Big 12 Conference’s female Sportsperson of the Year honor, becoming the fifth BU student-athlete to be recognized by the league, joining Jessika Stratton (women’s basketball, 2003-04), Mambou Blene (men’s basketball, 2007-08),...
Melissa Jones (women’s basketball, 2010-11) and Robert Griffin III (football, 2011-12). The Big 12 began recognizing the Sportsperson of the Year in 2000-01, and it annually recognizes student-athletes who displayed excellent sportsmanship, community service and academic achievement.

An active member of the Central Texas community, Canion was a semifinalist for the 2014 Wooden Citizenship Cup Award. She served as a past president of the Baylor Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and has been a member of the Baylor Sports Management Association the past two years. Her community projects include Harvest Heedown, Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Mission Waco Walk for the Homeless, Baylor Athletics Canned Food Drive and Panama Mission Trip. Canion has also assisted with Team USA Softball Camps, Feed My Starving Children, Food for Families and Operation Christmas Child.

For the 20th straight year and the 28th time in the last 29 years, Baylor produced at least one Capital One Academic All-American as selected by CoSIDA, as two student-athletes earned 2013-14 honors—softball’s Whitney Canion and baseball’s Doug Ashby both received second-team recognition.

All told, five of six Baylor student-athletes who received 2013-14 Capital One Academic All-District honors garnered first-team honors.

Baylor had two student-athletes earn Big 12 Scholar Athlete of the Year honors in their respective sports, as voted upon by the league’s coaches. Baseball’s Doug Ashby and men’s tennis’ Patrick Pradella received the honor in their respective sports. BU has produced six Big 12 Scholar Athletes of the Year in the award’s first two years.

Brady Heslip (men’s basketball) and Whitney Canion (softball) received BU’s 2013-14 Big 12 Senior Awards.

Baylor’s Nate Goodwin (baseball) and Kat Ludlow (women’s soccer) were two of 20 Big 12 student-athletes selected to receive 2013-14 Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarships. Each award is worth $9,000.

A league-high 18 Baylor student-athletes were among 60 Big 12 Conference student-athletes who earned the fourth annual Dr. Gerald Lage Award, the Conference’s highest academic honor. It marked the second straight year Baylor led the Big 12 in Lage Award winners. In order to be eligible for the accolade, student-athletes must have lettered at least once in their career while maintaining residence at their institution for at least one academic year. The honoree, which can only be recognized once, should have 100 hours of earned credit with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.80 at the time of nomination.

Baylor’s 2014 Lage Award winners were Doug Ashby (baseball), Nicole Bardaji (volleyball), Whitney Canion (softball), Sarah Crockett (softball), Tara Fonk (equestrian), Nate Goodwin (baseball), Jennifer Gueldner (women’s track & field), Taylor Heatherly (women’s soccer), Michelle Kloss (women’s soccer), Logan Lowery (men’s basketball), Becca Luedeker (women’s track & field), Liz Paul (softball), Ginger Plemmons (acrobatics & tumbling), Raykin Terry (women’s golf), Taylor Torres (women’s track & field) and Alexa Wilde (women’s soccer).

Stefan Huber and Jordan Najvar were named to the eighth annual Hampshire Honor Society, which is selected by the National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame, and recognizes seniors college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a 3.2 GPA or better during their careers. Huber was also tabbed as a Scholar-Athlete by the NFF’s Gridiron Club of Dallas.

Baylor men’s basketball had two student-athletes, Logan Lowery and Brady Heslip, named to the 2014 NABC Honors Court. To be selected to the Honors Court, a student-athlete must be either a junior or senior with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20.

The Baylor men’s and women’s cross country teams earned 2013 All-Academic honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). To qualify as a USTFCCCA All-Academic Cross Country team, the squad must have had a cumulative team GPA of 3.00 or better and started at least five runners at their respective NCAA regional championship. Baylor joined Iowa State, Kansas and Oklahoma State as the only Big 12 programs to have both the men’s and women’s squads recognized.

The Baylor men posted a 3.54 team cumulative GPA in 2013 and had a Big 12-leading seven student-athletes earn Academic All-Big 12 honors. The Lady Bears had a cumulative 3.48 GPA and also led the Big 12 in academic all-conference selections with 14 honorees.

Rachel Johnson garnered individual 2013 USTFCCCA All-Academic honors, one of 129 women’s student-athletes nationally to earn the accolade. The exercise physiology major has a cumulative GPA of 3.47 and earned a trip to the 2013 NCAA Championships with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA South Central Regional. She carded All-Big 12 honors by taking 10th at the Big 12 Championships.

BU’s men’s and women’s track & field teams both received 2014 All-Academic honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). The Baylor men, one of 116 programs honored nationally, posted a team grade-point average of 3.04, while the BU women’s team was one of 208 recognized with its 3.36 classroom mark. It marked the fifth straight year both programs were recognized by the USTFCCCA, while the women’s program received its sixth consecutive team award.

Eleven Baylor track & field standouts received 2014 All-Academic individual honors from the USTFCCCA, including 10 from the women’s team—Mariah Kelly, Tiffani McReynolds, Alyssa Nichols, Jessica Shadley, Lauren Cook, Rachel Johnson, Raena Rhone, Jenna Pfeiffer, Maggie Montoya and Annie Rhodes earned the distinction. McReynolds was honored for a fourth straight year, while Kelly and Rhone earned their third USTFCCCA academic honor and Nichols and Johnson each were recognized for a second time.

On the men’s side, the lone individual to be honored by the USTFCCCA was Blake Mayberry, who was placed on the list for a second straight season.

To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, the student-athletes must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have met either of the following athletic standards: for the indoor season, a student-athlete must have finished the regular season ranked in the national top 96 in an individual event or ranked in the national top 45 (collective listing) in a relay event on the official NCAA Proof Of Performance list provided by TFRRS.org; for the outdoor season, a student-athlete must have participated in any round of the NCAA Division I Championships (including preliminary rounds).

For the seventh consecutive year, the Baylor men’s tennis team was named an ITA All-Academic Team. To be eligible for the ITA All-Academic Team award a squad must have a team grade-point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale). The Bears posted a 3.44 GPA for the fall 2013 term and a 3.30 mark for the spring 2014 semester en route to a 13th straight NCAA Round of 16 trip, first NCAA quarterfinals appearance since 2011 and a sweep of the Big 12 regular-season and tournament titles.

Individually, Marko Krickovic was named a Scholar-Athlete for the third straight season, while Patrick Pradella tallied his second designation as both maintained a 3.50 GPA in 2013-14.

The Baylor women’s team also earned 2013-14 ITA All-Academic Team honors. The Lady Bears, who posted a program-record fall term GPA of 3.48 and a spring 2014 classroom mark of 3.18 to garner All Academic Team honors for the sixth straight season and eighth time in the last nine years, swept the Big 12 regular-season and tournament titles while reaching the NCAA’s Round of 16.

Abby Stainback, Blair Shankle, Karen Avila and Makenzie Craft earned ITA Scholar-Athlete status with grade-point averages of at least 3.50 for the 2013-14 academic year. It marked the program’s most honorees since 2011 when four Bears were also honored.

Baylor women’s golf had three student-athletes named to the 2013-14 Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar Team in Laura Lonardi, Margaret Byers and Natalie Perez. It marked the 14th consecutive season the program had
at least one such honoree. The criteria for selection to the All-American Scholar Team are some of the most stringent in all of college athletics. The minimum cumulative GPA is 3.50 and student-athletes must have competed in at least 50% (Division I) of the college’s regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year.

Baylor equestrian had 12 athletes named to the 2014 National Collegiate Equestrian Association National Academic Team, including a pair of first-teamers in Shelby Jackson and Ashley Ann McGehee. To qualify for the first team, Jackson and McGehee had to compete in 70 percent of Baylor’s 2013-14 meets with a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.50.

Katherine Berg and Bryn Lindley, joined Rachel Nankervis, Parris Rice and Gillian Chant as second-team honorees while five Bears earned honorable mention recognition including Mary Brown, Claire Edwards, Jennifer Mitchell, Samantha Schaefer and Paige Parker.

Eighteen (18) Baylor student-athletes received a 2013 1A Faculty Athletics Representatives (FAR) Academic Excellence Award—Courtney Accarregui (equestrian), Melanie Appel (equestrian), Ryan Batson (equestrian), Kolb Browder (baseball), Caitlin Fennegan (women’s soccer), Samantha Francis (equestrian), Leah Frazier (women’s track & field), Jessica Gabler (women’s track & field), Chris Gordon (men’s tennis), Brittany Hunemuller (women’s soccer), Taylor Jackson (men’s track & field), Dana Larson (women’s soccer), Jacob Neubert (men’s basketball), Blake Niccum (men’s track & field), Diamond Richardson (women’s track & field), Jaden Schupp (women’s track & field), Kendal Volz (baseball) and Kim Woodsum (equestrian).

Led by Baylor Athletics Chaplain Wes Yeary, a group of 44 Baylor students, athletes, managers and staff made the trek to Africa for the sixth consecutive year and spent nearly two weeks visiting orphanages, schools, hospitals and churches in and around Ndola, Zambia.

For the second straight year, Baylor Athletics participated in a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event at the Ferrell Center. The event attracted some 489 volunteers – coaches, student-athletes and staff, for three, two-hour shifts at the Ferrell Center, who packed some 504 boxes with 108,864 meals. The meals were sent to Haiti, where they were distributed by FMSC partner to Love a Child, and will feed nearly 300 children for a year!

A total of 74 student-athletes, 33 identified as emerging leaders, 24 veteran leaders and 17 as Leadership 360 members, comprised Baylor’s sixth Leadership Academy graduating class. The upperclassmen completed either the Veteran Leaders program or the Leadership 360 course, while the underclassmen completed the Emerging Leaders program. The Leadership Academy was formed to provide Baylor student-athletes comprehensive leadership programming with the goal of developing them as effective and vocal leaders for today and successful worldwide leaders for tomorrow. All Leadership Academy members are appointed by their head coach and must complete a year-long program in order to earn graduate status.

Baylor Athletics continued its multi-year partnership with Career Athletes to provide national representation of unique networking opportunities and career development resources for current and alumni athletes. It also provides Baylor student-athletes the ability to connect with employers who want to hire hard working, competitive, and team oriented individuals.

### 2013 Big 12 All-Sports Graduation Success Rate (GSR)

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Two years removed from watching all 19 of its teams reach the postseason for the first time in school history, Baylor sent 16 teams into the 2013-14 postseason, won a school-record seven Big 12 Conference titles and swept the Big 12’s Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards for the second time in three seasons.

