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GAME CREDENTIALS

All requests for media and/or photo credentials must be made on line at www.SportsSystems.com/Arkansas. Requests should be made at least three days prior to the game.

Only fully accredited personnel directly involved in the coverage of the game will be admitted. Credentials are non-transferable and must be applied for by the outlets' editor or sports director. The Communications Office reserves the right to revoke any credential: (1) used by an individual other than the one to whom it was granted; (2) any individual who refused to comply with press row and/or photographic guidelines; (3) any individual who is not an accredited member of the media; and (4) any individual under the age of 16. Credentials will not be mailed and parking cannot be left at will call. Media Will Call opens NO SOONER than 90 minutes before tip-off. Be prepared to present a photo identification when picking up credentials.

MEDIA WILL CALL

Media Will Call is located on the **East side of Bud Walton Arena**. Upon entry, media will proceed to the media "press box" and will not be allowed on the floor until after the game. All credentials are left at media will call. Credentials nor parking passes will be mailed.

GAMEDAY PARKING

Most parking credentials issued will be for Lots 320, 321, 322 (formerly known as Lot 56). **If you need single-game parking, you must make arrangements with Associate Communications Director Mike Cawood prior to the game** as parking cannot be left at Will Call or with an attendant.

GAMEDAY MEDIA SERVICES

All media needs can be fulfilled on-line.

- Game notes for both teams will be posted on Arkansas' Men's Basketball page at:
  - arkansasrazorbacks.com/sport/m-baskbl/mens-basketball-game-notes
- Live in-game stats will be provided for the media at:
  - arkansas.statbroadcast.com
- Final statistics (box score, play-by-play, shot chart) will be emailed as well as be available on ArkansasRazorbacks.com.

MEDIA SEATING / MEDIA ROOM

- Media seating is in the upper corner of the lower bowl.
- Bud Walton Arena's media room will only be open postgame. However, media may work from the media room after press conferences. No postgame live streaming, podcasts and alike will be permitted from the press box nor media room. The media room and press box will close two hours after the conclusion of the game.
- Arkansas will conduct in-person postgame interviews in the media room.
- Visiting teams' postgame interviews will be announced on a game-by-game basis.
- Wireless Internet is available in the media room and in the arena. Please see Associate Communications Director Mike Cawood or a member of the communications staff for login.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Photographers will be able to shoot from the designated baseline positions. However, space will be limited and applying for a credential does not guarantee a spot.
- Arkansas Communications reserves the right to limit the number of strobe units used and requests to hang strobe lights at BWA must be made in writing one week prior to any contest.

MEDIA FTP

- Since photographers spots will be limited, Arkansas will use the SEC Media Portal to provide for both video and photos, Please contact the Athletics Communications Office for more details.





RAZORBACK SPORTS PROPERTIES

The University of Arkansas Athletic Department and Razorback Sports Properties formed a partnership in the fall of 2008.

Arkansas Sports Properties solely represents the University of Arkansas. In complete collaboration with the university, this locally based LEARFIELD team is committed to extending the affinity of the Razorbacks to businesses and corporations of all sizes looking to align with the undeniably loyal and passionate collegiate fan base.



Justin DeLille
General Manager

As Arkansas Athletics' exclusive multimedia rightsholder, Arkansas Sports Properties manages all aspects of the rights relationship, providing corporate partners both traditional and new media opportunities with the university. They can bolster their own brand and garner maximum exposure through such inventory as venue signage; event sponsorships and promotion; corporate hospitality; audio; television; digital engagement and visibility via the official athletics website ArkansasRazorbacks.com.

Chuck Barrett is in his 17th season as the play-by-play announcer for the Arkansas men's basketball team and in his 19th year calling Razorback football games. Overall, he has served 34 years calling Razorback sports. He additionally called play-by-play for baseball from 1992 to 2014. Barrett was recognized by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame as the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Arkansas Sportscaster of the Year and inducted into the Arkansas Sportscasters Hall of Fame of 2023.

Matt Zimmerman is in his 11th season as an analyst for the 2026-27 campaign. A 20-plus year coaching veteran and mainstay with the Razorbacks, Zimmerman spent eight years on the Razorback basketball staff (2011-19) and was a student manager for the men's basketball team. He additionally spent four years in the ROTC. He graduated from Arkansas in 1990 and served five years in the military. After his stint in the Army, Zimmerman began coaching basketball at Dardanelle HS and Plainview-Rover HS. He then started his collegiate coaching career at UAB before moving to Missouri and back to Arkansas. In 2023, Zimmerman was voted Arkansas Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sports Media Association.



