YEAR IN REVIEW
2014-15 BAYLOR ATHLETICS
MISSION OF BAYLOR ATHLETICS
Baylor Athletics’ role is to support, promote and reflect the Christian educational mission of the University as outlined in Pro Futuris through its staff, student-athletes and nationally competitive intercollegiate athletics programs.

VISION OF BAYLOR ATHLETICS
Baylor Athletics’ vision is to be the nation’s preeminent Christian intercollegiate athletic program.

BAYLOR ATHLETICS’ CORE VALUES:
Baylor University considers intercollegiate athletics to be an integral part of University life. Through athletics, students, faculty and staff, alumni and friends all have the opportunity to share in the life of the Baylor family.

The following are Baylor Athletics’ core values. These core values are the guideposts of who we are and who we want to be in the life of Baylor University:

**EXCELLENCE**
Demonstrate a commitment to EXCELLENCE in everything that we do.

**FAITH**
Integrate our Christian FAITH and work to advance our mission.

**INTEGRITY**
Make evident our character, INTEGRITY and honesty in our relationships.

**LEADERSHIP**
Commit to equipping and developing LEADERS.

**SERVICE**
Selflessly SERVE others locally and worldwide.
Baylor Beasts Big 12’s Top GSR Score, Student-Athletes Continue to Shine in Classroom

For the first time since 2006 and the fifth time overall, Baylor University produced the Big 12 Conference’s top NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) score. The GSR was developed by the NCAA to more accurately assess the academic success of student-athletes, and holds institutions accountable for transfer students, unlike the federal graduation rate study. The GSR also accounts for midyear enrollees and is calculated for every sport. Under the calculation, institutions are not penalized for outgoing students who leave in good academic standing.

Baylor’s Big 12-leading 2014 Graduation Success Rate score of 88 ranked ahead of TCU (87), Kansas (86), Texas (83), West Virginia (83), Oklahoma (80), Kansas State (79), Texas Tech (79), Iowa State (77) and Oklahoma State (76) among league schools. BU also produced the Big 12’s No. 1 GSR score in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Baylor has finished either first or second among Big 12 schools in composite GSR score six times in the last eight years, and it again produced the Big 12’s top female student-athlete GSR mark with a 2014 score of 94 (tied with Texas) while its male student-athlete GSR score of 81 ranked second to TCU (84).

Baylor, TCU and Texas were the only Big 12 schools to have both their male and female 2014 GSR scores rank among the upper half of the Big 12.

Baylor’s 2014 GSR composite score of 88 was a 2-point improvement over its 2013 mark and marked the sixth consecutive year its institutional GSR score increased. BU’s 2014 overall mark was also 6 points better than the Division I FB S national average, while both its male and female GSR scores were 5 and 4 points, respectively higher than the FB S national averages. In 2014, Baylor’s male GSR score of 81 was 3 points higher than its 2013 mark, while its 2014 female GSR mark of 94 was 1 point lower than a year ago.

In 17 of Baylor’s sports where the GSR was measured by the NCAA, 16 Baylor programs met or exceeded the national GSR threshold in their particular sport for all Division I institutions. Baylor produced league-leading GSR scores in five sports—men’s golf (100), women’s golf (100), women’s tennis (100), volleyball (100) and baseball (95), while ranking second in men’s track & field/cross country (90) and soccer (86), and third in football (75).

The most recent Division I Graduation Success Rates are based on the four entering classes from 2004-2007. More than 115,000 student-athletes are included in the most recent four classes using the GSR methodology, as compared to about 85,000 in the federal rate. The NCAA began compiling these figures with the entering freshman class of 1995.

Baylor University’s highly-successful women’s softball and golf teams earned public recognition awards from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Academic Performance Program for registering an Academic Progress Rate (APR) score which ranks among the top 10 within their respective sport. Both programs recorded perfect APR scores of 1,000.

While earning its fifth straight public APR award (fourth straight with a perfect APR score of 1,000) for its academic excellence, Baylor softball’s on-field performance has been equally impressive with five consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and a pair of Women’s College Series semifinal trips on its resume. Coach Glenn Moore’s program won the only Big 12 softball program to earn a 2015 APR award, marking the fourth straight season it has been the league’s lone program recognized by the NCAA for academic excellence.

Coach Jay Embry’s women’s golf team, which finished as the 2015 NCAA Championship runner-up, garnered the program’s third APR award and first since 2010. The 2014-15 season also saw Baylor women’s golf capture its first-ever Big 12 title as well as its first NCAA Regional crown en route to its deepest postseason run in program history.


In the latest NCAA APR report, based on scores from the 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years, every Baylor program registered an APR score of at least 948, no teams were subject to penalty and 10 of 17 teams equaled or surpassed their 2014 APR score.

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

Baylor produced the Big 12’s top APR score in three sports—softball, women’s golf and women’s soccer, while ranking No. 2 in baseball and men’s golf and third in football, men’s outdoor track & field, women’s tennis, women’s indoor track & field and women’s outdoor track & field.

After leading the Big 12 in federal student-athlete graduation rates for the sixth time in Big 12 history two years ago, Baylor’s 2014 federal rate of 70 percent ranked third in the Big 12 behind Kansas (82) and TCU (87) and ahead of Texas (69), Kansas State (65), West Virginia (63), Texas Tech (58), Iowa State (56), Oklahoma (51) and Oklahoma State (46). Baylor’s federal graduation rate was 3 percentage points higher than the national Division I FB S average.

Baylor has finished either first or second in the federal rate report nine times in the league’s 19-year history, produced the league’s top mark in 2012, 2004, 2003, 2000, 1998 and 1996, and has graduated at least 60 percent of its student-athletes in 15 of 19 years of Big 12 membership.

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Baylor student-athletes continued their winning ways in the classroom, too, as a school-record 678 individuals were selected to 2014-15 Academic All-Big 12 teams, including 132 first-team honorees. It marked the seventh consecutive year BU produced 100 or more overall Academic All-Big 12 honorees and the fifth straight year it set a school-record for total selections.

Every BU program produced at least two 2014-15 Academic All-Big 12 performers with 16 teams having multiple first-team selections, led by equestrian and women’s track & field’s 17 first-teamers, women’s cross country’s 14 and football’s 13 first-team honorees.

All-told, eight Baylor programs — equestrian (22), women’s track & field (13), football (17), women’s cross country (15), acrobatics & tumbling (15), women’s soccer (13), baseball (12) and volleyball (11) produced double-digit 2014-15 Academic All-Big 12 selections.

Baylor had eight teams — equestrian (22), acrobatics & tumbling (15), led at-large team programs), women’s cross country (15), soccer (13), baseball (12), volleyball (10), softball (nine) and men’s tennis (seven) produce a league-leading number of 2014-15 Academic All-Big 12 selections for their respective sport.

Baylor placed 41 student-athletes on the third 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. Oklahoma had a league-high 60 of the 406 student-athletes honored in 2014-15.

Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas are the only Big 12 institutions to have at least 40 Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team selections in each of the awards first three seasons. BU’s 137 all-time honorees are tied with Kansas for third in the league behind Texas (168) and Oklahoma (163).

A year removed from having a school-record 678 student-athletes earn Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll status, 615 BU student-athletes were so honored in 2014-15 — 314 for the 2014 fall term and 301 for the 2015 spring semester. It marked the fourth straight year BU produced 600 or more total Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll selections.

Of those earning 2014-15 Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll recognition, 79 were named with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for at least one of the two terms — 44 in the fall semester and 35 for the spring term. Student-athletes must achieve a minimum 3.00 semester grade-point average to earn Commissioner’s Honor Roll status.

Baylor has had at least 200 student-athletes earn Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll recognition in each of the last 16 semesters with 300 or more being honored in nine of the last 10 terms.

In each of the last 24 semesters, the cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of all Baylor teams has been above a 3.0, with the last nine terms (spring 2011, fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2012, spring 2013, fall 2013, spring 2014, fall 2014 and spring 2015) producing the highest semester GPAs in school history for any term.

For the fall 2014 semester, BU student-athletes produced the second-highest fall semester GPA on record with a 3.21 mark, followed by a spring semester record (and second-highest one semester mark in school history) 3.22 GPA.

Fourteen (14) Baylor teams posted 3.00 grade-point averages for both the fall 2014 and spring 2015 semesters – baseball, acrobatics & tumbling, men’s cross country, women’s cross country, equestrian, men’s golf, women’s golf, women’s soccer, softball, men’s tennis, women’s tennis, men’s track & field, women’s track & field and volleyball. Of those 14 squads, 11 participated in postseason play in 2014-15.

Five teams – men’s basketball, women’s basketball, men’s golf, women’s golf and volleyball established their highest grade-point averages ever for any one term during the 2014-15 academic year.

At the end of the 2015 spring semester, the cumulative GPA for all 19 BU teams stood at 3.21.

Sixteen (16) of 19 Baylor teams had a cumulative grade-point average above a 3.00 at the end of the spring 2015 semester.

Some 98 Baylor student-athletes, including nine master’s degree recipients, received degrees during fall 2014 (18) and spring 2015 (79) commencement ceremonies. An additional 15 student-athletes are expected to graduate during summer 2015 ceremonies to push the 2014-15 academic year total to 114 graduates, which will mark the sixth consecutive year BU has graduated at least 100 student-athletes.

Baylor had 196 student-athletes named to the Dean’s List during the 2014-15 academic year, 38 each semester. 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.
A league-high 14 Baylor student-athletes were among 57 Big 12 Conference student-athletes who earned the fifth annual Dr. Gerald Lage Award, the Conference’s highest academic honor.

For the 21st straight year and the 28th time in the last 30 years, Baylor produced at least one Capital One Academic All-American as selected by CoSIDA, as three student-athletes earned 2014-15 honors – football’s Collin Brence and Tory Baker joined baseball’s Logan Brown as second-team recipients in their respective sport.

All six Baylor student-athletes who received 2014-15 Capital One Academic All-District honors garnered first-team honors – Collin Brence (football), Tory Baker (football), Nicole Barby (volleyball), Robin Landrith (softball), Logan Brown (baseball) and Laura Lonardi (women’s golf).

Four Baylor student-athletes received 2014-15 Big 12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in their respective sport – Jonathan Tjandra (men’s cross country), Logan Brown (baseball), Laura Lonardi (women’s golf) and Heather Stevens (softball). BU’s four selections ranked second to West Virginia’s league-leading six 2014-15 honorees and pushed its total to 10 winners over the program’s first three years. A Scholar-Athlete of the Year is named in each of the Conference’s sponsored sports and every Big 12 institution may nominate one individual per sport with the winners selected by a vote of the league’s head coaches for that sport, who are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes.

Nominees must be a junior or senior with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 or higher who has participated in at least 60 percent of the team’s contests and been at the institution for at least one year. Baylor had a pair of student-athletes earn 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award All-America status with baseball’s Kelby Tommaseo garnering first-team honors and women’s basketball player Sune Agbuke receiving second-team recognition. The awards, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I coaches, media and fans, are given annually to the most outstanding senior student-athletes in 10 Division I sports. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence – classroom, community, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Sune Agbuke (women’s basketball) and Collin Brence (football) were Baylor’s 2014-15 Big 12 Conference Sportsperson of the Year nominees. Agbuke was also Baylor’s 2014-15 NCAA Woman of the Year nominee, and Brence was Baylor’s Goodyear Cotton Bowl Scholar-Athlete selection.

Baylor senior Kelby Tommaseo (softball) and Tory Baker (football) were two of 50 Big 12 student-athletes to receive 2014-15 Dr. Preston Gatt Postgraduate Scholarships. Each award is worth $10,000.

A league-high 14 Baylor student-athletes were among 57 Big 12 Conference student-athletes who earned the fifth annual Dr. Gerald Lage Award, the Conference’s highest academic honor. It marked the third 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 2015 Lage Award winners included Greg Boytick (men’s track & field), Sarah Gehl (women’s track & field, cross country), Danielle Eardman (acrobatics & tumbling), Erin Houry (women’s track & field), Jenna Henrich (women’s track & field, cross country), Natalie Higgins (soccer), Alexa Romero (equestrian), Robin Landrith (softball), Elizabeth Miller (equestrian), Hope Ogden (volleyball), Kate Riddle (equestrian), Kyle Scanlan (men’s track & field, cross country), Sean Schmied (women’s track & field, cross country) and Kelby Taylor (acrobatics & tumbling).

Four seniors on Baylor’s 2014-15 Big 12 championship football team – Troy Baker, Collin Brence, Clay Fuller and Bryca Petry, earned 2015 National Football Foundation Football Bowl Symposium Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors. The NTF Bowl Symposium Scholar-Athlete program is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college career.

The four Bears honored by the NT as 2015 Bowl Symposium Scholar-Athletes includes the most in program history as four were also recognized in 2010. Baylor has now had at least two student-athletes receive the distinction in each of the last four years with a total of 22 student-athletes selected since the program’s inception in 2007 with at least one honoree every year.

The Baylor men’s and women’s cross country teams earned 2014 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. It marked the fourth straight season both Baylor squads were honored by the USTFCCCA.

Baylor joined Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State, Texas and Texas Tech as the only Big 12 program to have both its men’s and women’s teams recognized by the USTFCCCA in 2014.

The Baylor men, one of 178 teams recognized nationally, posted a 3.49 cumulative GPA in 2014 and had five athletes make the Academic All-Big 12 team. In competition, the Bears earned their highest finish since 2003 at the Big 12 Championship with a sixth-place showing and at the regional level BU took 12th.

On the women’s side, the Lady Bears had a cumulative 3.44 GPA and were one of 228 programs nationally to be recognized. BU led the Big 12 with 15 selections to the league’s academic squad. On the course, the women were third at the Big 12 Championships. With a second-place finish at the NCAA South Central Regional Championships, BU earned a trip to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 2003. To conclude its season, Baylor took 58th at the national meet.

