



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

11:00 a.m. **approximate start time*

Florida International University

Modesto A. Maidique Campus

Graham Center Ballrooms

Committee Membership:

Justo L. Pozo, *Chair*; Leonard Boord; Joerg Reinhold; Jose L. Sirven, III; Rogelio Tovar

Liaisons:

Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*; Manny Miranda, *President's Council*

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks | Justo L. Pozo |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | Justo L. Pozo |
| 3. Discussion / Information Items <i>(No Action Required)</i> | |
| 3.1 Athletics Update | Pete Garcia |
| 3.2 Academics Report | Pete Garcia |
| 3.3 APR Report | John Shukie |
| 3.4 EngageMint, Inc. Partners | Mike Millay |
| 3.5 Van Wagner Report | Mark Donley |
| 4. New Business <i>(If Any)</i> | Justo L. Pozo |
| 5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment | Justo L. Pozo |

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THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Athletics Committee
September 5, 2018

Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held February 27, 2018

Proposed Committee Action:

Approval of Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Student Academic Success Center, Room 100.

Background Information:

Committee members will review and approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Student Academic Success Center, Room 100.

Supporting Documentation:	Minutes: Athletics Committee Meeting, February 27, 2018
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Facilitator/Presenter:	Justo L. Pozo, <i>Athletics Committee Chair</i>
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**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 27, 2018**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo at 10:11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Student Academic Success Center, Room 100.

Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo welcomed all Trustees, faculty, staff and students to the meeting.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Athletics Committee members and verified a quorum. Present were Justo L. Pozo, *Chair*; Leonard Boord; Krista M. Schmidt; Rogelio Tovar; and Kathleen L. Wilson.

Board Chair Claudia Puig, Trustees Cesar L. Alvarez, Dean C. Colson, Gerald G. Grant, Jr., Natasha Lowell, and Marc D. Sarnoff, and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Pozo asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2017. A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Friday, March 3, 2017.

3. Action Item

AT1. Naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the "Infinity Insurance Park"

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia presented the Naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the "Infinity Insurance Park" for Committee review, noting that the gift of the naming right is a total of \$300,000 and is for five years. He indicated that, after the five years covered under the naming rights, the donor has a right of first refusal to renew the stadium naming. (Such right is in accordance with the terms of the gift agreement.)

In response to Trustee Kathleen L. Wilson's inquiry, Senior Vice President of University Advancement and CEO of the FIU Foundation Howard R. Lipman, stated that there are suggested amounts for naming of different facilities. He added that the University's Donative Naming Policy

stipulates that the appropriate minimum gift level will be calculated based on a variety of factors that includes market benchmarks.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Athletics Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the “Infinity Insurance Park,” in accordance with the gift agreement related thereto and the University’s and the FIU Foundation, Inc.’s Donative Naming Policy.

Trustee Kathleen L. Wilson voted against the motion.

4. Discussion / Information Items

4.1 Academic and APR Report

Mr. Garcia provided an update on student athlete academic achievements, noting that a total of 23 student athletes earned over a 4.0 GPA, 177 student athletes achieved Dean’s list honors, and 279 student athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or higher. He mentioned that the women’s tennis team and men’s soccer team had the highest GPA’s for their respective sports. Mr. Garcia reported that FIU men’s basketball multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) is 974, adding that this is the highest rate for the team in the history of the APR program. Mr. Garcia stated that over the past three years, not one student athlete from the men’s basketball team has lost an APR eligibility point. He reported that the single year APR in Football for 2016-2017 was 964, indicating that this is the highest score posted by the football team within the past decade. He indicated that a total of eight University teams in the last year have achieved perfect APR scores.

In response to Trustee Leonard Boord’s inquiry, Mr. Garcia stated that the APR was introduced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Mr. Garcia noted that the APR measures academic progress and accounts for student-athlete eligibility and retention. He added that a perfect APR score is 1,000 and that if a team falls below a 930 APR score, there is a progression of penalties for teams that under-perform academically.

In response to Trustee Boord’s inquiry regarding APR calculations, Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar stated that under the NCAA, every student-athlete has five years to complete four years of athletic eligibility and must complete 20% of their degree each year.

4.2 Athletics Update

Mr. Garcia presented the Athletics update, reporting that last season, the FIU women’s tennis program had its most successful season in 15 years. Mr. Garcia added that the women’s tennis team won 21 matches, including 19 straight wins, and recorded a winning percentage of .913, the highest in school history. He noted that FIU advanced to the Conference USA Championship match against Rice University in Houston Texas and finished the season ranked number 42 in the final Oracle/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings.

Women’s Tennis Head Coach Katarina Petrovic recognized the team’s dedication and hard work and introduced members of the team that were present. FIU senior Andrea Lazaro discussed the team’s achievements as they balance their rigorous athletic commitment with their coursework and other extracurricular activities.

Mr. Garcia presented an overview of the accomplishments of various teams. He reported that the FIU men's soccer team finished their regular season undefeated, adding that they were ranked eighth in the nation. He presented men's soccer head coach Kevin Nysten with an award from the NCAA for the most goals per game of any team in Division I. Coach Nysten discussed the team's accomplishments.

Mr. Garcia acknowledged student-athletes with a 4.0 GPA.

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Kenneth A. Jessell reported that the FIU swimming and diving team won its fourth straight Conference USA (C-USA) Swimming and Diving Championship. He added that Head Coach Randy Horner was voted C-USA Swimming Coach of the Year, his fourth straight award.

VP Jessell commended Coach Randy Horner and the swimmers' and divers' hard work, commitment, and dedication.

4.3 Facilities Report

Mr. Garcia noted that baseball stadium upgrades have been completed and that it includes the only collegiate indoor hitting facility in South Florida, which will allow student-athletes to practice even in inclement weather. He reported that the improvements to the Riccardo Silva Stadium also have been completed.

Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo requested for the next Athletics Committee meeting, an APR benchmark analysis, which encompasses historical data, current averages, and trends.

5. Report

5.1 Van Wagner Sports and Entertainment Update

Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo requested that the Van Wagner Report be accepted as written. There were no objections.

6. New Business

Mr. Garcia noted that the student-athletes personal health insurance plan will be utilized for billing purposes when rehabilitation services are rendered by FIU trainers.

7. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:53 a.m.

