

2008 FLORIDA STATE VOLLEYBALL

THE UNIVERSITY





FLORIDA STATE ATHLETICS... AN ELITE PROGRAM

*In 2007-08,
13 Seminole student-athletes
garnered District Academic
All-America honors.*

*Florida State student-athletes have earned over \$390,000 in
postgraduate scholarships, including 36 from the ACC,
over the last 14 years as well as other numerous academic honors and awards.*

IN THE CLASSROOM

*In 2005, Garrett Johnson became the first FSU student-athlete
selected a Rhodes Scholar*

*All of FSU's athletic teams achieved scores above the required 925 in the
Academic Progress Rate data based on the last four years. Softball and
Men's Golf earned Public Recognition Awards for earning high marks.*

*170 Seminole student-athletes were named to the 2008 ACC Academic Honor Roll
while six of Florida State's athletic teams had a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA.*

Five coaches with 10 or more years at FSU, including two coaches of 30 or more years of service

COACHING EXCELLENCE

*14 National Coaches of the Year
37 ACC Coaches of the Year
37 Regional Coaches of the Year*

Congratulations #1
1500
CAREER WINS

Two coaches who rank in the top three among current coaches for career victories

IN THE COMMUNITY

Student-Athletes perform more than 5,000 hours of community service annually.

Two-time National Consortium of Academics and Sports Outreach Program of the Year for Division I for reaching over 150,000 youth.

2 Heisman Trophy winners

4 Golden Spikes winners

Hermann Award for soccer

TOP ATHLETES

777 First Team All-Americans

1,853 All-ACC selections

37 Individual National Champions

40 National Achievement Awards,

including 10 top athlete in the nation awards

National Men's Track Athlete of the Year

USA Softball National Player of the Year

43 ACC Team Titles

TOP TEAMS

175 NCAA Postseason

team appearances including three

straight women's soccer College Cup appearances

and four in the last five years.

14 National Championships including
back-to-back-to-back

NCAA Men's Outdoor Track & Field titles

1999 Football Seminoles

first football team to go wire-to-wire as the AP No. 1 team



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THIS IS THE ACC

THE TRADITION

Consistency. It is the mark of true excellence in any endeavor.

However, in today's intercollegiate athletics, competition has become so balanced and so competitive that it is virtually impossible to maintain a high level of consistency.

Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Now in its 56th year of competition, the ACC has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. And that is not mere conjecture, the numbers support it.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 109 national championships, including 57 in women's competition and 52 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 145 times in men's competition and 92 times in women's action.

Volleyball made its debut in the ACC in 1980, with conference play beginning in 1981. Now in its 28th season, the ACC has enjoyed vast success both on and off the court.

The ACC has had six AVCA All-Americans, including Georgia Tech's Kele Eveland, who in 2003 became the league's first player to earn first-team accolades, and Lynnette Moster, who became the ACC's only three-time recipient of All-America honors in 2004. The conference has also produced 24 Academic All-Americans, eight Region/District Freshmen of the Year and 13 Region/District Coaches of the Year. A total of 165 student-athletes have been selected to the All Region/District team, while 74 have been honored on the All-Academic Region/District team.

Since the inception of the AVCA Division I Coaches Poll in 1982, seven ACC schools (Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Maryland, North Carolina and NC State) have been ranked in at least one final poll. Two schools have finished in the top 10 in the nation when Florida State completed the 1995 season ranked sixth and Georgia Tech concluded the 2003 season ranked eighth.

The ACC sent a team to the NCAA Championship Regional Round in three of the last five seasons. In 2002, North Carolina advanced to the Regionals, becoming the first ACC school to advance to the Regional Round since Duke in 1994. Georgia Tech made ACC history in 2003 when it advanced to the Regional Finals of the NCAA Championship, marking the farthest run of any ACC team in NCAA Championship play. The Yellow Jackets again reached the Regionals in 2004, falling to eventual NCAA finalist Minnesota in five games.

2007-08 IN REVIEW

The 2007-08 academic year saw league teams capturing four national team titles and 12 individual NCAA crowns. In all, the ACC has won 43 national team titles over the last 12 years. The ACC has won two or more NCAA titles in 26 of the past 28 years.

A total of 140 ACC teams placed in NCAA post-season competition in 2007-08. League teams compiled a 119-69 (.633) mark against non-conference opponents in NCAA championship competition. In addition, the ACC had 154 student-athletes earn first team All-America honors this past year. Overall, the league had 258 first, second or third team All-Americans. In addition, the ACC produced 10 national Players of the Year and five national Coach of the Year honorees.

2007-08 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Field Hockey.....	North Carolina
Men's Soccer.....	North Carolina
Ice Hockey.....	Boston College
Men's Track/Field.....	Florida State

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The conference will conduct championship competition in 25 sports during the 2008-09 academic year - 12 for men and 13 for women.

The first ACC championship was held in swimming on February 25, 1954. The conference did not conduct championships in cross country, wrestling or tennis during the first year.

The 12 sports for men include football, cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, wrestling, baseball, tennis, golf and lacrosse. Fencing, which was started in 1971, was discontinued in 1981.

Women's sports were initiated in 1977 with the first championship meet being held in tennis at Wake Forest University.

Championships for women are currently conducted in cross country, field hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, golf, lacrosse, softball and rowing, while volleyball determines its champion in regular season play.

A HISTORY

The Atlantic Coast Conference was founded on May 8, 1953, at the Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, N.C., with seven charter members - Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest - drawing up the conference by-laws.

The withdrawal of seven schools from the Southern Conference came early on the morning of May 8, 1953, during the Southern Conference's annual spring meeting. On June 14, 1953, the seven members met in Raleigh, N.C., where a set of bylaws was adopted and the name became officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Suggestions from fans for the name of the new conference appeared in the region's newspapers prior to the meeting in Raleigh. Some of the names suggested were: Dixie, Mid South, Mid Atlantic, East Coast, Seaboard, Colonial, Tobacco, Blue-Gray, Piedmont, Southern Seven and the Shoreline.

Duke's Eddie Cameron recommended that the name of the conference be the Atlantic Coast Conference, and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with each member institution assessed \$200.00 to pay for conference expenses.

On December 4, 1953, conference officials met again at Sedgefield and officially admitted the University of Virginia as the league's eighth member. The first, and only, withdrawal of a school from the ACC came on June 30, 1971, when the University of South Carolina tendered its resignation.