In 2013-14, BU captured its first outright league title in football since winning the 1980 Southwest Conference title, swept the regular-season and tournament crowns in women’s basketball for the fourth straight season, and brought home regular-season and tournament titles in both men’s and women’s tennis to complete the school’s Big 12 trophy haul. Baylor’s seven 2013-14 league titles equaled the most won by any school during the year (Texas also had seven titles, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma each had five).

BU’s seven 2013-14 conference titles increased the Bears’ all-time Big 12 total to 57 championships in nine different sports, which ranks third among current Big 12 teams behind Texas (140 all-time Big 12 titles) and Oklahoma (63) and just ahead of fourth-place Oklahoma State’s 56 crowns.

Over the last 10 years (2003-04 through 2013-14), Baylor has won a combined 48 Big 12 regular-season and tournament championships in eight different sports, which ranks second to Texas in that span.

The 2013-14 academic year also marked the ninth consecutive year at least 10 BU teams earned postseason bids. Throw in three national individual titles, 36 All-America awards, 11 season-ending Big 12 individual awards and 152 All-Big 12 citations, and 2013-14 was another good year for Baylor Athletics.

Baylor finished 31st in the final 2013-14 Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings compiled by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), and was fourth among Big 12 Conference institutions. Baylor earned 710.50 points to register its 11th straight top-50 finish in the all-sports sweepstakes, and was just 9.50 points from a 28th-place ranking. BU also placed third in the Waco Tribune-Herald’s annual Big 12 Conference all-sports standings.

BU trailed Texas (No. 6), Oklahoma (No. 19) and Oklahoma State (No. 22) among Big 12 schools in the 2013-14 Directors’ Cup standings. The Bears finished in front of league rivals Iowa State (No. 38), Kansas (No. 55), Texas Tech (No. 59), West Virginia (No. 69), TCU (No. 77) and Kansas State (No. 99).

Baylor’s 710.50-point Directors’ Cup total ranked as its second-highest output in the award’s 21-year history behind its record 726.00 points tallied in 2011-12 en route to a 25th-place finish.

Of BU’s 710.50 2013-14 Directors’ Cup points, 63.00 points were tallied in the fall, with 235.00 being scored in the winter and 412.50 totaled in the spring. In addition, 241.50 of its final total came from the success of its men’s and women’s track & field teams at the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

BU finished third among the Lone Star state’s 10 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) programs for the third straight season behind Texas (No. 6) and Texas A&M (No. 10), both of which sponsor more sports than Baylor does. Stanford (1,482.00) won the Directors’ Cup for the 20th consecutive season, followed by Florida (1,216.50), Notre Dame (1,128.25), Virginia (1,118.50), Penn State (1,113.00), Texas, UCLA (1,078.50), USC (1,063.75), Duke (1,051.00) and Texas A&M.

Eight of Baylor’s top 10 all-time Directors’ Cup finishes have been registered since 2004-05. In addition to its school recording 25th-place finish following the 2011-12 “Year of the Bear,” BU placed 25th in 2004-05, 31st in 2009-10 and 2013-14, 32nd in 2005-06, 33rd in 2008-09, 35th in 2010-11 and 38th in 2006-07. Prior to 2004-05, Baylor’s best Directors’ Cup finishes were 39th in 1998-99 and 40th in 2001-02.
In the fourth annual Capital One Cup standings, Baylor tallied 39 points to finish 20th in the women’s cup race and rank third among Big 12 schools behind No. 6 Texas and T-No. 16 Oklahoma. Florida scored 152 points to win its first-ever Cup by some 42 points over second-place UCLA.

Notre Dame won the men’s Capital One Cup for the first time with 98.5 points to edge No. 2 Oregon by 6.5 points. BU placed 52nd in the men’s standings overall (and fifth among Big 12 programs behind T-No. 13 Texas, T-19 Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, and T-No. 43 TCU) with 14 points. The Capital One Cup is awarded annually to each of the nation’s top men’s and women’s Division I college athletics programs. Points toward the Capital One Cup are earned and tracked throughout the year based on final standings of NCAA Division I Championships and final official coaches’ polls.

Eleven Baylor teams were ranked in their sports’ season-ending poll—Softball (No. 4 USA Today/NFCA and No. 5 ESPN.com/USA Softball); Women’s Basketball (No. 5 in Associated Press/No. 6 ESPN/USA Today coaches); Equestrian (No. 6 National Collegiate Equestrian Association); Men’s Tennis (No. 8 in ITA College Tennis Rankings); Women’s Outdoor Track & Field (12th in USTFCCCA), Football (No. 13 by both Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches), Women’s Tennis (No. 14 in ITA College Tennis Rankings); Men’s Outdoor Track & Field (No. 15 in USTFCCCA), Men’s Basketball (No. 18 in ESPN/USA Today coaches/No. 23 in Associated Press), Men’s Golf (No. 29 in Golfweek) and Women’s Golf (No. 39 in Golfweek).

In addition to the 11 Baylor teams ranked in their respective sports season-ending polls, four others were either ranked or received votes in their sports’ polls at some point during the 2013-14 academic year—Women’s Soccer (ranked No. 13 in Associated Press/No. 20 in Soccer America), Men’s Golf (No. 24 in Golfweek), Men’s Tennis (No. 25 in ITA College Tennis Rankings) and Women’s Golf (No. 34 in Golfweek).
Football (11-2/8-1 Big 12/1st; Tostitos Fiesta Bowl):
Coach Art Briles’ 2013 Bears won a school-record 11 games en route to their first-ever Big 12 championship (first outright conference title since 1980 SWC title, first conference title since sharing 1994 SWC crown) and first BCS bowl bid with their Tostitos Fiesta Bowl appearance.

Baylor has registered seven or more wins in four consecutive seasons and played in four straight bowl games for the first time in program history—2010—(7-6, Texas Bowl), 2011—(10-3, Valero Alamo Bowl champions), 2012—(8-5, Bridgepoint Holiday Bowl champions) and 2013—(11-2, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl). Baylor’s 36 wins over the last four seasons (2010-13) are the most in any four-year span in the program’s 112-year history.

The Bears clinched their first-ever Big 12 title on the last day of the regular-season in their final game ever at their 64-year-old den, Floyd Casey Stadium, with a 30-10 win over No. 23 Texas. Baylor won its final 10 games at Floyd Casey Stadium, a school-record for consecutive home field victories.

Baylor enters the 2014 season having been ranked in the AP Top 25 for a school-record 15 consecutive weeks. The 2013 Bears spent a school-record eight straight weeks in the AP top 10, while achieving their highest ranking since 1953 (No. 3).

Baylor is the most successful FBS team in Texas since 2011 with a winning percentage of .744 (29-10) over the last three seasons.

Baylor had a school-record five players (Ahmad Dixon, WR Antwan Goodley, QB Bryce Petty, OG Cyril Richardson and P Spencer Roth) named to at least one 2013 All-America team. Richardson was a unanimous consensus All-American choice, an Outland Trophy finalist and a Lombardi Award semifinalist. It marked the third consecutive year Baylor has produced a consensus All-American, as WR Terrance Williams was tabbed in 2012 and QB Robert Griffin III garnered 2011 honors.

Named to 12 All-America teams as a senior in 2013, Richardson was the Jim Parker Award winner and the Big 12 Offensive Lineman of the Year, as selected by the league’s coaches, for the second straight season. He was drafted in the fifth round of the 2014 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills.


Briles was named the 2013 Chuck Neinas Big 12 Coach of the Year, as selected by the league coaches, and received the same honor seven different media outlets. The AFCA Region 4 Coach of the Year, Briles was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson, Bobby Bowden, Liberty Mutual and Bear Bryant national Coach of the Year awards after leading the Bears to their first-ever Big 12 title and BCS bowl berth.

Briles ranks as the fourth-winningest coach in school history with 44 wins in six seasons along the BU sideline (the Bears had just 35 total wins in the 12 seasons prior to his arrival in Waco), and he needs just six wins to overtake No. 3 John Bridgers on BU’s all-time list.

Baylor offensive coordinator Philip Montgomery was named the FootballScoop.com Offensive Coordinator of the Year. He orchestrated a Baylor offense that hit the 30-point mark 12
times, scored 59 or more seven times and hit the 70-point barrier four times. With the help of Montgomery’s explosive offensive attack, Baylor won 11 games in a season for the first time in school history, while clinching the school’s first Big 12 Championship. The Bears led the league in eight major offensive categories and placed six players on the All-Big 12 first team, including Offensive Player of the Year (Bryce Petty) and Offensive Lineman of the Year (Cyril Richardson). Montgomery was also tabbed as a Broyles Award finalist.

FootballScoop.com also selected Baylor defensive coordinator Phil Bennett as a finalist for its Defensive Coordinator of the Year honor and selected Bears’ running back coach Jeff Lebby as its Coach of the Year for that position, too.

Petty was the 2013 Big 12’s Offensive Player of the Year, won the inaugural Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award and finished seventh in the Heisman Trophy voting. He powered the Bears’ high-octane offense to a nation-leading 618.8 yards per game and a record 52.4 points per contest in his first season as the BU signal caller.

Baylor established 149 team and individual records, while producing the highest scoring offense in NCAA history (52.4 points per game) and leading the nation in total offense in 2013 at 618.8 yards per game. The Bears, who scored 30 or more points in 12 games and topped the 40-point mark 10 times, led the nation in TD drives of two minutes or less (60) and most plays of 40-plus yards (37).

BU’s defense finished among the nation’s Top 10 in – 3-and-outs (1st, 6.38), 4th down conversion (2nd, .250), interceptions (6th, 18), turnover margin (8th, 1.0) and yards allowed per-play (9th, 4.75).

Baylor’s defense scored six TDs (school and Big-12 record five interception returns and one fumble return) and its special teams scored three TDs (two punt returns and one kickoff return).

K Aaron Jones set NCAA records for most career PATs (274) and most consecutive PATs made (82). For the fourth straight season, Baylor produced a 1,000-yard rusher, as Seastrunk totaled 1,177 yards. Baylor had 12 2013 Academic All-Big 12 selections, including seven first-teamers.

Durango earned first-team Capital One All-District honors as selected by CoSIDA.

Baylor topped all Big 12 and Texas schools with five 2014 NFL Draft picks – Richardson (5th Round, Buffalo), Seastrunk (6th Round, Washington), Goodson (6th Round, Green Bay), Reese (7th Round, San Diego) and Dixon (7th Round, Dallas). Since 2011, Baylor has had 15 NFL Draft picks, which ranks as the most in Texas over that stretch ahead Texas A&M (13), Texas (10) and TCU (10).