<i>Trustee Request</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
<i>1. Board Chair Justo L. Pozo requested for the next Athletics Committee meeting, an APR benchmark analysis, which encompasses historical data, current averages, and trends.</i>	<i>Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment, Pete Garcia</i>	<i>Next regularly scheduled committee meeting</i>

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2017-18 FIU ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW



2017 FOOTBALL

2017 RECORD: 8-5 | C-USA RECORD: 5-3 (2ND - EAST) | POSTSEASON: GASPARILLA BOWL

Butch Davis took over the reigns in 2017, becoming the fourth head coach in FIU football history as he guided FIU to a banner season in only his first year.

The Panthers matched the program record for wins (8) and earned the school's third bowl berth - the first since 2011 - with an appearance in the Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl. The Panthers also finished 5-3 in the C-USA East Division, which was good enough for second place.

Among the 22 new head coaches hired for the 2017 season in the FBS, only eight won at least seven games and only five of those won more games than FIU's Davis in his first season. Davis' 2017 FIU squad not only matched the school record in wins, but the 2017 Panthers finished the regular season throwing for the most passing yards (3,031) and rushing for the second-most yards (2,069) in school history. The offense also totaled the second-most yards (5,100) and FIU scored the second-most points (333) in a season. Defensively, the Panthers' 23 sacks ranked eighth in a single-season and the 75 tackles for loss tied for seventh.

The success of Davis' first season led FIU to having the No. 1 ranked 2018 signing class in Conference USA and 67th nationally.

Individually, FIU had 12 players earn All-Conference USA honors highlighted by first team selection **Thomas Owens**. Quarterback **Alex McGough**, left guard **Jordan**



Budwig, linebacker **Anthony Wint** and cornerback **Brad Muhammad** earned second team All-CUSA honors while another six Panthers garnered honorable mention recognition and freshman **Bryce Singleton** made the All-CUSA Freshman Team.

QB McGough finished his career as FIU's all-time career leader in touchdown passes (65) and second in career completions (806) and passing yards (9,091). He completed 232-of-355 passes for a single-season FIU school record 2,798 yards with 17 touchdowns and eight interceptions, while recording a career-best and FIU

best 65.4 completion percentage in 2017. He ranked in the top five in C-USA in passing yards per game (215.2) and passing efficiency (142.8).

Alex Gardner finished his career ranked at the top of the list in career rushing yards (3,063 - 1st), rushing attempts (685 - 1st), and rushing touchdowns (22 - 3rd). Gardner became the only running back in FIU history to eclipse 3,000 yards after his stellar career with the Panthers.

THOMAS OWENS' 2017 RESUME



>> LED THE CONFERENCE IN RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME AFTER EARNING 98.6 PER CONTEST IN 2017



>> EARNED 1ST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE USA DESPITE MISSING LAST FIVE GAMES WITH INJURY



>> 887 RECEIVING YARDS IN 2017 RANKS AS THE 4TH-BEST IN PROGRAM HISTORY FOR A SEASON



>> EARNED FOUR-STRAIGHT GAMES WITH OVER 100 YARDS RECEIVING

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2011

FIU EARNED ITS 1ST BOWL BID SINCE THE 2011 SEASON AND THE 3RD OVERALL FOR THE PROGRAM

8

THE EIGHT WINS IN 2017 TIED A PROGRAM BEST SET 1ST BY THE 2011 PANTHERS

1st

THE PANTHERS EARNED THEIR 1ST SEASON WITH A WINNING LEAGUE RECORD SINCE JOINING C-USA IN 2013

2ND

FIU FINISHED 2ND IN C-USA EAST DIVISION, WHICH MARKED THE HIGHEST FINISH EVER FOR THE PANTHERS



ALEX MCGOUGH BY THE NUMBERS

1st >> SELECTED IN 7TH ROUND BY SEATTLE SEAHAWKS IN 2018 NFL DRAFT TO BECOME 1ST FIU QB TAKEN IN SCHOOL HISTORY

65 >> FIU'S ALL-TIME CAREER LEADER IN TD PASSES AFTER THROWING 65 AS A PANTHER

806 >> COMPLETED 806 PASSES TO RANK 2ND ALL-TIME AT FIU FOR CAREER COMPLETIONS

2,798 >> THREW FOR 2,798 YARDS IN 2017, BREAKING FIU'S SINGLE-SEASON RECORD

9,091 >> THREW FOR 9,091 YARDS WHILE AT FIU TO RANK 2ND ALL-TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY



RECORD GAME VS UMASS

1ST

POINTS (63)

1ST

RUSH TDS (6)

1ST

TOTAL YDS (674)

3RD

RUSH YDS (379)

>> FIU SCORED THE MOST POINTS (63), MOST RUSHING TDS (6) AND RACKED UP MOST YARDS (674) IN A SINGLE GAME

>> THE PANTHERS RUSHED FOR 379 YARDS, WHICH WAS THE 3RD-HIGHEST SINGLE-GAME TOTAL IN FIU HISTORY

>> ALEX MCGOUGH RUSHED FOR A CAREER-HIGH 108 YARDS AGAINST UMASS

>> THE 108-YARD PERFORMANCE WAS JUST THE 3RD TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY THAT A PANTHER QB HAS RUSHED OVER THE CENTURY MARK IN A GAME AND THE 1ST SINCE 2012

>> ALEX GARDNER MATCHED ALEX MCGOUGH'S 108 ON THE GROUND, MARKING THE 5TH TIME THAT TWO PANTHERS HAVE RUSHED OVER 100 YARDS IN A SINGLE GAME

>> FRESHMAN WIDE RECEIVER BRYCE SINGLETON SET CAREER-HIGHS WITH 111 RECEIVING YARDS, SIX CATCHES AND THREE TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS. THE THREE TOUCHDOWNS TIED A SCHOOL RECORD SET BY JONNU SMITH IN 2014 AGAINST MIDDLE TENNESSEE

98%

FIU SCORED ON 98% OF ITS RED-ZONE SCORING CHANCES (40-OF-41) TO RANK 1ST IN THE NATION

35

ALEX MCGOUGH'S 35 COMPLETIONS AGAINST ODU TIED A SCHOOL RECORD SET BY WES CARROLL AT MARYLAND ON SEPT. 25, 2010

3

LB ANTHONY WINT IS ONE OF THREE PANTHERS WITH AT LEAST 300 CAREER TACKLES AFTER EARNING 336 FOR HIS CAREER

3,000

ALEX GARDNER IS THE ONLY RUNNING BACK IN FIU HISTORY TO ECLIPSE THE 3,000 MARK AFTER EARNING 3,063 YARDS

22

PUNTER STONE WILSON HAD 22 PUNTS INSIDE THE 20-YARD LINE IN 2017, WHICH BROKE THE SINGLE-SEASON SCHOOL RECORD



2017 CROSS COUNTRY

2017 C-USA FINISH: 8TH/11TH (WOMEN/MEN) | POSTSEASON: NCAA SOUTH REGIONALS - 24TH OVERALL (WOMEN)

The 2017 season was a major step forward for the FIU women's cross country program as the squad posted one of the best seasons in school history for the sport. The women and men competed in five regular season meets in 2017, with the women winning one meet and taking a runner-up showing in another.

