

### MEDIA INFORMATION

### **ARKANSAS COMMUNICATIONS**

The Arkansas Communications Office appreciates your interest in Razorback football and strives to assist you in your coverage. A list of our staff members, our address and telephone numbers are below.

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### **COMMUNICATIONS STAFF**



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Director



Director







**PRICE** Assistant Director







Assistant



**GREGG** Student Assistant



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### **INTERVIEWS**

Interviews with our coaches and student-athletes are encouraged, but we require all interview arrangements be made via the Arkansas Communications Office. University of Arkansas football student-athletes are generally available for interviews during a game week. All student-athlete and assistant coach interview requests must be made at least one day in advance to allow time to facilitate the notification process. Telephone interviews can be arranged, but student-athletes' telephone numbers will not be provided and student-athletes are instructed to direct all interview requests to the Arkansas Communications Office. Student housing, the training room, the weight room and locker rooms are off-limits to members of the media.

### DAILY PRACTICE

Please consult with the Arkansas Communications Office for practice information regarding times, days and accessibility. Following select practice sessions, select members of the coaching staff and/or studentathletes will be available for group interviews with the media. All media members, including video and still photographers, from accredited media outlets wishing to shoot practices are asked to consult with the Arkansas Communications Office for current guidelines prior to arrival at the practice field.

### **WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Please consult the Arkansas Communications Office for the schedule of weekly press opportunities for Coach Pittman and student-athletes.

### SEC WEEKLY COACHES' **TELECONFERENCE**

In conjunction with the Southeastern Conference, head coach Sam Pittman will participate each week in the league's teleconference of football coaches. The teleconferences will be conducted each Wednesday from Aug. 31 to Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. CT to 12:10 p.m. CT. Accredited media members only may access the broadcast-quality teleconference. Callers may participate in the question-and-answer session with an individual coach or all SEC coaches. For more information and the teleconference number, contact the SEC Media Relations Office at (205) 458-3000.

10:00 a.m. Brian Kelly, LSU 10:10 a.m. Kirby Smart, Georgia 10:20 a.m. Billy Napier, Florida 10:40 a.m. Sam Pittman, Arkansas 10:50 a.m. Josh Heupel, Tennessee Nick Saban, Alabama 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. Shane Beamer, South Carolina 11:20 a.m. Eli Drinkwitz, Missouri 11:30 a.m. Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M 11:40 a.m. Mark Stoops, Kentucky Zach Arnett, Mississippi State 11:50 a.m. Lane Kiffin. Ole Miss Noon 12:10 p.m. Hugh Freeze, Auburn 12:20 p.m. Clark Lea. Vanderbilt

### ARKANSAS FTP SITE

An FTP site is available for members of the media. For more information concerning the FTP site, contact Michelle Glover (mlglover@uark.edu).

### **GAME CREDENTIAL REQUEST**

All requests for media and/or photo credentials must be online at SportsSystems.com/Arkansas. Requests should be made at least 10 days in advance.

Credentials must be requested and will be granted on a game-by-game basis only. No multi-game or full season credentials will be issued.

Please see media credentialing guidelines online at SportsSystems.com/Arkansas. Space limitations prevent accommodation of weekly media representatives.

Only fully accredited personnel directly involved in the coverage of the game will be admitted. Credentials are non-transferable. The Arkansas Communications Office reserves the right to revoke any credential: (1) used by an individual other than the one for whom it was granted; (2) any individual who refuses to comply with press box and/or photographic area guidelines; (3) any individual who is not an accredited member of the media; (4) any individual under the age of 16.

Credentials will not be mailed. They may be picked up beginning three hours prior to kickoff at the media will call station at the base of the elevator at both Donald W. Revnolds Razorback Stadium in Favetteville and War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. Photo identification is required when picking up credentials.

### **GAMEDAY PARKING**

Limited parking is available in Fayetteville and Little Rock for media members. Those media members needing parking should make the request at least two weeks in advance to allow time for mailing.

### LIVE STATS

Live in-game stats will be provided for the media at RazorbackStats.com.

### **WIRELESS INTERNET**

The Arkansas press box does have wireless access. Information for accessing the network is available in the press box.

### RAZORBACK SPORTS PROPERTIES

The University of Arkansas Athletic Department and Learfield are in their 15th year of a powerful partnership that created Arkansas Sports Properties. As the multimedia rights-holder, Arkansas Sports Properties (ASP) is responsible for the corporate marketing and advertising for all 19 sports.

Along with corporate branding through the Razorbacks, ASP also creates new programming and publications for Razorback fans. This statewide radio network, consisting of 30-plus affiliates, covers all of Arkansas.

The official radio and television shows of Razorback football continue to grow in attendance and viewership. The radio show is held weekly at the Catfish Hole and airs live on the Razorback Sports Network. The official television show is aired statewide on Sunday nights and regionally throughout the week during football season.

### CHUCK BARRETT - PLAY-BY-PLAY

Barrett is entering his 31st season broadcasting Arkansas sports and his 17th season as the football play-by-play announcer. The 2023 season marks his 29th year on the football broadcast crew, including spending 14 years as the executive producer. Prior to taking over play-by-play responsibilities for the 2007 season, his duties included hosting the pregame show,



halftime and scoreboard shows as well as the football version of the Razorback Report. He was the long time voice of Arkansas baseball, serving as the play-by-play man from 1992 to 2014. Barrett now serves as the Voice of the Razorbacks for football and men's basketball, having picked up men's basketball play-by-play duties prior to the 2010-11 season. He has been recognized by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame as the Arkansas Sportscaster of the Year three times (2007, 2008, 2009) and was inducted into the Arkansas Sportscasters and Sports Writers Hall of Fame in June of this year.

### **QUINN GROVEY - ANALYST**

Grovey is entering his 26th overall season on the network, including his seventh as the analyst. The former Hog quarterback previously served as cohost of the pregame and postgame shows and the network's sideline reporter. A three-year starter for the Razorbacks, Grovey led Arkansas to Southwest Conference titles in 1988 and 1989, and was named to the program's 1980s All-Century team.