In its 64th and final season at Floyd Casey Stadium, Baylor finished 7-0 and closed the Case was a 30-10 victory over No. 23 Texas to claim its first-ever outright Big 12 championship. The Bears, who take a 10-game home win streak into McLane Stadium, set attendance records for single-game (51,728 vs. Texas), total (321,639), per-game average (45,949) in its FCS swan song.

The Bears won both 2013 home games vs. Top 25 opponents (extending their winning streak to seven total games) with a 41-12 win over No. 12/8/10 Oklahoma and a 30-10 win over No. 23/24/25 Texas.
Volleyball
(12-20/4-12 Big 12/T-7th):
Baylor battled back from a 2-6 start (slowest start since 1995) and began conference play with a .500 record (8-8); marking the 18th consecutive season it opened Big 12 play with a non-losing record.

After earning first-team 2012 All-Big 12 honors, BU’s Zoe Adom was named honorable mention All-Big 12 in her final Green & Gold campaign.
Adrien Richburg became the first player in Baylor history and just the third in Big 12 history to have a perfect 1.000 attack percentage with a minimum of 10 kills in a match when she was a perfect 10 for 10 in Baylor’s 3-0 win over SMU, Sept. 3.
Baylor’s eight 2013 Academic All-Big 12 selections, including seven first-team honorees, ranked No. 2 in the Big 12 in both overall selections and first-team picks.

Baylor’s Oct. 2 match against Texas marked the largest volleyball crowd in school history, as a record 3,044 fans were on hand at the Ferrell Center. The program’s previous attendance record was 3,022 against Texas A&M, Oct. 10, 2009.

Baylor drew a school-record 11,470 fans to the Ferrell Center for 16 home dates in 2013, an average of 717 fans per match. BU’s per-match average ranked as the fifth-highest in program history and its season total marked the fifth consecutive season more than 11,000 fans came through the Ferrell Center doors to watch coach Jim Barnes’ team play.
Baylor played in seven televised matches in 2013 including two broadcasts on ESPNU.

Soccer
(11-6-3, 3-4-1 Big 12/5th):
Baylor’s 11-win 2013 campaign gave the Bears nine seasons in 18 years with at least 10 wins and the fourth straight under the direction of co-head coaches Marci and Paul Jobson.

On Sept. 3, 2013, Baylor was ranked No. 9 nationally by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, the program’s highest-ever NSCAA ranking.

In a 2-1 win over former Big 12 rival Missouri in College Station, Texas, Baylor gave up its first goal of the 2013 season and first in 477:11 minutes of play dating back to the 2012 campaign.

Baylor’s 4-0 win over Cal Poly on Sept. 13, 2013, was its school-record 14th straight at home.


No. 5 seed Baylor eliminated No. 4 Iowa State at the 2013 Big 12 Soccer Championship, marking the first time BU had beaten a higher seed in the event. The win gave the Bears at least one victory in the Big 12 Championship for the sixth time in 11 appearances and second year in a row.

Baylor’s 13 goals yielded in 2013 were one fewer than 2012’s program-record 14 goals allowed and its 13 shutouts tied 2012’s single-season school record.

Goalkeeper Michelle Kloss’ 11 shutouts in 2013 set a new Baylor single-season record.

Forward Bri Campos was an All-Big 12 first-team selection, marking the program’s eighth first-team selection and first since 2006. She made three appearances with Mexico’s U-20 National Team and earned a spot on the qualifying team as she helped Mexico qualify for the 2014 U-20 Women’s World Cup.

Baylor led the league with 15 Academic All-Big 12 selections (second-most in program history) and 14 first-team honorees (tied a program record from 2012).

Over the last six seasons, Baylor soccer has had 16 student-athletes earn CoSIDA Academic All-District honors after having just 10 such selections in the program’s previous 12 seasons. In 2013, Baylor had one Academic All-District honoree in second-team selection Kat Ludlow.
Men’s Cross Country
(7th Big 12/9th NCAA South Central Regional):
At the 2013 Big 12 Conference Championship, all five of the Baylor men’s scoring runners finished in the top 51 of the 81-man field, as the Bears finished seventh for the second straight year to equal their best showing since 2004. The group was led by the 39th-place finish of Brad Miles, who covered the 8,000-meter course in 24:29.6.

Baylor tallied 239 points to finish ninth at the NCAA South Central Regional Championships. The ninth-place team finish was its highest since taking fourth at the 2012 meet.

Miles earned his first career All-Region honor with a 23rd-place finish at the regional meet in a time of 20:57.1. It was Baylor’s 20th All-Region finish in the event’s 18-year history.

At the NCAA South Central Regional meet, Baylor tallied 162 points to place sixth, a one place improvement over its 2012 seventh-place finish. Johnson earned All-Region honors and a spot in the NCAA Championship field with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA South Central Regional. She had a career-best time of 20:23.8 on the 6,000-meter course en route to her second career All-Region honor.

Alex Davis also was named All-Region by improving on her Big 12 meet time by 11 seconds to take 24th in 21:18.1 at the South Central Regional meet.

Women’s Cross Country
(T-5th Big 12/6th NCAA South Central Regional):
Coach Todd Harbour’s Baylor women’s cross country team earned its highest finish at the Big 12 Championships since 2008 by tying Kansas State for fifth-place with 123 points. The Lady Bears were just two points behind Texas (121) and seven points behind Oklahoma State for third (116) at the league meet.

Rachel Johnson earned All-Big 12 honors for a second-straight season by placing 10th at the Big 12 meet with a time of 20:55.1. It was Baylor’s 20th All-Big 12 finish in the event’s 18-year history.

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It marked the first time since 2010 that Baylor had two women’s All-Region performers.

Johnson, the first Baylor individual runner to compete at nationals since 2010, placed 107th at the NCAA Championships at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, Ind. She completed the 6,000-meter course that was inundated with mud and water in 21:21.3, which was her slowest time at the distance in 2013. She was the top BU runner in all six of the races she ran in 2013.

Baylor produced a league-leading 14 Academic All-Big 12 selections, all of whom were first-team honorees.

As a team, BU again earned All-Academic honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association with its 3.48 cumulative grade-point average. The award honors teams, which have succeeded both academically and athletically. To qualify as a USTFCCCA All-Academic Cross Country team, the team must have had a cumulative team GPA of 3.00 or better and have started at least five runners at their respective NCAA regional championship.

Johnson, a 3.47 student in exercise physiology, earned individual USTFCCCA All-Academic honors.
Women’s Basketball

(32-5/16-2 Big 12/T-1st; NCAA Elite 8):

Kim Mulkey’s 2013-14 Lady Bears registered a 32-5 overall record and a 16-2 mark in Big 12 play en route to their fourth straight sweep of the Big 12 regular-season and tournament titles. It marked the fourth straight season the program reached the 30-win plateau and fifth time under Mulkey.

Baylor was one of just eight programs nationally to win 30 or more games in 2013-14, joining Connecticut, Notre Dame, Stanford, Chattanooga, Louisville, Bowling Green and West Virginia.

After tying West Virginia for the top spot in the Big 12’s regular-season standings, Baylor handed the Mountaineers a 74-71 setback in the Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship title game to take two of three head-to-head meetings from the 2014 Big 12 co-champions.

Baylor advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the sixth straight season (ninth time under Mulkey) and reached the Elite Eight for the fourth time in the last five seasons (and fifth in Mulkey’s tenure).

The Lady Bears finished the year ranked No. 5 in The Associated Press poll (pre-NCAA Tournament) and No. 6 in the final (post-tournament) USA Today coaches listing. Baylor has now finished among the nation's Top 10 in at least one season-ending poll every year since 2008-09.

Baylor became the first Big 12 women’s basketball program to win four consecutive regular season Big 12 titles and four straight tournament titles. While no team had won more than two Big 12 Tournament titles prior to Baylor’s run, the Lady Bears join Texas Tech (1998-2000) and Oklahoma (2000-2002) as programs to have won at least three straight regular season crowns, however, each of those programs shared at least one of those titles (Baylor’s current run includes three-straight outright titles and one shared crown).

Odyssey Sims was named the 2014 Wade Trophy winner and was also the recipient of the 2014 Frances Naiman Pomeroy Award, Dawn Staley Award and Nancy Lieberman Award. A consensus All-American for the second straight year and just the second four-time All-American in program history, Sims was a finalist for all major 2013-14 National Player of the Year Awards.

Sims ranked No. 1 nationally in points scored (1,054) as a senior, becoming just the second woman in NCAA Division I history to score over 1,000 points in a single season and establishing a Big 12 single-season mark in the process. Her 28.5 ppg scoring average was good for No. 2 nationally and also ranked as both a Big 12 and Baylor season record.

Sims also earned 2014 Big 12 Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors and was an All-Big 12 first-team selection for the fourth straight season.

The No. 2 pick in the 2014 WNBA Draft by the Tulsa Shock, Sims was Baylor’s team MVP for the third straight season and finished her career as a program’s all-time assist leader (641) and 3-point field goals made (258) leader.

Nina Davis was named the 2014 Big 12 Freshman of the Year and was the only freshman to earn first-team All-Big 12 honors. She ranked No. 5 nationally in field goal percentage (.595) and joined Sims on the WBCA Region V All-District team. Davis was named Big 12 Freshman of the Week seven times while Sims was a seven-time selection as Big 12 Player of the Week.

Sophomore Niya Johnson led the nation in assist/turnover ratio (4.0, which also ranks as a Big 12 record) and dished out a Baylor single-season 244 assists on the year.

Baylor produced four 2013-14 Academic All-Big 12 honorees, including three first-team selections. The Lady Bears have had at least one Academic All-Big 12 performer in 13 of Mulkey’s 14 seasons at Baylor.

Mackenzie Robertson earned first-team 2013-14 Capital One Academic All-District honors as selected by CoSIDA.

Seniors Sims and Robertson finished their four-year careers with a record of 140-10 (.933), including a 67-3 (.957) mark in regular-season Big 12 games. The duo chalked up eight Big 12 titles, four NCAA Tournament trips (reaching at least the Sweet 16 every season) and the 2013 NCAA Championship, while posting a 77-7 (.974) Ferrell Center mark over their standout careers.

Mulkey, who won her 400th game at Baylor with the Lady Bears’ 95-61 win over No. 18 Oklahoma State in the semifinals of the 2014 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship at Oklahoma State, was named the 2014 WBCA Region V Coach of the Year.

The 2013-14 Baylor squad set program season records for scoring average (83.6 ppg), 3-point field goals made (200) and rebound average (47.3 rpg).