The ACC operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when the Georgia Institute of Technology was admitted. The Atlanta school had withdrawn from the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964.

The ACC expanded to nine members on July 1, 1991, with the addition of Florida State University.

The conference expanded to 11 members on July 1, 2004, with the addition of the University of Miami and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. On October 17, 2003, Boston College accepted an invitation to become the league's 12th member starting July 1, 2005.

SCHOOL AFFILIATIONS

BOSTON COLLEGE -- Charter member of the Big East Conference in 1979; joined the ACC in July, 2005.

CLEMSON -- Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894; a charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; a charter member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in 1953.

DUKE -- Joined the Southern Conference in December, 1928; charter member of the ACC in 1953.

FLORIDA STATE -- Charter member of the Dixie Conference in 1948; joined the Metro Conference in July, 1976; joined the ACC July, 1991.

GEORGIA TECH -- Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894; charter member of the SEC in 1932; joined the ACC in April, 1978.

MARYLAND -- Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; charter member of the ACC in 1953.

MIAMI -- Charter member of the Big East Football Conference in 1991; joined the ACC in July, 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA -- Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894; charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; charter member of the ACC in 1953.

NC STATE -- Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; charter member of the ACC in 1953.

VIRGINIA -- Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894; charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; resigned from Southern Conference in December 1936; joined the ACC in December, 1953.

VIRGINIA TECH -- Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921; withdrew from the Southern Conference in June, 1965; became a charter member of the Big East Football Conference in Feb. 5, 1991; joined the ACC in July, 2004.

WAKE FOREST -- Joined the Southern Conference in February, 1936; charter member of the ACC in 1953.



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From its pre-Civil War beginnings as the Seminary West of the Suwannee to a nearly four-decade stint as the Florida State College for Women to its return to coeducational status as a university, Florida State University has evolved into an internationally recognized research institution. Committed to preparing graduates for the ever-expanding opportunities of a global society, FSU is celebrated not only for its world-class research but also for its teaching and record of public service.

Florida State University enrolls about 41,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students, of which nearly 30 percent are minorities and 57 percent are women. FSU students come from every county in Florida, all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and more than 128 countries.

The university offers an impressive breadth of academic degree programs, including 99 at the bachelor's degree level; 112 at the master's level; 26 at an advanced master's/specialist's level; 73 at the doctoral level; and two at a professional degree level. Courses are offered through 16 colleges — Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Education; Engineering; Human Sciences; Information; Law; Medicine; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Sciences; Social Work; and Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance.

Florida State is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research Extensive institution, awarding more than 2,000 graduate and professional degrees each year. Doctoral faculty in five academic areas have been ranked among the tops in the nation according to the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index: social work — #4; Spanish — #4; marketing — #5; oceanography — #8; and atmospheric sciences — #10. FSU has many undergraduate and graduate academic programs that consistently rank among the nation's top 25 at public universities, among them programs in business, chemistry, communication disorders, creative writing, criminology, ecology and evolutionary biology, education, information, law, meteorology, oceanography, physics, political science, psychology, public policy, sociology and statistics.

At Florida State, students have the opportunity to work and study alongside members of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences; members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; winners of the Pulitzer Prize; Guggenheim Fellows; a Nobel laureate; and other globally recognized teachers and researchers, including faculty who lead several scholarly fields in citations of published work. Students can choose to conduct research in specialized interdisciplinary centers such as the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the Institute of Molecular Biophysics, and the School of Computational Science. They can participate in interdisciplinary work across



campus through programs that integrate economics, geography, climate forecasting, law and other environmental courses and programs; or work alongside faculty to forge new relationships among professions, including medicine, the physical sciences, engineering, business and law.

Students at Florida State also are encouraged to participate in international education through the university's programs in England, Italy, Switzerland, France, Panama, China, Costa Rica, Spain, Russia, the Czech Republic, Greece, Croatia, Germany, Ireland and the Caribbean. The university's study sites in Valencia, Spain; Florence, Italy; and London, England are considered by many to be among the nation's best.

THE UNIVERSITY LOGGED MANY NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2007-2008:

Alan G. Marshall, FSU's Robert O. Lawton Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry and director of the Ion Cyclotron Resistance Program at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, received the 2008 Ralph and Helen Oesper Award from the Cincinnati Section of the American Chemical Society — eight of the past 26 awardees of the prestigious Oesper award went on to win the Nobel Prize.

Professor Kathleen Yancey, director of the English department's graduate program in Rhetoric and Composition, became president of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Max Gunzburger, a Francis Eppes Professor and director of the School of Computational Science, earned the distinguished W.T. and Idalia Reid Prize in Mathematics from the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) for his work in computational mathematics and his mathematical models of science and engineering problems.





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FSU Student Government President Joe O'Shea became one of just 32 U.S. college students selected for a 2008 Rhodes Scholarship, the oldest and most prestigious international study award bestowed on American students. O'Shea, who won a Truman Scholarship in 2007, also was one of just 20 undergraduates named to USA Today's 2007 All-USA College Academic First Team.

FSU Film School student Paul Seetachitt crafted a 30-second public service announcement that took first place in a national competition sponsored by the Center for International Disaster Relief. Honors won by other Film School students over the past year included a Student Academy Award; two collegiate-level "Emmy" awards; and two Directors Guild of America awards for the nation's best minority and female student filmmakers.

Over the past year, the university has won research grants totaling more than \$196 million.

FSU was ranked No. 1 in the nation among top research universities in graduation rates for African-Americans.

FSU is currently developing, designing, breaking ground for or constructing about \$500 million worth of facilities, and the new Chemical Sciences Laboratory and the James E. "Jim" King Life Sciences Building are world-class examples that herald the dawn of a new era for Florida State's science community.

The FSU track and field team won its third-in-a-row NCAA championship.

Thirteen FSU student-athletes and coaches from three sports represented the Seminoles and eight different countries at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China. And, closer to home, a commitment to community service put FSU

student-athletes at the top of the Outreach Honor Roll from the National Consortium for Academics and Sports.

Two leaders in medicine, Florida State University and Mayo Clinic, signed an agreement to work as research partners in the quest to improve health care outcomes for Floridians and all Americans. The agreement calls for interaction and collaboration between researchers at FSU and Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla., the establishment of joint research programs, and the exchange of scientific and educational literature and research — and opens up unique opportunities to turn basic science into new cures for a variety of diseases, from cancer to Alzheimer's.