### **GENO BELL - CO-HOST & SIDELINE**

Bell is entering his seventh season on the broadcast team as a sideline reporter, taking over the role from Grovey. Bell was a four-year letterwinner on the defensive line for the Razorbacks from 1993-95. He totaled 185 tackles (including 28 for loss,) 11 sacks, four pass breakups and three fumble recoveries. Following his collegiate career, Bell played in the NFL



with the New York Jets and the Cleveland Browns. He returned to Arkansas after his playing career and is the Vice President of the Consolidation Division at the worldwide headquarters of Walmart in Bentonville.

### **RICK SCHAEFFER - CO-HOST**

Schaeffer is entering his 30th year with Razorback football. He was the analyst for 10 seasons and is now a co-host for the pregame, halftime and postgame shows. Schaeffer worked in the Arkansas Sports Information Department for 24 years, 21 of those serving as director. Schaeffer is the co-host of Drive Time Sports on 103.7 The Buzz.





Geno Bell, Chuck Barrett, Quinn Grovey.

CITY	STATION	FREQ.	CITY	STATION	FREQ
Batesville	KW0Z-FM	103.3	Joplin, Mo.	KHST-FM	101.7
Camden	KCXY-FM	95.3	Little Rock	KABZ-FM	103.7
Camden	KAMD-FM	97.1	Magnolia	KZHE-FM	100.5
Crossett	KAGH-FM	104.9	Marshall	KBCN-FM	104.3
Crossett	KAGH-AM	800	Mena	KENA-FM	104.1
DeQueen	KDQN-FM	92.1	Monett, Mo.	KKBL-FM	95.9
DeWitt	KDEW-FM	97.3	Monticello	KGPQ-FM	99.9
El Dorado	KMRX-FM	96.1	Morrilton	KCON-FM	99.3
Fayetteville	KQSM-FM	92.1	Mountain Home	KOMT-FM	93.5
Fayetteville	KAKS-FM	99.5	Ozark	KDYN-FM	96.7
Fayetteville	K237GR	95.3	Ozark	KDYN-AM	1540
Forrest City	KBFC-FM	93.5	Searcy	KRZS-FM	99.1
Fort Smith	KERX-FM	95.3	Texarkana	KKTK-AM	1400
Glenwood	KHGZ-FM	98.9	Tulsa, Okla.	KYAL-FM	99.9
Glenwood	KHGZ-AM	670	Tulsa, Okla.	KYAL-AM	1550
Hot Springs/Mena	KTTG-FM	96.3	Wynne	KWYN-FM	92.5



### VICE CHANCELLOR AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS HUNTER YURACHEK

Guided by the program's mission of building Champions and Razorbacks for Life, vice chancellor and director of athletics Hunter Yurachek has helped lead the University of Arkansas' Department of Intercollegiate Athletics to unprecedented success on and off the field.



Since being introduced as the vice chancellor and director of athletics on Dec. 4, 2017, Yurachek has worked tirelessly to foster athletics success in all 19 sports, restore the tradition of a storied program and enhance the student-athlete experience for 465 student-athletes. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Razorback student-athletes, coaches, administrators, Razorback Foundation members and fans, results are being realized on and off the field.

Now in his sixth full year at the University of Arkansas, Yurachek has firmly positioned the Razorbacks as one of the nation's elite intercollegiate athletics programs. Arkansas is in midst of the most successful era of its program with three-consecutive top-15 Directors' Cup finishes, after earning only one top-15 finish in the first 24 years of the competition.

Arkansas has more than made its mark in the most competitive conference in the nation, winning 31 Southeastern Conference Championships in the past five years, including 23 conference titles in the past three years alone. Both marks lead all SEC programs and the Razorbacks' 31 titles is more than five other league programs combined in that same timeframe.

People throughout the nation are taking notice of the historic run in Fayetteville. Yurachek was selected as a 2021-22 Football Bowl Subdivision Cushman & Wakefield Athletics Director of the Year by his peers. He was also a finalist for the Sports Business Journal 2022 Athletics Director of the Year.

Yurachek's leadership is also making a difference within Arkansas, the SEC and throughout intercollegiate athletics. In 2020, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson named Yurachek to the Governor's Economic Recovery Task Force, to help guide state reopening in the wake of COVID-19. Yurachek was honored as the Arkansas Press Association Headliner of the Year in 2021 and was named the inaugural Celebrate Arkansas Influencer of the Year in 2022.

He is a member of the NCAA Football Oversight Committee, a role he has held since 2021, after previously serving on the Football Competition Committee. Yurachek is the only conference athletics director currently serving on the SEC Executive Committee, which approves the annual operating budget and oversees all financial and fiscal affairs of the conference.

In 2022-23, the Razorbacks recorded a third-consecutive top-15 finish with a No. 13 finish. Arkansas finished first among programs with 19 or fewer sports. The Razorbacks captured two NCAA Championships (MITK, WITK), earned 13 top-25 finishes and six top-10 national finishes. Seventeen of 19 programs were ranked in the top 25, with eight breaking into the top 10. The Hogs won a bowl game for the second-straight year, advanced to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament's Sweet Sixteen for the third-consecutive year and won the program's first match in the NCAA Volleyball Tournament in 18 years. Arkansas won five SEC Championships (BA, MITK, WITK, MOTK).

Academically, Razorback student-athletes combined for a 3.20 cumulative GPA and 166 student-athletes earned academic personal bests. A total of 72 Razorback studentathletes graduated and another 12 earned graduate certificates.

In the 2021-22 academic year, Arkansas recorded the most successful year in the program's history, finishing seventh in the Learfield Directors' Cup. The Razorbacks finished first among programs with 19 or fewer sports, second among SEC schools and earned only its second top-10 Directors' Cup finish. Arkansas earned a total of nine top-10 NCAA finishes and 12 top-20 NCAA finishes. The Razorbacks won eight Southeastern Conference championships (men's and women's cross country, soccer, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, softball regular season, softball tournament) and won a New Year's Day bowl game in football for the first time since 2000. In addition, the Razorbacks advanced to the College World Series, the Elite Eight in men's basketball and women's soccer, and the NCAA Golf Championships in both men's and women's golf.

In the classroom, Razorback student-athletes earned a program-record 3.27 GPA and a total of 97 Razorback student-athletes earned their degrees and added their names to Senior Walk in the 2021-22 academic year.

In 2020-21, Razorback Athletics earned a then program-best eighth place finish in the 2020-21 Learfield Directors' Cup. Arkansas' previous best finish, prior to 2020-21, was 14th in the competition that tracks the nation's most successful intercollegiate athletics programs.