Team success wasn't the only highlight for 2017 however, as sophomore **Sherilene Gelderblom** had one of the best seasons by any cross country athlete in school history. The South Africa native broke the school record in the 5K, won her first collegiate meet, earned the program's first-ever All-Conference USA honor and narrowly missed out on being the school's first All-South Region honoree.

The women started out the first half of the cross country campaign strong, as the Panthers placed second overall at the Gator Invitational in nearby Gainesville. The squad scored 148 points at the 5K event, with Gelderblom leading the pack with her school-record 17:21.2 time to place runner-up at the Florida -hosted event. The runner-up finish for FIU was a major improvement from just one season, as the Panther women finished the 2016 event toward the back of the pack.

FIU's finish at the Gator Invitational was only the first sign of big things to come for the Panthers as the women followed up the runner-up showing with a win at the Disney Cross Country Classic 5K in Orlando, beating out the likes of host UCF, Florida Atlantic and Youngstown State.

Much like the entire season for FIU's women, Gelderblom led the Panthers - but this time she took gold - as the sophomore won her first collegiate race



after a time of 18:00.8 in the 5K.

The Panthers continued their improvement at the Conference USA Championships in Clinton, Mississippi as FIU posted the program's best finish at the event, with an eighth-place showing. Gelderblom finished sixth in the 5K, following her time of 17:22.41, to claim First Team All-Conference USA honors in the process.

The Panthers closed out the year at the NCAA South Region Championships in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. FIU placed 24th for the event. Gelderblom narrowly missed out on all-region honors for the Panthers, after the sophomore placed 26th overall and finished two slots shy of the honor.

On the men's side, the Panthers posted a top-10 finish four times on the season. FIU's men earned a season-best fifth overall at two meets, the first coming

at the Florida Atlantic Invitational 8K to open the season and the next coming at the Disney Cross Country Classic 8K in Orlando.

The FIU men were led by Areces brothers in 2017, as the sibling duo of Daniel and Jorge Areces posted eight of the Panthers' nine individual top-70 finishes. Daniel earned the highest finish on the season after placing 22nd overall at the FAU Invitational, while Jorge earned the fastest time after clocking a 27:41.68 at the C-USA Championships.

SHERILENE GELDERBLOM'S 2017 RESUME



>> WON HER FIRST COLLEGIATE RACE AT THE DISNEY CROSS COUNTRY CLASSIC 5K



>> 1ST FIU RUNNER IN PROGRAM HISTORY TO EARN ALL-CONFERENCE USA



>> SET SCHOOL RECORD IN 5K WITH TIME OF 17:21.2 AT GATOR INVITATIONAL

1ST

FIU WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY WON THEIR FIRST MEET IN OVER 10 YEARS

8TH

THE PANTHER WOMEN EARNED THE SCHOOL'S BEST C-USA FINISH IN PROGRAM HISTORY

3

FIU'S WOMEN EARNED THREE TOP-3 FINISHES IN 2017



2017-18 WOMEN'S TENNIS

2017-18 RECORD: 17-3 | C-USA RECORD: 6-0 (1ST) | POSTSEASON: NCAA 1ST ROUND

FIU women's tennis posted one of its best seasons in recent history after the Panthers downed Rice to win the school's first C-USA Championship in program history, while also going 17-3 overall and earning the school's ninth overall NCAA Team Championship berth.

FIU was led by senior **Andrea Lazaro**, who earned the program's first national title after winning the Oracle ITA National Fall Championship to close out 2017. Lazaro also became the school's first ITA All-American in the spring of 2018 after earning a program-best 30-5 record in singles play.

The 2017-18 campaign began with a strong start as FIU won 10 of its first 11 matches to open the season. The Panthers carried early momentum into league play as FIU went a perfect 6-0 to lock up the No. 1 seed heading into the C-USA Championships.

FIU blanked Charlotte and Middle Tennessee to open the conference tourna-

ment, but was tasked with upending Rice, who had won the last five C-USA titles. The Panthers did not back down to the perennial champions as FIU earned a thrilling 4-3 victory over the Owls to capture the school's first C-USA title in program history. After earning the program's ninth NCAA Team Championship berth and first since 2011, FIU would fall narrowly to UCF 4-3, to bring the Panthers' dual-match season to a close.

A record three Panthers were selected for the NCAA Individual Championships following the end of the dual-match season, as Lazaro (singles) and the duo of **Ulyana**

Grib and **Maryna Veklsler** (doubles) earned bids.

Lazaro downed three foes in the NCAA Singles Championships, before falling in quarterfinals. Just as she did to start the season, Lazaro made history once again in 2017-18 as she became the first Panther in program history to advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championships.



ANDREA LAZARO

1ST IN PROGRAM HISTORY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- >> ORACLE ITA NATIONAL FALL CHAMPION
- >> ITA SINGLES ALL-AMERICAN
- >> NCAA SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALIST
- >> RANKED IN FINAL ITA TOP-15 RANKINGS
- >> REACHED NO. 2 OVERALL IN ITA RANKINGS (11/15)

OTHER 2017-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- >> NAMED 1ST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE USA
- >> RIVIERA ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SEMIFINALIST
- >> C-USA SINGLES PLAYER OF THE YEAR
- >> WON 30 MATCHES OVERALL IN SINGLES PLAY



1ST

FIU WON ITS 1ST C-USA TITLE IN PROGRAM HISTORY AFTER DEFEATING RICE, 4-3

9

FIU EARNED ITS FIRST NCAA BERTH SINCE 2011 AND JUST THE 9TH OVERALL IN PROGRAM HISTORY

3

THE PANTHERS HAD A RECORD THREE ATHLETES EARN NCAA INDIVIDUAL BERTHS THIS POSTSEASON

17

FIU HAS EARNED AT LEAST 17 WINS IN BACK-TO-BACK SEASONS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2006-07

61

COACH KATARINA PETROVIC HAS WON 61 MATCHES AT FIU, WHICH RANKS THIRD ALL-TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY

41ST

FIU FINISHED 2017-18 RANKED 41ST OVERALL, THE HIGHEST FINAL ITA RANKING SINCE 2009

2ND

AFTER WINNING THE 2017 ORACLE ITA NATIONAL FALL CHAMPIONSHIP, ANDREA LAZARO CLIMBED TO NO. 2 IN THE NATION

14TH

ANDREA LAZARO EARNED THE HIGHEST FINAL ITA SINGLES RANKING IN PROGRAM HISTORY AFTER FINISHING 14TH



2018 TRACK & FIELD

2018 C-USA FINISH: 7TH/5TH (INDOOR/OUTDOOR - WOMEN) 10TH/10TH (INDOOR/OUTDOOR - MEN) | POSTSEASON: NCAA EAST REGION PRELIMS (WOMEN)

For the FIU track and field program, the 2018 slate was another successful season for the Panthers as the squad posted numerous highlights to fill the season. The women's team posted a fifth-place finish overall at the C-USA Outdoor Championships, marking its highest since 2014 at the event, to continue the program's improvement.

One of the biggest highlights however came from junior **Clarissa Cutliff**, who claimed First Team All-American honors after her dominant season in the high jumps. At this winter's indoor track and field championships in Birmingham, Alabama, Cutliff won her second-straight C-USA high jump title, with a height of 1.84m, her top jump of the year and the best in Conference USA. The Panthers' women's team finished with their highest point total in school history. Cutliff advanced to the NCAA Championships, on her way to becoming an All-American.

Terrisa Russell and **Sherilene Gelderblom** also earned All-Conference USA honors as well, at the conference meet, in the weight throw and 5,000m, respectively.

During the outdoor season, Cutliff continued her dominance in the high jump placing first in all five meets she participated in. Prior the NCAA Regional, she won the 2018 C-USA title with a mark of 1.84m, just shy of her own school record of 1.85m set at the University of Miami Hurricane Collegiate Invitational. Cutliff advanced to the NCAA East Region Prelims where she was one of



11 competitors to clear 1.80m at the NCAA East Region Prelims in Tampa and that was good enough to be one of the top 12 finishers to punch their ticket to the NCAA Championships.

In addition to Cutliff, two other FIU student-athletes won C-USA titles at the outdoor championships. **Gabrielle Rains** won her first C-USA Championship in the discus, with a throw of 51.59m, however, it was her distance of 51.91m at the University of Miami Hurricane Twilight Invitational that qualified her for the NCAA East Region Prelims. Russell posted a school record and career-best throw of 62.48m, surpassing the previous school record – also held by Russell – set at

the University of Miami Twilight Meet, to win her first C-USA title. She, like Rains and Cutliff, advanced to the NCAA East Region Prelims, taking part in not only the hammer throw, but also the discus. Also advancing to the NCAA East Region Prelims was **Kenflore Atilus** and **Asha James**.

On the men's side, **Christian Williams**, **Daniel Neptune**, and **Luarez Tavares**, among others, posted numerous first place and top five finishes during the 2018 campaign.



CLARISSA CUTLIFF'S 2018 RESUME



>> WON BOTH THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR C-USA TITLES IN THE HIGH JUMP



>> 1ST TEAM AND HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICAN FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR



>> BROKE HER OWN SCHOOL RECORD IN HIGH JUMP AFTER A MARK OF 6-00.7 AT THE HURRICANE INVITE

6

THE FIU WOMEN EARNED SIX C-USA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK HONORS IN 2018

5

CLARISSA CUTLIFF NOW HAS FIVE C-USA HIGH JUMP TITLES AFTER HER TWO WINS IN 2018

1ST

CLARISSA CUTLIFF EARNED 1ST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE USA HONORS FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN HER CAREER



2018 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

2018 RECORD: 23-12 | CCSA RECORD: 7-3 (1ST) | POSTSEASON: NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2018 campaign will go down as one of the best seasons in school history for the young FIU beach volleyball program, after the Panthers earned their first-ever NCAA Championships Finals berth following an at-large bid.

FIU posted a 23-12 record in 2018, coming just one win shy of matching the school record for most wins in a season set in 2017. The Panthers earned a 7-3 mark overall in the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA) play, while finishing third overall in the conference and capping the league tournament with a semifinal appearance.

The Panthers began the year by winning six of their first seven matches, but faltered on the West Coast after dropping all four tough matches to USC, UCLA, Hawaii and Pepperdine.

FIU bounced back nicely following the losses however, as the Panthers won their next 10 matches to improve to 16-5 on the season. The Panthers would close out the regular season with a 4-2 mark as FIU entered the CCSA Conference Tournament in Emerson, Georgia as the No. 3 seed overall.



FIU downed College of Charleston (5-0), Tulane (3-2) and UAB (5-0), but fell to the top two seeded teams at the tournament in South Carolina (3-2) and Florida State (5-0) to finish in the semifinals.

Following a 23-10 mark overall, the Panthers received an at-large bid as one of only eight teams for the NCAA Championships, which also marked the first-ever NCAA Championships berth in program history for FIU.

FIU would lose to powerhouse and No. 1 ranked UCLA (3-0) to open the tournament, before the Panthers followed up the loss with a narrow defeat to No. 5 USC as FIU fell 3-2 to end its historic run.

The FIU pair of **Federica Frasca** and

Margherita Bianchin, were one of the most dominating tandems in collegiate beach volleyball all year, ending the season with a 27-8 record and ranked at No. 10 in the nation at No. 1. The pair was one of just six tandems nationwide at No. 1 to record more than 25 wins in the season.

In addition, **Estefanie Bethancourt** and **Natalia Giron** recorded a 22-12 overall mark, and 17-7 at the No. 4 position. **Mariana Dal Pozzo** and **Taija Thomas** posted an impressive 19-6 record on the year.