Rachel Johnson, Mariah Kelly and Maggie Montoya garnered individual 2014 USTFCCCA All-Academic honors; three of 153 women’s student-athletes to earn the academic accolade nationally in cross country. It was the first time since 2010 that the Lady Bears had three individuals recognized. All three athletes were among BU’s scoring runners at the 2014 NCAA Championships. Johnson was honored for the second-straight year, while Kelly and Montoya earned their first award.

BU’s men’s and women’s track & field teams both received 2015 All-Academic honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). The Baylor men posted a team grade-point average of 3.04, while the BU women’s team registered a 3.36 classroom mark. It marked the sixth straight year both programs were recognized by the USTFCCCA, while the women’s program received its seventh consecutive team honor.
The Baylor men’s golf team produced a pair of 2014-15 Cleveland Golf/Slazamc Golf Coaches Association All-America Scholar nominees in Frederick Anderson and Andreas Joerby. Baylor equestrian had 12 athletes named to the 2015 National Collegiate Equestrian Association Academic Team, including a trio of first-teamers in Michelle Carbone, Gillian Chart and Elizabeth Shank. To qualify for the first team, student-athletes had to compete in 70 percent of Baylor’s 2014-15 meets with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50.

Alicia Goosen and Paris Rice earned 2015 second-team NCAA honors while Mary Brown, Ginger Chart, Serena Jenkins, Rachel Neubervia, Paloo Parker, Samantha Schaefer and Lucy Watson were honorable mention selections. In addition, Baylor placed 34 equestrian student-athletes on the 2014-15 NCAA Academic Ban Roll.

A Big 12-leading 15 Baylor student-athletes received a 2014 NCAA Academic Excellence Award — Imane Atkinson (women’s track & field), Rhett Butler (football), Cecile Davis (women’s soccer), Tara Funk (equestrian), Kate Goodwin (baseball), Jennifer Gauldner (women’s track & field), Taylor Beutherly (soccer), Michelle Khoo (soccer), Becca Lazichuk (women’s track & field), Liz Paul (softball), Ginger Pinnizzotto (acrobatics & tumbling), Makenna Robertson (women’s basketball), Lisa Shiwak (soccer), Hilary Tandy (equestrian) and Jonathan Tijerina (men’s track & field).

For the eighth 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 3.34 GPA for the fall 2014 term and a 3.56 average during the 2014-15 academic year to be eligible for the honor. Shankle was honored for the third straight year.

The Baylor women’s golf team produced three 2014-15 ITA Scholar-Athletes in Ema Burić, Blair Shankle and Kely Patu. ITA Scholar-Athletes must have posted a 3.50 grade-point average during the 2014-15 academic year to be eligible for the honor. Shankle was honored for the second straight year.

Baylor women’s golf had three student-athletes named to the 2014-15 Women’s Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar Team in Dylan Kim, Laura Leard and Olivia Mayonna. It marked the 15th 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.
2014 Big 12 All-Sports
Graduation Success Rate (GSR)

- Baylor ......................................................88
- TCU .............................................................87
- Kansas .......................................................85
- Texas ..........................................................83
- West Virginia .............................................83
- National Division I & FBS Average ...............82
- Oklahoma ..................................................80
- Kansas State ..............................................79
- Texas Tech ..................................................79
- Iowa State ..................................................77
- Oklahoma State .........................................70

Baylor’s Year-by-Year GSR Trend

*Denotes led Big 12 Conference

Baylor’s Sport-by-Sport 2015 APR Scores

**Men’s Programs**
- Baseball (990)
- Basketball (963)
- Cross Country (982)
- Football (960)
- Golf (993)
- Tennis (948)
- Indoor Track & Field (963)
- Outdoor Track & Field (965)

**Women’s Programs**
- Basketball (974)
- Cross Country (990)
- Golf (1000) *
- Soccer (995) *
- Softball (1000) *
- Tennis (987)
- Indoor Track & Field (990)
- Outdoor Track & Field (989)
- Volleyball (990)

*Led Big 12 Conference
ATHLETICS

While it may be difficult to ever duplicate its 2011-12 “Year of the Bear” performance, 2014-15 may well be remembered as “The Year of the Bear II,” with an impressive list of accomplishments turned in by Baylor Bears, headlined by a national team championship in acrobatics & tumbling, an NCAA runner-up finish in women’s golf and two other national semifinalists (men’s tennis and equestrian) among its 16 postseason entrants to go along with a school-record eight Big 12 team titles.

Throw in nine 2014-15 individual national titles (one NCAA and eight NCAAs), 40 All-America awards won by 26 student-athletes, 17 season-ending Big 12 individual awards and 129 All-Big 12 citations earned by 105 student-athletes for good measure, and 2014 was another outstanding all-around year for Baylor Athletics.

In 2014-15, BU won its second-straight Big 12 title in football, swept the league regular-season and tournament crowns in women’s basketball for the fifth straight year and captured both the regular-season and tournament titles in women’s tennis for the eighth time in program history. Baylor also earned a share of its third-straight regular-season men’s tennis championship, captured its first Big 12 crown in women’s golf and won its second equestrian championship.

Baylor’s eight Big 12 titles ranked second to Texas’ 10 championships in 2014-15 (Oklahoma was third with four league titles).

BU’s eight 2014-15 conference titles increased its all-time Big 12 total to 65 championships in 10 sports, which ranks third among current Big 12 institutions behind Texas (158 all-time Big 12 titles) and Oklahoma (67). Oklahoma State ranks fourth with 50 league titles won in 13 years.

Over the last 11 years (2004-05 through 2014-15), Baylor has won a combined 58 Big 12 regular-season and tournament championships in nine different sports, which ranks second to Texas’ 97 in that span.

Baylor’s acrobatics & tumbling team, a year removed from a losing season, completed an amazing turnaround by winning the fourth team championship in school history with its first-place performance at the 2015 National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Championships. Under the direction of first-year head coach Petal Molkey, Baylor finished 12-0 on the season with three wins over 2014 national champion Oregon, where Molkey served as head coach before coming to Waco.

A strong closing kick from its spring programs propelled Baylor to a 23rd-place finish in the final 2014-15 LoeHL使者Sports Directors’ Cup standings compiled by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Baylor totaled a school record 76775 points to register its best finish ever in the all-sports sweepstakes, ahead of 25th-place finishers in 2009-10 and 2011-12.

Baylor ranked among Big 12 institutions in the final 2015 Directors’ Cup standings behind Texas (No. 9) and Oklahoma (No. 21), and ahead of league rivals Oklahoma State (No. 28), TCU (No. 37), Texas Tech (No. 40), Iowa State (No. 46), West Virginia (No. 62), Kansas (No. 71) and Kansas State (No. 92).

Baylor’s 76775-point 2014-15 Directors’ Cup total was a school-record, surpassing the 726.00 tallied in 2013-14 en route to a 25th-place finish. Of BU’s school-record 76775-point total, 41775 points were earned in the spring sports season with 125.50 posted in the fall season and 242.50 in the winter.