The Razorbacks won another NCAA title (Women's Indoor Track & Field), earned eight Top-10 NCAA finishes and a remarkable 10 Southeastern Conference regular season and tournament championships, including SEC triple crown sweeps in both men's and women's cross country & track and field, a second-straight soccer regular season crown, the program's first softball regular season title and a baseball regular season and tournament championship. Arkansas' championship total led the league and doubled the next closest SEC program.

Meanwhile, Razorback student-athletes combined for a 3.25 GPA and 104 student-athletes graduated from the University of Arkansas. A multi-million-dollar renovation of the Randal Tyson Track Center was completed, while brand new facilities, including the \$27 million J.B. and Johnelle Hunt Family Baseball Development Center and the \$15 million Frank O'Mara Track and Field High Performance Center were constructed.

Even in an abbreviated 2019-20 competition schedule, Razorback Athletics built an impressive resume, including winning its first NCAA championship in women's cross country and its first SEC title in soccer. In addition, the Razorbacks earned SEC championships in women's cross country and men's and women's indoor track and field. Razorback student-athletes followed suit in the classroom, earning a 3.24 cumulative GPA with 107 student-athletes adding their names to Senior Walk as University of Arkansas graduates.

Razorback Athletics was also at the forefront of several key initiatives in 2019-20. In October, Nolan Richardson Court was dedicated at Bud Walton Arena. The Eddie Sutton Men's Basketball Practice gymnasium was created at the Basketball Performance Center.

In 2018-19, Arkansas finished No. 23 in the Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup, including finishing first among programs with 19 or fewer teams. Arkansas captured two NCAA team championships (women's indoor and outdoor track & field), four SEC team championships (women's cross country, women's indoor and outdoor track & field, men's golf) and four SEC team runner-up finishes (soccer, men's cross country, men's indoor track & field and women's basketball).

In addition, the Razorback Baseball team won a share of the SEC Western Division title and advanced to its second straight College World Series. A total of 14 programs were nationally ranked during 2018-19, including five in the top 10. Arkansas had four NCAA individual and 22 SEC individual champions.

Razorback student-athletes continued to achieve at a high level in the classroom, posting a cumulative GPA of 3.24. The program graduated 98% of student-athletes who exhausted their athletic eligibility.

In 2018-19, Arkansas hosted its first NCAA Men's and Women's Golf Championships at Blessings Golf Club. In addition, Arkansas was home to the 2019 SEC Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships as well as both an NCAA Baseball Regional and Super Regional at Baum-Walker Stadium.

Yurachek launched several initiatives to further engage Arkansas and Razorback fans around the world. In August 2018, as part of the One Razorback campaign, the inaugural One Hog Call event was held in Fayetteville, Little Rock and around the globe. Razorback fans from more than 16 countries and 40 states participated in a simultaneous Hog Call.





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Yurachek's first full year in Fayetteville saw tremendous success. Arkansas tied a program record with a No. 16 finish in the 2017-18 Learfield Sports Directors Cup, and first in the nation among schools with 19 or fewer sports.

In 2017-18, Arkansas captured four SEC championships (men's and women's cross country, women's indoor track, women's golf), including the school's first SEC crown in women's golf. The Razorbacks earned three top-five national finishes including national championship runner-up finishes at the 2018 NCAA Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships and the 2018 College World Series. Four Arkansas student-athletes earned individual national championships.

In the 2018 spring semester, Razorback student-athletes earned a record-tying 3.25 GPA and 282 student-athletes secured a spot on the department honor roll. Nearly 125 Razorback student-athletes added their name to Senior Walk as graduates of the University of Arkansas.

Yurachek came to Arkansas from the University of Houston where he served as the vice president for athletics. Prior to Houston, Yurachek served as Director of Athletics at Coastal Carolina University, where Coastal won 29 Big South Conference championships. Yurachek was named Under Armor FCS Athletic Director of the Year in 2014. He has also worked at the University of Akron, the University of Virginia, Western Carolina University, Vanderbilt University and Wake Forest University.

In Yurachek's first two years at Houston, the Cougars' sport programs eclipsed 225 points in the Learfield Directors' Cup in back-to-back years for the first time in department history, securing top-three finishes in The American Athletic Conference both years. Houston's programs combined for a league-leading five American Conference team championships and 22 American Conference individual titles.

The success was not limited to the field of play, however, as UH student-athletes placed 96 and 109 student-athletes on the Dean's List in the fall and spring semesters, respectively. Houston student-athletes combined for the highest spring GPA (2.95), highest cumulative GPA following a spring semester (2.93) and the highest average hours passed in a spring semester (14.1) in department history.

The 2016-17 year also saw the continuation of an aggressive facilities plan as construction began on the \$60 million renovation of the Fertitta Center, the football indoor practice facility and a baseball player development center and clubhouse with more than \$85 million of projects all privately funded.

In his first year in the role, Houston recorded its highest finish in the Learfield Directors' Cup since 1999-2000 and its second-highest finish in school history with 296.5 points to finish 73rd nationally. The 2015-16 academic year saw the Houston Football program capture The American Athletic Conference Championship and a Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl win over Florida State, the Houston Men's Track & Field program win The American Indoor and Outdoor Championships and the Houston Women's Golf program claim an American Championship in only its second year with a full team. In addition, the Men's Basketball program returned to the NCAA postseason for the 29th time in program history and the Men's Golf program advanced to the NCAA Championships for the third straight year.

All of the athletic achievements occurred while UH studentathletes recorded the second-best fall GPA, 2.91, and secondbest spring GPA, 2.87, in athletic department history while placing a record 88 student-athletes on the University's Dean's Honor List in the spring.



Yurachek led the Houston Athletics fundraising charge with a record amount \$5.2 million in private donations to the Athletics general scholarship fund in the 2014-15 fiscal year. Focused on improving the student-athlete experience, Yurachek also led a department that unveiled the completed Guy V. Lewis Development Center for the Houston Men's and Women's Basketball programs, Carolyn and Ron Yokubaitis Field at Carl Lewis International Track & Field Complex, one of the nation's largest collegiate baseball video boards, a renovated Houston Football locker room and a short game facility for the Houston Men's and Women's Golf programs.

