





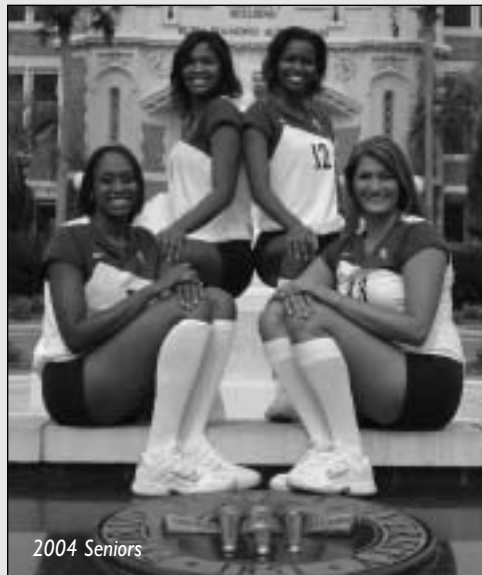








# ACADEMIC SERVICES



2004 Seniors

Academic, personal and professional support are essential to college success. At Florida State University, we have developed an outstanding support program which enables student-athletes to reach their full potential.

FSU's academic support philosophy is "to offer an academic support program integrated with the total university. This will assess 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."

To accomplish this goal, FSU has developed an academic environment which facilitates the academic success of student-athletes. Student success is encouraged through competent academic counseling, career exploration, planning and placement and academic assistance through tutorial programs and mentors.

The program operates on a "proactive" rather "reactive" approach. At Florida State, the academic staff does not wait for an academic crisis to occur. They gather important background information and build an academic profile on all student-athletes to assess their needs in advance. Coaches also stay informed on the daily progress of each student athlete.

The academic support services are located in the state-of-the-art University Center and are on the sixth floor of the \$126 million facility. It includes private study desks, a tutorial study area and a computer lab outfitted with 16 new IBM computers and laser printers. In addition, athletic sky boxes are utilized for group and individual tutorial instruction.

FSU offers 17 Schools and Colleges with 300 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.



## Mark Meleny

*Director, Athletic Academic  
Support Programs*

Mark Meleny begins his ninth year as the Director of the Athletic Academic Support Program. He brings to the position 19 years of advising experience at FSU. Over the past nine years, Meleny has played an integral role in the development of a comprehensive program of student-athlete support, which in 1996 won an "Award of Excellence" (from Athletic Management Magazine). Meleny directs a staff of six professional counselors, two graduate assistants, and an administrative assistant.

In addition to his duties directing the Academic Support Program, Meleny evaluates all recruits for their academic potential, monitors academic progress and eligibility for student athletes, and serves as a liaison to the academic community. He also serves as a member of the administrative team for both the Athletic Department and the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

A native of Iowa, Meleny began his college education at Buena Vista College, where he earned varsity letters in football and baseball. Upon transferring to Florida State University, he earned bachelor's degrees in management and finance in 1986 and received his M.S. degree in athletic administration in April 1997. A member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A), Meleny is married to the former Sarah Cawthon and they have an 11-year-old daughter, Montana Shea.



## Amy Lord

*Volleyball Academic Counselor*

Amy Lord is in her ninth year with the FSU Athletic Academic Support Program where she serves as the Assistant Director of the program and is the Academic Counselor for the Florida State Baseball and Volleyball teams, among other sports. Lord is responsible for coordinating support services for these student-athletes, monitoring their academic progress and counseling them on academic issues such as course and major selection, study habits and eligibility requirements. She also assists in the recruiting process for these programs. In addition to her counseling duties, Lord is the Academic Honors, Awards and Scholarship Coordinator. She also serves as the coordinator for the Golden Torch Gala, a black-tie event, which recognizes student-athletes for academic achievements. On top of those duties, Lord serves as the sports psychology consultant for all FSU student-athletes.

A native of Pensacola, Fla., Lord is a 1993 graduate of the University of West Florida, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She received a Master's degree in Sports Psychology from Florida State University in 1995 and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Sports Psychology. Lord is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors (N4A) and currently serves on the Executive Board of that organization. She is married to Justin Lord, a pitcher in the Kansas City Royals organization.