BU has registered 12-straight top 50 Directors’ Cup finishes, and has placed no higher than 11th in the national standings since 1994-95. In addition to its 23rd-place 2014-15 effort, BU scored its highest Directors’ Cup finish in five years. The Bears finished 15th in 2014, 16th in 2013, 17th in 2012, 18th in 2011 and 19th in 2010-11. Prior to 2004-05, Baylor’s best Directors’ Cup finishes were 38th in 1999-2000 and 40th in 2001-02.

Among the Lone Star state’s nine Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) programs, Baylor ranked behind only Texas and Texas AM (No. 17) in the final 2015 Directors’ Cup standings while it stood fifth among all private FBS institutions nationally after No. 1 Stanford, No. 3 Southern Cal, No. 10 Notre Dame and No. 20 Duke, however, all four of those schools sponsor more sports than does BU.

In fact, no school with fewer sports than Baylor finished better than the Bears in the final 2014-15 Directors’ Cup listing.

In the fifth annual Capital One Cup standings, Baylor tallied 37 points to finish 22nd in the women’s cup race; the best finish by a Big 12 program (Texas tied BU for 22nd in the standings) in 2014-15. Standard scored 135.5 points to edge 2013-14 cup winner Florida by 5.5 points. Virginia won the men’s Capital One Cup with 149 points, some 28 more than second-place Oregon. Baylor did not rank among the top 25 in the final men’s standings. 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.

Baylor matched its best finish ever in the War Eagle Trophy-Herald’s 2014-15 Big 12 all-sports standings by finishing third for the third time in the last four years with 131.0 points; just 2.5 points behind second-place Oklahoma. BU finished second in the women’s standings and was fifth in the men’s race. Texas swept the overall, men’s and women’s titles.

Several Baylor programs extended impressive postseason streaks in 2014-15 – Football went back-to-back league titles for the first time in school history en route to its school-record fifth-straight bowl game, Men’s Basketball made back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances for the first time in school history and extended its postseason streak to a school-record four-straight seasons. Women’s Basketball played in its seventh-straight NCAA Sweet 16 (12th-straight NCAA Tournament trip) and extended its postseason string to program-record 15-consecutive years; Women’s Tennis reached the NCAA Round of 16 for the 14th-straight year in its 18th-consecutive NCAA appearance en route to its first national semi-final match since 2007; Women’s Tennis advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 11th-straight season and reached the NCAA Round of Eight for the first time since 2011; Men’s Golf made its 18th-consecutive NCAA Regional appearance; Women’s Golf made its fourth-straight NCAA Regional appearance and earned its best finish in program history with its second-place finish at the NCAA Championship; Softball played in its fifth-consecutive NCAA Tournament; Equestrian reached the National Collegiate Equestrian Championships for the 12th-straight year; and Acrobatics & Tumbling appeared in its 10th-consecutive NCAA Championship. In addition, the Men’s Track & Field team scored in its 38th-consecutive NCAA Outdoor Championships to register its 18th top 15 finish in program history.

Fifteen Baylor teams were ranked in their sports’ season-ending polls – Acrobatics & Tumbling (No. 1, National Collegiate Acrobatics 6 Tumbling Association coach), Equestrian (No. 2, National Collegiate Equestrian Association coach), Men’s Tennis (No. 3, ITA College Tennis Rankings), Football (No. 7 by Associated Press and No. 8 by ESPN/USA Today coaches), Women’s Basketball (No. 8 by Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches), Women’s Tennis (No. 8, ITA College Tennis Rankings), Women’s Indoor Track & Field (No. 9 by USTFCCCA), Women’s Golf (No. 12 by Golfweek), Men’s Outdoor Track & Field (16th by USTFCCCA), Men’s Basketball (No. 15 by Associated Press/No. 21 by USA Today coaches), Men’s Golf (No. 16 by Golfstat), Men’s Indoor Track & Field (No. 19 by USTFCCCA), Softball (No. 19 by ESPN.com/USA Softball and USA Today/NCAA coach), Women’s Outdoor Track & Field (No. 20 by USTFCCCA) and Women’s Cross Country (No. 26 by USTFCCCA).

In addition, Baylor’s Baseball team made its 15th ranked squads as it spent two weeks in the rankings and climbed as high as No. 21 the week of Feb. 15, 2015. It marked the fifth consecutive season BU baseball appeared in the national polls.

Baylor and Louisville were the only schools to finish the 2014-15 season ranked in football, men’s and women’s basketball.

Five sitting Baylor head coaches hold their respective program’s records for career wins, including Matt Knoll (men’s tennis, 450 wins), Glenn Moore (softball, 607 wins), Kin Maloney (women’s basketball, 427 wins), Joe Schnur (women’s tennis, 394 wins) and Scott Drew (men’s basketball, 279 wins); while a sixth, Marci Johnson (soccer, 78 wins), moved into the program’s volunteer assistant’s coaching position after the 2014 season with a school-record number of wins, too. All told, these six have combined for 2,134 victories in 80 years of service to Baylor. Of course, no one is likely to match the longevity record of Baylor’s Clyde Bark, who completed his 42nd year on the Baylor staff in 2014-15, the first 42 as the program’s head coach and the last 10 as director of track & field at his alma mater.
## The Big 12 In 2014-15 Directors’ Cup Standings

9. Texas  
21. Oklahoma  
23. Baylor  
28. Oklahoma State  
37. TCU  
40. Texas Tech  
45. Iowa State  
62. West Virginia  
71. Kansas  
92. Kansas State

## Big 12 Championships Won

2003-04 through 2014-15

- **Texas**, 87 (10)  
- **Baylor**, 56 (8)  
- **Oklahoma**, 48 (4)  
- **Oklahoma State**, 43 (2)  
- **Kansas**, 23 (1)  
- **Iowa State**, 11 (2)  
- **Texas Tech**, 8 (0)  
- **Kansas State**, 8 (0)  
- **West Virginia**, 6 (2)  
- **TCU**, 3 (2)

Note: Number in () indicates Big 12 titles won in 2014-15.