2026-27 BASKETBALL RADIO NETWORK

City	Station	Frequency
Batesville (Coach's Show)	KBTA	1340 AM
Batesville (Games)	KWOZ	103.3 FM
Camden	KAMD	97.1 FM
Crossett	KAGH	104.9 FM
Crossett	KAGH	800 AM
Dardanelle	KYEL	105.5 FM
DeQueen	KDQN	92.1 FM
DeWitt	KDEW	97.3 FM
El Dorado	KMRX	96.1 FM
Fayetteville	KISR	93.7 FM
Fayetteville	KQSM	92.1 FM
Fayetteville	KAKS	99.5 FM
Forrest City	KBFC	93.5 FM
Forrest City	KWYN	100.1 FM
Fort Smith	KERX	95.3 FM
Hot Springs / Mena	KTTG	96.3 FM
Jonesboro	KEGI	100.5 FM
Joplin, MO	KHST	101.7 FM
Little Rock	KABZ	103.7 FM
Magnolia	KZHE	100.5 FM
Marshall	KBCN	104.3 FM
Monett, MO	KKBL	95.9 FM
Monticello	KGPQ	99.9 FM
Mountain Home	KOMT	93.5 FM
Ozark	KDYN	92.7 FM
Ozark	KLYR	1540 AM
Russellville	KARV	93.1 FM
Russellville	KARV	610 AM
Texarkana	KTFS	105.9 FM
Texarkana	KTFS	940 AM
Wynne	KWYN	92.5 FM
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CHANCELLOR CHARLES F. ROBINSON



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

Dr. Robinson was appointed chancellor in November 2022, after serving as interim chancellor since August 2021. The U of A has set several institutional records under his leadership, including those for graduation rate, retention rate, scholarship funding and enrollment. In addition, the university conducted a record $221.5 million in research in fiscal year 2023, while investing $136 million more of its own resources into applied research facilities since 2021. Under Robinson's leadership, the university contributes over $3 billion annually to the state's economy, underscoring its role as a driver of economic growth and innovation.

Chancellor Robinson prioritizes supporting student success, augmenting the institution's research enterprise and enhancing the university's status as an employer of choice. He initiated and is guiding the $200 million Land of Opportunity Scholarship campaign, a transformative initiative aimed at bridging financial gaps for Arkansas students with the greatest financial need. Robinson has minimized, or at times frozen, tuition increases for in-state students while adding several million dollars in scholarship support for Arkansans and raising employee pay. He is also overseeing the development of world-class research facilities such as the Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research (I3R), the Multi-User Silicon Carbide Research and Fabrication Facility (MUSiC), and the Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovation – helping ensure the university remains a leader in applied research that solves real-world problems, improves lives and strengthens the economy.

Robinson became chancellor after serving the U of A in several capacities over the course of more than two decades. He joined the university as an assistant professor of history in 1999 and was promoted to full professor in 2011. He was then promoted to positions of increasing responsibility, including vice chancellor for Student Affairs and provost and executive vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.

Before becoming chancellor, Robinson led initiatives such as Advance Arkansas – a $10 million scholarship effort for first-generation, low-income Arkansans – and the College Access Initiative, a need-based college readiness outreach program serving students and under-resourced schools statewide. Under his leadership, the university constructed Adohi Hall, which is the only residence hall in the United States to use sustainable cross-laminated timber. Robinson also oversaw an expansion of Pat Walker Health Center and led strategic planning for the university's 71,000 square foot Student Success Center.

An accomplished historian, Robinson's research and teaching focus on southern history. He has earned many awards for his teaching, including the Fulbright College Master Teacher Award, Arkansas Student Alumni Board Teacher of the Year, and 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.

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, ARVEST Bank Board of Directors, National Merit Scholarship Corporation Board of Directors, Center for First-Generation Student Success Advisory Board and the Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities Council of Presidents.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas 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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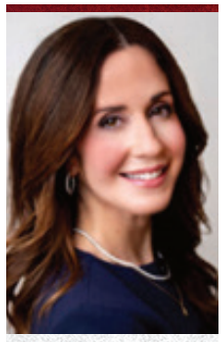
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Dr. Paul Adams, professor of biochemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and faculty member in the U of A's interdisciplinary cellular and molecular biology program, earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Louisiana State University and 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 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.