Named by Chancellor Dr. Renu Khator as Chair for a campuswide steering committee established to oversee the grand opening events for the \$128 million TDECU Stadium, Yurachek assisted in the cultivation, solicitation and securing of a 10year, \$15 million-naming rights agreement for TDECU Stadium with the per year value ranking in the top ten nationally for collegiate venue naming rights agreements.

Yurachek was instrumental in the national search and hiring of football and men and women's basketball head coaches (Tom Herman, Kelvin Sampson, Ronald Hughey) while overseeing the development and implementation of a \$500,000 remodeling project to the men and women's basketball locker rooms.

He served as liaison with an architectural design firm on the plans for the \$25-million Guy V. Lewis Development Center as well as overseeing the development and implementation of a \$500,000 facility enhancement to the Athletics/Alumni Center, including the addition of Cougar Cafe, a studentablete nutrition center.

Yurachek came to Houston after serving four years as Director of Athletics at Coastal Carolina University where he oversaw a department featuring 18 men's and women's NCAA Division I sport programs. A testament of his vision, Yurachek was named the 2014 Under Armour FCS Athletic Director of the Year in May of 2014.

Under Yurachek's leadership, the Chanticleers won a total of 29 Big South Championships (both regular season and tournament championships), made 30 NCAA appearances and finished a program-best 79th in the 2012-13 Learfield Director's Cup.

During Yurachek's time of leadership, Coastal hosted an NCAA Baseball Regional; NCAA Baseball Super Regional; NCAA Division I Football championship contests in 2010 and '13; and NCAA Men's Soccer Championship matches in 2011, '12 and '13, as well as winning a competitive bid to host the VisitMyrtleBeach.com Men's and Women's Big South Basketball Championships in 2013, 2014 and 2015, sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

Coastal Carolina student-athletes posted a 3.028 grade point average (GPA) for the fall 2013 semester and saw its overall

GPA rise from 3.053 to 3.108. Of the 434 student-athletes, 253 or 58.3 percent - posted a GPA between 4.0 and 3.0, including 28 who earned President's List (4.0 GPA for the semester) and an additional 117 who earned Dean's List recognition.

In addition, during Yurachek's tenure Coastal Carolina student-athletes earned:

- · 363 All-Bia South honors
- 31 All-Big South Player of the Year honors along with 13 Big South Freshman of the Year honors
- · 28 All-America honors
- 11 Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in their respective sports
- 5 Academic All-America honors
- 4 national postgraduate scholarships
- 3 Big South Conference Christenberry Awards for Academic Excellence

With all the success, the Coastal Carolina department operated within a balanced budget during Yurachek's tenure, thanks to his zero-budget initiative and the unprecedented revenues generated since his arrival with his restructuring of the external relations department. In his first year, the department revenue was at \$560,000, including \$316,000 in ticket sales and sponsorships at \$250,000. After the 2012-13 year, revenue came in at \$1.4 million, thanks to \$549,000 in ticket sales and \$600,000 in sponsorships.

Since 2010, the Department of Athletics added women's lacrosse; launched Champions for Life, a life skills enhancement program for student-athletes; signed a five-year \$1.1 million contract with an athletic apparel provider; established the Letterwinners Association; successfully completed NCAA Cycle 3 Recertification; and has been featured on the front page of the sports section of USA Today with the headline reading "Coastal Carolina Piles up Sports Success."

Also, during Yurachek's tenure, several major projects that supported intercollegiate athletics totaling more than \$250 million were included in the University's ongoing capital improvements across the campus.

Prior to his appointment at Coastal Carolina University, Yurachek was executive senior associate athletics director at the University of Akron. He led and managed the Zips' external relations unit, which included marketing and promotions, media relations, ticket operations, development (Z-Fund), video operations and merchandising. In addition, he was the sport administrator for men's basketball, men's golf and women's golf and worked closely with the football program.

Yurachek has also held various athletics administration leadership positions at the University of Virginia, Western Carolina University, Vanderbilt University and Wake Forest University.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business management at Guilford College in 1990, where he was a four-year letter winner in basketball. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from the University of Richmond in 1994.

Born in Richmond, Va., and raised in Charlotte, N.C., Yurachek, and his wife Jennifer have three sons: Ryan, Jake and Brooks. Ryan, a former Marshall University football student-athlete, is an analyst on the football staff at the University of South Carolina. Ryan and his wife Morgan reside in Columbia, S.C. Jake is a University of Arkansas graduate and former Razorback football student-athlete and now works within intercollegiate athletics at SMU. Brooks is a freshman at Wake Forest University, where he is a member of the Demon Deacons football team.



### **HEAD COACHES**



CHRIS BUCKNAM Men's Cross Country Men's Track & Field 16th Season



**TUCKER CLARY** Men's Tennis 1st Season



**COURTNEY DEIFEL**Softball
9th Season



COLBY HALE Soccer 12th Season



**NEIL HARPER** Swimming & Diving 8th Season



CHRIS JOHNSON Women's Cross Country Women's Track & Field 1st Season



**BRAD MCMAKIN** Men's Golf 18th Season



**ERIC MUSSELMAN** Men's Basketball 5th Season



MIKE NEIGHBORS Women's Basketball 7th Season



**SAM PITTMAN**Football
4th Season



SHAUNA TAYLOR Women's Golf 17th Season



**JAY UDWADIA**Men's Tennis
2nd Season



DAVE VAN HORN Baseball 22nd Season



JASON WATSON Volleyball 8th Season



**JORDYN WIEBER**Gymnastics
5th Season



### SENIOR ATHLETICS STAFF



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**CLAYTON** Deputy AD/ CF0



RICK **THORPE** Deputy AD/ External Engagement



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KAT **DEVENPORT** Chief of Staff



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**TRICIA** MATYSAK Associate AD/ Sports Medicine



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The University of Arkansas is a welcoming campus of students, faculty and staff who are determined to build a better world. For more than 150 years, tradition and innovation have merged here, creating life-changing opportunities for student success and a sense of belonging. As one of the nation's top public research universities, the U of A has been dedicated to Arkansas since 1871.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS**

has grown by **\$6 MILLION** since 2019, and **98% OF NEW FRESHMEN FROM ARKANSAS** who applied for scholarships last year received an award.