## Baylor 2014-15 Final Records & Rankings

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†Denotes AP/Coaches Poll ranking
2014-15 Big 12 Award Winners

Kelly Anderson (women's tennis)
Big 12 Championship Most Outstanding Player

Trayvon Bromell (men's track & field)
Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Outstanding Performer of the Year

Mary Brown (equestrian)
Big 12 Most Outstanding Performer Horsemanship

Ema Burgic (women's tennis)
Co-Big 12 Player of the Year

Khadijah Cave (women's basketball)
Big 12 Sixth Man of the Year

Ginger Chant (equestrian)
Big 12 Most Outstanding Performer Reining

Nina Davis (women's basketball)
Big 12 Player of the Year
& Big 12 Championship Most Outstanding Player

Spencer Drango (football)
Co-Big 12 Offensive Lineman of the Year

Jay Goble (women's golf)
Big 12 Coach of the Year

Rachel Johnson (women's track & field)
Co-Big 12 Indoor Track & Field Outstanding Performer of the Year

Dylan Kim (women's golf)
Big 12 Freshman of the Year

Kim Mulkey (women's basketball)
Big 12 Coach of the Year

Taurean Prince (men's basketball)
Big 12 Sixth Man of the Year

Samantha Schaefer (equestrian)
Big 12 Most Outstanding Performer Equitation over Fences & Fences Rider of the Year

Joey Scrivano (women's tennis)
Big 12 Coach of the Year

Max Tchoutakian (men's tennis)
Co-Big 12 Newcomer of the Year

Ellen White (equestrian)
Co-Big 12 Coach of the Year
2014-15 Baylor All-Americans

Women’s Indoor Track & Field (Seven)
Rachel Johnson (6th, 3,000 & 2nd, 5,000 meters); Mariah Kelly (4th, DMR); Maggie Montoya (4th, DMR); Annie Rhodes (8th, pole vault); Raena Rhone (4th, DMR); Brianna Richardson (5th, triple jump); Olicia Williams (3rd, 800 meters & 4th, DMR).

Football (Five)
OT Spencer Drango (Consensus); DE Shawn Oakman, QB Bryce Petty, LB Bryce Hager, WR Corey Coleman.

Equestrian (Four)
Sam Schaefer (Equitation on the flat & Equitation over fences); Alicia Gasser (Equitation on the flat); Gillian Chant (Horsemanship); Parris Rice (Horsemanship).

Acrobatics & Tumbling (Three)
Keegan Johnson, Kiara Nowlin, Shayla Moore.

Men’s Tennis (Three)
Julian Lenz (singles & doubles); Tony Lupieri (singles); Diego Galeano (doubles).

Women’s Basketball (Two)
Nina Davis (Consensus), Niya Johnson.

Women’s Golf (Two)
Hayley Davis, Dylan Kim.

Women’s Tennis (Two)
Ema Burgic (singles & doubles); Blair Shankle (doubles).

Women’s Cross Country (One)
Rachel Johnson (5th).

Men’s Basketball (One)
Rico Gathers.

Men’s Indoor Track & Field (One)
Trayvon Bromell (1st, 200 meters).

Men’s Golf (One)
Kyle Jones.

Softball (One)
InF Shelby Friudenberg.

Women’s Outdoor Track & Field (One)
Rachel Johnson (6th, 3,000-meter steeplechase).

Men’s Outdoor Track & Field (One)
Trayvon Bromell (2nd, 100 meters & 3rd, 200 meters).

2014-15 Baylor Individual National Champions

Trayvon Bromell,
NCAA Indoor 200 Meters

Allie Williams, Sydney Evans, Kaelyn Cowan and Alexa Crampton,
NCATA 5 Element Acro

Allie Williams, Bresha Pierce, Britta Pierce, Alyson Johnson,
Madison Aldis, Meredith Aldis, Sydney Evans and Taylor Watson,
NCATA Pyramid Heat 1

Allie Williams, Shayla Moore, Kiara Nowlin, Miranda Girouard,
Lauren Sturm, Alexa Crampton and Courtney Pate,
NCATA Pyramid Heat 2

Courtney Pate and Lauren Sturm,
NCATA Tumbling Duo

Shayla Moore, Kiara Nowlin and Toni Bronisevsky,
NCATA Tumbling Trio

Shayla Moore, Kiara Nowlin, Toni Bronisevsky and
Keegan Johnson,
NCATA Tumbling Quad