The collective strength of biomedical research at Florida State and the scientists who lead it has earned an extremely competitive \$2 million High-End Instrumentation grant from the National Institutes of Health. The grant and an additional \$2.8 million in FSU matching funds will be used to purchase a state-of-the-art robotic electron microscope that will place the university among the very top imaging centers in the world. FSU scientists will use the unique robotic microscope to advance their cutting-edge research on HIV/AIDS, heart disease, hypertension and cancer.

FSU is bringing together researchers with expertise in a variety of fields to develop new strategies for dealing with

Florida's energy challenges. The new Florida Energy Systems Consortium is a collaborative effort among the state's 11 public universities to address key issues pertaining to energy, climate and the environment — with a particular focus on promoting renewable energy. Florida Gov. Charlie Crist signed into law a comprehensive energy bill establishing the consortium and providing a total of \$50 million in funding, to be divided among four core institutions — FSU (with \$8.75 million), the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida and the University of South Florida.

The university has been selected as the lead institution for the new Florida Center for Advanced Aero-Propulsion, a collaborative project featuring the state's premier researchers in aerospace and aviation. Of \$14.57 million in funding appropriated to create the center, FSU will get the largest portion — nearly \$6 million — to oversee center operations and develop research and policy that unites scholars from various disciplines and universities.

Florida State's main campus is spread over 450.5 acres in Tallahassee. Within the state, the university maintains facilities in Panama City, at its Coastal and Marine Laboratory on the Gulf of Mexico, and at the Asolo Performing Arts Center in Sarasota. The university also operates the Ringling Center for the Cultural Arts in Sarasota, which includes the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art — the largest museum/university complex in the nation.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.9 million book titles and 9.1 million microforms and rank among those at the nation's top 30 public research universities. Collectively, the FSU libraries belong to the Association of Research Libraries, whose membership is comprised of the top research university libraries in the United States.



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UNIVERSITY FACTS

BACKGROUND: The Florida State University is one of eleven units of the Division of Colleges and Universities of the Florida Board of Education...It was established as the Seminary West of the Suwannee by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1851 and first offered instruction at the postsecondary level in 1857...Its Tallahassee campus has been the site of an institution of higher education longer than any other site in the state...In 1905, the Buckman Act reorganized higher education in the state and designated the Tallahassee school as the Florida Female College...In 1909, it was renamed Florida State College for Women...In 1947, the school returned to co-educational status, and the name was changed to The Florida State University...It has grown from an enrollment of 2,583 in 1946 to an enrollment of 41,065 in the Fall Semester 2007.

ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2007): Total, 41,065 ...76.7% undergrad, 20.8% grad, 2.5% unclassified...80.7% in-state...93.7% from the United States... students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are in attendance...18 states contributed over 100 students each...21 foreign countries contributed over 25 students each...female, 55.7%...male, 44.3%...minority, 25.1%...international, 3.1%.

ACREAGE: Main Campus: 451.6 acres in Tallahassee, Leon County (main campus)...Panama City Branch: 25.6 acres in Panama City, Bay County...The university owns a total of 1,545.5 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Sarasota, & Gadsden counties...Sites are leased in Marion and Leon counties in Florida, and other locations overseas.

COLLEGES/DEGREE PROGRAMS: With 16 colleges and schools, students may take courses of study leading to the baccalaureate degree in 101 degree programs, to the master's degree in 114 degree programs, to the advanced master's degree in one program, to the specialist degree in 26 degree programs, to the doctorate degree in 73 degree programs, and to the professional degree in two degree programs. The academic divisions are the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Information, Law, Medicine, Music, Social Science, Social Work and Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance; and the Schools of Motion Picture, Television, and Recording Arts and Nursing.

OPERATING BUDGET (2007-08): \$1,093,306,080

DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2007-08: Bachelor, 7,189...Masters, 1,989 Doctorate, 350...Medical Doctorate, 48...Specialist, 54...Judge Doctorate, 233... Total, 9,863

ENTERING FRESHMAN FACTS (FALL, 2007): The middle 50 percent High School GPA, 3.3-3.9; SAT score 1110-1260, ACT score 23-28. There were 55 National Merit Scholars, 12 National Achievement Scholars, and 15 Hispanic Scholars enrolled as undergraduate students during the Fall 2007 term.

RETENTION RATE: First year, 100%...second year, 88.1%...third year, 80.9%...fourth year, 76.1%.

FACULTY/STAFF: Total 2,359...FSU's faculty includes some past graduates, such as former astronauts Dr. Norm Thagard, who teaches Electrical Engineering, and Winston Scott who serves as Vice President of Student Affairs...FSU's faculty has included six dynamic Nobel Laureates: 12 members elected to National Academy of Sciences...10 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences...and two Pulitzer Prize winners Ellen T. Zwilich and Robert Olen Butler.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES: Florida State University has a uniqueness in providing programs that are consistent in excellence across the board, from fine arts and humanities to the hard sciences...The balance of programs is based on FSU's long tradition as a leading liberal arts institution combined with its position as one of the top 10 universities in generating research-based revenues...FSU was ranked 18th most connected university in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD: FSU offers a variety of overseas study opportunities for students during the regular academic year. FSU has study centers located in Florence, Italy; Panama City, Republic of Panama; Valencia, Spain; and London, England. Courses at the study centers are offered each semester and cover a wide range of subject areas perfect for meeting general and liberal studies requirements. International Programs also offers study programs, some general and some major specific, in: Cairns, Australia; Salvador, Brazil; Tianjin, China; San Jose, Costa Rica; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Prague, Czech Republic; Napo, Ecuador; London, England; Paris, France; Dublin, Ireland; Tokyo, Japan; Moscow, Russia; and Leysin, Switzerland. A summer Law program is offered in Oxford, England. There is one Linkage Institute, FLORICA, in Costa Rica, and Beyond Borders programs in Turrialba, Costa Rica, Kingston, Jamaica, and Dresden, Germany.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: FSU has over 400 student organizations that allow students to find their own niche.

FINANCIAL AID: FSU offers two types of financial assistance: need-based and merit-based...Over \$160 million is given away for financial assistance each year.

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 18-1... Many of the general education classes are large, lecture classes; however, over 80% of major classes have less than 50 students.