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 Athletics to unprecedented success on and off the field throughout his tenure on The Hill.

Since being introduced as the vice chancellor and director of athletics on Dec. 4, 2017, Yurachek has led efforts to make all 19 Arkansas sports successful and enhance the student-athlete experience for 465 student-athletes. Thanks to the efforts of Razorback student-athletes, coaches and administrators alongside the loyalty from Razorback Foundation members, season-ticket holders and fans, results are being recognized in competition and in the classroom.



Now in his ninth full year at the University of Arkansas, Yurachek has firmly positioned the Razorbacks as one of the nation's elite athletics programs having finished in the Top 20 of the Learfield Directors' Cup each of the last six years. His leadership has helped build one of the nation's best all-sports programs while attracting elite coaches, including Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Men's Basketball Coach John Calipari, to Fayetteville.

Arkansas has more than made its mark in the most competitive conference in the nation, winning 43 Southeastern Conference Championships over the past eight years, including 25 conference titles in the past five years alone. Both marks lead all SEC programs and the Razorbacks' 43 titles are more than six other league programs combined in that same timeframe.

The Razorbacks extended the school-record streak to six consecutive years in the Top 20 of the Learfield Directors' Cup in 2025-26 with a 14th place finish led by a pair of track and field national championships to push the department's total to 10 over the last eight years. In addition to the most recent Top 20 finish, Arkansas finished No. 11 in 2024-25, No. 18 in 2023-24, No. 13 in 2022-23, No. 7 in 2021-22 and No. 8 in 2020-21.

Arkansas added to the program's overall national championship total in 2025-26, adding national titles in men's indoor and outdoor track and field in Head Coach Doug Case's first national meets at the helm. Head Coach Courtney Deifel's softball program punched its first-ever ticket to the Women's College World Series in June after sweeping through the NCAA Fayetteville Regional and Super Regional. The GymBacks returned to the NCAA Championship for the second time during Jordyn Wieber's tenure. Maria Jose Marin led the Arkansas women's golf team to a third-place finish – the best in program history – at NCAA Championships after victory at the Augusta National Women's Amateur during the fall. Women's track and field secured podium finishes at NCAA outdoor championships (third) and NCAA indoor championships (fourth).

Coach Calipari once again led the Hogs back to the Sweet 16 after winning the SEC Tournament championship – the first for Arkansas since 2000. Three Razorbacks heard their name called in the first 35 picks of the NBA Draft in June with Darius Acuff Jr. selected seventh overall by Sacramento, Meleek Thomas 34th overall by Cleveland and Trevon Brazile 35th overall by Denver.

Along with the men's basketball's SEC Tournament title, men's track and field and soccer won SEC crowns to give the Razorbacks four during the 2025-26 year. Yurachek named Case the men's track and field head coach after Head Coach Chris Bucknam retired in December. Case responded by becoming the first coach since 1982 to win each of his first four conference and NCAA Championship meets. Colby Hale's soccer program continued to be a juggernaut in the league, winning the program's fifth trophy in seven seasons.

Yurachek named Ryan Silverfield the 35th head coach of the Razorbacks in December. Since naming Silverfield the Head Hog, the athletic department has embraced Coach Silverfield's 'All In' mantra with a renewed devotion to the football program with more resources for staff and operating costs.

The Razorbacks once again performed at a high level in the classroom with nearly half of the program's student-athletes earning SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition. A total of 113 athletes earned their degrees with an overall department GPA of 3.3, registering the department's 34th consecutive semester of at least a 3.0 GPA and 23rd straight semester with at least a 3.2 GPA. The football team recorded a program-best 3.274 GPA during Coach Silverfield's first semester on campus.

Six Arkansas teams made deep runs in the NCAA postseason during the 2024-25 year with men's basketball reaching the Sweet 16 for the fourth time in five years in Coach Calipari's first season. Powered by individual NCAA champion Maria Jose Marin, the women's golf program advanced to match play for the first time in program history. Baseball and softball hosted NCAA Regional and Super Regional rounds with Dave Van Horn leading the baseball team back to the College World Series for the eighth time in his legendary tenure before finishing ranked No. 3 in the season's final poll. The soccer program once again hosted in the NCAA postseason, making a return trip to the Sweet 16 for the third time in four years. Gymnastics advanced to a NCAA Regional final before coming up just short of a return trip to NCAA Championships.