1ST

FIU EARNED ITS 1ST NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BID IN 2018

23

THE 23 WINS IN 2018 CAME ONLY ONE WIN SHY OF THE PROGRAM RECORD OF 24 SET IN 2017

9TH

THE PANTHERS FINISHED THE SEASON RANKED 9TH IN THE FINAL AVCA POLL

20

FIU HAS EARNED AT LEAST 20 WINS IN THREE OF ITS LAST FOUR SEASONS

2

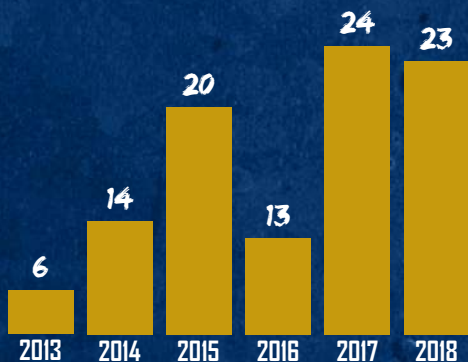
FIU HAD A RECORD-HIGH TWO ALL-AMERICANS LAST SEASON IN FEDERICA FRASCA AND MARGHERITA BIANCHIN

90

ANABELA SATARIC WON THE ELITE 90 AWARD FOR NCAA DI WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2018



SIX-YEAR OVERVIEW FOR FIU



SIX-YEAR PROGRAM WIN TOTAL

1ST

>> IN 2017 THE PANTHERS EARNED THEIR 1ST TRIP TO THE CCSA TITLE GAME

3RD

>> FIU SET A PROGRAM-HIGH RANKING OF 3RD OVERALL IN THE 2015 AVCA POLL

20

>> IN THREE OF FIU'S SIX SEASONS, THE PANTHERS HAVE EARNED AT LEAST 20 WINS

100

>> FIU BEACH VOLLEYBALL NOW OWNS 100 PROGRAM WINS IN JUST SIX SEASONS OF PLAY



TOP PANTHER PAIR

MARGHERITA BIANCHIN & FEDERICA FRASCA



2018 OVERALL AWARDS

BEACH VOLLEYBALL ALL-AMERICANS

CCSA ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

CCSA ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

VOLLYMOB BEACH PAIR OF THE WEEK (3/11)

DIG MAGAZINE NATIONAL BEACH PAIR OF THE WEEK (3/25)

CCSA BEACH PAIR OF THE WEEK HONOR (4/3)

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FINISHED SEASON WITH 27-8 RECORD OVERALL

ONE OF JUST SIX TEAMS IN NATION TO EARN 25+ WINS AT NO. 1 SPOT

CAPPED 2018 RANKED AS THE NO. 10 PAIR IN THE NATION

BECAME JUST THE 2ND AND 3RD ALL-AMERICANS FOR FIU BEACH

ELITE 90 AWARD WINNER

ANABELA SATARIC



>> WON THE PRESTIGIOUS ELITE 90 ACADEMIC AWARD FOR THE 2018 NCAA D-I WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



>> MAJORED IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AT FIU AND RECORDED A 3.9 UNDERGRADUATE GPA AND GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE



>> THE HONOR WAS THE 1ST IN SCHOOL HISTORY FOR ANY FIU PANTHER ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest Cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 90 championships.

AWARDS





INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

C-USA All-Academic Team
Margherita Bianchin

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Lexie Mesa
Sheyanne Sullivan
Lina Bernier

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Sheila Rojas Rodriguez
Brianna Gogins
Sidney Henderson
Molly Feldmeth
Fabiola Plaza
Sofia Vasilantonaki
Lexie Mesa
Sheyanne Sullivan
Mariana De Paula Silva
Jade Faucette
Lina Bernier
Taija Thomas

FIU Graduates
Mariana De Paula Silva
Taija Thomas
Jennifer Ene
Brianna Gogins

WOMEN'S SOCCER

C-USA All-Freshman Team
Sierra Moss

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Sierra Moss
Michaela Rouse
Lauren Hinton

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Taylor Coffee
Lyrik Fryer
Angel Breedlove
Courtney Phillips
Jacqueline Manteas
Ashley Adams
Paula Quintero
Michelle Moreno
Hanna Rizzi
Lauren Whitaker
Emily Baragar
Nevana Stojakovic
Sierra Moss
Michaela Rouse
Lauren Hinton

FIU Graduates
Paula Quintero
Gabby Bovo

MEN'S SOCCER

USCA First Team All-America
Santiago Patino

USCA Third Team All-America
Paul Marie

USCA All-Southeast Region First Team
Santiago Patino
Joris Ashlivi
Paul Marie

USCA All-Southeast Region Second Team
Marvin Hezel

TopDrawerSoccer.com National Team of the Week
Joris Ahlinvi (10/22, 10/21)
Santiago Patino (10/9)

CollegeSoccer News National Team of the Week
Santiago Patino (10/2)

Semifinalist MAC Hermann Trophy:
Santiago Patino

C-USA Player of the Year
Santiago Patino

C-USA Offensive Player of the Year
Santiago Patino

First Team All-Conference USA
Santiago Patino
Paul Marie
Joris Ahlinvi

Second Team All-Conference USA
Marvin Hezel
Hugo Fauroux

Third Team All-Conference USA
Donald Tomlinson

C-USA All-Freshman Team
Alessandro Campoy
Matias Barraza

C-USA All-Tournament Team
Paul Marie
Marvin Hezel

C-USA Player of the Week
Santiago Patino (8/28)

C-USA Offensive Player of the Week
Santiago Patino (10/30, 10/9, 10/2, 9/4)
Paul Marie (10/16, 10/23)

C-USA Defensive Player of the Week
Hugo Fauroux (8/28)

USCA Southeast Region D-I Staff of the Year
Kevin Nylen (along with assistant coaches Ben Mallue, Jean Camere and Patrick Lopez)

C-USA Coach of the Year
Kevin Nylen

CoSIDA Academic All-District Men's Soccer First Team:
Luca Giovine

C-USA All-Academic Team
Luca Giovine

C-USA Commissioner Academic Medal List
Daniel Gagliardi
Aron Heiddal
Marvin Hezel

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Alessandro Campoy
Santiago Patino
Adam Hassan
Alvaro Alvarez
Paul Marie
Esteban Calvo
Jordi Avila
Andrew Booth
Inigo Sagarduy
Juan Agredo
Joris Ahlinvi
Andrea Bianchi
Owen Green
Matias Barraza
Luca Giovine
Daniel Gagliardi
Aron Heiddal
Marvin Hezel
Teo Papazian

FIU Male Student-Athlete of the Year
Santiago Patino

FIU Graduates
Jamar Campion-Hinds
Ismael Longo

FOOTBALL

First Team All-Conference USA
Thomas Owens

Second Team All-Conference USA
Jordan Budwig
Fermin Silva
Anthony Wint
Brad Muhammad

All-Conference USA Honorable Mention
Alex McGough
Alex Gardner
Pharoah McKeever
Treyvon Williams
Bryce Canady
Jose Borregales