The Lady Bears drew 151,384 fans for their 22 Ferrell Center contests in 2013-14, averaging 6,881 fans per game to rank eighth nationally and second among Big 12 institutions. In addition, BU surpassed the 100,000-mark in home attendance for the ninth straight year and ranked among the top 10 nationally for the fifth consecutive season.
Men’s Basketball
(26-12/9-9 Big 12/T6th; NCAA Sweet 16):
Coach Scott Drew’s Bears rebounded from a 2-8 start in Big 12 play to reach the NCAA Sweet 16 for the third time in five seasons en route to a 26-12 overall record and a 9-9 league mark.

The 26 wins rank as the third-most in school history, marked the ninth 20-win campaign in the program’s 108-year history and sixth in the last seven seasons.

It was also just the second time in school history, and first since 2008-10, that Baylor recorded back-to-back-to-back 20-win campaigns. The Bears’ 79 wins over the last three seasons is the most in any three-year period in program history.

Baylor is one of 12 teams nationally to have made at least three Sweet 16 appearances over the last five years.

Baylor was ranked 18th in the season-ending ESPN/USA Today coaches poll and 23rd in the final Associated Press listing. The 18th-place standing in the coaches poll marked the third-highest final ranking in program history.

The Bears finished Big 12 play with wins in seven of their last eight games after going 2-8 through the first 10 league games to become the first Big 12 team ever to start 2-8 and earn an NCAA Tournament bid.

Baylor reached the championship game of the 2014 Phillips 66 Big 12 Tournament for the third time in six seasons, where it dropped a 74-65 decision to No. 16 Iowa State.

For the third straight season, Baylor advanced deeper into postseason play than any of the 21 Division I teams in Texas, and its .810 postseason winning percentage (min. 8 games) over the last six seasons is the nation’s best.

Since the start of 2007-08 season, Baylor is now 170-81 (135 wins in first 11 seasons of Big 12 era), while producing six of its nine all-time 20-win seasons and 61 of the program’s 64 all-time weeks ranked in the Top 25.

Baylor, which was ranked for 13 weeks during the 2013-14 campaign and climbed as high as seventh in The Associated Press poll and ninth in the USA Today coaches poll after a 12-1 start, is one of two Big 12 programs to have been ranked at least once in each of the last seven seasons (Kansas is the other).

Baylor won a school-record five games over AP Top 25-ranked teams, including an 85-55 victory over No. 3 seed and 18th-ranked Creighton in the NCAA Round of 32 match-up in San Antonio. It was Baylor’s first-ever win over a higher-seeded team in the NCAA Tournament and was the program’s largest margin of victory ever in an NCAA Tournament game coming on the heels of a 74-60 win over Nebraska two days earlier.

Drew became the winningest coach in Baylor men’s basketball history with the Bears’ 86-69 Phillips 66 Big 12 Championship semi-final win over Texas, March 14. The win was Drew’s 202nd on the Baylor bench, one more than Bill Henderson registered from 1941-43 and 1945-61 as the Bears’ bench boss. Drew’s .576 winning percentage is also the best ever by a Baylor coach with four or more years at the helm.

Forward Cory Jefferson became the first player in program history to play in three NCAA Tournaments and his Baylor teams won 95 of his 130 games played during his career for a program-best .731 winning percentage. He earned second-team All-Big 12 honors from Associated Press and third-team recognition from the league’s coaches.

The 2013-14 USBWA District VII Player of the Year finished his Baylor career with 1,159 points, good for 19th on Baylor’s all-time list, and produced a Big 12-leading 14 double-doubles. Jefferson ranks among Baylor’s all-time leaders in blocks, double-doubles, blocks per game, rebounds and field goal percentage.

A second-team 2013-14 All-Big 12 pick, Jefferson was drafted with the 60th and final pick in the 2014 NBA Draft by the San Antonio Spurs and traded to the Brooklyn Nets. His selection gives Baylor five NBA draft picks in the last three years, which trails Kansas’ six selections in that span among Big 12 teams.

Brady Heslip became the 27th 1,000-point scorer in Baylor history and finished 20th on BU’s all-time list with 1,140 points. The sharp-shooting guard broke the Bears’ single-season record with 118 3-pointers made, which tied for the second-most ever by a Big 12 player. Heslip’s career 3-point percentage (.437) was also a Baylor record and ranked as the third-best in Big 12 history, while his 301 career made 3-pointers rank No. 2 on the BU list and No. 5 on the Big 12 chart. He also won the College 3-Point Championship competition at the 2014 NCAA Final Four.

Center Isaiah Austin led the Big 12 with 119 blocked shots, which ranks second on the Baylor single-season list. He blocked a Big 12 Championship record 18 shots en route to a spot on the All-Tournament team and had nine rejections in a win against Kansas State to equal the most by a BU player in a league game ever. Austin earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the league’s coaches, while also being named to the All-Defensive team.

Kenny Chery received honorable mention All-Big 12 recognition from The Associated Press. He registered the sixth triple-double in program history with 20 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds in a key late-season win over Kansas State, and his 174 assists on the season ranked as the eighth-most in Baylor history.

Baylor had a pair of first-team 2013-14 Academic All-Big 12 players; the fourth straight year and sixth time in the last seven seasons the Bears produced at least one Academic All-Big 12 performer, and just the third time in 18 seasons Baylor had multiple first-team honorees.

For a program-record eighth straight season, more than 100,000 fans came through the Ferrell Center doors to watch the Baylor men’s basketball team play, as the Bears drew 107,194 fans for 17 home games. After averaging just 6,000 or more fans twice in the Ferrell Center’s first 17 seasons, Baylor topped that threshold for the ninth straight season with its 2013-14 average of 8,306.
Women’s Indoor Track & Field
(2nd Big 12/T-27th NCAA Championship):

At the 2014 Big 12 Indoor Women’s Championship, coach Todd Harbour’s squad scored 102 points to finish second in the team standings, its highest finish in the meet’s 18-year history. BU produced a pair of meet champions and 26 All-Big 12 performances over the two-day meet en route to recording its highest point total ever at the event.

Baylor had two individual events champions at the Big 12 meet in Tiffani McReynolds (60 hurdles) and Raena Rhone (600-yard run).

McReynolds became the first Baylor athlete, male or female, to win the same event at the conference indoor meet in four straight seasons. She is only the second Big 12 athlete to accomplish the feat. The senior cruised to the win with a time of 8.10, beating the rest of the field by .14 seconds.

Rhone, who ran her first competitive 600-yard race in prelims, turned in the fifth-best time in school history (1:20.43) to claim the event’s Big 12 title. She is just the second Baylor athlete to win the 600-yard crown, joining Barbara Petrahn, who took the title in 2002.

Baylor had 18 athletes over the course of the two-day event record 26 All-Big 12 performances, including seven who earned multiple honors—Rachel Johnson (3,000m & DMR), Mariah Kelly (Mile, DMR), McReynolds (60m; 60 hurdles), Maggie Montoya (1,000m & Mile), Alyssa Nichols (4x400 & DMR), Rhone (400m, 4x400) and Olicia Williams (800m, 4x400 & DMR).

Baylor’s other 2014 Indoor All-Big 12 honorees included: Erin Atkinson (Weight Throw), Kristina Brown (1,000m), Lauren Cook (High Jump), Alex Davis (5,000m), Kehri Jones (60m), Taije Jordan (60 hurdles), Michelle Nwachukwu (4x400).
Men's Indoor Track & Field
(7th Big 12/22nd NCAA Championship):

At the 2014 Big 12 Indoor Championships, the Baylor men tallied 67 points to finish seventh in the team standings while 14 student-athletes produced 19 All-Big 12 awards.

Felix Obi defended his Big 12 title in the triple jump. Despite skipping his final three jumps, Obi walked away with his second straight title in the event with a leap of 51-2.25 (15.60m). He carded his longest jump of the day on his second attempt and led the competition from that point forward. Obi became just the fourth Baylor male athlete to win a Big 12 indoor title in back-to-back seasons. He joined Reggie Witherspoon (200m & 400m), Trey Hart (200m) and Brandon Couts (400m).

Henry Vildosola set a new school-record in the heptathlon with 5,334 points to finish third overall and earn his first career All-Big 12 indoor honor.

Baylor had four multiple All-Big 12 performers including Trayvon Bromell (60m & 200m), Blake Hertot (200m, 400m & 4x400), TJ Holmes (600y & 4x400) and Obi (Long Jump & Triple Jump).

The Bears’ other All-Big 12 performers included: Greg Bostick (DMR), Hunter Brook (Heptathlon), Isaiah Duke (4x400), Richard Gary (4x400), Bryce Grace (60 hurdles), Derwin Graham (DMR), Brad Miles (DMR), Brandon Moore (DMR), Jonathan Tijerina (mile) and Vildosola (Heptathlon).

Obi won triple jump title at the 2014 NCAA Indoor Championships at the Albuquerque Convention Center. He set a new school record of 54:5.25 (16.69m) on his third attempt of the meet to clinch BU’s first NCAA indoor individual title since 2008. Obi improved upon his previous school record of 53:11.25 (16.44m), which he set earlier this year, in winning the 18th men’s NCAA indoor national title (10 individual and nine relay) in program history.

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Acrobatics & Tumbling (3-5/NCATA Semifinalist):  
Baylor advanced to the 2014 National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA) national semifinals for the third time in four seasons, dropping a 285.600-280.285 decision to top-ranked and three-time NCATA national champion Oregon in Azusa, Calif.  
BU’s eight-member senior class of Deonka Ceaser, Hailey Cowan, Katya Finta, Lynn Herbst, Tori Jackson, Ginger Plemmons, Kristie Serrano and Lori Williamson, led the program to three NCATA semifinal berths in the program’s four-year history.  
The Bears qualified a program-best 18 athletes to compete as individuals in eight events spanning Toss, Acro and Tumbling events at the 2014 NCATA Championships.  
Baylor also had athletes qualify for each of the six Tumbling events.  
Kiara Nowlin won Baylor’s lone 2014 individual national championship with a perfect score of 10 in the tumbling event’s 6 Element.  
She posted three perfect 10 scores in 6 Element during the season en route to becoming the eighth individual national champion in program history.  
Williamson earned 2014 NCATA All-American honors, becoming the seventh Baylor A&T student-athlete to attain the status in program history.