RESEARCH: The Florida State University has built a reputation as a strong research center in both the sciences and the humanities. It is expected that more than \$100 million in external funds will be generated this year by the university faculty and administration as supplements to state funds used for research. These external funds are in the form of contracts and grants from private foundations, industries, and government agencies, and are used to support research, improve research facilities, and provide stipends for graduate students.

SPONSORED RESEARCH (2007-08): \$201,569,624

LIBRARY HOLDINGS: The University Library System contains over 3.4 million volumes, of which more than 451,000 are available electronically as e-books. The libraries subscribe to more than 107,000 current serials including academic journals, professional and trade journals, and major newspapers from around the country and the globe in both paper and electronic formats. The libraries also subscribe to more than 350 databases. The FSU Libraries include 8 libraries on campus:

The Robert Manning Strozzer Library, Paul A. M. Dirac Science Library, Mildred and Claude Pepper Library, Warren Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Library and Information Science Library, College of Law Library, College of Medicine Medical Library, and the College of Engineering Library. Library materials and services are also available at the FSU Panama City Campus, as well as International Programs study centers in London, Florence, and Panama, and a collection of art and related materials at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida.

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Florida	33,154
Georgia	882
Virginia	409
New York	311
Texas	267
North Carolina	265
Pennsylvania	246
New Jersey	212
Maryland	206
California	194

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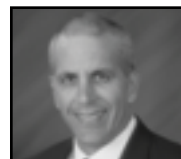
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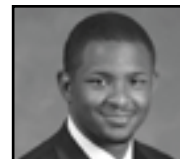
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PROMINENT ALUMNI

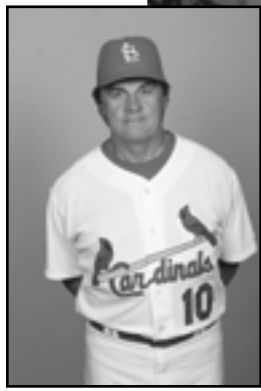
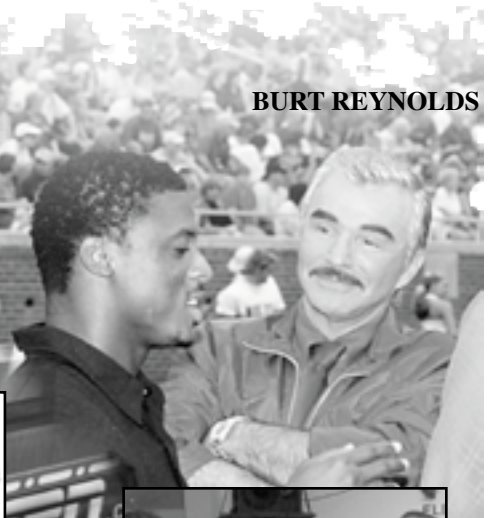
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Davis Gaines
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Christensen

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THOMAS KENT
 "T.K." WETHERELL
 PRESIDENT

Dr. Thomas Kent "T.K." Wetherell became the 13th president of Florida State University on January 6, 2003. He is the first university alumnus to serve as president of Florida State. A career educator with more than 30 years of experience in the State of Florida's educational system, Dr. Wetherell is also the only FSU president with experience in all four major divisions within higher education, having held positions in the offices of academic affairs, student services, business affairs, and college development. He has held leadership positions in two-year as well as four-year colleges, and he has served as a faculty member in both public and private institutions of higher education.

Dr. Wetherell is recognized as a high-energy, student-oriented president. He is an innovator who challenges faculty, staff and administrators to set high professional and personal standards. During his tenure as president, Florida State realized its dream of establishing, receiving full accreditation and graduating the first class of the nation's first public new allopathic medical school in the last 25 years.

Under Dr. Wetherell's leadership Florida State has undertaken the university's most extensive construction program, adding three new residence halls, a general purpose classroom building, new food services facilities, parking garages, an alumni center, research facilities, massive renovation projects, a Heritage Walk system throughout campus, as well as the construction of a new medical school.

Dr. Wetherell established the Pathways of Excellence program designed to enhance Florida State University's stature as a public graduate research university. The Pathways of Excellence program is designed with the Association of American Universities evaluation criteria as its basis. In addition to issuing a challenge to the university's community to reach a higher level academically, Dr. Wetherell also made available online data that will allow the public and individual faculty to monitor the university's and their respective academic department's success in this endeavor.

Dr. Wetherell is an outstanding advocate for higher education and has been called the state's most "politically astute president." In addition to his political insight, Dr. Wetherell is expert in resource development and led the university to successfully complete Florida State's second major capital campaign. During the campaign Dr. Wetherell gave the largest gift a seated president of a public research university had ever given to an institution in the United States. As president, Dr. Wetherell has also been the university's most vocal advocate for a community service program as part of students' college experience.

Dr. Wetherell has been inducted into Florida State University's Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the prestigious Moore-Stone Award, the Circle of Gold Award and the university's Distinguished Service Award. In addition, he has also been awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters from Flagler College.

Dr. Wetherell served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1980 to 1992, the last two years as Speaker of the House. During his tenure in the House he served as chairman of the appropriations committee and the higher education committee. The Miami Herald named him one of the Top Ten Legislative Leaders in the House each year from 1987 until 1992. During his years in the legislative process Florida enacted some of the most progressive education legislation in America.

A third-generation Floridian, Dr. Wetherell was born on December 22, 1945 in Daytona Beach, Florida. He attended Port Orange Elementary School and Mainland Senior High School, where he was active in service clubs, student government and athletics. He attended Florida State University on a football scholarship and played on the 1963-67 football teams. He still holds the record for the longest kickoff return in Florida State University history. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in social studies education from FSU in 1967 and 1968 respectively. He earned a doctorate in education administration from FSU in 1974.

Dr. Wetherell is married to Virginia B. Wetherell, who was appointed by Governor Chiles as Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from 1991 to 1998. She previously served as a state legislator representing Pensacola. She currently is president of Wetherell Consulting Services. They are the parents of three children: Kent, Blakely, and Page, and have two grandchildren: Emily and Tyler. Wetherell's personal interests include outdoor recreation, travel and aviation.



RANDY SPETMAN
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Florida State University President, Dr. T.K. Wetherell, introduced Randy as the university's new Director of Athletics on February 4, ending a national search that began in December. Spetman, a former Air Force colonel, takes over at FSU after serving as Athletics Director at Utah State since July 1, 2004 and at the United States Air Force Academy from 1996-2003.

