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 ATHLETICS’ GOALS

1. STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE
Student-athletes will be afforded the highest quality academic, athletic, spiritual and social experience.

2. ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE
Every sport program shall achieve competitive success, and Baylor will be recognized as one of the nation’s premier athletic programs.

3. CULTURE OF INTEGRITY
A Christian environment where promotion of trust, good sporting conduct, compliance, service, equity and diversity will be established and maintained.

4. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND STEWARDSHIP
Revenue streams shall be enhanced and operational efficiency shall be increased in order to fund excellence.

5. BRANDING AND ENGAGEMENT
The visibility of Athletics will be used to strengthen the Baylor brand and engage constituents in the University’s life.
Baylor Leads Big 12 in NCAA GSR and Federal Graduation Rate Survey

For the first time in school history, Baylor led the Big 12 Conference in both the 2015 NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) score and the annual Federal Graduation Rate study. It marked the second-straight year (and sixth time overall) that BU produced the Big 12’s top GSR, while it was the seventh time in league history, and first since 2014, it registered the league’s No. 1 graduation Fed Rate. 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 mid-year 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 co-leading 2015 Graduation Success Rate score of 88 was matched by TCU and ranked ahead of Texas (85), Kansas (84), Oklahoma (84), West Virginia (82), Kansas State (81), Iowa State (80), Texas Tech (79) and Oklahoma State (71) among league schools.

BU, which has finished either first or second among Big 12 institutions in composite GSR score seven times in the last nine years, also produced the league’s top GSR mark in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2014. Baylor’s 2015 GSR composite score of 88 equaled its league-best 2014 score and was 5 points better than the Division I FBS national average, while both its male (81) and female (94) GSR scores were 4 and 3 points, respectively, higher than the FBS national averages.

BU’s male student-athlete GSR mark of 81 ranked second to TCU (84) among Big 12 institutions, while its female student-athlete GSR score tied Oklahoma State for second behind Kansas State (95). In 2015, Baylor’s male and female GSR scores equaled its 2014 marks.

Baylor, TCU, Texas and Oklahoma were the only Big 12 schools to have both their male and female 2015 GSR scores rank among the league’s upper half. In each of the last seven years, including 2015, Baylor’s GSR composite score has either increased or remained the same.

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Baylor, which has finished either first or second among Big 12 institutions in the Fed Grad rate report 10 times in the league’s 20-year history, produced the league’s top mark in 2015. 2012, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1998 and 1996, and has graduated at least 60 percent of its student-athletes in 16 of 20 years.

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### SPORT BY SPORT 2016 APR SCORES

#### Men’s Programs

| Football | 988 |
| Baseball | 975 |
| Basketball | 981 |
| Golf | 969 |

#### Women’s Programs

| Softball | 993 |
| Golf | 998 |
| Tennis | 985 |

The NCAA’s APR measurement 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.
Academic Recognition

Baylor student-athletes continued to be recognized for classroom excellence, as 136 individuals were selected to 2015-16 Academic All-Big 12 teams, including 108 first-team honorees. It marked the eighth consecutive year BU produced 100 or more Academic All-Big 12 honorees.

Eighteen BU programs produced multiple 2015-16 first-team Academic All-Big 12 performers, led by women’s track & field’s 13 first-team selections, followed by equestrian’s 11 and nine first-teamers each for the women’s cross country, men’s track & field and acrobatics & tumbling squads.

All-told, six Baylor programs—equestrian (18), women’s track & field (14), acrobatics & tumbling (12), baseball (11), men’s track & field (11) and women’s soccer (10) produced double-digit 2015-16 Academic All-Big 12 selections.

Baylor had four teams—equestrian (18), acrobatics & tumbling (12), led all at-large team programs, men’s cross country (seven) and women’s golf (five) produce a league-leading number of 2015-16 Academic All-Big 12 selections in their respective sport.

The Bears registered more than 40 Rookie selections for the fourth-straight year, joining Texas as the only other Big 12 institution to do so since the team began in 2012-13. BU’s 193 all-time honorees ranks third behind Texas (238) and Oklahoma (218).

For the fifth-consecutive year Baylor produced 600 or more total Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll selections, as 689 BU student-athletes were so honored in 2015-16—a school-record 349 for the 2015 fall term and 320 for the 2016 spring semester. BU’s 2015-16 total ranked as the second-highest in school history behind the record of 678 in 2013-14.

Of those earning 2015-16 Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll recognition, 92 were named with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for at least one of the two terms—53 in the fall semester and 39 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 18 semesters with 300 or more being so honored in 11 of the last 12 terms.

In each of the last 16 semesters, the cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of all Big 12 teams has been above a 3.0, with the last 11 terms (spring 2011, fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2012, spring 2013, fall 2013, spring 2014, fall 2014, spring 2015, fall 2015 and spring 2016) producing the highest semester GPAs in school history for any term. For both the fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters, BU student-athletes produced the highest one semester GPA on record with a 3.28 mark.

Overall, 15 Baylor teams posted a 3.0 grade-point average for either the fall or spring semester, including 14 squads with a 3.0 or above for both terms—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 who registered 3.0 grade-point averages in both semesters, 11 reached the postseason in 2015-16.

Three Baylor programs (women’s basketball—3.06, men’s golf—3.64 and women’s golf—3.81) posted their highest grade-point average for any one semester during the fall 2015 term. For the spring 2016 term, four teams (baseball—3.29, acrobatics & tumbling—3.33, men’s cross country—3.70 and men’s tennis—3.60) registered their team’s highest semester classroom average.

At the end of the 2016 spring semester, the cumulative GPA for all 19 BU teams stood at 3.28.

Sixteen (16) of 19 Baylor teams had a cumulative grade-point average above a 3.00 at the end of the spring 2016 semester. Some 64.6 percent of Baylor’s student-athletes registered a 3.00 grade-point average over the fall 2015 semester, with that number increasing to 67.7 percent for the spring 2016 term.

For the seventh-consecutive year, Baylor graduated at least 100 of its student-athletes, as 101 Bears, including five master’s degree recipients, received degrees during fall 2015 (29) and spring 2016 (72) commencement ceremonies. An additional 13 student-athletes are expected to graduate during summer 2016 ceremonies.

Baylor had 213 student-athletes named to the Dean’s List during the 2015-16 academic year, 105 for the fall semester and 108 in the spring. Baylor Dean’s List recognition is awarded to all undergraduate students with a 3.7 grade-point average who are enrolled in at least 12 hours and make no grade lower than a C.

For the 22nd straight year and the 30th time in the last 31 years, Baylor produced at least one CoSIDA Academic All-American, as two student-athletes earned 2015-16 honors—football’s Spencer Drango earned first-team recognition and softball’s Lincoln Hays was a second-team choice.

Four Baylor student-athletes received 2015-16 CoSIDA Academic All-District honors, including first-team selections in football’s Spencer Drango and softball’s Heather Stearns and Lincoln Hays. Women’s soccer student-athlete Lindsay Burns was a second-team choice.

Baylor women’s golf senior Laura Lonardi received the Elite 90 Award for the 2016 NCAA Division I Women’s Golf Championship. Lonardi became the sixth Baylor student-athlete to win the award since its inception in 2009. She holds a 3.86 cumulative grade point average while majoring in mathematics and statistics and was chosen for having the best GPA among the 132 student-athletes competing at the 2016 NCAA Women’s Golf Championship.

