

# One of the Nation's PREMIER PROGRAMS



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## COACHING EXCELLENCE

When it comes to legendary head coaches, Florida State's program has been second to none. The Seminoles have had three coaches who have established records that rank them with the greatest coaches in NCAA history.

Florida State is the only NCAA school with three coaches in the top 10 all-time victories in their respective sport and in the top five in wins and winning percentage among active coaches. Bobby Bowden (Football), JoAnne Graf (Football) and Mike Martin (Baseball) have combined for 8,080 wins and such accomplishments in the top four for active winning percentages, all ten wins in all-time victories.

The caliber of coaches at Florida State is second to none and year after year, these coaches are recognized for excellence nationally, regionally and at the conference level. Track and field and cross country head coach Bob Briner was named as the ACC Indoor and Outdoor Coach of the Year. In addition to their annual consecutive men's outdoor track and field national championships in 2007, Briner, the ACC Indoor and Outdoor Coach of the Year, was also recognized on the men's side as the Co-Coach of the Year in the South District while being honored as the East Region and National Coach of the Year during the outdoor season. Jennifer Hyde was the South Region WBCA Coach of the Year accolade as she led the women's tennis team to one of the finest turnarounds in school history. After leading the women to their first ever national championship victory against No. 1 seed Michigan, Hyde was honored as the ACC Coach of the Year. Martin's legacy was secured as he was enshrined into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on January 5, 2007. He would round out the accolades in 2006-07 claiming his fifth ACC Coach of the Year honor.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY...

Seminoles athletes are community making a positive impact on the community, logging over 5,500 hours of community service during the 2006-07 school year. They help to raise thousands of dollars in direct support to charities.

The National Council for Academics and Sports honored FSU Athletics for the most successful outreach and community service program in which FSU student-athletes exceeded the lives of over 150,000 youths.

Student-Athletes have volunteered their time to work with elementary schools, and high school students within the Leon County School system. In addition, Seminole student-athletes have participated in projects such as Run City directed by the Boys and Girls Club, Best in Kids Soccer, Hardin for Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Sweet Spot (Runners for the American Heart Association), Relay for Life and Special Olympics to name a few.



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### POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS...

In November 2005, two-time All-American discus thrower Chris Johnson became the second FSU student-athlete to be selected a Rhodes Scholar when he was chosen as one of 32 top high scholars from throughout the United States to study at the University of Oxford and one of less than 100 from around the world who joined the prestigious academic program in 2006. The program's criteria are based on academic success, leadership potential, personal integrity and originality.

Florida State athletes have come over \$360,000 in post-graduate scholarships in the past 18 years as well as other numerous merit-based awards. They have also received 39 post-graduate scholarships from the ACC since 1993 including Sami Gill (volleyball), Alex Kerton (swimming and diving), Tom Landesheide (track and field) and Kelly Pendergraft (soccer) who were among 45 recipients of the scholarship awards in 2005. In addition, Grant Johnson (track and field) earned the ACC Scholar Award in 2008.

In 1998, Seminole senior David Bush was the first ever recipient of the State Farm National Scholar Athlete of the Year award, now given annually.

Florida State has won NACDA Post Graduate Award seven in the last seven years. The scholarship, which was originated in 2001, grants \$10,000 scholarships to its recipients.



Chris Johnson

Seattle City College and the 2005 ACC Scholar Athlete of the Year

Alex Kerton



### IN THE CLASSROOM...

Florida State named a record 3204 student-athletes to the Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll in 2002. At the conclusion of the 2006-07 school year, 2200 of Florida State's students had a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average. In the spring 2007 semester, 1000 in nine teams had at least a 3.0 academic GPA while the average semester GPA was 2.80.

Since joining the ACC in 1991, Florida State has had seven "Value of Football Education and College Hall of Fame" National Scholar Athlete winners.

In 2007, Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Chris Weinke was the recipient of the inaugural ACC Scholar Award which is presented annually to an excellent scholar and an outstanding player who plans to pursue a professional athletic career. Since 2001, Florida's Chris Price (2002), baseball's Matt Lynch (2003) and track and field's Gail Devers (2006), have all earned the award.

Florida State student-athletes earned 11 Arthur Ashe Collegiate Sports Awards including FSU football players Bryan Harsch. The Arthur Ashe Collegiate Sports Awards were established in 1987 and were a former minority student athlete who did exceptional academics and community service as well as athletic prowess.

Florida State had 13 Student Athlete year-end Academic All-American honorees in 2006-07 including Drew Weatherford (Football), Matt VandeGriendt and Kevin Schmidt (Soccer), Sarah Griffin (Volleyball), Brian Anthony and Aliza Gladden (Women's Basketball), Melissa May (Golf), Rooney Ahman (Swimming), Caroline Westrup (Women's Softball), Jason Blalock (Men's Softball), Alan Rasmussen (Swimming) and Leslie Galloway (Hockey). Jon Lunsford and Andrew Lummelund (Track & Cross Country).

Florida State has more than 400 Academic Honor Roll selections (2412) than any ACC conference (1,763). Since 1999-00 FSU student-athletes may earn a total of Academic All-American honors. Florida State became the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner (Eric Karrasch) in 2007 as well.



Eric Karrasch

Jason Blalock

Caroline Westrup

Brian Anthony

Leslie Galloway



#### TOP ATHLETES...

When you consider the two athletes who don the Green and Gold, it's easy to see why Florida State has enjoyed such success over the years. Of the 37 national awards for athletes who've worn Florida State student athlete gear, seven have been won by an athlete in the nation's best in their respective sports. Florida State boasts two Heisman Trophy winners, three Golden Spikes winners, a USA Softball National Player of the Year, a National Women's Track Athlete of the Year and a Honda Award winner for softball.

From football to chess, to tennis, to track and field, several of Florida State's student-athletes achieve All-American status each year. FSU boasts 743 first team All-Americans as well as scores of regional and national award winners. Over the years, FSU has enjoyed 1,703 ACC selections. Even more impressive is the 23 student-athletes have been crowned individual national champions in their respective sports.

#### TOP TEAMS...

Great athletes make great teams and Florida State has a rich history when it comes to great teams on both the national and conference level and has earned 13 national championships over the years including the back-to-back 2008 and 2009 NCAA Men's Indoor Track & Field titles. In 1999, the Florida State Seminoles became the first football team to get voted #1 in the Associated Press' "Top 25" when they equalled 13-0 on the way to the program's second national championship. FSU teams have combined for 169 NCAA tournament appearances and 38 ACC team titles. Florida State's team coeds have earned 3419 victories and eight of the Florida State's team sports have an all-time winning record.