Kiara Nowlin,
NCATA Tumbling Aerial & Six Element
- August 31, 2014: Football shoots out SMU, 45-0, in debut of McLane Stadium, the Bears’ first on-campus game in 78 years. “It’s un-mimicked. Nobody can match it anywhere.” – Coach Art Bliles
- September 6, 2014: In Mike McGraw’s debut as men’s golf coach, Bears open with a 13-stroke victory at Sophia Invitational.
- September 13, 2014: Junior Julian Lenz is the first Baylor tennis player to be ranked No. 1 by ITA at the start of the season.
- September 27, 2014: Volleyball sweeps Big 12 play on the road with a five-set win over Kansas State, ending the Wildcats’ 12-match home winning streak.
- October 11, 2014: Wiping out a 23-point fourth-quarter deficit, #5 football team rallies to beat #9 TCU, 61-58, on freshman kicker Chris Callahan’s 28-yard field goal as time expires. “I told our guys, we aren’t going to lose that game.” – Coach Todd Hubbs
- October 18, 2014: Bryson Thyme wins his first career individual title at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate in Dallas, scoring the lowest 54-hole score in school history.
- October 25, 2014: Soccer co-head coach Marc Johnson picks up his 100th career victory as the Bears defeat Oklahoma, 2-1, for their first road win against the Sooners since 1999.
- October 25, 2014: Volleyball overcomes a two-set deficit to upset Iowa State for its first win over the Cyclones in six years.
- October 28, 2014: Senior Mikhail Bjerch-Andersen shoots 6-under-par 66 to win his first career individual title at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate in Dallas.
- October 28, 2014: Equestrian earns No. 1 ranking after beating a previously top-ranked Georgia team, 13-6.
- October 28, 2014: Without counting senior Bayley Davis’ fall-final-round score, women’s golf shoots a school-record 29-under-par 270 and finishes sixth at Alamosa Invitational.
- November 6, 2014: Behind a phenomenal defensive effort, #12 football rolls over #15 Oklahoma, 48-14, for its first-ever win in Norman. “This is one of those games that if you don’t respect us now, if you don’t think we’re a good team now, what else can we do? We’ve proved it.” – Senior linebacker Bryce Baylor
- November 14, 2014: For the first time in six years, the women’s cross country team earns a spot in the NCAA Championships, placing 2nd at the NCAA South Central Regional in Fayetteville, Ark. “It hasn’t been just a one-year process to get us back to where we had been for so many years.” – Coach Todd Hubbs
- December 4, 2014: Playing without senior point guard Kenny Chery, Bryce O’Neale and Taurean Prince combine for 41 points in the men’s basketball team’s 89-85 win at Vanderbilt.
- December 5, 2014: Baylor dedicates the #18.1 million Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium “I look out my window every day and try to figure out what else could have been done, and there’s not anything. It’s more than I ever dreamed possible.” – Clyde Hart
- December 6, 2014: Bears make it back-to-back, winning their second straight Big 12 football championship by beating Kansas State, 38-27. “That’s something that should have a little teeth in it.” – Coach Art Bliles
- December 24, 2014: Ryan McCluggage, who won a combined nine national championships at California Baptist, is hired to replace Jim Barnum as head volleyball coach. “Ryan is a truly exceptional coach, recruiter, leader and mission fit. We look forward to him building a championship program at Baylor.” – Director of Athletics Ian McCaw
- January 1, 2015: Bryce Petty throws for career high 550 yards, including an 18-yard 13-pass touchdown to No. 8 wide receiver Corey Coleman, to beat Michigan State rallies for three fourth-quarter scores in a 42-40 Cotton Bowl victory over the Bears. “It’s like it got stolen from us.” – Senior receiver Clay Fuller
- January 3, 2015: After blowing a 14-point lead, Kenny Cherry hits a jumper with 4.7 seconds left to lift the #6 men’s basketball team to a 74-73 win over Iowa State. “I thought that showed a lot of poise, character, guts.” – Coach Scott Drew
- January 24, 2015: Opening the season in impressive fashion, women’s tennis followed up a 6-1 victory over Georgia with a 6-1 upset of fifth-ranked Virginia at the Hawkins Indoor.
- February 10, 2015: Kyle Jones becomes the first-ever three-time medalist at the UTSA Oak Hills Invitational and helps men’s golf team to its second tournament title of the season.
- February 10, 2015: With newcomer Dylan Kim in the lineup, women’s golf wins the Northrup Gramman Regional Challenge in Palos Verdes, Calif., with a field that includes nine of the country’s top 15 teams.
- February 14, 2015: Tony Lupieri upsetting the nation’s top-ranked player as men’s tennis knocks off eventual NCAA champion Virginia, 4-3, in reaching the ITA National Team Indoor semifinals for the first time in 10 years.
- February 14, 2015: Olivia Williams and Mariah Kelly break the school records in the 800 meters (2:03.21) and mile (4:38.0), respectively, at the Iowa State Classic.
- February 14, 2015: Top-ranked equestrian team caps off perfect 11-0 start to season with 11-0 win at TCU.
- February 21, 2015: Festooning its 25th win in a row, #3 women’s basketball team clinches its fifth straight Big 12 regular-season championship by beating TCU, 82-75. “I don’t have a magic potion … I just know we’re pretty good.” – Coach Kim Mulkey
- February 21, 2015: Two more records fall for women’s track as Rachel Johnson wins the 3,000 meters (9:07.38) and Mariah Kelly, Kiana Brown, Olivia Williams and Maggie Montoya win the DMR (10:58.52) at Notre Dame’s Alex Wilson Invite.
- February 21, 2015: Christy Lensmire delivers a walk-off single in the 7th as softball tops second-ranked Oregon, 2-1, in Baylor Invitational.
- February 23, 2015: Setting records program record with seven event titles at the Big 12 Indoor Championships, including a sweep by Rachel Johnson in the 3,000, and 5,000.
- March 3, 2015: Four players score in double figures as Bears win fifth straight Big 12 tournament title with a 75-64 win over Texas.
- March 12, 2015: Acrobatics & Tumbling scores a perfect 10 in all three pyramid events and hands four-time defending national champion Oregon its first-ever home loss at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene, Ore.
- March 14, 2015: Winning its third tournament title of the year, the men’s golf team leads 15-under to capture the Border Olympics in Laredo, Texas. Five individuals finish in the top 20.
- March 19, 2015: Georgia State’s R.J. Hunter hits a 30-foot jumper with 27 seconds left as men’s basketball doesn’t score in the last 2 ½ minutes of a 79-77 NCAA Tournament loss. It marked first time in program history for the Bears to make back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances.
- March 27, 2015: Sun Aghoke scores career-high 23 points as Lady Bears make it to the Elite Eight for the first time in six years with 81-66 win over Iowa. “My teammates did a great job of getting me the ball, and it was going in.” – Senior post Sun Aghoke
- March 28, 2015: Samantha Schaefer, Mary Brown and Ginger Chant swing MOP honors and help equestrian capture its second Big 12 title, beating Kansas State in the final, 11-9. “It’s really nice to be validated like that.” – Coach Lisa White
- March 29, 2015: For the second straight year, Notre Dame ends the Baylor women’s season, knocking off the Lady Bears, 77-68, in the Oklahoma City Regional.
- “I wouldn’t trade anything in the world for this team.” – Soph. forward Nina Davis
- April 3, 2015: Baylor christened the new Clyde Hart Stadium by winning 14 event titles at the Baylor Invitational, including an NCAA-best mark of 43-9 ½ by Briana Richardson in the triple jump. “I don’t know how we could have had a better first meet.” – Coach Todd Hubbs
- April 8, 2015: Before a national TV audience on ESPNU, Heather Stearns scored a two-hit shutout in an 8-0 win at No. 5 Oklahoma. “If there was any doubt of what Heather is capable of doing, it was erased tonight.” – Coach Glenn Moore
- April 11, 2015: Women’s tennis wins a share of its third straight Big 12 title and 12th in 24 years, beating Texas Tech, 4-1, in the regular season finale for No. 13 ranked Melanie Miclouin, but the regional seeds fell to third-seeded Louisville in the quarterfinals. “We didn’t think we’d make it.” – Coach Todd Hubbs
- April 15, 2015: Prior to the first Big 12 women’s soccer match, Kansas State routs the Bears, 4-0, in the first game ever played at Mike Meyers Stadium.
- April 18, 2015: Before a thrilling comeback in quarterfinal win over Oklahoma State, second-seeded equestrian team falls to South Carolina in the NCAA Championship semifinals. “It wasn’t in the cards for us today.” – Senior Samantha Schaefer
- April 18, 2015: Women’s tennis claimed its third straight Big 12 regular-season title and eighth in 10 years with a 4-0 shutout of No. 12 and outright winning it is the best feeling.” – Sophomore Blair Shankle
- April 21, 2015: Baylor opens for the third straight time, Acrobatics & Tumbling claims the school’s fourth team national championship. Kian Nowill earns NCAA Player of the Year honors. “I’ve never seen a team improve as much in one year as what they’ve done.” – Director of Athletics Ian McCaw
Athletics

- April 26, 2015: Shooting the lowest first-round score in tournament history (282), women’s golf wins its first Big 12 title by a comfortable 12-shot margin. “The first one is really, really sweet.” - Coach Jay Goble

- April 26, 2015: Averting its only conference regular-season loss, the women’s tennis team shuts out Texas Tech, 4-0, in the Big 12 Championship final. “For me, it’s a great experience, it’ll never get old. But I love seeing the rookies win a championship and experience it as well.” - Coach Joey Scriver

- April 26, 2015: In a heartbreaking Big 12 tournament final, Felipe Rios dropped a three-setter at No. 6 singles as men’s tennis lost to Oklahoma, 4-3, in a rematch of the 2014 final. “Walking out to the court and feeling like you’re going to be that guy, it’s a different mentality.” - Coach Matt Knoll

- April 5, 2015: Heather Stearns throws her 11th career shutout, giving up just one hit, in softball’s 5-0 win over Texas. “That’s got to break every school record by a bazillion.” - Coach Jay Goble

- April 5, 2015: Rachael James-Baker pulls out a three-set win at No. 4 singles as women’s tennis lost to Oklahoma, 4-3, in a rematch of the 2014 final. Walking out to the court and feeling like you’re going to be that guy, it’s a different mentality.” - Coach Matt Knoll

- May 6, 2015: After beating Tennessee and defending national champion Duke, women’s golf falls to Stanford, 3-2, in the NCAA Championship match-play final. Bayley Davis loses on the first hole of a playoff in the deciding match. “It’s a punch in the gut, but we’ll recover, we all will. It just stings being so close to the pinnacle of golf.” - Coach Jay Goble

- June 12, 2015: With Trayvon Bromell’s second-place finish in the 100-meter dash and third-place finish in the 200 meters, he became the first Baylor male athlete to earn All-America honors in two individual events at the NCAA Outdoor Championships since Bill Martinez did so in the 100 and 200-yard dashes in 1946 and 1947.