### **NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE AWARDS**

Truman Scholars

TOP 10

**Public Institutions** 

Goldwater Scholars

**TOP 25** 

**Public Institutions** 

Rhodes Scholars

**TOP 50** 

**Public Institutions** 

162

National Science Foundation

Graduate Research Fellows

Twenty years ago, the university's **total enrollment** was around **15,000 students**.

Today, we have more than **15,000 students from Arkansas alone.** 

Since 2009, the number of Arkansans in the freshman class has increased



## Serving Arkansas and Beyond

\$2.2 billion annual impact on the state's economy

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



MORE THAN \$98.6 MILLION

In FY22, more than \$98.6 million in need-based and non-need-based scholarships and grants were awarded to undergraduate students.



### **I**<sup>3</sup>R Research Institute

A massive building now under construction at the corner of Dickson Street and Duncan Avenue will allow researchers from widely diverse fields to work together to stimulate innovation and discovery.

### **INITIAL GRAND CHALLENGE: Integrative Health**

A nearly **\$2 MILLION** transfer from **NIH** to the **ADAPTIVE NEURAL SYSTEMS GROUP** at I<sup>3</sup>R is powering work to design and develop technology to offset the effects of limb amputation, orthopedic injury and disease, and neurological conditions and neurodegenerative diseases.





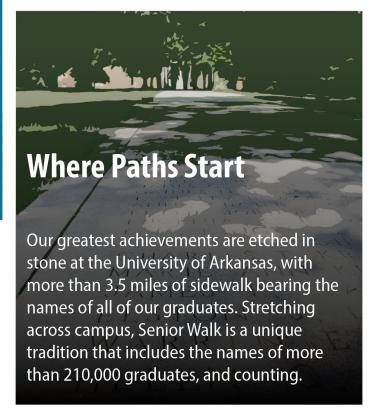
### **Notable Razorbacks**

**Jerry Jones**, owner of the Dallas Cowboys **Veronica Campbell-Brown**, Olympic gold medalist

**Bobby Portis**, NBA Champion **Doug McMillon**, President and CEO of

WalMart Stores, Inc.

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# Retention and Graduation Rates

85.6%

1st Year Retention Rate

69.2%

6-Year Graduation Rate

AS OF OCTOBER 2022



### My Path to Senior Walk

> With more than 30,000 students on the U of A campus, everyone has a story to tell, and everyone has a different path to earning their name into Senior Walk.



**Amelia Southern Uribe**Fayetteville, Arkansas

Amelia came to the U of A as an unsure freshman but has since bloomed into an inspired leader. "I struggled to find my place for a long time. Being able to be yourself unapologetically is what made me a better person and made me find my place."



**Gary Jackson** Pocahontas, Arkansas

Gary visited the U of A as a junior in high school, and as he puts it, "instantly knew that this was the school for me." He says, "Besides being a Darren McFadden fan growing up, I have always loved the state of Arkansas and take pride in calling it my home."



**Kennedy Hicks**Little Rock, Arkansas

Kennedy chose to go to the U of A because it felt the most like home. "I love that the U of A encourages me to find my own pathway toward my goals. From the students to the faculty, I have made so many meaningful connections that could last me a lifetime of happiness. I'm still experiencing so much and enjoying every step of the way."

If you or someone you know has a story to share about everyday student successes at the U of A, please nominate them for a #MyPathToSeniorWalk spotlight to be shared on social media.





### CHANCELLOR CHARLES F. ROBINSON

### DR. CHARLES F. ROBINSON

Charles F. Robinson is the seventh chancellor of the University of Arkansas. He leads the university's land-grant mission to provide opportunity and transform lives through education, research and service.

Robinson was appointed chancellor on Nov. 16, 2022, after serving as interim chancellor since Aug. 16, 2021. In that time as interim, he championed a new emphasis on the university's land-grant mission and set the priorities of supporting student success,

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land-grant mission and set the priorities of supporting student success, augmenting the institution's research enterprise, and becoming an employer of

Specifically during that period, he added more than \$1 million in scholarships for Arkansan students and avoided increasing in-state tuition and fees by more than .8%, while providing salary increases for employees. He led the effort to establish the historic memo of understanding with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture to define and deepen collaboration with the Division. On the research front, development began on the to-be-constructed Multi-User Silicone Carbide Research and Fabrication Facility, the nation's first open national semiconductor fabrication facility, which will allow for low-volume prototyping of integrated circuits and devices - and training of this highly specialized technical workforce. Other notable accomplishments during this time include a successful remote and flexible work pilot, the launch of a classification and compensation project as well as a comprehensive study of infrastructure and support for the research enterprise. Additionally, he appointed a Strategic Enrollment Management Steering Committee to design future growth, size and distribution of the student body to prepare for higher education's "enrollment cliff," a period when the number of college-available students is predicted to drop precipitously in Arkansas and nationally.

Robinson has served the University of Arkansas for more than 23 years, beginning as an assistant professor of history in 1999. Teaching and mentoring students has always been a priority, even as he was promoted to positions of increasing leadership and responsibility, including serving as provost and executive vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. In this role, he enhanced communication and coordination of the university's academic and student affairs endeavors in order to support a more holistic approach to student success on campus.

He has also served the university as vice provost for diversity and vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and as director of the African and African American Studies Program.

Under his leadership, the university constructed Adohi Hall, a \$79 million campus project that is the only residence hall in the United States to use cross-laminated timber, a construction process that reduces environmental impact. Robinson also oversaw a \$22 million expansion of Pat Walker Health Center and led strategic planning for the university's Student Success Center, a 71,000 square foot facility focused on increasing access to services on campus for all students. Each innovation has helped to better position the university to serve students during a time of record enrollment.

Throughout his tenure at the University of Arkansas, Robinson has consistently led institutional progress in diversity recruitment, student success, and retention and graduation efforts, while articulating new academic initiatives and development goals to better serve campus and meet the needs of students.

As vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Robinson pioneered a major restructuring of the Division of Student Affairs, better positioning the unit to focus on student success. Robinson led the main capital campaign initiative for Advance Arkansas - a \$10 million scholarship effort for first-generation, low-income Arkansans. Additionally, he fostered the creation of the first summer bridge program at the university and established a new line of residential student scholarships aimed at supporting Arkansas students living in campus housing.

