

COMMISSIONER JAMES E. DELANY

Only the Big Ten's fifth commissioner since its founding in 1896, James E. Delany enters his 21st 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

- Expansion of the conference to 11 institutions with the addition of Penn State in June 1991;
- Established Big Ten bowl tie-ins beginning in 1991, which now includes annual participation in the Rose, Capital One, Outback, Alamo, Champs Sports, Insight and Motor City Bowls;
- Creation of 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;
- Negotiated extensions of ABC, CBS Sports and ESPN agreements, beginning with the 2007-08 season and covering over 130 events annually;
- Participated in NCAA, BCS, Rose Bowl and Big Ten media negotiations, resulting in rights fees in excess of \$1 billion dollars, since 1990;
- Developed the first collegiate version of football instant replay implemented during the 2004 season;
- Adoption of the Gender Equity Action Plan (GEAP) that spans a 17-year period. This program includes four Phases. Phase I began in 1992 when the Big Ten became the first conference to voluntarily adopt participation goals for female student-athletes. Phase II, commonly known as "Dream Big," was initiated in the summer of 1998 as a public outreach campaign that encouraged young girls in grades K-8th to participate in sports. Phase III, a marketing campaign launched to support and better promote conference women's olympic sports, began in 2002. The goal of Phase IV is to celebrate the achievements and success stories of female student-athletes, while also encompassing the previous three phases (participation, outreach and attendance). Phase IV of the program includes the following key components: television, attendance and an on-line community. Over 2,000 women's participation opportunities have been created during this time frame, resulting in a 53/47 male/female participation ratio.
- Implementation of 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 more than 1,700 student-athletes in the past seven years.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS & BROAD-BASED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

- Administers in excess of \$100 million in athletic scholarship aid to more than 8,500 men and women student-athletes on more than 270 teams;
- 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 20 different sports.

FOOTBALL

- Overseeing increased depth and competitiveness in football, with eight different conference teams earning at least a share of the Big Ten title in the last decade. In addition, eight different programs have played in the Rose Bowl in that time. In the last 15 years, Big Ten football teams have won two national championships and posted three undefeated and untied seasons, marking the first of their kind in the conference since 1968;
- Active in developing the Bowl Championship Series. Since 1998, Big Ten teams have competed in more BCS games than any other conference;
- 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 5,499,439 in 2002 and an average record of 72,566 patrons per game set in 2005.

BASKETBALL

- Continued success in men's basketball, with 10 Final Four teams since his arrival, including eight 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 33 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 12 seasons, including a record 751,000 in 2003-04;
- Formation of men's and women's basketball postseason tournaments, as well as Challenge series with various conferences including the ACC, Big 12 and SEC;
- Broke the one-million mark in total attendance at the men's basketball tournament at the 2008 event in Indianapolis;
- Implemented the Big Ten Men's and Women's Basketball Foreign Tours, which concluded in the summer of 2006. The Tours gave hundreds of student-athletes the opportunity to travel abroad.

COMMUNITY

- Creation and expansion of 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 20 years, more than 6,000 children have participated in this program;
- Establishment of 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;
- The Big Ten has 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 breast cancer organization.

The 61-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, 20 years old and James Chancellor, 17 years old. The Delanys reside in Hinsdale, Ill.

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Athletic Administration Experience

1975-79	NCAA Enforcement Representative
1979-89	Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner
1989-present	Big Ten Conference Commissioner

Current Memberships on Boards and Committees

Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA):	
	Past President and Vice President
College Basketball Partnership	
USA Basketball:	
	Vice President (2000-2008)
	Treasurer (1996-2000)
National Football Foundation Board of Directors	
Chicago 2016 Olympic Committee	
University of North Carolina General Alumni Association Board of Directors (2005-2008)	
Various NCAA and CCA committees and working groups	

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

Personal Information

Full name:	James Edward "Jim" Delany
Hometown:	South Orange, New Jersey
Wife:	Catherine "Kitty" Fisher Delany
Children:	Newman, 20 years James Chancellor, 17 years

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

Legal Experience

1973-74	North Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee Counsel
1974-75	North Carolina Justice Department Staff Attorney

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