The award, which was founded by the NCAA, honors the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers.

Lonardi is the sixth Baylor student-athlete to win the award, joining Jessica Ubaniyounwa (women’s indoor track & field, 2008), Lindsay Palmer (women’s basketball, 2010 and 2012), Diamond Richardson (women’s outdoor track & field, 2010), Taylor Ormond (women’s tennis, 2011) and Sarah Crockett (softball, 2014). A pair of Baylor spring sport standouts, Blair Shankle (women’s tennis) and Laura Lonardi (women’s golf), were honored as 2015-16 Big 12 Scholar-Athletes of the Year in their respective sport. BU has had 12 winners over the program’s first four 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 seniors JR Hardy (cross country/track & field) and Raena Rhone (track & field) were two of 20 Big 12 student-athletes to receive 2015-16 Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarships. Each award is worth $110,000.

BU had eight student-athletes among the 74 honorees who earned the sixth annual Dr. Gerald Lage Award, the Big 12’s highest academic honor. 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 2016 Lage Award winners were Haleigh Blackwell (women’s track & field), JR Hardy (men’s track & field/cross country), Alyson Johnson (acrobatics & tumbling), Chris McElroy (men’s track & field/cross country), Courtney Pate (acrobatics & tumbling), Jennifer Pfeiffer (women’s track & field/cross country), Hadley Young (women’s soccer) and Catherine Zablinksi (women’s track & field/cross country).
Spencer Drango was chosen as one of 12 finalists for the 2015 William V. Campbell Trophy, as selected by The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame. The trophy, presented by Fidelity Investments, annually recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation.

Just the fourth player in school history selected as an NFF National Scholar-Athlete, and first since Nick Florence in 2012, Drango received an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship in recognition of his academic and athletic excellence.

Three senior members of Baylor’s 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl championship football team, Trevor Clemens-Valdez, Spencer Drango and Blake Muir, earned 2016 National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society’s 10 years and the Bears had one student-athlete recognized in each of the last nine seasons, posted a 3.57 GPA for the fall 2015 term and a program-record 3.85 mark for the spring 2016 semester on route to a 19th straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

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The Baylor men, one of 171 programs honored, posted a 3.41 team cumulative grade-point average and had seven student-athletes earn first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors. On the women’s side, the Lady Bears had a cumulative 3.35 grade-point average and were one of 205 teams recognized. BU had nine first-team selections to the league’s academic squad.

Maggie Montoya and Peyton Thomas were two of 150 female student-athletes to earn individual 2015 USTFCCCA All-Academic accolades. In order for a student-athlete to qualify for the honor, they must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 and finished in the top 25% or 10 percent at regionals or as an All-American at the national meet. Montoya earned the honor for a second-straight season and Thomas garnered her first award.

BU’s men’s and women’s track & field teams both received 2016 All-Academic honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). The men posted a team grade-point average of 3.22, while the BU women’s team registered a 3.35 classroom mark. It marked the seventh-straight year both programs were recognized by the USTFCCCA, while the women’s program received its eighth-consecutive team honor.

Nine Baylor women’s track & field standouts received 2016 All-Academic individual honors from the USTFCCCA, including 12 from the women’s team—Taylor Bennett; Justine Dayries, Ashley Fields, Kiama Hawn, Maggie Montoya, Chelsea Orr, Jenna Pfeiffer, Jessica Purtell, Annie Rhodes, Pfeiffer, Montoya and Rhodes were recognized for a third time, while Hawn and Purtell garnered their second USTFCCCA honor.

On the men’s side, the lone individual to be honored by the USTFCCCA in 2016 was Richard Hansen, who was honored for the second-consecutive year. To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, the student-athlete 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 48 (collective listing) in a relay event on the official NCAA POP 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).

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The Baylor women’s tennis team produced four 2015-16 ITA Scholar-Athletes in junior Kely Putri, junior Blair Shankle, freshman Karina Traxler and senior Hadley Young. ITA Scholar-Athletes must have posted a 3.50 grade-point average during the 2015-16 academic year to be eligible for the honor.

Shankle was honored for the third-straight year while Putri earned her second-consecutive award.
Baylor women’s golf had a program-record five student-athletes named to the 2015-16 Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar Team in Margaret Byers, Laura Lonardi, Giovana Maymon, Natalia Perez and Lauren Whyte. It marked the 16th consecutive season the program had at least one such honoree. Lonardi and Maymon were honored for the second-straight year, while Byers, Perez and Whyte earned their first award. 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.

The Baylor men’s golf team produced a pair of 2015-16 Cleveland Golf/Srixon Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar nominees in Frederik Anderson and Andreas Gjestby. Both were honored for the second-straight year.

Baylor equestrian had 13 athletes named to the 2016 National Collegiate Equestrian Association Academic Team, and another 29 named to the 2016 National Collegiate Equestrian Association Academic Reserve Team. It marked the eighth-straight year Yeary organized the mission trip and second-consecutive time the group traveled to Brazil after six-straight years in Africa.

For the fourth-straight year, Baylor Athletics participated in a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event at the Ferrell Center. The event attracted some 323 volunteers — coaches, student-athletes and staff, for three, two-hour shifts at the Ferrell Center, who packed more than 600 boxes with 124,416 meals.

Baylor softball pitcher Heather Stearns earned second-team 2015-16 Senior CLASS Award All-America honors. The awards, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I coaches, national vote by 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.

Spencer Drango (football) and Cion Hicks (women’s track & field) were Baylor’s 2015-16 Big 12 Conference Sportsperson of the Year nominees.

Baylor senior pitcher Austin Stone received the 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children College Classic Service Award. Over his BU career, Stone has helped with Little League Challenger Division teams across Texas at Baylor Ballpark each year, travels to Houston’s Shriners Hospitals for Children annually to visit with patients and families and has established special relationships with several Waco area children and families.

Baylor’s Spencer Drango was tabbed as one of eight semifinalists for the 2015 Danny Wuerffel Trophy, known as “College Football’s Premier Award for Community Service,” which is presented annually by the All Sports Association in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The Danny Wuerffel Trophy, named after Wuerffel, the 1996 Heisman Trophy winning quarterback from the University of Florida, is awarded to the Football Bowl Subdivision player who best combine exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement.

A total of 72 student-athletes, 35 identified as emerging leaders, 29 veteran leaders and 11 as Leadership 360 members, comprised Baylor’s eighth 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 with 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’s Year-by-Year Graduation Success Rate Trend**

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A Big 12 leading 14 Baylor student-athletes received a 2015 1FA Academic Excellence Award—Doug Ashby (baseball), Leah Aultman (women’s soccer), Nicole Bardají (volleyball), Sarah Crockett (softball), Sarah Gulh (women’s track & field), Danielle Hardman (acrobatics & tumbling), Erin Hegarty (women’s track & field), Jenna Henrich (women’s track & field), Natalie Huggins (women’s soccer), Kate Riddle (equestrian), Brianna Schrader (acrobatics & tumbling), Kelsey Taylor (acrobatics & tumbling), Taylor Torres (women’s track & field) and Alexa Wilde (women’s soccer).
Sept. 2, 2015: Cross country’s Maggie Montoya runs a meet-record time of 13:24.4 to win season-opening Bear Twilight Invitational.