Equestrian (8-7, 2nd Big 12/NCEA Quarterfinalist):  
Coaches Felecia Mulkey’s 2013-14 team finished 8-7 overall, second at the Big 12 Championships and advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Collegiate Equestrian Championship.  
Baylor earned a No. 1 national ranking by the NCEA for the week of Nov. 18, 2013.  
The Bears advanced to the Big 12 Championship, but dropped a heart-breaking 10-9 decision to Oklahoma State in the championship meet at Baylor’s Willis Family Equestrian Center.  
Baylor’s Samantha Schaefer (fences) and Alicia Gasser (flat) were selected as the Most Outstanding Performers by the meet’s judges.  
Baylor had four student-athletes earn 2014 All-Big 12 awards, as Schaefer received recognition in both equestrian over fences and equestrian on the flat, while Paige Parker joined Schaefer on the fences honor squad. Bryn Lindley garnered All-Big 12 honors in horsemanship and Katherine Berg was recognized in reining.  
Schaefer was named the Big 12’s Fences Rider of the Year, while Lindley was named the league’s Horsemanship Rider of the Year.  
Baylor made its ninth appearance in the National Collegiate Equestrian Championship and defeated Auburn in the opening round of the 2014 event, before losing to the eventual national champion Georgia in the quarterfinals.  
Baylor’s equestrian team landed seven riders on the 2014 NCEA All-America teams who earned eight total All-America awards, including three first-team selections — Schaefer (both equestrian on the flat and equestrian over fences), Parker (equestrian over fences) and Lindley (horsemanship).  
Savannah Jenkins, who competed with Baylor only in the spring 2014 semester, Jenny Mitchell and Gasser all earned second-team All-American honors in equestrian on the flat. Claire Edwards was named as a member of the honorable mention squad for her performance in reining.  
Baylor had 12 equestrian athletes earn NCEA National Academic Team honors and a league-high 19 garner Academic All-Big 12 recognition, including a conference-leading 13 first-team selections.  
Berg participated in the 2014 Sun Circuit Shootout Reining Invitational in Scottsdale, Ariz.  
The Baylor trio of Parris Rice, Gillian Chant and Rachel Nankervis competed in the 2013 American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show in Oklahoma City. Rice was awarded Reserve World Champion in Showmanship and Equestrian. Chant was the Reserve World Champion in the performance halter class for aged mares and Nankervis placed fourth in the western riding.

Baylor had 18 A&T student-athletes garner Academic All-Big 12 At-Large team selections, including 14 first-team honorees. The 18 total selections was the most among any team on the At-Large team list, which recognizes the academic accomplishments of student-athletes at Conference institutions that participate in sports outside of Big 12 competition.  
Felecia Mulkey, who led Oregon to four consecutive National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA) national championships in five seasons as the Ducks’ head coach, was introduced as Baylor’s new coach, June 3. A native of Atlanta, Mulkey is the third head coach in program history.  
In her five seasons at Oregon, Mulkey guided the Ducks to a 43-3 overall record while winning four national titles, 30 event titles, coached 11 student-athletes to All-America honors with two earning athlete of the year awards.
Women’s Tennis
(26-7/9-0 Big 12/1st; NCAA Round of 16):
Coach Joey Scrivano’s 2014 Lady Bears ranked 14th nationally by the ITA with a 26-7 record, marking the program’s 10th consecutive top-20 finish, swept the Big 12 regular-season and tournament titles for the first time since 2011 and reached the NCAA Tournament for the 10th-straight season.

With its No. 14 national ranking, Baylor finished as the Big 12’s highest-ranked team for the seventh time in the last nine years.

Baylor returned to the NCAA Round of 16 for the first time since 2012 and ninth time in the Scrivano era, where it dropped a 4-1 decision to No. 4 Virginia, which snapped the Lady Bears’ 16-match win streak.

BU women’s tennis has now won 10 Big 12 regular-season titles, eight of which have come in the last nine seasons. Baylor captured its seventh outright Big 12 title in 2014 and posted its sixth undefeated league mark, the first time it has achieved those feats since 2011 and 2010, respectively.

The Lady Bears took down No. 20 Texas, 4-3, in Austin, as true freshman Blair Shankle won a third-set tiebreaker in her singles match to clinch the title outright in the final regular-season match.

Three players who were a major factor in Baylor’s success in 2014 — Ema Burgic, Kiah Generette and Jordan Sanford, all were named to the All-Big 12 singles and doubles teams. Meanwhile, Victoria Kisialeva joined that trio on All-Big 12 doubles list.

Baylor has now had at least two singles honorees for nine consecutive seasons under Scrivano. In total, Baylor has produced 57 all-league honours, including 38 in singles and doubles teams recognized 19 times.

Baylor has had at least one doubles tandem on the list for 11 straight seasons, but it is first time since 2009 that two Lady Bear doubles duos were honored.

Scrivano garnered his second straight Big 12 Coach of the Year award and the fifth in 12 seasons in Waco, after also winning the honor in 2008, 2008 and 2009.

For the seventh time overall and the first time since 2011, Baylor won the Big 12 Championship crown with a 4-1 victory over No. 25 Oklahoma State. BU swept No. 68 Kansas and No. 30 Texas Tech by matching 4-0 scores in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the event.

Burgic was named the Big 12 Championships Most Outstanding Player after she compiled a 30-1 singles record and 10-0 mark in doubles in helping her team to the league title.

Baylor had four singles players ranked to end the season in Generette (No. 52), Sanford (No. 64), Burgic (No. 77) and Shankle (No. 108). That was the most the Lady Bears have had ranked in the end-of-the-year rankings since also totaling four in 2011.

Generette and Sanford both earned entry into the NCAA Singles Championships, while Kisialeva and Shankle made the NCAA Doubles field. Generette and Sanford both lost their opening-round match.

The BU doubles tandem won its first two matches to reach the NCAA quarterfinals and earn All-American honors. The BU pairing pulled off a major upset over ninth-ranked Catherine Harrison and Kyle McPhillips of UCLA, 6-3, 6-3, in the opening round. They then downed No. 27 Sofie Oyen and Belinda Woolcock of Florida in the second round of play, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, before falling to the second-ranked team Lauren Herring and Made Kowase of Georgia, 6-3, 6-1.

Kisialeva and Shankle were the first BU duo to advance to the NCAA quarterfinals since Nina Sceperbegovic and Burgic accomplished the feat in 2012, and were ranked 22nd in the final ITA listing.

Sanford was named the Most Improved Senior for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Texas Region.

Baylor placed five student-athletes on the 2014 Academic All-Big 12 team, including four first-teamers, to register its highest number of total selections since 2010.

Men’s Tennis
(26-6/4-1 Big 12/1st; NCAA Quarterfinalists):
Baylor finished the year ranked No. 6 in the ITA poll after posting a 26-6 record and reaching the Quarterfinals of the NCAA Championships for the first time since 2011.

Baylor reached the 25-win mark for the 11th time under head coach Matt Knoll, and first since 2009. BU has also won at least 20 matches in 12 of the past 13 seasons. The Bears were also the highest ranked team in Texas and finished in the top-20 for a 13th-straight year.

BU advanced to the Round of 16 of the NCAA Championships for a 12th consecutive season, knocking off No. 12 Illinois 4-0, before falling in the quarterfinals to No. 4 Virginia, 4-0.

The Bears went 4-1 in Big 12 play to win their 12th Big 12 regular-season title. Baylor took down No. 7 Texas, 5-2, in the final regular-season match to secure a share of the title with both Oklahoma and UT.

BU won its eighth Big 12 Championship crown in dramatic fashion. The Bears entered the event as the event’s No. 1 seed and downed No. 35 Oklahoma State in the semifinals, before drawing No. 3 Oklahoma in the title match. The Bears had lost to the Sooners in two previous 2014 meetings.

With the contest vs. the Sooners tied 3-3, 16th-ranked Patrick Pradella found himself in a three-set battle with sixth-ranked Axel Alvarez Llamas on court 2. The Sooners had won the first-set 7-6(5), before Pradella forced a third set with a 6-3 win in the second. The BU senior was serving with a 4-3 advantage in the third when all the attention turned to his court. He went on to take a 5-3 lead in the deciding set, before Alvarez held to cut the deficit to 5-4.

Pradella then served for the match and the Big 12 Championship title. His service game lasted 28 minutes as he had six match points and faced five break points. There were 11 deuces in the game. On the sixth and final match point, Pradella aced it out of the middle for the victory. He was mobbed on the court by his teammates and earned Big 12 Most Outstanding Player honors.

The Baylor men’s tennis team had three singles players and one doubles duo garner a spot on the 2014 All-Big 12 team, as Diego Galeano, Julian Lenz and Pradella were all recognized in singles, while Pradella and partner Mate Zsiga tallied the honor in doubles.

Baylor has now had at least two singles players make the All-
Men’s Golf
(6th Big 12/10th NCAA West Regional):

The Baylor men’s golf team made its 17th consecutive NCAA appearance, earning a bid to the 2014 NCAA West Regional as the No. 5 seed, where it finished 10th. Coach Greg Priest’s team registered a sixth-place finish at the Big 12 Championship and finished 29th in the final 2014 GolfWeek/Sagarin rankings.

Baylor registered nine top-five team finishes, including all six spring regular-season tournaments. The Bears finished in the top of the field in 10 of 11 regular-season tournaments and recorded four runner-up finishes.

Kyle Jones won 2014 Oak Hills Invitational, earning National Player of the Week honors from GolfWeek. He went on to record the third-best single-season stroke average in program history (71.40) en route to All-Big 12, All-Region and honorable mention All-America honors from GolfWeek.

Jones became the 12th All-American in program history, and first since 2012. He played in all 13 tournaments for the Bears, placing in the top 10 in seven tournaments and recording 10 top-25 finishes. Jones shot par or better in 26 of his 40 rounds, and he was the top individual finisher among Baylor players in six of 13 events. He finished among the top three individuals at four tournaments on the season.

Baylor student-athletes recorded 14 top-10 individual finishes on the season.

Baylor’s men’s golf had four student-athletes named to the 2014 Academic All-Big 12 Golf team, including a pair of first-teamers. BU’s four honorees tied the second-most in program history, and it marked the third time in the last four years the Bears have had four players selected.

Priest resigned following the season to become Director of Athletics for the Tyler (Texas) Independent School District, and after a nation-wide search, former Oklahoma State head coach Mike McGraw was named the Bears’ head coach, June 16.

McGraw joined the program after spending one season as an assistant coach at Alabama, where he helped lead the Crimson Tide to the 2014 national championship title.

Prior to joining the Alabama staff, McGraw was head coach at Oklahoma State for eight seasons, where he led the Cowboys to a national title in 2006 and a national runner-up finish in 2010.

He was an assistant coach at OSU when the Cowboys won the 2000 national title.

Women’s Golf
(3rd/Big 12; 10th NCAA East Regional):

Coach Jay Goble’s program reached NCAA Regional play for the third straight season, this time as the No. 14 seed in the East, and missed a berth in the NCAA Championships by just two strokes with its 10th-place finish. BU ended the season ranked 39th by Golfweek/Sagarin.