"Randy Spetman has a strong record of leadership with honesty and integrity. His experience and organizational and management skills set him apart as one of the best athletics directors in the country," Wetherell said. "We're very pleased that he is joining the Florida State Family."

Spetman, 55, was lauded over his tenure at Utah State for the success of the Aggies' athletic programs both on the field or court and in the classroom. Utah State joined the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in 2005 and Utah State claimed four conference championships in its first two years. Even more impressive is the fact that USU's student-athletes lead the WAC with a 78 percent graduation rate and have maintained over a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

Under Spetman's leadership, Utah State moved forward with several facility projects, including high profile improvements to the football stadium. He also spearheaded fundraising and building efforts for a \$12.5 million facility that will serve to meet the academic and athletic needs of the 16 intercollegiate sports at Utah State. He crafted a unique business partnership for medical health coverage that improved the overall coverage of USU student-athletes and reduced medical costs. In addition, he negotiated a lucrative new marketing agreement for Aggie Athletics with Learfield Sports Properties.

"Florida State University is one of the finest college athletics programs in the nation," said Spetman. "To be asked to serve as its athletics director is a great compliment, and I was thrilled to accept. I proudly served my country for many years with honor, commitment and pride. And I now look forward to bringing my skills as an athletics director to this university and serving Florida State University with the same honor, commitment and pride."

Prior to his stint at Utah State, Spetman spent eight successful years (1996-2003) as Director of Athletics at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co. During his tenure, he administered the school's 27-sport intercollegiate program as well as the physical education and intramural programs. Under his command, athletics teams at the Academy enjoyed unmatched success as the football team participated in four bowl games.

Born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Spetman graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1976. He earned three letters as a defensive end for the Falcons and was a team captain as a senior. He also won a pair of heavyweight Wing Open Boxing Championships.

Spetman's 28 year military career took him around the world in a variety of positions. A command pilot with more than 3,000 hours of flight time, Spetman's range of positions took him from assistant football coach at his alma mater to a pilot and from the Chief of Bomber Planning in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm to serving as Chief, Command and Control Division, Operations Directorate of the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

A graduate from Squadron Officer School, he attended the National War College and earned a master's degree in National Security Strategy. Spetman also holds a master's in management and supervision from Central Michigan University. He is currently the first Vice President of the National Association of Collegiate Director's of Athletics (NACDA).

He and his wife, the former Becky Luhring of Des Moines, Iowa, are the parents of two grown children, Brian and Kim.

ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE STAFF



KELLIE
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 Deputy Athletic
 Director/SWA



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 Athletic Director



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ACADEMIC SERVICES



BILL SHULTS
 Director of
 Athletic Academic
 Support

MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Athletic Academic Support program is to provide an environment that facilitates the academic success of each student-athlete. The focus is to provide a comprehensive 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.



MARLON DECHAUSAY
 ACADEMIC COORDINATOR
 3RD YEAR AT FSU

Marlon Dechausay, a native of Toronto, Canada, is in his third year as an Academic Coordinator and Technology Coordinator for the Florida State Athletics Academic Support department.

Dechausay, who joined the FSU staff in August 2006 after serving as the men's basketball Academic Coordinator at Iowa State University, is currently the Academic Coordinator for Florida State's men's basketball and women's volleyball and golf programs. He has also worked with the Seminole football defensive players and the men's tennis and men's golf programs during his time at Florida State.

Dechausay provides counseling and guidance to student-athletes regarding academic and personal skill development as well as monitoring academic eligibility, advisement and assisting in the recruitment of all prospective student-athletes. He is also responsible for maintaining staff computers and a 32-station computer lab. Dechausay also works to help Seminole student-athletes, who left school early to play professionally, return to finish their degrees.

Dechausay earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Louisiana-Lafayette in 2000 where he was a star athlete on the track and field team, winning a pair of 400-meter Sunbelt Conference outdoor track titles. He was a member of the Canadian national track and field team from 1992-99 and is the Japan Under-19 400-meter record holder.

After graduation from Louisiana-Lafayette, Dechausay was an assistant track coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic in Troy, N.Y., from 2001-02. Following one year at RPI, he went to Syracuse University as a graduate assistant where he worked as a facility and operations intern for a season before switching to academics. He spent three seasons at Syracuse as an academic graduate assistant for men's basketball and men's lacrosse, where he coordinated the tutoring program, prepared weekly assignment sheets and conducted study tables on road trips. In 2005, he earned his master's degree from Syracuse in Information Management.

Dechausay is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) and was recently named the Region II director and Co-chair of the Membership Committee. He is also a member of the Black Coaches Association. Dechausay and his wife, Tina, the Sports Information Director at Florida State, are the proud parents of Marlon, who will turn a year old in November.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS: ACADEMIC ADVISING

The advisors in Academic Support serve as the lower-division advising unit for all student-athletes. The staff advises students through the Liberal Studies curriculum and degree prerequisites. The advisors work with the students in a number of areas related to the academic experience at Florida State University, but with a primary emphasis in advising and monitoring the progress toward the selected degree program, taking into consideration, all variables, which would enhance or impede each student's progress toward the goal of graduation.

STUDY HALL

Professionally supervised study sessions for each athletic team are organized in order to help ensure the academic success of the student-athletes. 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.

TUTOR AND MENTOR PROGRAM

The tutorial program is available to all student-athletes as they progress towards their ultimate goal of obtaining a college degree. Approximately, 65 tutors are hired a year, from a variety of academic departments. Each tutor is committed to providing a proactive, individualized approach in assisting student-athletes with course comprehension and study skills. The tutors are graduate level students or undergraduates that excel in a specific area of study.

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. All mentors are graduate or PhD level students who have outstanding academic backgrounds.