Sept. 4, 2015: Seth Russell throws for 376 yards and five touchdowns in football’s 56-21 season-opening win over SMU in Dallas.

Sept. 11, 2015: Freshman Julie James scores on a pair of headers in soccer’s 2-0 shutout of Northern Illinois.

Sept. 12, 2015: Corey Coleman sets school record with 4 TD catches in 66-31 win over Lamar.

Sept. 19, 2015: Tournament MVP Katie Staiger and Jordan Vail record double-digit kills in volleyball’s 3-1 win over Rice in Baylor Classic.

Sept. 25, 2015: Freshman Jackie Crowley boots in golden goal four minutes into OT to beat Oklahoma State, 1-0.


Oct. 17, 2015: West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen calls Corey Coleman the “best player in college football” after junior receiver hauls in 10 catches for 199 yards and three TDs in 62-38 blowout.

Oct. 24, 2015: Postgame X-rays reveal that QB Seth Russell broke a bone in his neck in football’s 45-27 Homecoming win over Iowa State, ending his season.

Oct. 25, 2015: Scoring two goals off set pieces in a span of 2 ½ minutes, soccer pulls out 2-1 road win over Texas.

Nov. 13, 2015: Men’s basketball opens with 97-55 blowout of SFA team coming off back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances. “If we can get this all year long . . . I won’t lose any hair and it will be a heck of a year.” – Coach Scott Drew

Nov. 14, 2015: Co-Big 12 Freshman of the Year Lauren Piercy scores winning goal in shootout victory over TCU in Big 12 soccer tournament quarterfinals.

Nov. 5, 2015: Making his first collegiate start, true freshman QB Jarrett Stidham throws for 419 yards and three TDs in 31-24 road win at Kansas State.

Nov. 6, 2015: After dominating 16-3 win over defending national champion South Carolina that includes 5-0 sweep on flat, equestrian moves up to No. 2 in rankings.

Nov. 13, 2015: Maggie Montoya finishes 2nd at NCAA South Central Regional, earning a spot in NCAA Cross Country Championship.

Nov. 21, 2015: Despite losing another QB to injury, #10 football beats #4 Oklahoma State, 45-35, for first win in Stillwater in 76 years.

Nov. 22, 2015: Tournament MVP Nina Davis makes her first collegiate start, true freshman QB Jarrett Stidham throws for 419 yards and three TDs in 31-24 road win at Kansas State.

Nov. 22, 2015: Tournament MVP Nina Davis records 26th career double-double with 20 points and 10 boards as Lady Bears defeat No. 19 DePaul, 86-72, to claim their second Preseason WNIT title in five years.

Nov. 28, 2015: Despite losing another QB to injury, #10 football beats #4 Oklahoma State, 45-35, for first win in Stillwater in 76 years.
Nov. 28, 2015: For second-straight year, women’s basketball rallies from double-digit deficit to defeat #20 Michigan State, 84-76, at Junkanoo Jam.

Dec. 6, 2015: Lester Medford drains 3-pointer from corner in final minute to lift MBB over #16 Vanderbilt, 69-67.

Dec. 10, 2015: Corey Coleman becomes program’s first Biletnikoff Award winner.


Jan. 9, 2016: Taurean Prince posts double-double with 18 points and 10 boards as MBB wins in Ames for second year in a row, beating #13 Iowa State, 94-89.

Jan. 16, 2016: Lester Medford buries buzzer-beating 3-pointer as Bears pull out thrilling 63-60 road win at Texas Tech.

Jan. 17, 2016: Duke transfer Alexis Jones pours in career-high 29 points and Lady Bears hand #4 Texas its first loss of season, 80-67, in Austin. “That’s the Alexis Jones we saw in high school.” – Coach Kim Mulkey


Jan. 30, 2016: Freshman post Beatrice Mompremier notches her third double-double with 16 points and 15 rebounds to help Lady Bears defeat #24 West Virginia, 71-61.

Feb. 9, 2016: Senior Andreas Gjestebly shoots 2-under 69 in final round to lead men’s golf to tournament title at Oak Hill Invitational.

Feb. 10, 2016: Even with Rico Gathers out due to illness, MBB beats K-State, 82-72, in “Octagon of Doom” behind 18-point performance from Taurean Prince.

Feb. 17, 2016: Avenging their only previous loss, Lady Bears get 20 points from Alexis Jones and blow out #17 Oklahoma State, 68-41.

Feb. 20, 2016: Boosted by 5-0 sweep on the flat, equestrian avenges fall semester loss in dominating Oklahoma State, 13-6.

Feb. 20, 2016: Hitting his first 12 shots, Johnathan Motley scores 24 points as MBB hands #24 Texas its worst loss of season, 78-64, in Austin.

Feb. 20, 2016: Redshirt freshman Richard Cunningham blasts 2-run homer in five-run sixth inning as baseball beats Washington, 9-5, for coach Steve Rodriguez’s first win.
Feb. 22, 2016: Alexis Jones scores eight of her game-high 22 points in last five minutes to help WBB escape with 78-70 road win over #23 Oklahoma.

Feb. 26, 2016: Kendall Potts and Heather Stearns toss back-to-back no-hitters in shutting out Southeastern Louisiana, 12-0, and Southern Miss, 8-0, at Gulfport Classic.

Feb. 27, 2016: Olicia Williams wins 800 and runs anchor on winning 4x400 relay at Big 12 Indoor Championship, with the men’s 4x400 crew completing the sweep with a meet-record time of 3:04.16.

Feb. 28, 2016: Setting attendance record with 1,551 fans, top-ranked Acrobatics & Tumbling team knocks off Oregon in rematch of 2015 national championship.

Feb. 29, 2016: Denying #8 Texas chance to share Big 12 title, #4 Lady Bears take control with dominant third quarter and roll to 74-48 Senior Night win.

March 4, 2016: Daniel Castano tosses seven shutout innings and Matt Menard drills 2-run homer to lift baseball to 4-2 win at #21 Houston.

March 4, 2016: Heather Stearns tosses 3-hitter with 12 strikeouts in softball’s 3-0 win over #22 Oregon at Judi Garman Classic.

March 7, 2016: In rematch of last year’s final, top-seeded Lady Bears roll over #7 Texas, 79-63, for sixth-straight Big 12 Championship title and 14th consecutive win over UT.

March 10, 2016: Taurean Prince notches ninth career double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds to help MBB hand #23 Texas its first opening-game loss at Big 12 Tournament in 11 years, 75-61.

March 12, 2016: Senior Frederik Andersen ties for 2nd and leads men’s golf to eight-stroke victory in defending Border Olympics team title.

March 12, 2016: Freshman Wil London earns pair of All-America honors, placing eighth in 400 and running leadoff leg on 4x400 relay that places third at NCAA Indoor Championships.

March 17, 2016: Despite 28 points from senior Taurean Prince, Bears bow out in opening game of NCAA Tournament for second straight year, falling to Yale, 79-75. “That’s what makes March Madness March Madness,” – Coach Scott Drew

March 19, 2016: Handing Texas Tech its only loss in its first four Big 12 series, baseball rallies from early 3-0 deficit and win 4-3 on freshman Josh Bissonette’s RBI single in eighth.