C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week
Stone Wilson (10/2)

C-USA Football Defensive Player of the Week
Fermin Silva (10/16)
Brad Muhammad (10/30)

C-USA All-Academic Team
Dallas Connell (12/1)

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll:
Jacob White
Shawn O'Gorman
Jordan Budwig
Mark Hutchinson
Johnathon Scandrett
Julian Williams
Deion Eakins
Isaiah Hill
D'Vonte Price
Dimitry Prophete
Noah Curtis
Charles Peterson



Christopher Flaig
Max Gonzalez-Brito
Dorian Hall
Noah Motto
Pol Guzman
Douglas Connell
Kevin Oliver
Dallas Connell

FIU Graduates
Kai Absheer
Jordan Gues
Jacob Kraut
Chris Miller
Anthony Wint
Napoleon Maxwell
James Cruise
Caylin Hauptmann
Jordan Budwig
Treyvon Williams

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

First Team All-Conference USA
Sherilene Gelderblom

C-USA Cross Country Athlete of the Week
Sherilene Gelderblom (9/26, 10/8)

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Sofia Fernandez
Lianna Farnesi
Brittany Watson
Sabrina Quijano

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Lauren Garcia
Sydney Grier
Nicole Jones
Michelle Fuentes
Rahel Geretsadik
Terneka Gibson
Mackenzie Mayers
Shelby Cutchinal
Sherilene Gelderblom
Sofia Fernandez
Lianna Farnesi
Brittany Watson
Sabrina Quijano

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Daniel Areces
Jorge Areces
David Suarez

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ITA All-America Team
Andrea Lazaro

Singles First Team All-Conference USA:
Andrea Lazaro
Ulyana Grib.

Singles Second Team All-Conference USA
Maryna Veklsler

Doubles First Team All-Conference USA
Maryna Veklsler
Ulyana Grib
Andrea Lazaro
Nerma Caluk

C-USA All- Freshman Team
Sandra Bozinovic

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal List
Mina Markovic,
Andrea Lazaro
Maryna Veklsler
Ulyana Grib
Nerma Caluk

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Mina Markovic,
Andrea Lazaro
Maryna Veklsler
Ulyana Grib
Nerma Caluk

FIU Female Student-Athlete of the Year
Andrea Lazaro

FIU Graduates
Andrea Lazaro
Nerma Caluk

WOMEN'S GOLF

Third Team All-Conference USA
Valentina Gilly
Katerina Krasova

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal List
Diana Velez
Agueda Cortilla

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Carolina Andrade
Katerina Krasova
Gabriela Powel
Carolina Rotzinger Ballesteros
Ana Maria Rengifo
Diana Velez
Agueda Cortilla

FIU Graduates
Katerina Krasova

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

C-USA Swimmer of the Year
Naomi Ruele

C-USA Diver of the Year
Rebecca Quesnel

C-USA Freshman Swimmer of the Year
Sara Gyertyanffy

C-USA Freshman Diver of the Year
Rachel Foord

C-USA Swimmer of the Meet
Naomi Ruele

C-USA Diver of the Meet
Rebecca Quesnel

C-USA Swimmer of the Week:
Naomi Ruele (11/18)

C-USA Divers of the Week
Rachel Foord (11/1, 11/8, 1/10)
Rebecca Quesnel (10/11, 1/24, 1/31)
Brooke Bouchard (11/22)
Brittany Haskell (1/17, 12/20, 2/7)

C-USA Coach of the Year
Randy Horner (2/24)

C-USA Diving Coach of the Year
Rio Ramirez (2/24)

C-USA All-Academic Team
Letizia Bertelli
Rebecca Quesnel

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal List
Letizia Bertelli
Rielly McNamara
Marissa Martin
Stephanie Hussey
Alexa Bryant
Kelsie Campbell
Rachel Foord

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Skye Carey
Laura Coronado
Kyna Pereira
Berta Triola
Brittany Haskell
Anna Topolanski
Natalia Coronado
Ann Barral
Maria Lopez
Brooke Bouchard
Nicole Hunnewell
Alexandra Mayhew
Taylor Grabenhorst
Rachel Whitaker
Oceane Peretti
Rebecca Quesnel
Letizia Bertelli
Rachel Foord
Rielly McNamara
Marissa Martin
Stephanie Hussey
Alexa Bryant
Kelsie Campbell

FIU Graduates
Maria Lopez
Ally Mayhew
Chase Harris
Rebecca Quesnel

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Third Team All-Conference USA
Brian Beard Jr.

C-USA All-Defensive Team
Brian Beard Jr.



C-USA Player of the Week
Brian Beard Jr (2/4)

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Michael Douglas Jr.
Trejon Jacob
Victor Sanchez Riera
Cordell Veira
Hassan Hussein
Osasumwen Osaghae
Isaiah Banks
Kasper Christiansen
Elhadji Dieng

FIU Graduates
Jay Harvey
Eric Lockett

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

C-USA Player of the Week:
Alexis Gordon (1/2)

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Quira Demery
Elizabeth Toye

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Callie Cavanaugh
Lauryn Snipes
Chelsea Guimaraes
Kiandre'a Pound
Quira Demery
Elizabeth Toye

FIU Graduates
Kiandre'a Pound

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

USTFCCCA First Team All-America (Indoor)
Clarissa Cutliff

USTFCCCA All-America Honorable Mention (Outdoor)
Clarissa Cutliff

First Team All-Conference USA (Indoor)
Clarissa Cutliff

First Team All-Conference USA (Outdoor)
Clarissa Cutliff

C-USA Field Athlete of the Week
Terissa Russel (1/9, 4/17)
Clarissa Cutliff (1/16, 2/13, 4/3, 4/10)

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Clarissa Cutliff
Kiera Forde-Richards
Trinavia Williams
Nadja Radovic
Harrison Mancke
Dina Cosic
Brittany Watson
Sabrina Quijano

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Sydnee Wilkerson
Abigail Foster
Astrid Same

Kenflore Atilus
Timberly Molden
Samantha Ebanks
Mackenzie Mayers
Jovana Ilic
Jada Roberson
Gabrielle Rains
Jasmine Banks
Clarissa Cutliff
Kiera Forde-Richards
Trinavia Williams
Nadja Radovic
Harrison Mancke
Dina Cosic
Brittany Watson
Sabrina Quijano

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Joshua Napier
Christian Williams
Ladarius Flagg
Daniel Neptune
Andrew Samuels
Reed Service
Wisdom Offor
Royer Baez
Husani Wilburgh
Patston Stewart