As vice provost for diversity, Robinson established several programs focused on making the U of A more accessible for Arkansas students. These include the College Access Initiative, a college readiness outreach program serving underrepresented students and under-resourced schools statewide, as well as the ACT Academy, designed to help students prepare for college entrance exams and academic success. Robinson also led the creation of Razorback Bridge Outreach, a student recruitment, scholarship and retention program reaching underrepresented students.

Robinson's research and teaching focus on southern history and race relations, African American studies, sexuality in history and Civil Rights, among other topics. He has earned many awards for his teaching, including the Fulbright College Master Teacher Award, Arkansas Student Alumni Board Teacher of the Year, and an induction into the university's Teaching Academy.

Robinson holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Houston, a master's degree in history from Rice University and a doctorate in history from the University of Houston.

He has authored numerous books, including Remembrances in *Black: Personal Perspectives of the African American Experience at the University of Arkansas, Dangerous Liaisons: Sex and Love in the Segregated South* and *Forsaking All Others: A True Story of Interracial Sex and Revenge in the 1880s South*.

Known as an engaged and approachable leader on campus, Robinson is also heavily involved with multiple regional, state and national organizations including recent or current roles on the Arkansas Research Alliance Board of Directors, AETN Foundation Board, Northwest Arkansas Council Advisory Committee (presiding co-chair), ARVEST Bank Board of Directors, Center for First-generation Student Success Advisory Board and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Council of Presidents.



### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES & FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE**

The University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees serves as the institution's governing body. The board is comprised of 10 trustees representing each of the state's four congressional districts, and two at-large appointees. The president is the chief executive officer of the University of Arkansas System and reports to the Board of Trustees. Each campus has a chancellor as its chief executive officer, reporting directly to the president.



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### DR. PAUL ADAMS FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Paul Adams, professor of biochemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and faculty member in the U of A's interdisciplinary cellular and molecular biology program, earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. in biophysical chemistry from Case Western Reserve University.

Adams' research and scholarly activities have garnered federal funding from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, as well as from state agencies such

Foundation, as well as from state agencies such as the Arkansas Biosciences Institute, the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority and the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Foundation at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

He has directed the research projects of over 70 honors, undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral students in his laboratory at the university and has mentored many other students since arriving to the U of A.



Honors and awards Adams has recently received include: the William and Wilma Haines Distinguished Lecturer in Biochemistry, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN (2017); the Distinguished Faculty Award from The Honors College (2017); Top 10 Most Outstanding Faculty Member, U of A Student Government and Student Alumni Associations (2018); Faculty Researcher National Role Model, National Minority Access Inc. (2019); Lifetime Achievement Award, Northwest Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Council (2020).

Adams' most recent accomplishment came in the form of an election to the Executive Board of Directors of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers in the summer of 2020.

Since 2017, Adams has served as principal investigator of an NSF grant that funded the U of A's Honors College Path Program, which recruits talented high school students from underrepresented populations to help them thrive and succeed at the university.

In December 2019, Adams was selected as a member of the first cohort of the UARK Leaders Program, a program offered through the Office of the Provost, the Office of Human Resources and Walton College of Business Executive Education. This new leadership development program was launched to support the professional growth of influential and up-and coming university leaders while enhancing collaboration and innovation on campus.



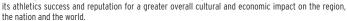
### THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

### **GREG SANKEY, COMMISSIONER, SEC**

Greg Sankey became the eighth Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference on June 1, 2015, and has successfully built upon the SEC's recognized success, strong foundations and rich traditions.

Sankey has effectively introduced change and innovation for the conference while respecting the institutional traditions that make the SEC unique. With an understanding of the highly competitive environment of college sports, he has fostered the collaborative culture of the SEC that sets the conference apart and supports its continuing success.

Sankey brings a big picture approach to his position through continuing focus on a vision that positions the SEC to leverage



Sankey has built upon the foundation set in his first major address as the conference leader in 2015 when he stated, "Educating scholars and supporting champions provides the platform for developing leaders who will influence the world." His relentless focus on providing resources for student-athlete success continues to make the Southeastern Conference a leader in college athletics.

#### LEADERSHIP IN A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

As the NCAA has sought to navigate a changing landscape for college athletics, it called on Sankey to co-chair its Division I Transformation Committee, a body of college sports leaders tasked with addressing the most significant challenges in college athletics, to support student-athletes more effectively, and even reimagine the future of college sports.

Sankey's recognized abilities made him an appropriate leader for this critical endeavor to modernize and transform Division I college sports, and it cast him at the forefront of myriad issues facing college athletics leaders today.

But it is not the first time Sankey has stepped forward at a crucial time for college sports. Sankey's leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic served the SEC well as the league prepared for a return to action in the fall of 2020. Sankey fostered a culture of collaboration among the leaders of the Conference in order to allow the SEC's 14 schools to move together in lockstep through difficult and unprecedented decisions.

And while the pandemic had a devastating effect on the finances of college athletics programs across the country, Sankey kept focus on the long-term financial vitality of the SEC. In 2020, Sankey and his team finalized a milestone 10-year agreement with the Walt Disney Company that grants ABC and ESPN exclusive broadcast rights to premier SEC football and basketball events beginning in 2024-25 and continuing through 2033-34.

Less than a year after the blockbuster agreement with Disney, the SEC made news again as Sankey ushered the University of Oklahoma and University of Texas through membership discussions and announced the two leading universities will join as members with the SEC's nationally prominent member institutions.

### ADVOCATING FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY

Throughout his career, Sankey has established himself as an advocate for the student-athlete, creating a framework to provide young people in the Conference with challenging leadership opportunities and expanded resources to succeed at the highest levels of academic and competitive success. Student-athlete focused initiatives introduced under Sankey's leadership include:

- Creation of a leadership position in the SEC office for Student-Athlete Engagement, a role focused on offering student-athletes the opportunity to participate in Conference leadership.
- Introduction of Student-Athlete Leadership Councils for Football, Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball which provide student-athletes with enhanced opportunities to engage with campus leaders and Conference office staff.
- Introduction of a Student-Athlete Career Tour which provides groups of student-athletes with opportunities to engage in career exploration with high level corporations and businesses in major metropolitan areas.
- Expansion of the student-athlete role at the annual SEC Spring Meetings when student-athlete leaders participate in a robust agenda of interaction with administrators and coaches to provide their perspectives to Conference leaders.