March 26, 2016: Proving President Obama wrong, Lady Bears blow out Florida State, 78-58, behind a season-high-tying 30 points from Nina Davis to reach Elite Eight for third-straight year.

March 26, 2016: Annie Rhodes breaks school record in pole vault (14-7 ¼) and freshmen Kiana Horton and Taylor Bennett sweep the 100 and 200 at Ricardo Romo Invitational.

March 26, 2016: Aaron Dodson hits two doubles and a homer and drives in four as baseball explodes in 19-6, series-clinching win at Dallas Baptist.

March 26, 2016: Rallying from 5-3 deficit, #20 softball walks off with 6-5 win over Texas when Kyla Walker plates Sarah Smith with grounder to short.

March 28, 2016: Turning it over twice in last 1½ minutes, Baylor WBB’s Final Four bid comes to heart-breaking end with 60-57 loss to Oregon State in Dallas Regional final. “We hit the clutch shots, and we might be celebrating and cutting the nets down. We didn’t.” – Coach Kim Mulkey

March 29, 2016: Senior ace Heather Stearns tosses 4-hitter in 2-0 shutout of #4 Louisiana-Lafayette in doubleheader split.

March 31, 2016: Dominating the pyramid event, A&T closes out another perfect regular season by winning at Oregon, handing Ducks just second-ever loss at Matthew Knight Arena.
April 2, 2016: Playing in her fourth collegiate golf tournament, first-semester freshman Maria Vesga ties for sixth at Dallas Athletic Club Invitational.

April 3, 2016: Making first Big 12 start, freshman Kyle Hill gives up no earned runs in seven innings and beats Kansas, 5-2, in series rubber match.

April 5, 2016: Three days after being on other end, junior Max Tchoutakian clinches 4-2 win over No. 17 Texas with 6-2, 3rd-set victory.

April 8, 2016: Juniors Blair Shankle and Rhiann Newborn pull out three-set wins at top of lineup to help women’s tennis defeat #28 TCU, 4-2, in Fort Worth.

April 9, 2016: Freshman sprinter Taylor Bennett sweeps 100 (11.38) and 200 (22.71) with stadium-record times and also runs leg on 4x400 relay that wins Baylor Invitational title with stadium mark.

April 9, 2016: Backed by homers from Aaron Dodson and Steven McLean, Drew Tolson pitches into eighth and picks up his fourth win of season as Bears square series at Oklahoma with 6-1 win.

April 14, 2016: Point guard Niya Johnson is taken by Atlanta Dream in 3rd round with 28th pick overall in WNBA Draft.

April 15, 2016: Seeded third for NCEA National Championships, equestrian drops heartbreaker to TC in quarterfinals with slim 16.5-point difference in scoring tiebreaker. “If you make a mistake at this level, you’re done.” – Coach Ellen White

April 16, 2016: A&T captures five individual titles on first night of NCATA National Championship, including All-American Kiara Nowlin winning tumbling aerial.

April 17, 2016: Beating two top-20 teams in Oklahoma State and Oklahoma, men’s golf finishes 2nd in rain-shortened Maxwell Intercollegiate.

April 19, 2016: Finishing with almost a four-point edge, A&T claims its second straight national title by beating Oregon before a record Ferrell Center crowd of 2,163. “This experience was way better, because we were in front of our family, friends, fans, people from around Texas.” – Junior Kiara Nowlin

April 23, 2016: In match that likely got women’s tennis into NCAA Tournament, senior Kiah Generette finishes off 4-2 road win over #24 Texas with straight-set victory at No. 3 singles.

April 23, 2016: At Michael Johnson Invitational, freshman Wil London wins 400 with career-best time of 45.28 that ranks fifth nationally.

April 24, 2016: In a Senior Day to remember, Heather Stearns throws third career no-hitter and catcher Robin Landrith blasts walk-off, two-run homer to beat Kansas, 2-0.

April 28, 2016: Cleveland Browns take receiver Corey Coleman with 15th pick in first round of NFL Draft, Baylor’s sixth first-rounder of Art Briles era.

April 28, 2016: A day after signing Chloe Caron from France, women’s golf coach Jay Goble picks up junior transfer Amy Lee from USC.

April 29, 2016: Avenging three-set loss, freshman Jimmy Bendeck clinches Bears’ 4-2 upset of #15 Oklahoma State by beating Cowboys’ Tristan Meraut in another three-setter.

April 30, 2016: Winning the 4x800 relay and placing 2nd in distance medley, women’s track and field captures Hy-Vee Cup at Drake Relays.

April 30, 2016: Josh Bissonette blasts 3-run homer in baseball’s 8-6 win at West Virginia to square series.

May 1, 2016: Shelby Friudenberg and Robin Landrith drill two homers apiece in 16-6 win at Texas Tech that extends win streak to 10.

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May 3, 2016: Men’s and women’s tennis teams earn invites to NCAA Tournament and will travel to Athens, Ga., for first-round matchups against Florida State and Wake Forest.

May 7, 2016: Senior Laura Lonardi cards a final-round score of 1-under 71 and shoots 4-under 212 to finish fifth at the NCAA Bryan Regional, earning an individual spot in the NCAA Championship.

May 13, 2016: Drew Tolson tosses seven strong innings and freshman T.J. Raguse drives in winning run in seventh as baseball knocks off #10 TCU, 4-3, in series opener at Baylor Ballpark.

May 13, 2016: Freshman Elizabeth Profit pulls out a three-set win at No. 5 singles to help women’s tennis team defeat 26th-ranked Wake Forest, 4-2, advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the 12th-straight year. Fifth-ranked Georgia shuts out Lady Bears, 4-0, in next round.

May 14, 2016: Getting another strong pitching performance from Daniel Castano, Bears beat TCU, 8-5, and win their first series against Horned Frogs in 16 years.

May 14, 2016: Senior Felipe Rios wins three-setter at No. 3 singles to clinch men’s tennis team’s 4-3 victory over 22nd-ranked Florida State in first round of NCAA Tournament. Bears bow out with 4-1 loss to Georgia the next day, ending a streak of 14-consecutive trips to the Sweet 16.

May 15, 2016: Despite a top-16 RPI ranking, Lady Bear softball is sent packing as the No. 2 seed at the NCAA Regional in Eugene, Ore.

May 15, 2016: Felix Obi (triple jump), Annie Rhodes (pole vault), Wil London (400) and Olivia Williams (800) win individual titles at the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championship in Fort Worth.

May 17, 2016: Seniors Sarah Smith, Sarah Smith and Linsey Hays earn first-team All-Big 12 softball honors, along with freshman Kyla Walker.

May 18, 2016: Rallying from six shots back, men’s golf cards 17 birdies over the last eight holes and shoots school regional-record of 14-under-par 274 to tie for fourth at NCAA Kohler Regional, earning the program’s sixth trip to NCAA Championship and first since 2010. "I don’t think I’ve really coached anything like that." – Coach Mike McGraw

May 19, 2016: Drew Tolson and Troy Montemayor combine on six-hitter to beat Texas, 2-1, in series opener in Austin.

May 20, 2016: Matt Monard delivers a timely two-run double in seventh as baseball claimed its second straight Big 12 series with a 3-1 victory over Texas.