Baylor placed third at the 2014 Big 12 Championship to register its third consecutive top three finish in the team standings. The Bears were six strokes back of second-place and championship-host Texas. Laura Lonardi had the best individual finish for the Lady Bears, tying for fourth place at the Big 12 meet after shooting even-par 72 in the final round to give her an overall score of even-par 216 to earn a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Although her team did not qualify for the NCAA Championships, Hayley Davis qualified for the NCAA Championships by being the lowest-scoring individual on a non-advancing team at the NCAA East Regional. She finished tied for second in the 128-player Regional field after shooting 6-under-par 210, including a final round of 5-under 87 that tied her career-best round.

At the NCAA Championships, Davis tied for 10th to record the best finish in program history, and became the best individual not on a qualifying team at the national meet. She shot a final-round 65, tying the lowest round in program history, and finished the four-day tournament at 3-over 283. Davis rebounded to climb 81 spots on the leaderboard after being in 91st place following the first round.

Davis recorded three second-place individual finishes over a six-tournament span in the spring en route to All-Region honors.

She also recorded the fifth-best single-season stroke average in program history (73.79), giving her three of Baylor’s five best single-season stroke averages.

BU won the Dallas Athletic Club Invitational for its fifth tournament championship in Goble’s three-year tenure. Baylor registered five top-10 finishes in six spring competitions.

Baylor student-athletes recorded nine top-10 individual finishes — five from Davis, three from Lonardi and one from Hadas Libman on the season.

The Lady Bears had a trio of 2014 Academic All-Big 12 honorees, one of which was a first-team honoree, and have how had multiple All-Big 12 selections in nine of the last 10 seasons.
Softball
(49-16, 13-5 Big 12/2nd; WCWS/T-3rd):

Coach Glenn Moore’s Lady Bear softball team made its fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance (ninth overall) en route to a 49-16 record, its third Women’s College World Series trip in program history and a second-place Big 12 finish. The second-place Big 12 showing was the second-best in school history behind Baylor’s 2007 championship-winning campaign.

Baylor advanced to the NCAA WCWS for the third time in school history (2007, 2011) with a two-game sweep over Georgia at the Athens Super Regional, and finished tied for third in the event with a 2-2 record.

BU achieved the largest comeback victory in WCWS history vs. Kentucky. Trailing 7-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, Baylor came back to win 8-7 in the eighth inning. In fact, Baylor softball and BU baseball each hold the largest comebacks in College World Series history. The baseball team defeated TCU 8-7 after trailing 7-0, June 21, 2005.

Shortstop Jordan Strickland and left fielder Linsey Hays were each named to the WCWS All-Tournament team. Strickland was just the 13th player in WCWS history to homer twice in a WCWS game when she had two round-trippers to help BU beat Florida State 7-2, May 31, and finished with a tournament-high six RBI.

Pitcher Whitney Canion was named Baylor’s first-ever, first-team NFCA All-American. It was the second All-America honor of her career, as she garnered 2011 second-team honors.

Canion and fellow pitcher Liz Paul were named to the CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District first-team. Canion went on to earn second-team honors at the national level.

Canion completed a standout six-year career in 2014 with BU’s softball team that included two WCWS appearances and two All-America honors. She became Baylor’s first, first-team All-American in 2014, posting a 31-12 record and helping the Lady Bears to their third WCWS appearance in school history.

Canion finished her career at third on the all-time Big 12 wins list with 123 victories. She took over third-place May 2 at Iowa State with win No. 116, passing OU’s Jennifer Stewart (115, 1999-2002). Canion is just the seventh player in Big 12 history to record 100 or more career victories, and she is Baylor’s all-time leader in wins, strikeouts, innings pitched, shutouts and complete games.

Canion pitched her fifth-career no-hitter April 30 vs. McNeese State, striking out a season high 14 batters to register her second career no-hitter in a seven-inning contest.

Canion (P) and Hays (DP/UTIL) received 2014 first-team NFCA All-Central Region honors while first baseman Holly Holl and outfielder Kaitlyn Thumann were second-team selections.

Canion was the 2014 Big 12 Pitcher of the Year, as selected by the league’s coaches, and was joined on the All-Big 12 first team by Thumann. Hays, Strickland and catcher Clare Hosack were second-team picks. Hosack was also named to the league’s All-Defensive team.

Baylor produced a league-leading nine 2014 Academic All-Big 12 selections, all of which were named to the first team, including three with 4.0 grade-point averages in Canion, Paul and Robin Landrith.

Moore picked up his 700th career victory with the Lady Bears’ 2-1 win over Tulsa in NCAA Tournament action at Getterman Stadium, May 17. The win propelled Baylor into the Regional championship round where it beat Tulsa twice to advance to the Athens (Ga.) Super Regional.

The Lady Bears drew 24,933 fans over 24 dates to Getterman Stadium in 2014, which produced a per-game season average of 1,038 fans per game. Baylor’s total home attendance mark ranked as the second-highest in stadium history behind 2012’s mark of 31,434, while it marked just the second time in the program’s 16-year history it finished with a per-game average above the 1,000-fan mark (2012).

Baylor drew the top two crowds in Getterman Stadium history during the 2014 season, as a record 1,835 fans were on hand for the April 12 game vs. defending NCAA champion Oklahoma and the second-largest crowd in facility history, 1,744 fans, came through the gates for the May 6 contest vs. Texas.
Women’s Outdoor Track & Field
(2nd Big 12/14th NCAA Championship):
Coach Todd Harbour’s squad tallied a program-record 113.5 total points over three days of competition at the 2014 Big 12 Outdoor Championships to earn a program-best second-place finish.

Baylor had three Big 12 champions—Tiffany McReynolds (100-hurdles), Rachael Johnson (3,000m steeplechase) and the 4x400-meter relay team of Alyssa Nichols, Ashley Fields, Olivia Williams and Raena Rhone produced a stadium record time of 3:30.75 to win. It was the fifth time the BU women have won the outdoor 4x400-meter title but first since 2009.

McReynolds nabbed her second Big 12 100-meter hurdle title and the first since 2011 as she set a new school record with a time of 12.59.

Johnson won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 10:11.79. She is the second BU female athlete to earn a conference title in that event, joining Angela Marvin, who won the 2003 title.

All told, Baylor had 18 individuals earn 20 Big 12 awards at the 2014 outdoor meet, nine of whom garnered multiple honors—Fields (100m, 200m, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay), Cion Hicks (shot put, discus), Kehri Jones (100m, 4x100 relay), Johnson (3,000m steeplechase, 5,000m), Mariah Kelly (1500m, 5,000m), McReynolds (100m, 100 Hurdles), Nichols (400m, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay), Rhone (400m, 4x400 relay) and Williams (800m, 4x400 relay).

Nine other BU student-athletes received 2014 Big 12 honors in one event—Atkinson (hammer throw), Alex Davis (10,000m), Justin Dayries (4x100 relay), Taije Jordan (100 hurdles), Jenna Pfeiffer (heptathlon), Annni Rhodes (pole vault), Brianna Richardson (triple jump), Jessica Shadley (heptathlon) and Katiein West (triple jump).

Baylor advanced 10 entries to the 2014 NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., with 10 athletes in 10 events. After failing to score at last year’s NCAA meet, the women came back to record five All-America performances and tallied 17 points to finish 14th. It was their fourth-highest point total since 2011.

At the NCAA Outdoor Championships, BU was led by the third-place finish of Johnson in the steeplechase as she bettered her own school record with a time of 9:44.47 and the fourth-fastest collegiate time in the event at the meet. McReynolds posted the seventh-fastest time overall (12.81) in the USATF semifinals but was fifth in her heat and did not reach the finals. Fields finished 11th in her heat of the 200-meter dash (23.49) and did not advance.

Maggie Montoya took third in the 3,000-meter race at the 2014 USATF Junior Championships in Eugene, Ore. She posted a time of 9:47.28 in her first race of the outdoor season at that distance.

Rhodes finished third in the pole vault at the 2014 USATF Junior Championships with a top mark of 13.9.25 (4.20m).

Men’s Outdoor Track & Field
(4th Big 12/8th NCAA Championship):
At the 2014 Big 12 Championships, coach Todd Harbour’s men’s team produced three event champions to help it score 93 points and take fourth overall. That was BU’s highest men’s team finish since 2001 (fourth) and highest point total since 1998 (101).

Baylor’s 4x400-meter men’s relay of TJ Holmes, Drew Seale, George Caddick and Blake Heriot won in a time of 3:06.24. It was the 13th time the BU men have been on top of the conference podium in the 4x4 but first since 2009.

Trayvon Bromell also collected an individual event title as he wove the crowd with a wind-aided 9.77 in the 100-meter dash. He became the first Baylor male to ever claim the Big 12 outdoor crown in that event. That time is third-fastest in NCAA history regardless of wind conditions.

The Bears’ 4x100-relay team won the event for the fifth time and the first time since 2010. Alex Reece, Heriot, Everett Walker and Bromell blasted the rest of the field in 39.49.

Baylor had 16 individuals collect 24 All-Big 12 awards, including four who were multiple winners—Bromell (100m, 200m, 4x100 relay), Heriot (200m, 400m, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay), Holmes (400 Hurdles, 4x100 relay) and Walker (100m, 4x100 relay). The other 12 Bears who earned 2014 All-Big 12 honors included: Hunter Brook (decathlon), Caddick (4x400 relay), Isaiah Duck (400m), Bryce Grace (110 Hurdles), Derwin Graham (3,000m steeplechase), Richard Hansen (javelin), Blake Mayberry (javelin), Brandon Moore (800m), Reece (4x100 relay), Seale (4x400 relay), Jonathan Tijerina (1,500m) and Henry Vildosola (decathlon).

In a vote of the conference’s head coaches, Bromell won the Big 12 Outstanding Freshman Award for the 2014 outdoor season. Bromell is the third Baylor athlete to capture the outdoor freshman honor, joining LeJerald Betters (2007) and Brandon Courts (1998). Bromell’s current BU teammate, Felix Obi, won the indoor freshman accolade in 2013.

Baylor advanced eight entries to the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., at Hayward Field with nine athletes in eight events. The Bears had their best showing in six years at the national meet, scoring 21 points to finish eighth overall in the final team standings and first among the Big 12 teams. It marked BU’s 11th-most points ever at the NCAA Outdoor meet, and best finish since a tie for seventh with 27 points in 2008.

Bromell won the 100-meter dash in a World Junior record time of 9.97 to become Baylor’s first NCAA national champion in an individual event at the national outdoor meet since Darold Williamson (400m) in 2005. He is also Baylor’s first NCAA All-American in the 100 meters.