2007-08 FSU volleyball seniors Makini Thompson & Summer Weissing

STUDENT SERVICES



BRANDI STUART
Assistant
Athletics Director

LIFE SKILLS

Developed by the Florida State University Department of Athletics, the N.O.L.E.S. program represents a commitment to the total growth and development of each student-athlete. The program establishes an administrative commitment to academic and athletic excellence. Those efforts will be supported with programs and services in personal and career development service.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fostering the development of personal growth is a fundamental component of the N.O.L.E.S. program. The support programs ensure that the student-athlete will be provided with opportunities to focus on personal growth areas such as value clarification, goal setting, fiscal planning, decision making and personal responsibility. Programming focuses on helping the student-athlete develop a healthy lifestyle while they are at Florida State and habits that will benefit them for life.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Preparing for life after college is a major focus of the N.O.L.E.S. program. The program is designed to work in cooperation with Florida State's Career Center to acquaint students with the job search process, provide networking opportunities and ultimately assist with job placement. The program places a priority on the development of the total person, with the goal of developing individuals who will have rewarding careers and productive lifestyles after they leave Florida State. The newest addition to the Career Development program is the Senior Transition Seminar offered through the Office of Student Services. The course is offered to all senior student-athletes with exhausting eligibility and is designed to assist with resume building, networking with former student-athletes, and tips on transitioning from intercollegiate athletics into the working world.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Serving the community is the focus of the Seminole Spirit program. Student-athletes are challenged to provide service to our community and individuals who are in need. With a clearly defined program of service, student-athletes are given the opportunity to develop lifelong commitment to volunteerism. Over the years, the commitment to community service has grown leaps and bounds. The FSU athletic department was recently recognized by the National Consortium

for Academics and Sports for the most successful outreach and community service program in which FSU student-athletes impacted the lives of over 150,000 youths.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Florida State University Department of Athletics is committed to developing programs of excellence that foster leadership development. The Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) has been in place in the Florida State University Athletic Department for ten years, and consists of a fantastic group of motivated student-athletes. The SAAC consists of 42 student-athletes, at least two from every team, and they meet every two weeks to discuss issues confronting student-athletes, here at FSU, as well as in the Atlantic Coast Conference and across the nation. The SAAC at FSU has many responsibilities: they take the lead on a variety of events, starting with the New Student-Athlete Orientation, Peers Helping Athletes Transition (PHAT) Tuesdays with freshmen student-athletes, the Culture Fest (student-athletes celebrating diversity within the athletic department), the Welcome Back Picnic and culminating with the Golden Nole Awards year ending banquet where seniors from each team are honored and student-athletes who have excelled in the area of community service are awarded.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Allen, Tori	WTR
Alabi, Salomon	MBB
Barry, Brianna	WVB
Bowerman, Laura (Sec)	WCC
Boyajian, Ryan.....	MTE
Bradford, Dan	MSW
Brown, Everette	MFB
Cabassol, Melanie	WSW
Carr, Jessie	WSW
Coleman, Caila.....	WTK
Cruz, Javo	MCC
Derner, Scott	MSW
Echefu, Uche.....	MBB
Edwards, Becky	WSO
Erickson, Shawn	MSW
Freshour, Mara	WBB
Gano, Graham	MFB
Garcia-Tunon, Javier (Pres.)	MTR
Kazbour, Marissa	WSO
Knight, Cameron	MGO
Kuhn, Jamie	WGO
Macfarlane, Lauren	WTE
Moon, Ashlee	WVB
Moore, Cayla.....	WBB
O'Shea, Michael	MTE
Pughsley, Auja.....	WTK
Rolle, Myron (V.P.)	MFB
Rynarzewska, Ania.....	WTE
Savage, Matt	MGO
Steinhauer, Stevi	WSW
Smith, Heather	WCC
Snierciak, Luke	MBA
Snyder, Michelle	WSB
Vigue, Ryan.....	MBA
Wernke, Matthew	MTK
Westrup, Caroline	WGO
Willemse, Lydia	WCC



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NGAA COMPLIANCE



BRIAN BATTLE
Associate
Athletics Director
for Compliance

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE OFFICE

The following information is provided by the Florida State Office of Compliance for prospective student-athletes. It is intended as a guideline to introduce you to some of the rules governing NCAA athletics.

KEY DEFINITIONS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Representative of Athletics Interests: A representative of the institution's athletics interests (AKA Booster) is an individual who is known (or should have been known) by a member of the institution's athletic department to:

- Have participated in or to be a member of an agency or organization promoting the institution's intercollegiate athletics program;
- Have made financial contributions to the athletics department of to an athletics booster organization of that institution;
- Be assisting or to have been requested (by the athletics department staff) to assist in the recruitment of prospects;
- Be assisting or to have assisted in providing benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their families; or
- Have been otherwise in promoting the institution's athletics program.

*** Once an individual is identified as a representative, the person retains that identity forever ***

Prospective Student-Athlete: A prospective student-athlete ("prospect") is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade, regardless whether he or she participates in athletics. A prospective student-athlete maintains his or her identity as



ELIZABETH BOOKWALTER
Compliance
Coordinator



BRETT COWLEY
Compliance
Assistant

a prospect, even after he or she signs a National Letter of Intent or financial aid agreement, until he or she attends the first day of practice or participates in an official team practice, whichever is earlier.

Contact: A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect's parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) and an institutional staff member during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting.

Evaluation: An evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess your academic qualifications or athletic ability, including any visit to your high school (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of any practice or competition in which you participate.

PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS

Phone calls from coaches (but not boosters) are permitted beginning July 1 before your senior year in high school. A coach is limited to one phone call per week except that unlimited phone calls may be made:

- During the five days immediately before your official visit to the university;
- On the day of a coach's off-campus contact with you.
- During the time beginning with the National Letter of Intent signing date through the two days after the signing date and after a National Letter of Intent or scholarship agreement is signed.

A Prospect of Any Age Could Receive the Following From a Coach:

- Questionnaire
- Camp brochure
- NCAA educational information
- Business Card
- None-athletics institutional publications

After September 1 of a Prospect's Junior Year, a Coach Could Provide

- Written correspondence, including letters and e-mails
- Game programs (only on an official or unofficial visit)
- Media Guide
- Official academic, admission and student services publications and videotapes produced by the institution and are available to all students
- Any other information may be provided via the institution's web site.

WHO IS PERMITTED TO RECRUIT FOR FLORIDA STATE?

Only Florida State University coaches who have successfully completed the NCAA Recruiting Rules Examination on an annual basis may be involved in the recruitment process. Boosters may not make any recruiting contacts. This includes letters, telephone calls or face-to-face contact on or off campus with a prospect or the prospect's parents.