May 20, 2016: Jessica Scroggins leads off the seventh with a walk-off solo home run to dead center field as Lady Bears open NCAA Regional with 3-2 win over Long Beach State.

May 21, 2016: Bouncing back from a 6-0 loss to Oregon, Lady Bears run-rule Long Beach State, 11-2, advancing to the region finals for the fifth time in six years. Season ends a day later with 8-1 loss to Oregon.

May 22, 2016: With a 54-hole total of 2-over 218, senior Laura Lonardi finishes 27th at NCAA Championship and misses cut because of a tiebreaker. She earns second-team All-America honors.

May 24, 2016: With a league-leading 14 saves, sophomore closer Troy Montemayor earns first-team honors on All-Big 12 baseball team.

May 25, 2016: Baylor soccer returns from 10-day trip to Germany and Austria that included three games against German clubs, training sessions and stadium tours. “It’s just a great life opportunity to learn more about different cultures within the game and outside of the game of soccer.” – Coach Paul Jobson

May 26, 2016: Baylor University’s Board of Regents announced leadership changes and extensive corrective actions following findings of an external investigation.

May 28, 2016: At NCAA West Preliminary Championships in Lawrence, Kan., track and field qualifies both 4x400-meter relays and a total of nine entries for the NCAA Outdoor Championship. Senior Desmine Hilliard misses qualifying in the discus by one inch.

May 28, 2016: Baylor Sports Ministry team returns from two-week mission trip to Maceio and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. “It’s always awesome to see how just our being there sometimes opens doors for them to expand their ministries or even start new ministries.” – Athletics Chaplain Wes Yeary
2015-16 TIMELINE

May 29, 2016:  
Freshman Braden Bailey shoots even-par 70 in final round and ties for 36th at 5-over 215 at NCAA Championship in Eugene, Ore., as team, Bears move up one spot to finish 27th.

May 30, 2016:  
Jim Grobe, 2006 National Coach of the Year when he won ACC championship at Wake Forest, is named acting head football coach. At introductory press conference four days later, Grobe says he wants to “help a coaching staff and a group of kids that obviously were upset and needed some direction.”

May 30, 2016:  
To help promote the “unity, healing and restoration” at Baylor, Vice President and Director of Athletics Ian McCaw turns in his resignation. “My time at Baylor has been an incredible journey... I am grateful to Baylor Nation for its support and dedication, and to all who have done so much to advance the athletics program.”

May 31, 2016:  
USA Basketball selects 6-4 incoming freshman forward Lauren Cox for team that will try to defend its title at FIBA Americas U18 Championship July 13-17 in Valdivia, Chile.

June 1, 2016:  
Senior pitcher Heather Stearns earns second-team honors on Senior CLASS Award All-America team as a finalist for award that recognizes achievements in community, classroom, character and competition.

June 3, 2016:  
In his first roles as Acting Athletic Director, Todd Patulski addresses Athletic Department staff and then introduces football coach Jim Grobe for his opening press conference.

June 9, 2016:  
Big 12 Conference names senior golfer Laura Lonardi and junior tennis player Blair Shankle as Scholar-Athletes of the Year in their respective sports.

June 10, 2016:  
With a couple narrow misses, track and field fails to score at NCAA Outdoor Championship for first time in 39 years. Men’s 4x400 relay misses qualifying for finals by one hundredth of a second and triple jumper Felix Obi gets knocked out of finals by one-quarter of an inch.

June 11, 2016:  
St. Louis Cardinals select junior left-handed pitcher Daniel Castano in 19th round, marking 39th time in last 41 years that Baylor has had a player taken in MLB Draft.

June 23, 2016:  
Taurean Prince taken with 12th pick overall in the NBA Draft by Utah Jazz and sent to Atlanta in three-team trade. Prince is Baylor’s second lottery pick and 20th player in program history drafted.

June 24, 2016:  
Baylor and football coach Art Briles mutually agree to “terminate their employment relationship, effective immediately.” In a statement, Briles expresses his “thanks to the city of Waco and wishes the Baylor Bears success in the future.”

June 26, 2016:  
Freshmen Wil London and Taylor Bennett earn spots on USA Track and Field team for World U20 Championships July 19-24 in Poland. At USATF Junior Championships in Clovis, Calif., London wins the men’s 400 meters (45.64) and Bennett places second in the women’s 200 (23.20).
In 2015-16, Baylor Athletics enjoyed another solid all-around year headlined by a second-straight national team title in acrobatics & tumbling, a third-consecutive NCAA Elite 8 appearance in women’s basketball and football’s first postseason victory since 2012 in the Russell Athletic Bowl.

Fifteen of BU’s 19 programs reached the postseason in 2015-16, 10 registered winning records and two more Big 12 championship trophies now call Waco home thanks to women’s basketball’s sixth-straight sweep of the league’s regular-season and tournament titles.

Baylor produced five 2015-16 individual national titles (all NCATA), 24 All-America awards won by 22 student-athletes, eight season-ending Big 12 awards and 130 All-Big 12 citations earned by 110 student-athletes.

Five Baylor student-athletes competed as individuals in their sports respective 2015-16 NCAA Championship—junior Maggie Montoya (cross country), senior Laura Lonardi (golf), Julian Lenz (tennis), Blair Shankle (tennis) and Kiah Generette (tennis). Montoya, who placed 86th at the NCAA Women’s Cross Country Championships, completed the 6,000-meter course in 20:45.9, improving on her time from the 2014 NCAA Championships by over four seconds (20:49.96). Lonardi finished tied for 27th place with a 54-hole score of 2-over-par 218 at the NCAA Women’s Golf Championship to register the sixth-best individual finish in program history. Lenz lost in the opening round of the NCAA Men’s Singles Championship, while the doubles team of Shankle and Generette advanced to the second round of the NCAA Women’s Doubles Championship.

BU’s two 2015-16 conference titles increased its all-time Big 12 total to 67 championships in 10 sports, which ranks third among current Big 12 institutions behind Texas (158 all-time Big 12 titles) and Oklahoma (70). Oklahoma State ranks fourth with 65 league titles won in 20 years.

Over the last 12 years (2003-04 through 2015-16), Baylor has won a combined 58 Big 12 regular-season and tournament championships in nine different sports, which ranks second to Texas’ 95 titles in that span. Coach Felecia Mulkey’s acrobatics & tumbling team captured the fifth national team championship in school history with its second-straight National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling title with a home floor win over Oregon. BU improved to 22-0 in two seasons under Mulkey’s leadership.

A year removed from a school-record 23rd-place finish in the Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings compiled by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), Baylor tied for 56th in the 2015-16 all-sports standings to end a run of 12-consecutive Top 50 finishes.

Baylor finished sixth among Big 12 institutions in the final 2016 Directors’ Cup standings behind Texas (No. 9), Oklahoma State (No. 13), Oklahoma (No. 16), TCU (No. 39) and Texas Tech (No. 47) but ahead of league rivals West Virginia (No. 60), Iowa State (No. 64), Kansas (No. 65) and Kansas State (No. 69).

Baylor tallied 425.00 points in the 2015-16 Directors’ Cup race with 91.00 points in the fall, 137.00 in the winter campaign and 197.00 in the spring sports season.