The Hogs claimed three SEC titles with the men's cross country team securing their fourth SEC crown in five years. The men's and women's track programs delivered SEC titles with the men claiming their fifth-consecutive outdoor trophy and the women winning the program's 13th straight SEC Indoor Track & Field championship.

An incredible nine Arkansas student-athletes were named the player of the year in their respective sports during the year, including baseball's Golden Spikes Award winner Wehiwa Aloy, softball's National Player of the Year Bri Ellis and women's track's National Indoor Track Athlete of the Year Isabella Whittaker.

Arkansas student-athletes are also excelling in the classroom. In 2024-25, Arkansas student-athletes recorded the highest GPA on record with a 3.32 and marked the department's 32nd consecutive semester with at least a 3.0 GPA. Of the 19 programs, 18 posted a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better. A total of 102 Razorback student-athletes earned their degrees with the program once again achieving a 100% Razorback Graduation Rate, which is based on student-athletes who complete their athletics eligibility and earn their degree.

The Razorbacks tallied two NCAA championships in 2023-24, recorded nine Top 10 national finishes and won five Southeastern Conference championships in the 2023-24 athletics season. Arkansas finished in the Top 10 at every men's and women's cross country and track and field NCAA championship contested in 2023-24 and recorded a program best Elite Eight finish in volleyball.

In February 2024, Yurachek was appointed to the prestigious College Football Playoff Committee, where he will serve for the next three seasons. He has also previously served as a member of the NCAA Football Oversight Committee and the Football Competition Committee. Yurachek has also served on the SEC Executive Committee, which approves the annual operating budget and oversees all financial and fiscal affairs of the conference.

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.

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 (baseball, men's indoor and outdoor track and field and women's indoor and outdoor track and field).

Academically, Razorback student-athletes combined for a 3.20 cumulative GPA and 166 student-athletes earned academic personal bests. A total of 72 Razorback student-athletes 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 then 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

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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.

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 5 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 3 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 student-athletes recorded the second-best fall GPA, 2.91, and second-best 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 campus-wide 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 10-year, $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 student-athlete 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-Big 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 the tight ends coach at Appalachian State. He and his wife Morgan reside in Boone, N.C. with their son Trace. Jake is a University of Arkansas graduate and former Razorback football student-athlete and is the co-founder of Banner Sports Group. Brooks is a redshirt junior linebacker at Appalachian State.



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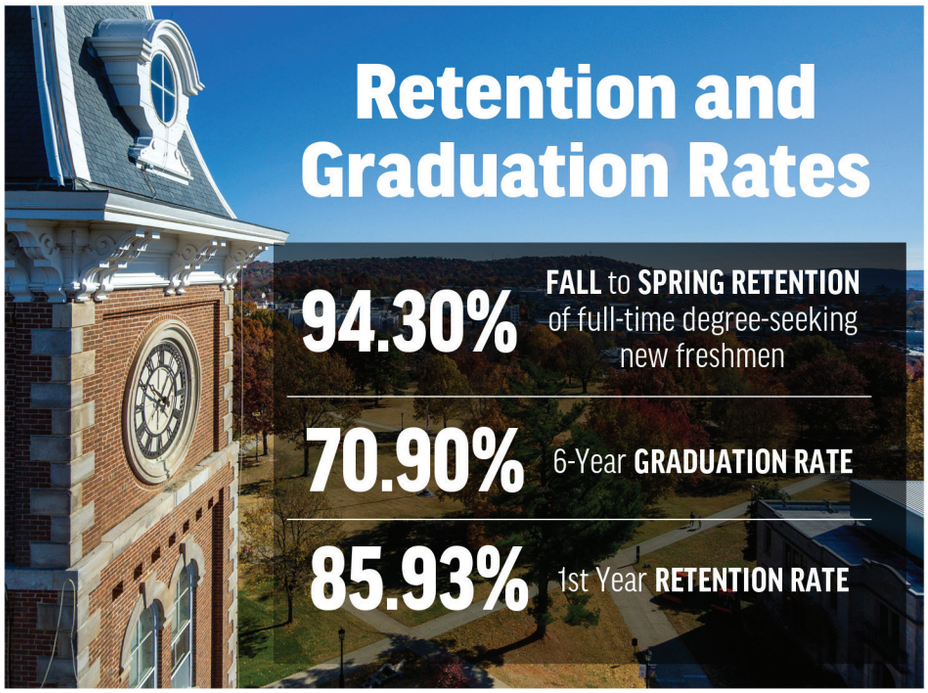
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Supported by the National Science Foundation, AIMRC is advancing Arkansas as a national leader in metabolic research - understanding how changes in metabolism drive disease, aging and tissue repair. Since it's founding in 2021, AIMRC-supported researchers have secured over $34M in external research funding and receive the majority of NIH funding on campus.