ALUMNI AND BOOSTERS DO'S AND DON'TS

- **YOU MAY** forward information about prospective student-athletes to the appropriate coaches.
- **YOU MAY** have contact with a prospect regarding permissible pre-enrollment activities such as summer employment, provided the prospect has already signed a National Letter of Intent and the Compliance Office is aware you are making these contacts in regard to employment.
- **YOU MAY** have a telephone conversation with a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call. Such a call may not be prearranged by an institutional staff member and you are not permitted to have a recruiting conversation, but may exhibit normal civility. You must refer any questions about our athletic programs to an athletics department staff member/coach.
- **YOU MAY** view a prospect's contest at your own initiative provided you do not contact the prospect or his/her parents. In addition, you may not contact a prospect's coach, principal or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect.
- **YOU MAY** continue established family relationships with friends and neighbors. Contacts with sons and daughters of these families are permitted as long as they are not made for recruiting purposes or encouraged by Florida State University coaches.
- **YOU MAY NOT** become involved in making arrangements to receive money or financial aid of any kind for a prospect or the prospect's family and friends.
- **YOU MAY NOT** make contact with a prospective student-athlete and his/her parents when the prospect is on campus for an official or unofficial recruiting visit.
- **YOU MAY NOT** transport, pay or arrange for payment of transportation costs for a prospect and his/her relatives or friends to visit campus (or elsewhere).
- **YOU MAY NOT** pay or arrange for payment of summer camp registration fees for a prospect.
- **YOU MAY NOT** provide anything to a prospect, the prospect's family or friends without prior approval from the Compliance Office.

For more information, please contact the Florida State Compliance Office at (850) 644-4272.

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SEMINOLE SPIRIT

THE SYMBOL: SEMINOLES

Florida State played only two football games in 1947 before students demanded the school to acquire a symbol. While details conflict, most believe the account of a poll of the student body is accurate. The Florida Flambeau reported that Seminoles won by 110 votes over the Statesmen. The other top contenders (in order) were Rebels, Tarpons, Fighting Warriors and Crackers.

In the 1950's, a pair of students dressed in Native American costumes and joined the cheerleaders on the field, which eventually evolved into the majestic symbol of Osceola and Renegade that FSU now enjoys. Today, the Seminole Tribe participates in many campus activities. Florida State University is proud of its longstanding cooperative relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The Seminole people have suffered many hardships and injustices, but they have remained brave, dignified and proud. The Seminoles are unconquered. They symbolize what Florida State hopes will be the traits of all of its graduates, including student-athletes.

FLORIDA STATE FIGHT SONG
YOU GOT TO FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT, FOR FSU
YOU GOT TO SCALP 'EM SEM-I-NOLES
YOU GOT TO WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN
WIN THIS GAME AND ROLL ON DOWN
AND MAKE THOSE GOALS.
FOR FSU IS ON THE WAR PATH NOW
AND AT THE BATTLE'S END SHE'S GREAT;
SO FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT TO VICTORY
OUR SEM-I-NOLES FROM FLORIDA STATE.

GARNET AND GOLD

Florida State's school colors of garnet and gold date back to the Florida State College championship football teams of 1904 and 1905. In those championship seasons, FSC donned purple and gold uniforms. When Florida State College became Florida Female College in 1905, the football team was forced to attend the University of Florida. The following year the FFC student body selected crimson as the official school color of 1905. The administration in 1905 took crimson and combined it with the recognizable purple of the championship football teams to achieve the color garnet. The now-famous garnet and gold colors were first used on an FSU uniform in a 14-6 football loss to Stetson on October 18, 1947.

WAR CHANT

Florida State's "war chant" appears to have begun with a random occurrence that took place during a 1984 football game against Auburn, but in the 1960's, the Marching Chiefs band would chant the melody of a popular FSU cheer. In a sense, that chant was the long-version of FSU's current "war chant." During a thrilling game with Auburn in 1984, the Marching Chiefs began to perform the dormant melody. Some students behind the band joined in and continued the "war chant" portion after the band had ceased. Most agree the chant came from the fraternity section, but many spirited Seminole fans added the hand motion to symbolize the brandishing of a tomahawk. The chant continued among the student body during the 1985 season, and by the 1986 season, it was a stadium-wide phenomenon. Of course, the Marching Chiefs refined the chant, plus put their own special brand of accompaniment to the "war chant," for the sound we hear today.

The Atlanta Braves fans took up their version of the chant when former FSU star Deion Sanders came to the plate as an outfielder. The Kansas City Chiefs first heard it when the Northwest Missouri State band, directed by 1969 FSU graduate Al Sergel, performed the chant while the players were warming up for a game against San Diego.



NET SET CLUB



The Net Set Club was established in the summer of 2001 to generate support for the Florida State volleyball team. The Committee of Thirty gathered together with Seminole volleyball enthusiasts and athletic department staff members on June 27th, 2001, to devise a plan and introduce the Net Set Club as the newest booster club at Florida State University.

The goal of the booster club is to help create a hostile environment at every Seminole home match and make Tully Gymnasium one of the toughest arenas to play in the country. Each fan is encouraged to join the Net Set Club and help other members promote Florida State volleyball around the campus and community. In order to help build and maintain the Net Set Club, the volleyball program needs fans to join.

Membership fees begin at \$30 and more information can be found by visiting www.seminole-boosters.fsu.edu and clicking on 'Ways To Give' at the top and following the link to 'Coaches Clubs'



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TALLAHASSEE'S AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY!

On June 26, 1999, judges from the National Civic League named Tallahassee as one of 10 cities to win the prestigious All-America City (AAC) award from the 1999 All-America City conference in Philadelphia. The All-America City award is the most prestigious and coveted award a community can win. The annual award recognizes exemplary, grassroots and problem-solving efforts of communities that cooperatively tackle challenges and achieve measurable results. Judging is based on the overall level of community involvement in solving critical local problems, including public-private partnerships.

“This is clearly one of the most exciting things to ever happen to Tallahassee,” said a jubilant Mayor Scott Maddox. “For those of us who call Tallahassee home, the All-America City award verifies what we’ve known for so long — that we have one of the greatest cities in all of America!”

Among low, rolling hills, down moss draped canopy roads, within picturesque historical districts, and across seas of flowering azaleas lies a magical part of the Sunshine State — Tallahassee — Florida’s capital city. With its intriguing combination of power-play politics and classic character splashed with a twist of beauty and charm, Tallahassee is a genteel Southern belle with good manners, old plantation homes and y’all-come hospitality — a side of Florida few expect to find.

With the Gulf of Mexico just 25 miles south and the Georgia border only 14 miles north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida’s panhandle and peninsula in an area known as “The Big Bend.” Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its’ Georgia neighbor than Florida in topography, climate and lifestyle.