Nine of Baylor’s top 10 all-time Directors’ Cup finishes have been registered since 2004-05. In addition to its 23rd-place 2014-15 effort and 25th-place finishes following both the 2011-12 and 2004-05 seasons, BU was 31st in both 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, BU’s best Directors’ Cup finishes were 39th in 1998-99 and 40th in 2001-02.

In the sixth-annual Capital One Cup standings, Baylor tallied 24 points to finish T-29th in the women’s cup race; which tied Kansas for the third-best finish by a Big 12 program (Oklahoma finished fourth and Texas ninth) in 2015-16. USC scored 96 points to edge 2014-15 women’s cup winner Stanford. 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 tallied 96.5 points to finish fourth in the 2015-16 Waco-Tribune Herald Big 12 all-sports standings behind Texas (152), Oklahoma (138.5) and Oklahoma State (133). Kansas, Texas Tech, TCU, Iowa State, Kansas State and West Virginia rounded out the standings. BU finished fourth in the women’s standings and sixth in the men’s race. Texas swept the overall, men’s and women’s titles.

Several Baylor programs extended impressive postseason streaks in 2015–16—Football played in a bowl game for a school-record sixth-straight season; Men’s Basketball made its third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance for the first time in school history and extended its postseason streak to a school-record five-straight seasons; Women’s Basketball played in its third-straight NCAA Elite 8 and its eighth-straight NCAA Sweet 16 (13th-straight NCAA Tournament trip); extended its postseason string to program-record 16-consecutive years and swept the Big 12 regular-season and tournament titles for an unprecedented sixth-straight season; Men’s Tennis reached the NCAA Round of 32 for the 15th-straight year in its 19th-consecutive NCAA trip; Women’s Tennis advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 12th-straight season and has reached the Round of 32 every time in that streak; Men’s Golf made its 18th-consecutive NCAA Regional appearance and reached the Championship site for the first time since 2010 and just the sixth time ever; Softball played in its sixth-consecutive NCAA Tournament; Equestrian reached the National Collegiate Equestrian Championship for the 11th-straight year and Acrobatics & Tumbling appeared in its sixth-consecutive NCATA Championship. In addition, the Men’s Track & Field team scored in its 36th-consecutive NCAA Indoor Championship.

Ten Baylor teams were ranked in their sports’ season-ending poll—Acrobatics & Tumbling (No. 1, National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association coaches); Equestrian (No. 3, National Collegiate Equestrian Association coaches); Women’s Basketball (No. 4 by both Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches); Football (No. 13 by both Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches); Men’s Basketball (No. 21 by Associated Press/No. 24 by USA Today coaches); Softball (No. 21 by ESPN.com/USA Softball and USA Today/NFCA coaches); Men’s Golf (No. 28 by Golfstat); Men’s Tennis (No. 32 by ITA College Tennis Rankings); Women’s Tennis (No. 32 by ITA College Tennis Rankings); and Women’s Golf (No. 54 by Golfstat and GolfWeekly).

In addition, Baylor’s Women’s Cross Country (preseason No. 28, received votes in three other polls); Women’s Indoor Track & Field (ranked for eight-straight weeks; reached high of No. 15) and Women’s Outdoor Track & Field (ranked in seven of eight polls; climbed to No. 11 twice) teams were ranked by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) during the course of their respective seasons to give BU 13 ranked teams in 2015-16.

Baylor, Oklahoma and Michigan State were the only schools to finish the 2015-16 year ranked in football, men’s and women’s basketball. It marked the second-straight year BU had accomplished that feat.

Five sitting Baylor head coaches hold their respective program’s records for career wins, including Scott Drew (men’s basketball, 250 wins), Matt Knoll (men’s tennis, 466 wins), Glenn Moore (softball, 652 wins), Kim Mulkey (women’s basketball, 473 wins) and Joey Scrivano (women’s tennis, 332 wins), while a sixth, Marci Jobson (soccer, 78 wins), moved into the program’s volunteer assistant’s coaching position after the 2014 season with a school-record number of wins to her credit, too. All-told, these six have combined for 2,251 victories in 85 years of service to Baylor. Of course, no one is likely to match the longevity record of Baylor’s Clyde Hart, who completed his 53rd year on the Baylor staff in 2015-16, the first 42 as the program’s head coach and the last 11 as director of track & field at his alma mater.
ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

Big 12 Championships Won
2003-04 to 2015-16

Texas, 95 (8)
Baylor, 58 (2)
Oklahoma, 51 (3)
Oklahoma State, 51 (8)
Kansas, 25 (2)
Iowa State, 11 (0)
Texas Tech, 11 (3)
Kansas State, 8 (0)
West Virginia, 7 (1)
TCU, 6 (3)

Note: Number in () indicates Big 12 titles won in 2015-16.

2015-16 Final Records & Rankings

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1-Describes AP/Coaches Poll ranking;
#-BU student-athlete qualified as an individual for NCAA Championship.

Nation's Best Winning Percentage Across (FB, MBB, WBB) in 2015-16

Baylor - 803 (58-17)
Notre Dame - 768 (67-17)
Michigan State - 756 (69-18)
Connecticut - 753 (59-18)
South Carolina - 733 (61-20)
Oklahoma - 721 (62-21)
Oregon - 714 (68-22)
BYU - 712 (61-22)
Maryland - 705 (61-22)
Louisville - 702 (57-21)

Nation's Winningest Teams (FB, MBB, WBB) Since 2011-12

Baylor - 350-84
Notre Dame - 341-87
Louisville - 331-95
Connecticut - 322-110
Stanford - 314-108
Duke - 310-105
Kentucky - 305-116
Michigan State - 304-113
Ohio State - 296-119
North Carolina - 285-127

NCATA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS ACROBATICS & TUMBLING

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2015-16 Individual Honors
Taylor Bennett (women’s track & field)—Big 12 Most Outstanding Women’s Indoor Freshman of the Year; Big 12 Indoor 4x400 Relay Champion
Andrew Billings (football)—Co-Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year; Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year
Trayvon Bromell (men’s track & field)—United States Olympic Team, 100 Meters
George Caddick (men’s track & field)—Big 12 Indoor 4x400 Relay Champion
Corey Coleman (football)—Fred Biletnikoff Award Winner
Caleb Dickson (men’s track & field)—Big 12 Indoor 4x400 Relay Champion
Spencer Drango (football)—Big 12 Offensive Lineman of the Year
Richard Gary (men’s track & field)—Big 12 Indoor 4x400-Meter Relay Champion
Alicia Gasser (equestrian)—Big 12 Equitation on the Flat Rider of the Year
Kiah Generette (women’s tennis)—Southwest Region Senior Most Improved Player Award
Kiana Horton (women’s track & field)—Big 12 Indoor 4x400 Relay Champion
Alexis Jones (women’s basketball)—Big 12 Newcomer of the Year & Big 12 Championship Most Outstanding Player
Julian Lenz (men’s tennis)—Big 12 Player of the Year; Texas Region ITA Senior Player of the Year; ITA/Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sportsmanship & Leadership Award
Wil London (men’s track & field)—Big 12 Indoor 4x400 Relay Champion; Big 12 Most Outstanding Indoor Freshman of the Year; Big 12 Outdoor 400 Champion; USATF Junior 400 Champion
Felix Obi (men’s soccer)—Co-Big 12 Freshman of the Year
Lauren Piercy (women’s soccer)—Co-Big 12 Freshman of the Year
Alicia Williams (women’s track & field)—Big 12 Indoor 4x400 Relay Champion; Big 12 Outdoor 800 Champion