Retention and Graduation Rates

94.30% **FALL** to **SPRING RETENTION** of full-time degree-seeking new freshmen

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Arkansan Dewey Hickey, a clinical trial participant.





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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS

$7 million has grown by **$7 MILLION** since 2019

and

98% OF FRESHMAN STUDENTS FROM ARKANSAS who applied for scholarships last year received an award.

98%

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

OVER $137 MILLION

Over $137 million in need-based and non-need-based scholarships and grants were awarded to undergraduate students.

*FY 2025

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

$200 MILLION

The university's $200 million scholarship campaign is a three-year initiative to further educational access opportunities for students from all 75 counties in Arkansas while providing mentorship, networking and career development support.

Arkansas Transfer Achievement Scholarship

has delivered

$4.3 million

in tuition savings



Allows graduates from 2-year colleges in the UA System to transfer to the U of A at the same 2-year tuition rate.

Last Fall, the university welcomed a record number of Arkansans from all

75 COUNTIES, as well as students from

50 STATES and more than

100 COUNTRIES.

Student-to-Faculty

Ratio 20:1

Record Enrollment:
More than 34,000

Record Number of Arkansans Enrolled



FALL 2025 FRESHMAN CLASS

3.83 Record Average GPA

6,956 Degree-Seeking New Freshmen

RECORD NUMBER OF ARKANSANS

380+



Student Organizations on campus

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

266	96	95	37
degrees and certificates	major fields of undergraduate study	master's degree programs	doctoral programs

#1 in Arkansas

TOP 100

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION

U.S. News and World Report

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE AWARDS

174

Truman Scholars	Goldwater Scholars	Rhodes Scholars	National Science Foundation
TOP 10	**TOP 20**	**TOP 40**	Graduate Research Fellows
Public Institutions	Public Institutions	Public Institutions	

My Path to Senior Walk (and Beyond)

› With more than 30,000 students on our campus and over 230,000 graduates, everyone has a story to tell, and everyone has a different path to earning their name on Senior Walk.

"I am a fourth-generation Razorback, so the U of A has always felt like home to me."

Allison Primm
Rogers, AR



Allison Primm, a 2023 University of Arkansas graduate and fourth generation Razorback, is helping shape one of the nation's most recognizable breakfast foods as an associate manager at Tyson Foods. Working with cross-functional teams, she oversees the planning, production, distribution, and marketing of Wright Brand and Jimmy Dean bacon, ensuring quality and consistency for millions of pounds of product served in schools, hospitals, and restaurants. Primm credits the Sam M. Walton College of Business and the connections she built at the U of A for preparing her career. Today, she says her work supports Tyson's mission of feeding people around the world.

"I always imagined myself attending the U of A and being a Razorback!"

Elijah Conley
Melbourne, AR



A first-generation college graduate, Elijah Conley turned his dream of becoming a lawyer into reality through opportunities at the University of Arkansas. A journalism and political science graduate, he credits the Honors College Path Program with helping him secure internships, leadership roles, and mentorship that led to graduating magna cum laude a year early and earning admission to Georgetown University Law Center. After graduating in 2024, passing the bar and completing a federal judicial clerkship, Conley joined a national law firm in Washington D.C. He continues to mentor U of A students, encouraging them to create opportunities for those who follow.

"The U of A gave me the chance to stay in-state while still feeling like I was stepping into something new."

Dalaiah Johnson
Little Rock, AR



Dalaiah Johnson, a public health senior from North Little Rock, found a sense of community and purpose at the University of Arkansas through campus involvement and service. Active with the Volunteer Action Center and Dream B.I.G., she says those experiences strengthened her commitment to serving others while preparing her for a career in health care. After graduation, Johnson plans to apply to dental hygiene programs and gain experience in the dental field before working in an underserved Arkansas community. She credits her public health education with inspiring her passion for improving access to preventive care and oral health education.

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 uark.edu and social media.

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