

COMMISSIONER JAMES E. DELANY



Only the Big Ten's fifth commissioner since its founding in 1896, James E. Delany enters his 22nd year in that role. He has led the Big Ten through significant periods of change and growth that have helped the conference maintain its preeminent position as one of the nation's leaders in providing quality athletic and academic experiences for young people.

Some of the accomplishments and changes that the conference has experienced under Delany's leadership since he arrived in 1989 have included:

INNOVATION

- Expanded the conference to 12 institutions with the addition of Penn State in June 1991 and Nebraska in July 2011. The Big Ten Council of Presidents and Chancellors approved the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's application for membership into the Big Ten on June 11, 2010, and the university will begin its official membership with the conference effective for the 2011-12 academic year;
- Established Big Ten bowl tie-ins beginning in 1991, including eight games for the first time in conference history beginning with the 2010 season, five of which are played on New Year's Day. The Big Ten's current annual participation includes competition in the Rose Bowl Game, Capital One Bowl, Outback Bowl, Gator Bowl, Insight Bowl, Texas Bowl, Dallas Football Classic and Little Caesars Pizza Bowl;
- Created the first national conference-owned television network devoted to the athletic and academic programs of a single conference. The Big Ten Network, a joint venture with Fox, launched in August 2007 and became the first network in history to reach 30 million homes in 30 days. The Big Ten Network is now available to an estimated 75 million homes nationally through agreements with more than 300 affiliates and is in 19 of the nation's top 20 markets;
- Negotiated extensions of ABC, CBS Sports and ESPN agreements, beginning with the 2007-08 season. The Big Ten's agreements with ABC/ESPN, CBS Sports and the Big Ten Network resulted in the production and distribution of more than 850 men's and women's events, an all-time high and more than any other conference or sports organization;
- Participated in NCAA, Bowl Championship Series (BCS), Rose Bowl and Big Ten media negotiations, resulting in rights fees in excess of \$11 billion, since 1990;
- Developed the first collegiate version of football instant replay implemented during the 2004 season;
- Adopted a multi-phased gender equity program that has increased opportunities for women in sports since 1992. In that time, the Big Ten has created more than 2,000 new opportunities for women and established 28 new teams. In 2010-11, the Big Ten Network will commit to "Event Equality" for men's and women's events – a commitment to annually produce and distribute a substantially similar number of men's and women's events across all Big Ten Network controlled platforms. It will be the first national television network to commit to event equality;
- Implemented conference-wide sportsmanship initiatives focusing on creating safer venues for visiting teams, officials and fans. A Big Ten Sportsmanship Award was established, and the conference has recognized nearly 2,000 student-athletes in the past eight years;

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BROAD-BASED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

- Administers more than \$112 million in athletic scholarship aid to more than 8,700 men and women student-athletes on 275 teams. Other than the Ivy League, the Big Ten has the most broad-based athletic programs in the United States;
- Administers over \$3 million in NCAA-sponsored supplemental assistance to thousands of student-athletes;
- Since 1989, teams from Big Ten institutions have won NCAA, BCS or national championships in 21 different sports, including six national team titles in 2009-10;

FOOTBALL

- Overseeing increased depth and competitiveness in football, with seven different conference teams earning at least a share of the Big Ten title in the last decade. In addition, five different programs have played in the Rose Bowl in that time;
- Active in developing the BCS. Since 1998, Big Ten teams have competed in more BCS games than any other conference, and the Big Ten is one of only two conferences to win two BCS games in a single bowl season on multiple occasions;
- Unprecedented attendance growth in football, as each of the top 10 single-season total attendance records have been established during his tenure, including a single-season record of 5,526,237 in 2009 and an average record of 72,566 patrons per game set in 2005;

BASKETBALL

- Continued success in men's basketball, with 11 Final Four teams since his arrival, including seven over the last decade, a pair of national semifinalists in 2000 and 2005, the national runners-up in 2002, 2005, 2007 and 2009, and the national champion in 2000. In women's basketball, the Big Ten has collected eight national semifinal and three championship game appearances, including the first national title in conference history in 1999;
- Has led the country in average attendance for men's basketball in each of the last 34 years including a conference record of 2.4 million fans in 2007-08. In women's basketball, the conference has surpassed the 600,000 mark in total attendance in each of the last 13 seasons, including a record 751,000 in 2003-04;
- Surpassed the one-million mark in total attendance at the men's basketball tournament at the 2008 event in Indianapolis, just 11 years after the tournament's establishment in 1998;
- Formed men's and women's basketball postseason tournaments, as well as Challenge series with various conferences including the ACC, Big 12 and SEC;

COMMUNITY

- Created and expanded a community outreach program, SCORE (Success Comes Out of Reading Everyday), through which the conference office has partnered with two Chicago elementary schools to improve reading performance. In 21 years, more than 6,000 children have participated in this program;
- Established the "Big Ten 9-11 Scholarship Fund". Following the national tragedy on September 11, 2001, the Big Ten Conference pledged a \$1 million scholarship contribution to assist the families of those affected by the terrorist attacks;
- Established through the Big Ten Network, on-campus internships for academic credit that began in 2007-08;
- Established numerous community programs surrounding the Big Ten Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments, including the Wayne Duke Postgraduate Award Scholarship, the Big Ten Career Fair, the Hoops Day 5K and a partnership with the Pink Ribbon Connection, a local Indianapolis breast cancer organization.

The 62-year old Delany is a native of South Orange, N.J. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of North Carolina in 1970 and juris doctorate degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1973. At UNC, Delany was a three year member of the varsity basketball team, serving as tri captain in 1970. As a Tar Heel, Delany twice participated in NCAA Final Four competition.

After earning his law degree, Delany served as counsel for the North Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee from 1973 to 1974, and was staff attorney for the North Carolina Justice Department from 1974 to 1975.

Delany's distinguished career in administering intercollegiate athletics began at the NCAA where he was employed as an enforcement representative from 1975-79. For the next decade, he served as commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference, where he oversaw the growth and enhancement of OVC athletic programs for men and women.

Active in the community, Delany has coached several youth teams and has been associated with Special Olympics and YMCA endeavors at various times.

Delany and his wife, Catherine "Kitty" Fisher Delany, also an attorney, have two sons, Newman, 21 years old and James Chancellor, 18 years old, who both attend the University of North Carolina. The Delanys reside in Hinsdale, Ill.

Personal Information Full name: James Edward "Jim" Delany Hometown: South Orange, New Jersey Wife: Catherine "Kitty" Fisher Delany Children: Newman, 21 years James Chancellor, 18 years	Legal Experience 1973-74 North Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee Counsel 1974-75 North Carolina Justice Department Staff Attorney	Boards and Committees Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA): Past President and Vice President College Basketball Partnership USA Basketball: Vice President (2000-08) and Treasurer (1996-00) National Football Foundation Board of Directors University of North Carolina General Alumni Association Board of Directors (2005-2008) Various NCAA and CCA committees and working groups
Education High School: St. Benedict's Preparatory, Newark, New Jersey College: University of North Carolina, 1970 Chapel Hill, North Carolina Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Graduate: University of North Carolina, 1973 Juris Doctorate	Playing Experience 1967-70 North Carolina varsity basketball team Two-time participant in the NCAA Final Four 1969-70 Tri-captain of UNC varsity basketball team	Hall of Fame Inductions St. Benedict's Preparatory Hall of Fame Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame Newark, N.J. Hall of Fame Chicagoland Hall of Fame
	Athletic Administration Experience 1975-79 NCAA Enforcement Representative 1979-89 Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner 1989-present Big Ten Conference Commissioner	