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Shayla Moore, Kelci Ortiz, Sydney Evans and Bailey Holler—NCATA 5 Element Acro
Molly Gibbons, Meredith Aldis, Miranda Girouard, Courtney Pate, Alyson Johnson, Amanda Graceffia, Shayla Kelley, Shayla Moore and Kelci Ortiz—NCATA Pyramid Heat 1
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2015-16 Baylor All-Americans
Equestrian (Seven)
Mary Brown (Second Team, Horsemanship)
Ginger Chant (Honorable Mention, Reining)
Alicia Gasser (First Team, Equitation on the Flat)
Charlotte Green (Second Team, Horsemanship)
Savannah Jenkins (First Team, Equitation on the Flat & Equitation Over Fences)
Paige Parker (Honorable Mention, Equitation Over Fences)
Rachel Van Allen (Second Team, Equitation on the Flat)

Men’s Indoor Track & Field (Four)
George Caddick (3rd, 4x400 Relay)
Caleb Dickson (3rd, 4x400 Relay)
Wil London (8th, 400 Meters & 3rd, 4x400 Relay)
Brandon Moore (3rd, 4x400 Relay)

Football (Three)
DT Andrew Billings (First Team)
WR Corey Coleman (Unanimous Consensus)
OT Spencer Drango (Unanimous Consensus)

Acrobatics & Tumbling (Three)
Kaelyn Cowan (Base)
Kiara Nowlin (Top/Base)
Shayla Moore (Top/Base)

Women’s Basketball (Three)
F Nina Davis (Consensus)
G Niya Johnson (Honorable Mention)
G Alexis Jones (Honorable Mention)

Women’s Golf (One)
Laura Lonardi (Second Team)

Men’s Tennis (One)
Julian Lenz (Singles)
**Title IX Training**

Working closely with Baylor’s Title IX Office, Baylor Athletics implemented an extensive training program for all staff, coaches and student-athletes during the 2015-16 academic year. The department was also an active participant in the University’s “It’s On Us” Campaign. Presentations during the year included:

- **Summer 2015**
  - Team training was conducted for all 19 sports.
- **Fall 2015**
  - BaylorVision produced the University’s first-ever “It’s on Us Campaign which debuted at the season-opening football game vs. Lamar and was played at several other events throughout the year.
  - Title IX Coordinator Patty Crawford presented to student-athletes during the Family Reunion.
  - Crawford presented to the EDC 1200 Life Skills class in the fall semester.
  - All student-athletes and department staff completed Title IX online training.
- **January 2016**
  - Crawford provided a refresher training to the football team.
- **February 2016**
  - Crawford presented to the coaching staff at the monthly Compliance Forum.
- **April-May 2016**
  - University administrative staff held meetings with every team to review Title IX procedures.

**Facilities**

The Williams Family Soccer and Olympic Sports Center, an on-campus, $2.3-million facility approved by Baylor’s Board of Regents at its October 2013 meeting, was dedicated in August 2015. 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.

The Beauchamp Athletics Nutrition Center (BANC), an on-campus dining facility focused on the overall health and performance of all Baylor student-athletes, opened its doors to rave reviews when fall semester classes began, Aug. 24, 2015. Conveniently located adjacent to the Jay and Jenny Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility amid the Hughes Athletics Complex along the Brazos River, the BANC directly supports 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 now 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.

At its 2015 Homecoming meeting, Baylor’s Board of Regents announced that the Bears’ new golf practice facility will be named in honor of Billy Williams and his family, who provided a multi-million dollar lead gift to the project. The practice facility will be located on a 14-acre site along University Parks Drive next to the Willis Family Equestrian Center and will include an on-site practice course, a driving range and clubhouse for Baylor’s men’s and women’s golf teams. In 2013, Williams and his wife, Elaine, provided the lead gift for the Williams Family Soccer and Olympic Sports Center, which opened last fall. Construction on phase one of the project is underway.

Thanks to a generous gift from the Weldon Ratliff family, renovations began in May 2016 within the Simpson Athletics and Academic Center. Among the improvements are a new student-athlete performance center named in honor of the Ratliff family, who provided the project’s lead gift. The Margaret and Weldon Ratliff Performance Center will include state-of-the-art video technologies, new flooring, weight room equipment and other enhancements. The Taylor and Blake Shaver Nutrition and Performance Lab, housed within the Ratliff Performance Center, will feature technologies to monitor athletes’ performance on and off the field as well as a home for the Bears’ nutrition staff.

With the Williams Family Soccer and Olympic Sports Center and the Beauchamp Athletics Nutrition Center now online, Baylor athletics’ oldest facility is the Ferrell Center, which celebrated its 27th anniversary in 2015-16. McLane Stadium, Clyde Hart Track & Field, 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 18 years, giving Baylor one of the nation’s finest collections of athletic facilities.

**Fund-Raising Success**

The 2015-16 academic year will be remembered as another historical one for the Baylor Bear Foundation, bolstered by loyal support from alumni and friends to register a 12th consecutive year of growth while remaining committed to assisting with the cost of scholarships for student-athletes across Baylor’s 19 intercollegiate sports.

Bear Foundation annual giving for the 2015-16 year was $15.3 million, which ranks as the second-highest amount ever raised by the organization. The Bear Foundation’s year-end totals include annual giving, endowment interest and suite purchase revenue, but do not reflect any capital gifts received during the year.

In addition, the Foundation enjoyed record membership totals of more than 6,200 donors contributing to scholarships for student-athletes at the close of the 2015-16 fiscal year.
The organization is on track to reach more than 8,000 member accounts during the 2016-17 year. This membership base marks the organization’s highest total since its launch and continues 12 consecutive years of membership growth.

The Bear Foundation achieved ambitious goals in 2015-16. A membership goal of 6,000 accounts was met in the early part of the fiscal year and included a 28 percent increase of “philanthropic-based” accounts (memberships with no season ticket benefits associated).

Additionally, the Bear Foundation set out to enhance and improve communications with its donor base. Bear Foundation data showed that more than half of its membership viewed emails on a mobile device. In the fall of 2015, the Foundation moved to an email system with mobile-friendly viewing. The organization also updated its website and engaged with members via social media on a more consistent basis to meet the goal of improving overall membership communications.

Meeting another goal for the 2015-16 year, the Bear Foundation priority point counting policy was simplified and expanded to reward both consistent support and giving to areas outside of athletics. Long-term supporters of Baylor University will enjoy priority points for consecutive years they’ve held season tickets for football, basketball, baseball and softball. They will also receive points for annual cash giving to athletic scholarship and excellence funds and for annual cash giving to other non-athletics related areas of the university.

Other initiatives launched by the Bear Foundation in 2015-16 included the addition of the Ambassador program, which seeks to engage the Bear Foundation Board of Directors and volunteers to serve at sporting events as the official welcoming and hospitality arm of Baylor Athletics. Finally, the Bear Foundation added a free quarterly event for all members. “Breakfast with the Bears” included a complimentary breakfast and QA with “Voice of the Bears” John Morris and current Baylor student-athletes in-season sports.