### ADVANCING THE CONFERENCE

Sankey has been intentional and diligent in addressing issues critical to college athletics, with an emphasis on integrity, ethics, sportsmanship and diversity including:

- Development of updated Conference policies governing conduct expectations for student-athletes, including the adoption of a serious misconduct policy governing transfers that has served as a model for similar policies adopted by other conferences. The policy was later expanded to include all incoming prospective student-athletes.
- Creation of the SEC Council on Racial Equity and Social Justice, a league-wide body consisting of a diverse group of student-athletes, administrators, coaches and SEC staff. The Council identifies

resources, outlines strategies and assists with implementation of efforts that promote racial equity and social justice, fosters diversity and helps overcome racism and pursues non-discrimination in intercollegiate athletics.

 Crafting a new SEC bylaw aimed at encouraging, facilitating and assisting member institutions in attracting and hiring individuals in historically underrepresented groups in leadership positions of their athletics programs.

Another priority under Sankey's leadership is growing exposure for the Conference and effectively publicizing success stories of the SEC. Strategies pursued to achieve this objective include:

- Ongoing collaboration with the SEC Network to create unique exposure opportunities for Conference universities, teams and student-athletes, including behind-the-scenes programming, expanding live championship coverage for Olympic Sports and other unique programming.
- Engagement with a national marketing agency to develop and maintain a comprehensive branding campaign. The theme - "It Just Means More" - communicates the history, legacy and overall positive impact the SEC has on its region, the nation and the world.
- Introduction of the SEC Graduate Patch, a logo placed on the uniforms in every sport to provide recognition of SEC student-athletes who have earned their undergraduate degree and are continuing their participation in intercollegiate athletics.

#### A CAREER IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

On March 12, 2015, the Presidents and Chancellors of the SEC announced Greg Sankey would succeed Mike Slive as Commissioner of the SEC.

Sankey, 58, first joined the SEC staff in 2002 as Associate Commissioner for Governance, Enforcement and Compliance and later added supervision of the league's championships staff to his responsibilities. He was elevated to Executive Associate Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer for the league office in 2012, becoming responsible for the day-to-day operation of the SEC Office.

Before moving to the SEC, Sankey served as Commissioner of the Southland Conference for nearly seven years. He joined the Southland Conference staff in 1992 where he served as both assistant and associate commissioner before he was named its commissioner in 1996 at the age of 31.

Prior to his term at the Southland Conference, he was Director of Compliance and Academic Services at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA, as well as coach of the Demons' golf team. Before his tenure at Northwestern State, he was the Director of Intramural Sports at Utica College in upstate New York

A native of Auburn, NY, Sankey earned his master's degree from Syracuse University and his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York College at Cortland. Sankey and his wife, Cathy, reside in Birmingham, AL, and have two adult daughters, Hannah (and her husband, Rod) and Moriah.

### THE SANKEY FILE

### YEAR-BY-YEAR

1987-89 Utica College, Director of Intramural Sports

1989-91 Northwestern State University, Director of Compliance & Academic Services, 1990-

92; Head Golf Coach, 1990-92

1992-2001 Southland Conference, Assistant Commissioner, 1992-94; Associate Commissioner,

1994-96; Commissioner, 1996-2002

2002-pres. Southeastern Conference, Associate Commissioner, 2002-12; Exec. Assoc.

Commissioner/C00, 2012-15; Commissioner, 2015-present

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WON BY SEC SCHOOLS IN GREG SANKEY ERA

2015-16: Football - Alabama; Women's Swimming & Diving - Georgia; Equestrian - Auburn; Men's Outdoor Track & Field - Florida; Women's Outdoor Track & Field - Arkansas

2016-17: Men's Indoor Track & Field - Texas A&M; Women's Basketball - South Carolina;

Equestrian - Texas A&M; Women's Tennis - Florida; Men's Outdoor Track & Field - Florida; Baseball - Florida

2017-18: Football - Alabama; Women's Indoor Track & Field - Georgia; Men's Indoor Track & Field - Florida; Equestrian - Auburn; Men's Outdoor Track & Field - Georgia

2018-19: Bowling - Vanderbilt; Rifle - Kentucky; Men's Indoor Track & Field - Florida; Women's Indoor Track & Field - Arkansas; Equestrian - Auburn; Women's Outdoor Track & Field - Arkansas; Baseball - Vanderbilt

2019-20: Women's Cross Country - Arkansas; Football - LSU

2020-21: Football - Alabama; Volleyball - Kentucky; Women's Indoor Track & Field - Arkansas; Men's Outdoor Track & Field - LSU; Men's Tennis - Florida; Rifle - Kentucky; Women's Golf - Ole Miss; Baseball - Mississippi State

2021-22: Football - Georgia; Women's Indoor Track & Field - Florida; Women's Basketball - South Carolina; Rifle - Kentucky

2022-23: Football - Georgia; Men's Indoor Track & Field - Arkansas; Women's Indoor Track & Field - Arkansas; Women's Basketball - LSU; Men's Golf - Florida; Bowling - Vanderbilt; Men's Outdoor Track & Field - Florida; Baseball - LSU



### SEC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southeastern Conference's Eastern and Western Division winners will meet in Atlanta's newly constructed Mercedes-Benz Stadium to battle for the league championship and the right to represent the conference in the College Football Playoff. The 30th-annual title game is set for December 1 and will be televised nationally by CBS.

The game was born as a result of 1992 conference expansion, which saw Arkansas and South Carolina become the first members added in SEC history. Under NCAA regulations, a conference with 12 members may play an additional football game to determine its champion, provided the regular season is played in divisions.

The participants of the game are determined each year during the eight-game regularseason conference schedule as the teams with the best overall SEC winning percentage in each division

The 2017 SEC Championship Game was the highest rated game in the nation for the entire regular season. No. 7 Georgia's 28-7 win over No. 2 Auburn drew an average overnight rating of 8.4 and 18 share, the best for CBS since 2013, when the Iron Bowl drew an 8.6/18 rating and share. Those figures are up 20 percent from last year's SEC Championship Game between Alabama and Florida (7.0/15).