- June 13, 2015: Rachel Johnson became the fourth Baylor female athlete to earn All-America honors in cross country, indoor and outdoor track in the same school year when she finished sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

- June 16, 2015: After being named the 19th head baseball coach in Baylor history June 12, Steve Rodriguez was introduced to the local media in a press conference. “Baylor is going to sell itself, it really is. The biggest thing for me is to find the kids that want to be here. I do not want to convince someone who does not want to be here and play.” - Coach Steve Rodriguez

- June 18, 2015: jam McCaw was named the 2014 FBS Athletic Director of the Year in Orlando, Fla.

- June 27, 2015: After posting the third best 100-meter time in collegiate history (10.37) in the USA Outdoor Championships, Trayvon Bromell finished second to professional Tyson Gay in the finals in Eugene, Ore. With a time of 9.96. The national runner-up finish qualified the BU sophomore for the United States’ World Championship team.
Athletically, the 2014-15 year will likely be remembered as the “Year of the Bear II,” but with regard to Baylor’s athletic administrative achievements it may well go down as the “Year of New Facilities,” with the opening of the new $266 million McLane Stadium and the $18.1 million Clyde Hart Track & Field Stadium, and the construction of the Williams Family Soccer & Olympic Sports Center and the Beauchamp Athletics Nutrition Center.

**McLANE STADIUM**

Returning to campus for the first time since Nov. 9, 1935, Baylor football’s McLane Stadium debut was a smashing success, as the Bears hammered former Southwest Conference rival SMU, 45-0, before a sold-out crowd of 45,733 and an FS1 national television audience.

En route to its second-straight Big 12 championship, Baylor football went 6-0 at McLane Stadium in 2014 to extend its school-record and nation’s-best home field win streak to 16-consecutive games entering the 2015 season.

McLane Stadium sold-out every Baylor football game in advance of the 2014 season, a program first, as Baylor averaged a school-record 46,710 fans per contest or 103.5 percent of stadium capacity. It marked the fifth-straight year Baylor averaged more than 40,000 for its home schedule (after recording just five such season averages from 1950-2003) and marked the third time in the last four years it established a new home attendance average standard.

McLane Stadium was one of five finalists for Sports Business Journal’s 2015 Facility of the Year, joining AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., Staples Center in Los Angeles and University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

As to be expected, McLane Stadium, the largest construction project in Baylor and McLennan County history, opened to rave media reviews:

“ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SETTINGS IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL. McLANE STADIUM IS A WORK OF ART IN EVERY WAY...ITS BACKDROP RIVALS ALMOST ANY IN SPORTS...EVERY LAST TOUCH SEEMS PERFECT.” – SPORTS ON EARTH

“FEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL CATHEDRALS CAN MATCH McLANE...ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE VENUES IN THE NATION” – ESPN.COM

“NOTHING - NOT EVEN IN TEXAS - WILL QUITE MATCH McLANE STADIUM.” – SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

“IT WAS A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION OF THE RISE OF A FOOTBALL PROGRAM ALONG THE BRAZOS RIVER.” – USA TODAY

“A RAUCOUS AUTZEN-BY-THE-BRAZOS.” – CBS SPORTS

“BAYLOR’S COZY PERCH ON THE RIVER GIVES IT A PICTURESQUE BACKDROP...THE BIG 12’S NICEST STADIUM.” – FOX SPORTS

“THE MOMENT McLANE STADIUM COMES INTO VIEW...IT SMACKS YOU IN THE FACE.” – USA TODAY

2014-15 Baylor Athletics Year In Review
The new home of Baylor Track & Field, the $18.1 million Clyde Hart Track & Field Complex, was dedicated on Dec. 5, 2014. The 5,000-seat venue, designed by Kansas City-based Populous, which planned McLane Stadium, and built by Austin Commercial and Flintco, which also constructed the football stadium.

In addition to a state-of-the-art track and outstanding venues for field events, Clyde Hart Track and Field Stadium offers a range of facilities and amenities including:

- The 13,500-square-foot Lewis A. and Mary Woodall Training Center, featuring an indoor practice facility;
- The Bob and Brenda Barkley Champions Plaza recognizing Baylor’s Olympic and NCAA champions;
- A 6,000-square-foot team facility containing the Winston Wolfe Clubhouse; and
- A 10,300-square-foot team building containing hydrotherapy pools, a training room, offices and meeting rooms and storage space.

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, was completed in June 2013. 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 facility features 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 provides 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.

Construction of the Beuchamp Athletic Nutrition Center (BANC), an on-campus dining facility focused on the overall health and performance of student-athletes, was on-track to be open when Baylor’s fall 2015 semester classes begin. Conveniently located adjacent to the Jay and Jenny Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility amid the Highers Athletics Complex along the Brazos River, the BANC will directly support the vital role that proper nutrition plays in the pursuit of athletic excellence.

Complete with a “fuel station” for healthy grab-and-go options and located in close proximity to the Simpson Strength and Conditioning area, student-athletes will have the resources necessary to maintain top performance health. The facility reflects Baylor’s commitment to meeting the nutritional needs of student-athletes through a rigorous assessment, education and implementation plan that is enhanced by a dedicated athletics nutrition center.

The Charline Dauphin Pro Players Locker Room within the Simpson Athletics and Academic Center was dedicated on June 15, 2015. This special locker room assures that Baylor’s professional football players have their own dedicated locker room space when they return to Waco in the off-season to train. The locker room was made possible through the generosity of Silsbee, Texas, philanthropist Charline Dauphin, who provided a $500,000 gift for this unique area within the Simpson building.

With McLane Stadium and the Bart Hart & Field Complex now online, Baylor athletics’ oldest facility is the Ferrell Center, which celebrated its 26th anniversary in 2014-15. Baylor Ballpark, Getterman Stadium, Betty Lou Mays Soccer Field, Hurd Tennis Center, Bailey Golf Center, Willis Family Equestrian Center and the Hawkins Indoor Tennis Center have all opened in the last 17 years, giving Baylor one of the nation’s finest collections of athletic facilities.
In the 2014-15 academic year, Baylor had 9,037 subscribers to its annual Bear Foundation membership program, surpassing its previous high mark set just a year earlier by some $3.5 million. The Bear Foundation enjoys a record membership year in 2014-15, too, with 5,365 donors contributing to the scholarship needs of Baylor’s student-athletes, a 15.7 percent increase over the previous year’s total, and at press time the organization was on pace to eclipse the 6,000-member mark early in 2015-16 as some 5,920 accounts had already been established. The Bear Foundation’s year-end totals do not reflect any capital gifts received during the year, as the gift each year includes only annual giving, endowment interest and suite revenue.