Holmes was fourth in the 400-meter hurdles and Walker was fifth in the 200-meter to give BU more points. Holmes became the seventh different Baylor athlete to earn All-America honors in the 400-meter hurdles. The last freshman to do so was Robert Griffin III in 2008, when he finished third.

Baylor’s 4x400-meter relay team of Heriot, Holmes, Seale and Caddick captured All-American honors for the 24th time in the last 25 years as they placed seventh in a season-best time of 3:04.89.

BU’s other NCAA Outdoor national qualifers included the 4x100-meter relay team, decalette Henry Vildosola, Walker in the 100m and Bryce Grace in the 110m hurdles.

Bromell was one of 10 athletes named to the Post-Conference Championships edition of The Bowerman Award watch list. The freshman was the first Baylor athlete to ever earn the distinction.

The Bowerman Trophy, which was first awarded in 2009, is presented annually by the USTFCCCA to the most outstanding male and female collegiate track & field athletes in the nation.

Assistant coach Michael Ford was honored as the South Central Regional Men’s Assistant Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Ford, in his 14th year at Baylor, assisting in sprints and hurldes, guided three men’s individuals to NCAA Outdoor Championship berths, while his 4x100-meter relay crew made it to Eugene for a fifth straight year. This is the fourth time Ford has won a regional award. He was honored as the Midwest Region winner in 2005 and 2006, before collecting South Central accolades in 2009.

Vildosola, the senior captain also had a quite the final season. Even though he competed without his right ACL, Vildosola still made the decathlon field at the NCAA Championships, placing 17th. He racked up the second-most points in school history, 7,344, to place fourth at the Big 12 Championships and earn All-Big 12 honors.

Baylor had eight 2014 Academic All-Big 12 selections, including five first-team honorees.

Walker qualified for the 2014 USATF Championships in Sacramento, Calif., in the 200-meter dash but was disqualified.

Bromell claimed the 100-meter crown at the 2014 USATF Junior Championships with a wind-legal time of 10.07 at Hayward Field, the same track on which he won the NCAA title earlier in the season. He broke the Baylor school-record in the 100 three times as a freshman.

Holmes won the 400-meter hurdles title at the USATF Junior Championships with a time of 50.02. He took the win by .11 over second-place finisher Kenneth Selmon to earn a spot on the USA World Junior team along with Bromell.

Bromell took second in the 100-meter final of the IAAF World Junior Championships with a time of 10.28, while Holmes placed third in the 400-meter hurdles in 50.07. Bromell ran the second leg of the United States’ gold-medal winning 4x100-meter relay team.

In the final collegiate meet at Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex, April 19, the Baylor men’s and women’s track and field team won nine events at the Michael Johnson Classic.

The Bears celebrated the end of an era by inviting alumni and their families to take one final ceremonial “Last Lap” around the famed venue. More than 150 people showed up to take the lap. Prior to that ceremony, Baylor’s 22 seniors were recognized.
Youth and inexperience took its toll on the 2014 Bears, as Baylor finished 26-31 overall and 8-15 in Big 12 play, however, there were enough flashes of youthful brilliance along the way to provide optimism for the future.

Baylor remains one of just two teams (Oklahoma) to qualify for all 18 Big 12 Baseball Championship events, and eliminated No. 3 Kansas and No. 6 West Virginia before being eliminated by No. 2 TCU. The Bears’ 2-2 record at the 2014 event in 2014 was their best showing since 2012 (also went 2-2).

Coach Steve Smith’s Bears won three of their six series vs. ranked teams in 2014. Baylor went 4-8 against teams ranked by Baseball America and stands 23-23 vs. Baseball America ranked teams since 2011 and 188-275-1 all-time. Baylor was 9-12 against top 25 teams in 2014 and 9-13 vs. ranked teams.

Baylor’s four straight series wins from Feb. 21-March 23 (vs. Austin Peay, vs. No. 4 Cal State Fullerton, vs. No. 23 Texas Tech and vs. No. 20 Oklahoma State) marked the first time BU had won four straight series since March 30-April 22 (vs. Oklahoma State, at Missouri, at Kansas State, vs. No. 2 Texas A&M).

BU’s three straight wins over ranked foes from March 7-9 series win at home over No. 4 Cal State Fullerton, vs. No. 23 Texas Tech and vs. No. 20 Oklahoma State) marked the first time the Bears had done so since Feb. 18-March 20, 2005 (vs. No. 24 Oral Roberts, at No. 8 Vanderbilt, vs. No. 1 Texas) – which was the only other time in school history the Bears accomplished the feat.

Baylor’s March 7-9 series win at home over No. 4 Cal State Fullerton marked the program’s first series win over a Baseball America top five ranked team since April 20-22, 2012, vs. No. 2 Texas A&M and its last such series win at home was May 12-14, 2006, vs. No. 5 Nebraska. The Bears now have eight all-time series wins over a Baseball America top five ranked team. The series win over Fullerton also marked BU’s first-ever against a non-conference, top five opponent since Baseball America’s rankings began in 1981.

Baylor’s 2-1 series win on May 2-4 over Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., marked the program’s first series win in Norman since 2000 and first road series win since May 17-19, 2012, at Texas. Baylor’s two 2014 All-Big 12 honorees (first-team by relief pitcher Josh Michalec and honorable mention by outfielder Adam Toth) gave the Bears multiple all-league selections in all 18 years as a member of the Big 12 Conference. During the Big 12 era, BU has 113 all-league honorees.

Pitcher Daniel Castano earned 2014 Big 12 All-Freshman honors from the league’s coaches. He became the fifth BU player to earn all-freshman recognition.

Outfielder Logan Brown earned Baylor’s first-ever Rawlings/ABCAGold Glove Team selection. He had career-highs of 175 chances, 170 putouts, four assists, two double plays and a .994 fielding percentage while making several highlight plays.

Baylor had seven 2014 Big 12 weekly award winners, including – Toth (May 5th Player of the Week), Castano (April 21st Newcomer of the Week), Matt Menard (April 14th Newcomer of the Week), Austin Stone (March 24th Pitcher of the Week), Dillon Newman (March 17th Pitcher of the Week), Michalec (March 10th Pitcher of the Week) and Darryn Shepard (Feb. 17th Newcomer of the Week). Michalec, Newman and Stone’s three-peat marked the first time in league history that one school earned the pitcher of the week honor in three straight weeks.

Senior closer Michalec earned 21 saves on the season to set new single-season records for Baylor and the Big 12. He never had a save chance prior to the season and went 21-for-22 in save chances after converting his first 11 attempts. Michalec finished the season ranked in the top 15 in the NCAA in saves and led the Big 12 during the regular season. He closed out 21 of Baylor’s 26 wins with 10 of the saves coming in multi-inning efforts. In his one season as closer, Michalec moved up to third on the BU career saves list. Michalec (21st round, 623rd pick by Colorado) and catcher Brett Doe (38th round, 1,130th pick by Minnesota) were chosen on the final day of the 2014 MLB Draft to give the program multiple selections in 16 of the last 17 drafts and at least one pick in every draft since 1991. The program has had at least one player chosen in 38 of the last 39 drafts, dating back to 1976. Overall, BU has had 135 total draft selections in program history.

With pitcher Doug Ashby’s second-team 2014 Capital One Academic All-American accolade, Baylor’s streak with an Academic All-American was extended to six straight seasons. He also earned the program’s first-ever Big 12 Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year honor.

Baylor led the league for the second straight season with a program-record 12-2014 Academic All-Big 12 selections, all first-team honorees. BU has had nine or more honorees now in six straight seasons. Ashby was also the lone player on the league’s 65-man list (43 first-team) that had a 4.0 GPA. In the league’s 18-year history, Baylor has 112 first team choices, 38 more than any other current or former school in the conference.

Baylor players and coaches raised their heads following their April 26 game vs. Kansas in support of the VS. Cancer Foundation’s fight against childhood cancer, raising over $43,300. On May 17th vs. TCU, Baylor held a pregame on-field ceremony to retire the No. 17 jersey of the program’s most decorated player, Jason Jennings. Fittingly, the City of Waco also declared May 17th as Jason Jennings Day. Jennings was just the second person in program history to have his jersey retired as legendary former coach and player Mickey Sullivan was the first.

Baylor head coach Steve Smith earned his 700th career win on Feb. 23 vs. Austin Peay and is the 36th active coach in NCAA Division I baseball with 700 or more wins. He’s also Baylor’s all-time wins leader in all sports.

For the 15th straight season, Baylor averaged more than 2,600 fans at Baylor Ballpark, as the Bears ranked 26th nationally with 2,623 fans per game over the course of 30 home dates. In 2014, BU drew 78,679 fans to Baylor Ballpark.
The Big 12 In 2013-14 Directors’ Cup Standings

6. Texas
19. Oklahoma
22. Oklahoma State
31. Baylor
38. Iowa State
55. Kansas
59. Texas Tech
69. West Virginia
77. TCU
99. Kansas State

Big 12 Championships Won – 2003-04 through 2013-14

Texas, 77 (7)
Baylor, 48 (7)
Oklahoma, 44 (5)
Oklahoma State, 41 (5)
Kansas, 22 (1)
Iowa State, 9 (2)
Texas Tech, 8 (1)
Kansas State, 8 (0)
West Virginia, 4 (3)
TCU, 1 (1)

Note: Number in () indicates Big 12 titles won in 2013-14.
While Baylor Athletics continued to enjoy outstanding academic and athletic success, it also saw the following administrative achievements during the 2013-14 academic year:

Work continued on the $266 million state-of-the-art McLane Stadium, located on the banks of the Brazos River, and is on schedule for the Bears’ 2014 season-opener against SMU, Aug. 31.

Baylor announced on Dec. 30, 2013, that it would name its new football stadium, McLane Stadium, after one of the most distinguished and generous alumni families in Baylor University history. The name honors Drayton McLane Jr. and his family’s continuing generosity to the University and lengthy history of service to Baylor.

In March 2012, Baylor announced a leadership gift for Baylor’s new $266 million on-campus football stadium from Elizabeth and Drayton McLane Jr., their son Drayton III, a 1996 Baylor graduate, his wife Amy and their sons Drayton IV, Brooks and Walker, and son Denton, a 1999 Baylor graduate, his wife Amy and sons Jeff and Jake. The 45,000-seat stadium is now under construction on a 63-acre site along the intersection of Interstate 35 and the Brazos River. The McLane’s gift propelled the University to successful - and unprecedented - fundraising for the stadium, which will open in fall 2014.

Some five months before its 2014 season-opener against SMU, Baylor Athletics announced that season ticket sales for the defending Big 12 Conference champion Baylor Bears’ inaugural football season at 45,000-seat McLane Stadium were sold-out.

