

Athletics Academic Support Program

Athletic Academic Support Mission Statement:

THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE ATHLETIC ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH FACILITATES THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF EACH STUDENT-ATHLETE. STUDENT SUCCESS IS ENCOURAGED THROUGH COMPETENT ACADEMIC COUNSELING, STUDY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT, AND A WIDE ARRAY OF TUTORIAL SERVICES.

Matt Schmauch Academic Commitment Award



Offensive lineman Jacky Claude was honored with the fourth annual Matthew Schmauch Academic Commitment Award in a presentation at halftime of the 2007 spring game.

This award has been established in honor and memory of former Academic Support Assistant Director Matt Schmauch, who passed away in June 2003, and is given annually to a deserving football student-athlete. Defensive end Eric Moore, now with the New York Giants, was the first recipient of the Matt Schmauch Academic Commitment Award in 2004. Defensive end Willie Jones was the 2005 recipient. In 2006, defensive end Darrell Burston was honored with the award.

"We will look for the student-athlete who best represents the things that Matt represented," Director Mark Meleney said. "We want to honor the person who is accountable and responsible in the classroom and who is working every day to be a better student. This is not an award that will go to the highest GPA. It will go to the player who is dedicated to getting a degree and who is accountable and responsible in the classroom."

tutorial and mentor programs in the nation. The tutorial program is just one of several key support services that is available to all student athletes as they progress towards their ultimate goal of obtaining a college degree. FSU hires approximately 50 tutors a year, from a variety of academic



Marlon Dechausay
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Defense

departments, who are committed to providing a proactive, individualized approach in assisting student-athletes with course comprehension and study skills. In addition, mentors are academic role models who have demonstrated the ability to teach and give

guidance in areas of academic developmental skills. They are responsible for providing assistance in the development of skills such as note taking, test preparation and communication with faculty. In essence, mentors become an extension of the academic counselor as they keep the academic performance of their student-athletes under close observation and report to the academic counselors each week. The tutors and mentors are usually seniors or graduate level students who have outstanding academic backgrounds.

STUDY HALL

In an effort to help ensure the academic success of the student-athletes, professionally supervised study sessions for each athletic team are organized. The main focus of the study hall program is to help students develop consistent and appropriate study patterns by providing a structured setting to work on class assignments and to provide tutorial assistance before academic problems arise. Although the criteria for study hall is left to the discretion of each academic counselor, typically most freshmen, first year transfers, and upperclassmen who have not yet achieved a satisfactory cumulative grade point average are asked to attend study hall.

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Florida State University student-athletes have achieved great success in obtaining recognition for academic excellence. More than \$375,000 in Postgraduate Scholarship monies has

AN OVERVIEW OF AN AWARD-WINNING ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

Academic, personal and professional support is essential to college success. At The Florida State University, an outstanding support program has been developed that enables student-athletes to reach their full potential.



Mark Meleney
Director

Florida State Athletic Academic Support Program Director, Mark Meleney states, "Our philosophy is to offer an academic support program integrated with the total University that will assist all student athletes with the transition into college and provide continued support in all phases of academic and professional development, culminating with graduation, job placement or graduate school."



Amy Lord
Associate Director
Football
Oversight

FSU's program operates on a "proactive" rather than "reactive" approach. The academic staff does not wait for crises to occur. They gather important background information on each entering student-athlete, build an academic profile, and develop individualized support programs which are tailored to the unique needs of each student athlete. They also stay informed on the daily progress of the student-athletes through consistent communication with the Florida State faculty.

In the summer of 2004, the Academic Support Program moved into their new home, a state-of-the-art facility in the newly constructed Moore Athletic Center. The multi-million dollar structure, which is located in the north end zone of Doak Campbell Stadium, is the new home of Florida State athletics. Some of features of the new academic support area include a 32-station computer lab for student-athletes, 10 private tutorial rooms, the use of two 50-seat classrooms, and a five-



Aaron Vause
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Offense

station "Learning Center" for student-athletes with learning deficiencies and/or disabilities. The compliance, student services, business, sports information and athletics marketing offices are also housed in the facility, providing a more efficient and functional department, thus allowing student-athletes the opportunity for balance and improved time management.

The academic support staff is comprised of a director, two associate directors, an administrative assistant, six academic counselors, two learning specialists, several graduate assistants, and approximately 50 tutors and mentors.

TUTOR & MENTOR PROGRAM

The athletics department at Florida State University has made a commitment to providing the student-athletes with one of the finest and most comprehensive

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been granted to FSU student-athletes over the past 13 years, as well as numerous other academic honors and awards. During the 2006-2007 academic year, 14 Seminole student-athletes were named District Academic All-Americans, including Drew Weatherford (Football), Mami Yamaguchi and Katrin Schmidt (Soccer) Sarsh Griffin (Volleyball), Nikki Anthony and Alicia Gladden (Women's Basketball), Melissa May (Softball) Romy Altmann (Swimming), Caroline Westrup (Women's Golf), Jonas Blixt (Men's Golf) Alex Kennon (Swimming) and Javier Garcia-Tunon, Tom Lancashire, and Andrew Lemoncello (Track & Cross Country).

For the second year in a row, Florida State University named a record 204 student-athletes to the 2007 Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll. At the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year, seven of Florida State's athletic teams had a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average. In the spring 2007 semester 210 Seminoles achieved a minimum 3.0 semester GPA while the average team semester GPA was a 2.800.