The 2009 SEC Championship Game earned an 11.8 rating and a 24 share, marking the highest-rated SEC Championship Game in history. The game matched the No. 1 Florida Gators (12-0) vs. the No. 2 Alabama Crimson Tide (12-0).

The SEC Championship Game has drawn 24 capacity crowds in its 26-year history. Only 1993 (Birmingham) and 1995 (Atlanta) were not sellouts.

The SEC, along with AMB Sports & Entertainment (AMBSE) and the Georgia World Congress Center Authority (GWCCA), have an agreement to host the SEC Championship Game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta through 2026. The new agreement allows the SEC the option of adding up to two successive five-year extensions.

The Georgia Dome hosted the SEC Championship Game for 23 years beginning in 1994, with capacity crowds in the last 21 consecutive years. By the end of the new agreement, including options, the Championship will have been played in Atlanta a total of 43 years.

#### ARKANSAS IN THE SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

#### 2006: FLORIDA 38, ARKANSAS 28

Florida scored a touchdown with nine minutes left in the game and held on for the 38-28 victory over Arkansas. Down 17-7 at the half, Arkansas took a 21-17 third-quarter lead on a two-yard reception by Felix Jones and a 40-yard interception return by Antwain Robinson. Arkansas could have had a chance to build on the lead, but the Gators recovered a fumbled punt in the end zone to move back in front 24-21 with 3:47 left in the third period. Percy Harvin, who scored on a 37-yard pass from Chris Leak in the second quarter, scored on a 67-yard run early in the fourth to put Florida up 31-21. Jones scored his second touchdown on a 29-yard pass from Cedric Washington to cut the margin to three. Darren McFadden finished with 73 yards on 15 carries and Jones 57 on 13. Casey Dick was 10-of-22 passing for 148 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. Harvin had 105 yards on six carries for Florida, which went on to win the national title at 13-1, while Leak was 16-of-30 for 189 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

### 2002: GEORGIA 30, ARKANSAS 3

Georgia scored on its first five possessions for a 23-0 halftime lead and posted a 30-3 victory. Georgia claimed the SEC title just 75 miles from its Athens campus. Musa Smith rushed for 106 yards and two touchdowns. David Greene threw for 237 yards and a score, earning the game's MVP award. Terrence Edwards had seven catches for 92 yards, becoming the SEC's career leader in receiving yards. Arkansas had won six in a row to earn its second trip to the league championship game. The Razorbacks had a punt blocked by Decory Bryant on their first possession and Thomas Davis scooped up the loose ball and ran to the Arkansas 2-yard line. On Georgia's next possession, Smith, who scored after the blocked punt, finished off the drive with a 17-yard scoring run. Georgia's next three possessions ended with field goals by Billy Bennett, who connected from 29, 42 and 39 yards to provide the halftime margin. Arkansas led the SEC in rushing offense with an average of 243 yards per game but managed just 65 against Georgia. Fred Talley, a 1,000-yard rusher, was held to 51 yards on 17 carries while Matt Jones managed only 12 yards on nine carries. Jones completed 9-of-17 passes for 60 yards.

### 1995: FLORIDA 34, ARKANSAS 3

A prime-time (ABC) television audience and a sell-out crowd (71,325) in the Georgia Dome saw Florida post a 34-3 victory. Florida out-gained Arkansas by only 97 yards, 396-299, but the Gators committed no turnovers while Arkansas lost the ball four times. Arkansas got on the scoreboard first when Todd Latourette kicked a 36-yard field goal with 7:26 left in the first quarter. The Razorbacks were dealt some bad news on that drive, however. Sophomore running back Madre Hill, who finished third in the conference in rushing, was lost for the game with a knee injury.



#### **2023 SEC CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DATE:** Saturday, December 1 **SITE:** Mercedes-Benz Stadium; Atlanta, Ga.

SITE: Mercedes-Benz Stadium; Atlanta, Ga CAPACITY: 73.000

TIME: TBD; TELEVISION: CBS



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LARGEST GEORGIA DOME CROWD: 75,892 (Alabama vs. Florida) - 2008

LARGEST MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM CROWD: 77,141 (Georgia vs. Alabama) - 2018

### **ALL-TIME RESULTS**

Since the first SEC Championship Game in 1992, there have been record crowds, millions of television viewers and eventual national champions.

YEAR	RESULT	SITE	ATTENDANCE
1992	Alabama 28, Florida 21	Birmingham	83,091
1993	Florida 28, Alabama 13	Birmingham	76,345
1994	Florida 24, Alabama 23		
1995	Florida 34, Arkansas 3	Atlanta	71,325
1996	Florida 45, Alabama 30	Atlanta	74,132
1997	Tennessee 30, Auburn 29	Atlanta	74,896
1998	Tennessee 24, Mississippi St. 14	Atlanta	74,795
1999	Alabama 34, Florida 7	Atlanta	74,309
2000	Florida 28, Auburn 6	Atlanta	73,427
2001	LSU 31, Tennessee 20	Atlanta	74,843
2002	Georgia 30, Arkansas 3	Atlanta	74,835
2003	LSU 34, Georgia 14	Atlanta	74,913
2004	Auburn 38, Tennessee 28	Atlanta	74,892
2005	Georgia 34, LSU 14	Atlanta	73,717
2006	Florida 38, Arkansas 28	Atlanta	73,374
2007	LSU 21, Tennessee 14	Atlanta	73,832
2008	Florida 31, Alabama 20	Atlanta	75,892
2009	Alabama 32, Florida 13	Atlanta	75,514
2010	Auburn 56, South Carolina 17	Atlanta	75,802
2011	LSU 42, Georgia 10	Atlanta	75,515
2012	Alabama 32, Georgia 28	Atlanta	75,624
2013	Auburn 59, Missouri 42	Atlanta	75,632
2014	Alabama 42, Missouri 13	Atlanta	73,526
2015	Alabama 29, Florida 15	Atlanta	75,320
2016	Alabama 54, Florida 16	Atlanta	74,632
2017	Georgia 28, Auburn 7	Atlanta	76,534
2018	Alabama 35, Georgia 28	Atlanta	77,141
2019	LSU 37, Georgia 10	Atlanta	74,150
2020	Alabama 52, Florida 46	Atlanta	16,520
2021	Alabama 41, Georgia 24		
2022	Georgia 50, LSU 30	Atlanta	74,810



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