SOFTBALL

First Team All-Conference USA
Shannon Saile
Jackie Schoff
Kasandra Castle

Second Team All-Conference USA
Jessica Rivera

C-USA All-Freshman Team
Vanessa Gallegos

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Michaela Mills

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Brianna Bahadue
AnnMarie Cooker
Jacqueline Schoff
Jessica Rivera
Shannon Saile
Araceli Peralta
Samantha Arrastia
Kendahl Dunford
Victoria Jones
Natalie Orcutt
Kasandra Castle
Venessa Gallegos
Megan Kugelmann
Michaela Mills

FIU Graduates
Kasandra Castle
Michaela Mills

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Beach Volleyball All-America
Margherita Bianchin/Federica Frasca

CCSA Pair of the Week
Margherita Bianchin/Federica Frasca (4/3)

DiG Magazine National Beach Pair of the Week
Margherita Bianchin/Federica Frasca (3/25)

VollyMob Beach Pair of the Week
Margherita Bianchin/Federica Frasca (3/11)

CCSA All-Conference Team
Margherita Bianchin/Federica Frasca

CCSA All-Tournament Team
Margherita Bianchin/Federica Frasca

CCSA Pair of the Week
Margherita Bianchin/Federica Frasca (4/3)

Elite 90 Award
Anabela Sataric

CCSA All-Academic Team
Margherita Bianchin
Lina Bernier

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Michaela Mills

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal
Lina Bernier

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
Mariana De Paula Silva
Lina Bernier

FIU Graduates
Mariana De Paula Silva



BASEBALL

Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America

Jose Garcia
Adan Fernandez
Logan Allen

NCBWA Freshman All-America

Logan Allen
Jose Garcia

Perfect Game/Rawlings Freshman All-America

Logan Allen
Jose Garcia

ABCA/Rawlings NCAA D-I Central All-Region Team

Eddie Silva
Jose Garcia

Perfect Game Pitcher of the Week

Logan Allen (5/15)

Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week

Eddie Silva(4/30)

C-USA Freshman of the Year

Jose Garcia

First Team All-Conference USA

Eddie Silva

Second Team All-Conference USA

Austin Shenton
Logan Allen
Andres Nunez

C-USA All-Freshman Team

Logan Allen
Jose Garcia

C-USA Pitcher of the Week

Andres Nunez (4/23)
Logan Allen (5/14)

C-USA Hitter of the Week

Eddie Silva (4/30)

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal

Dereck Phrathep
Justin Ricard
Steven Casey

C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll

Jose Garcia
Christian Khawam
Kobe Lopez
Daniel Vazquez
Andres Nunez
William Raiden
Lorenzo Hampton
Michael Harkcom
Austin Shenton
Juan Teixeira
Cody Cortelli
Adan Fernandez
Matthew Logullo
Christian Santana
Daniel Brown
William Saxton
Jan Figueroa Franci
Seth Cannady
Greyson Fletcher
Logan Allen
Dereck Phrathep
Justin Ricard
Steven Casey

FIU Graduates

Christian Khawam

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APR REPORT

APR SUCCESS CONTINUES FOR FIU ATHLETICS

All 16 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship athletic programs at FIU finished above the required multi-year score of 930, with 15 teams recording scores of 960 or better in the release of the NCAA's 14th annual Academic Progress Rate (APR) on Wednesday.

"Today's APR report is confirmation of the continued commitment, and academic success, of our student-athletes," FIU Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia said. I applaud the work of our coaches, SAAC staff and student athletes."

The 2018 report released by the NCAA features a four-year compilation of APR data from the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years. The APR uses a series of formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility to measure the academic performances of all participants who receive grants-in-aid on every team at every NCAA Division I college and university.

Women's golf and women's cross country were recognized by the NCAA last week for registering a perfect multi-year score of 1,000, ranking in the top 10 percent of their sport. It marked the fourth-straight year women's golf was recognized for its academic success.

Nine teams improved their multi-year score (men's basketball, men's cross country, football, men's soccer, softball, swimming and diving, women's tennis, men's track and field and women's volleyball.



The men's track and field program had the biggest jump, improving 16 points from last year.

Eight teams secured perfect single-year scores in 2016-17, with baseball, women's basketball, men's cross country, women's cross country, women's golf, men's soccer, women's tennis and women's volleyball all posting a 1,000 for the season.



FIU ATHLETICS APR SCORES

SPORT	2016-17 (SINGLE-YEAR APR)	2016-17 (4-YEAR APR)	NATIONAL AVERAGE	RANK IN C-USA (SINGLE-YEAR)
Baseball	1000	960	975	#1 (Tie) out of 12
Men's Basketball	980	974	966	#5 (Tie) out of 14
Men's Cross Country	1000	974	979	#1 (Tie) out of 11
Football	964	945	968	#6 out of 13
Men's Soccer	1000	970	977	#1 out of 9
Men's Track	971	977	971	#5 out of 10
Women's Basketball	1000	991	980	#1 (Tie) out of 14
Women's Cross Country	1000	1000	988	#1 (Tie) out of 13
Women's Golf	1000	1000	990	#1 (Tie) out of 11
Softball	988	990	983	#8 (Tie) out of 12
Women's Soccer	981	981	986	#9 (Tie) out of 14
Women's Beach Volleyball	932	967	988	#10 out of 10 (CCSA)
Women's Swimming	991	979	991	#3 out of 6
Women's Tennis	1000	981	988	#1 (Tie) out of 14
Women's Track	960	976	982	#10 out of 13
Women's Volleyball	1000	989	987	#1 (Tie) out of 13

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FIU ATHLETICS SPONSORSHIPS



QUARTERLY REPORT - July 2018

Sales This Quarter	\$ 76,000	Sales Year to Date	\$ 412,488	Expected Outstanding Renewals	\$ 306,000
Barter This Quarter	\$ 100,000	Barter Year to Date	\$ 108,000	Active New Business Proposals	\$ 841,000

Expected Sales from Outstanding Renewals	\$ 275,000	90% of Total Outstanding
Expected Sales from New Business Proposals	\$ 168,200	20% of Total Outstanding

New Sponsors This Quarter

Top Golf
Gulfstream Park
Family Paintball Center
1-800 Injured
Tasco Plumbing and Mechanical
The Spot Barbershop
Wajiros

Active New Business Proposals

Doral View
Pay by Phone
BB&T
AT&T
U.S. Navy
Rapids Water Park
Miccosukee Tribe of Indians
Fresh from Florida
Hard Rock Café
Bahamas Paradise Cruise Lines
Florida National Guard
Estrella Insurance

* FIU recives 50% of sales above \$1.1 Million

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JEREMY BALLARD

HEAD COACH FIU MEN'S BASKETBALL (FIRST SEASON)

Jeremy Ballard was officially introduced as the ninth head coach in the history of the FIU men's basketball program on April 23, 2018, at a press conference in the Ocean Bank Convocation Center.