Like the city itself, the story of how Tallahassee was chosen as the state

capital is rich in history. In 1823, two explorers set out — one on horseback from St. Augustine and the other by boat from Pensacola — to establish a permanent, central location for the seat of government. The two met at a beautiful site that the Creek and Seminole Indians called “tallahassee” — derived from the words “talwa,” meaning town, and “ahassee,” meaning old. This historic meeting place remains Florida’s capital today.

The New Capitol building rises at the center of Tallahassee’s downtown as a sleek modern structure, juxtaposed next to the Old Capitol, built in the more classic domed style. A gallery atop the 22-story New Capitol provides a sweeping view of the hilly city and its tree-lined streets. From it, you can see all the way to Georgia, 20 miles away.

Around the capitol complex, a 10-block historic district spreads, preserving the town’s gracious old homes along a linear park and holding a historic inn, bars and restaurants patronized by Senators and



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sophomores alike. With no shortage of culture, downtown also offers museums, theater and art galleries. Artists have turned the old warehouses of Downtown Industrial Park into the studios and cafes of Railroad Square. The Museum of Florida History, nearby, is highly acclaimed for its scan of the state's past, and The Mary Brogan Museum of Art & Science, along with changing art exhibits, brings learning to a kid's level with hands-on exhibits. Other sightseeing favorites include the floral masterpiece of Alfred B. Maclay State Gardens; Bradley's Country Store; FAMU Black Archives; and the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum.

The area surrounding Tallahassee reveals numerous other historic and archaeological treasures, such as De Soto State Archaeological and Historical Site, Lake Jackson State Archaeological Site, Mission San Luis, Natural Bridge Battlefield and San Marcos de Apalache. Visitors can explore prehistoric Florida at the Museum of Florida History, where they are greeted by a giant 12,000-year-old mastodon pulled from nearby Wakulla Springs.

On the shores of Wakulla Springs, alligators still laze under the watchful eyes of "snake birds" perched on twisted cypress trees. The site of many underwater scenes in "Tarzan" movies, it's one of the world's deepest freshwater springs. Glass-bottomed boat tours across these mystical waters are available.

Nearby small towns offer fascinating excursions to places such as Pebble Hill Plantation, Florida Caverns State Park, Monticello Opera House and St. George Island.



TALLAHASSEE UP CLOSE

- Tallahassee is home to more than 60,000 college students between Florida State University, Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College.
- Thirty percent of Tallahassee's population is 18-24 years old.
- The average maximum temperature in Tallahassee is 78 degrees and almost twenty-five percent of the year the temperature is above 90 degrees.
- There are over 150,000 people living in the Tallahassee area and over 300,000 in the metropolitan area.
- The capital of the State of Florida has been located in Tallahassee since 1823.



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THE CAPITOL

One of five tower Capitols in the U.S. features panoramic view from 22-floor observatory/art gallery, House and Senate viewing galleries.



CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER

The Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee is a 32,000 square foot facility located on beautiful Kleman Plaza in downtown Tallahassee. The Challenger Learning Center is the K-12 outreach facility of the Florida A&M University — Florida State University College of Engineering and a visitor destination. The Center features a state-of-the-art Space Mission Simulator and utilizes the immersiveness of an IMAX theatre and a digital domed planetarium to create an unforgettable experience for all.



MACLAY STATE GARDENS

Enchanting floral architecture surrounds 1930s home of NY financier Alfred B. Maclay. Impressive grounds feature 200+ floral varieties plus hiking, biking and nature trails, swimming, fishing and boating.

MARY BROGAN MUSEUM OF ART & SCIENCE

Interactive hands-on science center and national traveling art and science exhibitions.

MISSION SAN LUIS

Site of Spanish/Indian village settled from 1656-1704. Ongoing excavations/ exhibits/ reconstructions.

MUSEUM OF FLORIDA HISTORY

Permanent exhibits include a nine-foot mastodon, Spanish galleon treasures, Civil War memorabilia, reconstructed steamboat and Prehistoric Florida plus traveling exhibits.

OUR CAPITOL MUSEUM

Restored to 1902 appearance featuring red candy-striped awnings, stained glass dome, House and Senate Chambers, Supreme Court and Governor's office.

TALLAHASSEE ANTIQUE CAR MUSEUM

Impressive showroom features award winning Chevys, one-of-a-kind Ford Roadster, 1913 CarNation Tourer, 1931 Duesenberg, 1956 T-Bird, Delorean, Cadillacs, Corvettes and more. Plus two original Bat Mobiles.



MUSEUM AND CULTURE

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) named the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science as one of the nation's exemplary museums on September 19, 2000. The Tallahassee Museum, along with 176 other museums, was selected out of a field of 823 applications from museums throughout the nation in a highly competitive competition. The museum features a 52-acre natural habitat zoo, nature trails, authentic 1880s farmstead, hands-on Discovery Center, birds of prey aviary, reptile exhibits, annual events and more!



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WHERE'S THE BEACH?

Where sunny days are filled with the great outdoors...where time is measured by tides and life's rhythms move with the surf... beaches are just a short drive from Tallahassee.

ALLIGATOR POINT

Natural dune public beach, 45 miles south of Tallahassee

CARRABELLE

Coarse public beach, featuring swimming and shelling, 60 miles southwest of Tallahassee

DEKLE BEACH

Pristine sandy beach, clear water featuring boating, swimming, picnicking and more, 70 miles east of Tallahassee

MASHES SANDS BEACH

Public beach, shallow bay water featuring swimming and crabbing, 40 miles southwest of Tallahassee

ST. GEORGE ISLAND

Pristine 29-mile barrier island beach, clear water, featuring swimming, shelling, boating, and fishing, 80 miles southwest of Tallahassee

SHELL POINT

Lovely, small peninsula surrounded by St. Marks Wildlife refuge. Secluded beach and clear water that is popular for sailing and windsurfing, 25 miles south of Tallahassee



CANOPY ROADS

The abundance of trees and timber is a resource uncommon to many other areas of the state. The beauty of the local trees is exemplified in Maclay Gardens State Park, which is the site of several of Florida's champion trees including the flowering Dogwood, the Hawthorn tree, the Horsesugar tree, the Sweetbay Magnolia and the Silverbell tree. These trees and others often extend their branches over the roadway to create a canopied effect, a feature that is held in high esteem by local residents and visitors.