Alex Kennon (Swimming), Sarah Griffin (Volleyball) and Kelly Rowland (Soccer) were among the 36 Atlantic Coast Conference scholar-athletes to be named recipients of the ACC Weaver James Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship in 2007, while Tom Lancashire (track & field) earned the ACC Scholar Award. Six Seminole student athletes earned the prestigious Arthur Ashe Junior Sports Scholar Award. The Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Awards were established in 1992 and serve to honor minority student athletes who exhibit academic excellence and community activism, as well as athletic prowess.

Lastly, FSU boasted one NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winner (Alex Kennon – Swimming).

The Academic Support Program is committed to recognizing the academic success of all student-athletes. The athletics department, in conjunction with Seminole Boosters, Inc., puts on the annual "Golden Torch Gala," a black-tie academic awards banquet, each fall. The ACC Honor Roll student-athletes, as well as the individuals with the highest GPA on their respective teams, and the men's and women's teams with the highest GPA are recognized at this event.

Team meetings are held each year, during which time student-athletes are notified of potential honors and awards and are encouraged to apply. Combining a strong grade point average with athletic accomplishments, community service activities and leadership experiences make for a student-athlete capable of obtaining unlimited academic honors, awards and postgraduate opportunities.

ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

(Selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America)

First Team

1972	..... Gary Huff (QB)
1979	..... Phil Williams (WR), Keith Jones (DB), Scott Warren (DE)
1980	..... Keith Jones (DB)
1981	..... Rohn Stark (P)
1994	..... Derrick Brooks (OLB)
1996	..... Daryl Bush (LB)
1997	..... Daryl Bush (LB)
2000	..... Chris Hope (FS)
2001	..... Chris Hope (FS)

Second Team

1957	..... Ron Schomburger (E)
1981	..... Phil Williams (WR)
1985	..... Martin Mayhew (CB)
1989	..... Dave Roberts (TE)
1993	..... Ken Alexander (ILB), Derrick Brooks (OLB)
2005	..... David Castillo (C)

CFA POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

1993	..... Ken Alexander (LB)
1994	..... Derrick Brooks (LB)
1995	..... Danny Kanell (QB)
1997	..... Daryl Bush (LB)
2000 Chris Weinke (QB)
2001 Chris Hope (FS)

CFA POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

1993 Ken Alexander (LB)
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

2005 David Castillo (C)
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ACC JAMES E. TATUM AWARD

(Top Football Senior Student Athlete)

1996 Daryl Bush (LB)
2006	..... David Castillo (C)

ACC SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

2001	..... Chris Weinke (QB)
2002	..... Chris Hope (FS)

NACDA JOHN McLENDON MINORITY POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

2002 Chris Hope (FS)
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NCAA POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

1980 Phil Williams (WR)
1987 David Palmer (ILB)
1990	..... Dave Roberts (TE)
1993	..... Ken Alexander (ILB)
1994	..... Derrick Brooks (OLB)
1995	..... Danny Kanell (QB)
2000 Chris Weinke (QB)

NCAA ETHNIC MINORITY POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

2006 David Castillo (C)
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FSU'S ACC ALL-ACADEMIC SELECTIONS

1992

C Robbie Baker
OLB Derrick Brooks
OLB Reggie Freeman
QB	..... Charlie Ward

1993

CB	..... Clifton Abraham
ILB	..... Ken Alexander
OLB	..... Derrick Brooks
FS	..... Richard Coes
QB	..... Charlie Ward

1994

LB	..... Daryl Bush
LB	..... Derrick Brooks
DB	..... Steve Gilmer

1995

OL	..... Lewis Tyre
LB	..... Daryl Bush
LB	..... Todd Rebol

1996

OL	..... Justin Amman
LB	..... Daryl Bush
RB	..... Warrick Dunn
C	..... Kevin Long
LB	..... Kwaesi Palmer
DB	..... Jason Poppell

1997

WR	..... E.G. Green
C	..... Kevin Long
DE	..... Andre Wadsworth
DT	..... Jerry Johnson
MLB	..... Daryl Bush
S	..... Dexter Jackson

1998

P	..... Keith Cottrell
DB	..... Chris Hope
OL	..... Jason Whitaker
QB	..... Chris Weinke

1999

FS	..... Chris Hope
TE	..... Ryan Sprague
QB	..... Chris Weinke

2000

OG	..... Justin Amman
FS	..... Chris Hope
TE	..... Ryan Sprague
QB	..... Chris Weinke

2001

LB	..... Marcello Church
FS	..... Chris Hope

2002

LB	..... Michael Boulware
DE	..... Kevin Emanuel
WR	..... Robert Morgan
OT	..... Brett Williams

2003

LB	..... Allen Augustin
LB	..... Michael Boulware
C	..... David Castillo
RB	..... Greg Jones
CB	..... Bryant McFadden
OL	..... Matt Meinrod

2004

C	..... David Castillo
P	..... Chris Hall
QB	..... Wyatt Sexton
DE	..... Kamerion Wimbley

2005

C	..... David Castillo
RB	..... Antone Smith
QB	..... Drew Weatherford

2006

K/P	..... Graham Gano
S	..... Myron Rolle
RB	..... Antone Smith
QB	..... Drew Weatherford