Baylor University announced a gift of $1.5 million from Billy and Elaine Williams of Naples, Fla., that will create the Williams Family Soccer and Olympic Sports Center, an on-campus, $3.3-million facility approved by Baylor’s Board of Regents at its October 2013 meeting. To be located within the Julie and Jim Turner Riverfront Athletic Complex, near the entrance to the Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field, the 14,500-square-foot Williams Family Soccer and Olympic Sports Center will provide the women’s soccer program and other student-athletes with a range of amenities. Construction began in July 2014 with an anticipated completion in spring 2015.

The Williams Family Soccer and Olympic Sports Center will feature a coaches suite and locker and training rooms dedicated to the soccer program, encompassing approximately 2,300 square feet and including 35 player lockers. The facility also will provide the soccer team and other sports housed in the Turner Complex with a 5,000-square-foot weight room and visiting team locker rooms, as well as public restrooms and areas for concessions and laundry.

Baylor Athletics also announced a gift of $3 million from Bob and Laura Beauchamp of Houston that will establish the Beauchamp Athletics Nutrition Center (BANC), an on-campus facility formally approved by Baylor’s Board of Regents, Dec. 19. The Beauchamps’ gift will support the construction of a new 12,000-square-foot dining area, conference space, and men’s and women’s locker rooms.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Jay and Jenny Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility amid the Highters Athletics Complex along the Brazos River, the Beauchamps’ gift propels the University to successful - and unprecedented - fundraising for the stadium, which will open in fall 2014.

Four months before its 2014 season-opener against SMU, Baylor Athletics announced that season ticket sales for the defending Big 12 Conference champion Baylor Bears’ inaugural football season at 45,000-seat McLane Stadium were sold-out.

For the recently ended 2013-14 fiscal year, the Bear Foundation established records for total members (4,600), as well as annual giving ($10.3 million) and overall contribution ($12.7 million) to Baylor Athletics. The Bear Foundation’s year-end totals do not reflect any capital gifts received during the year, as the total gift each year only includes annual giving, endowment interest and sky box income.

Over the last 10 years, the Bear Foundation’s annual support of scholarships for Baylor’s student-athletes has nearly tripled, from $3.312 million in 2004-05 to 2013-14’s record-breaking total. The Bear Foundation topped the $4 million mark for the first time in 2006-07, reached $5 million the following year (2007-08) and topped $6 million for the first time in 2008-09. The Foundation then cleared the $7 million threshold in 2010-11, surpassed the $8 million mark in 2011-12 and climbed past $9 million for the first time ever in 2012-13. Annual giving has increased from $2.565 million in 2004-05 to a record $10.3 million during the recently completed academic year.

In the first nine years of the Baylor-IMG partnership, the department’s corporate sponsorship revenues have increased by
more than $1.2 million, and exceed their revenue goals six times in the last seven years.

Baylor’s partnership with the Licensing Resource Group (LRG) continues to be a success in growing the Baylor brand and generating royalties for the institution. For the fifth consecutive year, Baylor established a royalty record, as it netted $771,493 in royalties received off of officially licensed products in 2013-14, which was nearly $100,000 more than it received the previous year.

In addition, Baylor’s licensing program produced two of the top three quarters ever in 2013-14, as its $252,091 and $241,087 rank as the second- and third-highest quarters in program history. The last 16 quarters, all since the LRG partnership started, rank as the top revenue producers in school history, and after having no quarters net more than $100,000 prior to 2010, Baylor has enjoyed 12 such performances since then, including a string of 11 straight quarters through June 30, 2014.

For the fifth straight year, more than 2 million unique visitors visited BaylorBears.com, as a record 3.715 million visitors logged onto the site, surpassing the record of 3.6 million unique browsers set in 2011-12. The official athletic site of Baylor Athletics has averaged more than 100,000 unique visitors per month in each of the last seven years for the first time in the site’s history, including a record average of 309,629 visitors per month in 2013-14. Those 2013-14 visitors viewed more than 17.2 million pages—an average of more than 1.43 million page views per month, and the third-highest total in the site’s history.

More than $275,000 in officially licensed Baylor apparel and merchandise was sold through Baylorbears.com in 2013-14, the second-highest total in the store’s history and the fourth straight year sales topped the $200,000 mark. Over the stores first nine years, it registered on-line sales totaling more than $901,993, however, in the last four years sales have totaled more than $1.13 million.

BaylorBears.com had 9,940 subscribers to its on-line audio and video All-Access product in 2013-14, the fourth-most in site history. Baylor’s All-Access subscription numbers have grown in six of the last nine years, starting with 2,484 subscribers in 2006-07, topping the 4,000 mark for the first time in 2007-08 and reaching the 11,000 mark in 2009-10 before falling to the 9,000 threshold in 2010-11. Those numbers climbed to a record 17,000-plus in 2011-12, but have fallen each of the last two years as more games have been televised nationally.

In its second year of a five-year agreement with Fox Sports, Baylor televised 37 events in seven sports on Fox platforms during the 2013-14 academic year. In addition, BaylorVision and Sic ’Em Sports Productions provided two special programs for FSN to air, one featuring Floyd Casey Stadium and the other previewing the 2014 Texas Rangers Fiesta Bowl.

A school-record 130 Baylor athletic contests in nine sports were televised in 2013-14. Baylor’s football (13), men’s basketball (38), baseball (25), softball (15), volleyball (seven) and soccer (four) programs either tied or registered a new record number of telecasts for their respective programs.

BaylorVision produced 116 live events in 2013-14. Director of Athletics Ian McCaw completed his third year as a member of the 1A Athletic Directors Association Executive Committee.

Baylor Assistant Athletic Director of Student-Athlete Development Tierra Barber completed her third year on the Career Athletes’ First National Collegiate Advisory Board.

Six former Baylor standout student-athletes - Brandon Couts (track & field, 1998-2001), Sheila Lambert (women’s basketball, 2000-02), Jerry Marcontelli (football, 1955-57), David Murphy (baseball, 2001-03), Walter “Pinkie” Palmer (football, 1966-68) and Brian Skinner (men’s basketball, 1995-98), comprised Baylor University’s 54th Athletic Hall of Fame class and participated in 2013 on-campus enshrinement activities during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 18-19. In addition, former Baylor letterman Jerry Moore (football, 1958-60) joined the Hall of Fame’s Wall of Honor.

Former Baylor quarterback Don Trull was among 14 players and coaches elected to the 2013 College Football Hall of Fame.

Football Bowl Subdivision Class, as announced by The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, Trull, who played quarterback for the Bears in 1961, 1962 and 1963, was inducted at the 56th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 10, 2013, at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. They were honored guests at the National Hall of Fame Salute at the All State Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on January 2, 2014 and officially enshrined in the summer of 2014.

Former Baylor men’s basketball standout Jerry Mallett and head baseball coach Dutch Schroeder were inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame’s newly reinstated Southwest Conference Hall of Fame. Mallett was honored in the fall of 2013 with Schroeder’s recognition in the spring of 2014.

The late Baylor baseball coaching legend Mickey Sullivan was inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame as part of a 2014 seven-man class. Sullivan is the first-ever Baylor player or coach inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sullivan was a standout football and baseball player at Baylor in the 1950s, and he went on to coach the Bears in both sports. He lettered three seasons in football from 1951-53 and starred on the baseball diamond from 1952-54. Following his playing days, Sullivan worked as an assistant coach for Baylor football and spent 21 seasons leading the Baylor baseball program.

Baylor Executive Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs Nick Joos and Assistant Athletics Director for Communications Julie Bennett were honored by CoSIDA during the organization’s annual convention in June 2013. Joos was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame on June 9, 2013, while Bennett received the Arch Ward Award, given annually to a CoSIDA member within the Division I ranks who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of college sports information, and who by his or her activities, has brought dignity and profession to the profession, two days later.

More than 1,100 Waco-area businesses participated in the Baylor Spirit Program during the 2013-14 academic year, the fifth consecutive year the program has grown its participation numbers. The program is designed to ask local businesses to support Waco’s hometown team, the Baylor Bears, by displaying promotional items that display Baylor spirit. Items are provided free of charge to local business, and include complimentary tickets to select home games.

The economic impact of the Baylor University athletics program within the Waco community has more than doubled over the last five years, increasing from $155.6 million in 2007-08 to $373.3 million during 2012-13 academic year according to a study released in Dec. 2013. Conducted with the assistance of Dr. Ray Perryman, the economic impact study was simulated through the US Multi-Regional Impact Assessment System using the sub-model for the Waco area. The study examined the impact of Athletics camps/clinics, attendance at Baylor Athletics events, attendance/usage of Baylor Athletics facilities for outside events, Baylor Athletics operational spending, and Baylor Athletics capital spending.
The two greatest sources of the program’s impact on the local economy came from operational expenses ($176.7 million) and capital spending ($138.1 million).

Attendance at BU athletic events ranked third ($48.1 million), followed by athletic facilities usage ($15.4 million) and individual sports camps ($4.8 million) conducted by Baylor coaches in 10 sports. In turn, these monies have helped create an estimated 2,200 Central Texas jobs, 772 of which can be attributed to capital projects including McLane Stadium.

The economic impact of Baylor Athletics within Central Texas has steadily increased from $101.3 million in 2003, the first time a study was conducted, to $155.6 million in 2008 and the most-recent mark of $373.3 million in 2012-13.

Baylor University’s Hurd Tennis Center was selected to host the 2015 NCAA Tennis Championships. The final 16 men’s and women’s teams standing will descend on Waco in May 2015 for the event. Following the team competition, individual singles and doubles championships will also take place at the Hurd Tennis Center.

As the calendar turned to July 1 and a new athletic season, the Big 12 Conference undertook a new set of branding and identity standards, beginning with the 2014-15 school year. The new logo is the most visible part of the introduction of a complete set of identity standards that will be used throughout the Big 12 at each of its member institutions.

Another key component is the introduction of the Big 12’s “One True Champion” microsite at onetruechampion.org. The site reinforces the message that Big 12 teams don’t win a regular-season conference title because of who is not on your schedule. All champions are decided in the fairest way possible - everyone plays everyone, every year, the same number of times.

Video will continue to be a strong component of the digital platforms, as Big 12 Digital produced more than 400 pieces of original content and over 90 hours of live coverage in 2013-14. The Big 12 Minute, the first digital report of its kind in college sports, remains the cornerstone and will continue to set a high bar during the 2014-15 campaign, showcasing the events and accomplishments of the programs, coaches and student-athletes that comprise the Big 12.

The rebranding campaign also showcases new looks to the Big 12 social platforms on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The Big 12 ranks among the national leaders in fans on social media, boasting nearly 100,000 twitter followers alone.
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