In its record-breaking 11-year run in support of Baylor Athletics, the Bear Foundation’s annual support for BU student-athletes has more than quadrupled from $3.312 million in 2004-05 to 2014-15’s record-breaking $12.7 million. For the sixth-straight year, more than 2 million unique visitors visited Baylorbears.com as 3,659 million visitors logged on during the 2014-15 year, the second-highest total in the site’s history behind the record 3.715 million visitors in 2013-14. The official athletic site of Baylor Athletics has averaged more than 100,000 unique visitors per month in each of the last eight years, including 304,948 visitors per month in 2014-15, the second-most registered behind the 305,829 visitors the previous year. Those 2014-15 visitors viewed more than 17.3 million pages—an average of more than 1.44 million page views per month, and the third-highest total in the site’s history.

Baylor Bears, by displaying promotional items that display Baylor spirit. Item sales are provided free of charge to local business, and include complimentary tickets to select home games.

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For the first time in school history, Baylor’s single-season home football attendance average was above stadium capacity, as the Bears played before 103.5 percent of McLane Stadium’s capacity. That number ranked fifth nationally behind Oregon (106.3%), Kansas State (106.2%), Nebraska (104.9%), and Oklahoma (103.7%).

Baylor volleyball drew 9,660 fans for its 14-match home schedule, an average of 690 per match. It marked the seventh-straight year BU drew more than 9,000 fans to its home matches for the season.

The Lady Bears drew 126,684 fans for their 19 Ferrell Center contests in 2014-15, an average of 6,341 fans per game to rank eighth nationally and second in the Big 12. BU surpassed the 100,000-mark in home attendance for the ninth-straight year and ranked among the nation’s top 10 for the sixth-consecutive season.

For a program-record ninth-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 113,691 fans for 18 home contests. After averaging just 6,000 or more fans twice in the Ferrell Center’s first 17 seasons, Baylor topped that threshold for the 10th-consecutive campaign with its 2014-15 average of 6,650.

Baylor softball averaged a school-record 1,098 fans in 2015, as 24,937 fans passed through Getterman Stadium for 23 home dates. It marked the second-highest single-season home total in school history, behind the 31,494 fans for a 33-date slate in 2012, while the 2015 per-game average broke the record of 1,038 set in 2014. BU softball has averaged 1,000 or more fans three times in the last four seasons, including each of the last two campaigns.

The Baylor baseball team averaged 2,343 fans over 28 dates to rank 31st nationally in home attendance during the 2015 season.

Baylor hosted the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships for the first time in school history, and some 9,059 attended the 12-day event. That figure made it the highest-attended NCAA Tennis Championship in Texas, surpassing the 7,948 that attended the Texas A&M-hosted 2012 event.

Baylor’s men’s tennis team drew a school-record 1,479 fans for its showdown with No. 1 Oklahoma, April 10, 2015. BU finished seventh nationally in the ITA attendance rankings with 3,583 fans passing through the Hurd Tennis Center during the regular-season.

The Baylor women’s tennis team, meanwhile, led the Big 12 Conference and ranked fourth nationally in total home attendance with 2,772 fans.
Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty was named the 2014 Seminole Tribe of Florida Bobby Bowden Award winner as selected by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The award, which recognizes the Football Bowl Subdivision player who best epitomizes a student-athlete, was presented to Petty by the FCA at the College Championship breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Indiana safety Mark Murphy and Mississippi defensive lineman D.T. Shackelford were the other two finalists. Candidacy is based on conduct as exemplary models in the classroom, on the field, on the campus and in the community.

Six former Baylor standout student-athletes - Yolanda Nelson (track & field, 1996-98), Adrian Robinson (football, 1992-95), Richard Stevens (football, 1987-89), Jim Topolski (baseball, 1986-89), Ted Uhlander (baseball, 1959-61) and Jeremy Wariner (track & field, 2003-04), comprised Baylor University’s 58th Athletic Hall of Fame class and participated in 2014 on-campus enshrinement activities during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. In addition, former Baylor letterman Mike Bowerland (football) joined the Ball of Fame’s Wall of Honor.

Former Baylor Olympic Gold Medalist and NCAA 400 meter champion Jeremy Wariner was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, April 9, 2015.

A pair of Baylor football standouts, Walter Abercrombie and Cotton Davidson, were inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame’s Southwest Conference Hall of Fame. Abercrombie was honored in the fall of 2014 with Schroeder’s recognition in the spring of 2015.

Director of Athletics Ian McCaw was selected as one of 28, 2014-15 Under Armour All of the Year (AZOTY) as selected by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). It marked the second time McCaw had been honored for his work at Baylor by his NCAA peers, and he was also named a finalist for the Sports Business Journal Athletic Director of the Year for the second time.

McCaw completed his fourth year as a member of the 1A Athletic Directors Association Board of Trustee.

Baylor Executive Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs Nick Joos received the College Sports Information Directors of America 2015 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. It marked the second-straight year a Baylor staff member won the award, as Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Communications Julie Bonnett earned the 2014 honor.

Joos was also elected to a four-year term on the NCAA Honors Committee.

The National College Football Awards Association presented its 2014 Contributions to College Football Award to former Baylor head coach and current American Football Coaches Association Executive Director Grant Teaff. A member of the College Football Hall of Fame as a coach, Teaff was instrumental in bringing back Baylor football to prominence from 1972-92 and won two Southwest Conference championships as the head coach of the Bears and was named SVC Coach of the Year six times and National Coach of the Year twice. He later served as athletic director at Baylor. With the AFCA for the last two decades, Teaff has been a leading force whether it be in the area of football rules or at the forefront of the concussion issue or the development of coaches in the profession.

Baylor’s Uplifting Athletes chapter raised nearly $10,000 for Cerebral palsy research through a pair of events during the fall 2014 semester. Bi gathered over $9,000 with its Lift For Life event on July 17, 2014, and took in over $6,000 with its Touchdown Pledge Drive on Nov. 1, 2014, in a 60-14 win over Kansas at McLane Stadium. After being a work in progress for nearly a year, Baylor’s Chapter was started in large part by former receiver Levi Norwood’s three-year relationship with Jacoby Burks, who has Cerebral palsy. Burks will be there to watch the team workout in specially designed t-shirts for the cause. With Norwood graduating and playing professionally with the Chicago Bears, the title of Baylor Chapter President has been handed over to junior offensive end and Waco native Andrew Billings. By forming an Uplifting Athletes chapter at Baylor, the football student-athletes on the team are not only supporting their chosen rare disease but are also part of the entire rare disease community support network.

For the second straight year, Baylor players and coaches shaved their heads with Sport Clips following their March 22nd game vs. West Virginia in support of the VS. Cancer Foundation’s fight against childhood cancer, raising over $2,400.
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