Multimedia, Branding & Fan Engagement

For the second-straight year, ESPN’s College GameDay built by The Home Depot, visited Waco for the Bears’ Nov. 10 showdown against Oklahoma. The popular national college football pregame show took place at the base of the Umphrey Bridge on the South Plaza area at McLane Stadium. It marked the third-straight year GameDay was on-site for a Baylor football game, as the program made the trek to Stillwater for the 2013 OSU-BU game.

Baylor had 136 athletic contests in 13 sports televised in 2015-16. BU football (13) and softball (17) tied their telecast record for their respective programs, while the acrobatics & tumbling team enjoyed its first-ever national TV exposure when its dual meet at Oregon was carried on the Pac-12 Network and the 2016 National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Championships was broadcast from Waco on Fox Sports.

In the fourth year of its five-year third-tier TV agreement with Fox Sports, Baylor televised a record 49 events in seven sports on Fox platforms during the 2015-16 academic year. In addition, BaylorVision and Sic ’Em Sports Productions produced BU’s 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl Pre-View show.

BaylorVision produced 175 live events in 2015-16, including all 49 of the department’s third-tier telecasts. In the first 11 years of the Baylor-IMG partnership, the department’s corporate sponsorship revenues have increased by more than $1.6 million, and exceed their revenue goals eight times in the last nine years.

Baylor’s partnership with Learfield Licensing Partners continues to be successful in enhancing the Baylor brand. For the seventh consecutive year, Baylor established a royalty record, as it netted $1.21 million from the sale of officially licensed products in 2015-16, which was nearly $100,000 more than it earned the previous year. It marked the first time Baylor netted more than $1.8 million, and exceed their revenue goals eight times in the last nine years.

In addition, Baylor’s licensing program produced the third- and fourth-largest quarters ever in 2015-16 of $3.2 million and $3.7 million. Baylor’s royalties have increased by more than $3.8 million in the last 24 quarters as the Learfield-IMG partnership began, stand as the top revenue producers in school history, and after having no quarters net more than $100,000 prior to 2010, Baylor has enjoyed 20 such performances since then, including a string of 18-straight quarters through June 30, 2016.

For the seventh-straight year, more than 2 million unique visitors visited Baylorbears.com, as some 3.227 million visitors logged on during the 2015-16 year, the fourth-highest total in the site’s history behind the record 3.715 million visitors in 2013-14, 3.659 million in 2014-15 and 3.232 million in 2011-12. The official athletic web site of Baylor Athletics has averaged more than 100,000 unique visitors per month in each of the last nine years, including 268,981 visitors per month in 2015-16, the fourth-most ever. Those visitors...
viewed more than 11.7 million pages in 2015-16, an average of more than 975,000 page views per month.

More than $186,000 in officially licensed Baylor apparel and merchandise was sold through Baylorbears.com in 2015-16. Over the store’s first nine years, it registered combined on-line sales totaling just $901,897.74, however, in the last six years sales have totaled more $1.61 million.

More than 1,100 Waco-area businesses participated in the Baylor Spirit Program during the 2015-16 academic year. The program is designed for local businesses to support Waco’s hometown team, the Baylor Bears, by displaying Baylor spirit items. Items are provided free of charge to local business, and include complimentary tickets to select home games.

Three years after going through a “Weekend as a Wrangler” experience on the Fort Hood Army base, Scott Drew’s Bears returned to “say thank you and hopefully give (the soldiers and their families) a couple hours of entertainment” in the first-ever regular-season college basketball game at 2,000-seat Abrams Gym. Five BU players scored in double figures, led by Johnathan Motley with 23 in the first-ever regular-season college basketball game at 2,000-seat Abrams Gym.

Baylor volleyball drew 10,757 fans for its 15-match home schedule, an average of 46,160 fans per contest. It marked the fourth-highest single-season total attendance mark in school history behind the seven-game totals for the 2013 (321,639) and 2011 (289,574) home slates, and the 280,257 fans who came through the turnstiles in McLane Stadium’s first season.

For the second-straight year, Baylor’s single-season home football attendance average was above stadium capacity, as the Bears played before 102.3 percent of McLane Stadium’s capacity. That number ranked ninth nationally behind Oregon (106.7%), Kansas State (106.2%), Cincinnati (105.9%), Ohio State (104.8%), Oklahoma (103.9%), TCU (103.9%), Nebraska (103.3%) and Clemson (103.1%).

Baylor volleyball drew 10,757 fans for its 15-match home schedule, an average of 717 per match. It marked the eighth-straight year BU drew more than 9,000 fans to its home matches for the season.

The Lady Bears drew 125,666 fans for their 20 Ferrell Center contests in 2015-16, an average of 6,283 fans per game to rank eighth nationally and second in the Big 12. BU surpassed the 100,000-mark in home attendance for the 10th-straight year and ranked among the nation’s top 10 for the seventh-consecutive season.

For a program-record 10th-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 121,790 fans for 19 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 11th-consecutive campaign with its 2015-16 average of 6,410.

Baylor softball averaged a school-record 1,101 fans in 2016, as 28,636 fans passed through Getterman Stadium for 26 home dates. It marked the second-highest single-season home total in school history, behind the 31,434 fans for a 31-date slate in 2012, while the 2016 per-game average broke the record of 1,086 set in 2016. BU softball has averaged 1,000 or more fans four times in the last five seasons, including each of the last three campaigns.

The Baylor baseball team averaged 2,335 fans over 32 dates to rank 29th nationally in home attendance during the 2016 season.

Honors & Awards
Representing seven different sports, Baylor University’s 56th Athletic Hall of Fame class included eight former standout student-athletes – Terry Black (men’s basketball, 1999-2001), Molly Cameron (soccer, 1998-2000), Danielle Crockrom (women’s basketball, 1998-2002), Benedikt Dorsch (men’s tennis, 2002-05), Bayana Karmeti (track & field, 1998-2001), Ed March (football, 1988-70), Tom Muecke (football, 1982-85) and Jimmy Walker (men’s golf, 1997-2001). In addition, former Baylor lettermen Rick Hawkins (baseball) joined the Hall of Fame’s Wall of Honor.

Thomas Everett, a consensus All-American and the first-ever Jim Thorpe Award winner as the nation’s top defensive back in 1986, was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame’s Southwest Conference Hall of Fame in the fall of 2015. He is the 24th individual from Baylor to be enshrined.

Baylor Assistant Athletic Director/Communications Julie Bennett was inducted in the CoSIDA Hall of Fame during the organization’s 2016 convention. The 33-year athletics communications veteran, who retired from Baylor in July 2016 after 23 years of service, also received CoSIDA’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Baylor Executive Associate Athletic Director/External Affairs Nick Joos completed the first year of a four-year term on the NCAA Honors Committee.

The Baylor Athletics marketing team, led by Assistant Athletics Director Jay Luksis, received three Bronze awards from the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators for their work during the 2015-16 year. Baylor was recognized in the categories of static display ads, promotional schedule posters and video board segments.

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) selected College Football Hall of Fame coach Grant Teaff, Executive Director Emeritus of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), as recipient of the 2016 NFF Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award. Teaff was instrumental in bringing Baylor football back to prominence from 1972-92 and won two Southwest Conference championships as the head coach of the Bears and was named SWC Coach of the Year six times and National Coach of the Year twice. In his more than two decades of service to the AFCA, he was 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.

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