Ballard arrives at FIU after serving as associate head coach at VCU in 2017-18. He has spent 14 seasons as an assistant coach at the Division I level with coaching stints at Pitt, Illinois State, VCU, Tulsa and his alma mater Colgate.

As associate head coach at VCU, Ballard was reunited with current VCU head coach Mike Rhoades, who he coached with prior on the staff of former VCU head coach and current Texas head coach Shaka Smart. Ballard's main focus was VCU's defense. The Rams finished 18-15 this past season and advanced to the Atlantic 10 Conference Quarterfinals. Forward Justin Tillman was named All-Atlantic 10 Conference First Team, as well as to the All-Defensive Team.

His most successful stretch came with the Rams from 2012-15. Ballard helped lead VCU to a 79-28 mark and three straight NCAA Tournament appearances during his initial tenure in Richmond from 2012-15. During that time, VCU won at least 26 games each season and finished each season ranked in the Associated Press Top-25. In all, Ballard coached three eventual NBA players at VCU, including Troy Daniels, Briante Weber and Treveon Graham.

At the time of his hiring at FIU, Ballard was the sixth former Smart assistant to become a head coach. Rhoades, Will Wade (LSU), Mike Jones (Radford), Jamion Christian (Mount St. Mary's) and Mike Morrell (UNC Asheville) are the others.

Ballard served as an assistant on Kevin Stallings' Pitt staff during the 2016-17 season, where he coached All-ACC Third Team and USBWA All-District II forward Michael Young and All-ACC Honorable Mention selection Jamel Artis. Young led the ACC in scoring averaging 19.6 points per game. Young went on to sign with the Washington Wizards while Artis signed with the Orlando Magic.

In 2015-16, Ballard helped guide Illinois State to an 18-14 overall record and a 12-6 Missouri Valley Conference mark, which tied for second place and signified ISU's highest league finish and most conference wins since 2007-08. Working primarily with Illinois State's forwards, Ballard helped MiKyle McIntosh earn MVC Most-Improved Team accolades. McIntosh was also a 2016 All-MVC Honorable Mention Team selection.

In 2014-15, Ballard helped VCU to its first Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament title. VCU was ranked as high as No. 10 in the Associated Press Top-25 Poll during that period, and on his watch, the Rams earned five all-conference accolades, including two first-team honors.

During his first year as an assistant with the Rams, Ballard worked closely with shooting guard Troy Daniels, who would set a VCU single-season school record with 124 3-pointers. Daniels has since played for four NBA franchises. He signed a multi-year contract extension with the Memphis Grizzlies in 2016 and currently is with the Phoenix Suns.

Ballard's three seasons on Smart's staff at VCU (2012-15) were preceded by five seasons at Tulsa (2007-12) where he helped guide the Golden Hurricane to 109 victories, including three 20-plus win seasons. Tulsa had nine all-conference honorees, including a first-team selection in each of his final four seasons with the Golden Hurricane. Ballard either recruited or



coached three NBA players – Jordan Clarkson, Jerome Jordan and Ben Uzoh – during his time at Tulsa.

In his first season, Tulsa piled up 25 wins and a berth in the Conference USA championship game. The Golden Hurricane eventually won the inaugural College Basketball Invitational Championship and that postseason appearance was followed by back-to-back National Invitation Tournament showings.

Prior to his time with the Golden Hurricane, Ballard was an assistant at his alma mater Colgate University (2004-07). During his time as a student-athlete at Colgate, Ballard won the prestigious ECAC Merit Medal Award twice, becoming only the third player in Colgate history to do so. He twice earned Patriot League Academic Honor Roll recognition and was given the title of the team's best defensive player by the coaching staff during his senior season. Ballard also served as a captain during his senior season.

An Atlanta native, Ballard graduated from Colgate in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in religion. He has a son, Khalif Jamal.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT COACH BALLARD

"Jeremy is a phenomenal hire for FIU. He is a tremendous relationship-builder, tireless worker and extremely high-character person. His commitment to the student-athletes he coaches and his relentless pursuit on the recruiting trail are second to none. Jeremy will do huge things at FIU!"

– SHAKA SMART, TEXAS HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

"Home run hire! Jeremy will positively impact his players and FIU's campus from day one. His energy, passion for his job and relationship building is special. He has a plan and will work it. His players will love his leadership and approach. FIU should be very excited for their basketball program."

– MIKE RHOADES, VCU HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

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SANTIAGO PATINO

2017-18 FIU MALE STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



SPORT: MEN'S SOCCER
YEAR AT FIU: SENIOR
MAJOR: SPORTS MANAGEMENT
MINOR: BUSINESS
HOMETOWN: ORLANDO, FLORIDA
HIGH SCHOOL: FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER STATS

SEASON	GP	GS	Goals	Assists	Points	Shots	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-Att
2015	18	5	2	1	5	15	0.133	0	0.000	0	0-0
2016	17	12	8	1	17	37	0.216	21	0.568	3	0-0
2017	18	18	15	5	35	51	0.294	27	0.529	3	0-0
Total	53	35	25	7	57	103	0.243	48	0.466	6	0-0

SANTIAGO PATINO'S 2017 RESUME

1ST IN PROGRAM HISTORY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- >> C-USA PLAYER OF YEAR
- >> C-USA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF YEAR
- >> C-USA GOLDEN BOOT RECIPIENT
- >> USC 1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN HONORS
- >> C-USA OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOUR TIMES

SCORING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- >> LED C-USA AND FIU IN GOALS (15)
- >> TIED FOR 4TH IN NCAA FOR GOALS SCORED
- >> MOST GOALS SCORED BY ANY FIU PLAYER SINCE 1996
- >> MOST GOALS BY ANY C-USA PLAYER SINCE 2011

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- >> 1ST ALL-AMERICAN SINCE 1996
- >> 1ST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE USA
- >> SEMIFINALIST FOR THE MAC HERMANN TROPHY
- >> C-USA PLAYER OF THE WEEK (8/28)



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