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GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FOUNDATION



*A Look Inside of Georgia Southern Athletics*

May 30, 2018



## From the Desk of Tom Kleinlein

Dear Steph,

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone, but here we are entering June with all of our sports now wrapped up and the summer heat of Statesboro already popping up on the 10-day forecast. Before you know it, our fall sports will be back on campus and preparing for the 2019-20 season.

Even though classes are out, we've already been working hard preparing for football season. Season ticket sales are going well as we are closing in on 6,000, but we have a goal of 7,000 sold and we need everyone's help in packing Paulson this fall. It's the first time we've had six home Saturday games in a couple of years, so I hope you all can take advantage of this opportunity.

Speaking of Paulson Stadium and football planning, we've also been hard at work getting our game day presentation ready. We've read your survey responses and listened to your suggestions. We've formulated a plan that requires some adjustments to what you've become accustomed to, but we think these upgrades to your game-day experience will make Saturdays in the fall even more enjoyable for you. We'll be rolling out all of the upgrades in the summer so you have plenty of time to make your plans!

With the spring semester wrapping up, it was exciting to see over 50 of our student-athletes earn their diplomas from Georgia Southern. Winning and success is just part of the equation, but the real reason we're in this profession is to see our athletes walk across the stage and set themselves up for success after they leave college. This spring, our department posted a 3.04 GPA with 11 of our 15 programs earning a 3.0 or higher. Three of our programs - women's tennis (28), women's swimming & diving (24) and volleyball (20) - are now all at 20 consecutive semesters or higher with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. That's really impressive! Our department Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Progress Rate (APR), all metrics used by the NCAA, both continue to climb toward department highs and I'm really proud of Reggie Simpkins and his staff for the work they do from the academic side of things.

I recently returned from the Sun Belt Conference Meetings where we had a chance to review the year, look to the future, as well as be around new commissioner Keith Gill for the first time. I'm really impressed with Keith's vision of our conference and where he sees us heading. We definitely have a bright future in the Sun Belt.

We had a great spring, competition-wise, as well. Coach Sean McCaffrey and his women's tennis team made a Cinderella run to the Sun Belt finals, beating top-seeded Appalachian State in the first round. It was the first time in SBC history the No. 8 seed had upset the top seed in women's tennis! Our outdoor track & field team scored the most points it has ever

scored at the Sun Belt meet and baseball won the East Division of the conference, dropping a heartbreaker in the conference championship game. Ella Ofstedahl won the individual conference title in women's golf and Steven Fisk completed the sweep by winning the men's individual title. In softball, Hannah Farrell wrapped up her stellar career with an all-region selection and the team swept Georgia State in the final series of the year. Finally, our men's golf team had quite a showing at the NCAA Regional in California, placing fourth as the No. 10 seed to advance to the NCAA Finals in Arkansas and Fisk finished as the NATIONAL runner-up in men's golf. So as you can see, we finished really strong and hopefully that momentum carries over to the fall.

Finally, I wanted to give you all a glimpse into our budget for next year looks like and how it's broken down.

REVENUE		EXPENSE		EXPENSE NOTES
Student Fees	\$9,946,033	Salary	\$5,490,021	Athletics funded positions, some are funded by university
E&G Funded Salary	\$5,105,838	E&G Funded Salary	\$5,105,838	
Tickets	\$1,839,000	Operating	\$5,565,054	Operating, Equipment and Recruiting Expenses
Game Guarantees	\$1,900,000	Scholarship	\$6,112,000	
NCAA/Sunbelt	\$1,825,000	Travel	\$1,981,000	Team travel
Foundation	\$1,743,042			
Sponsorship/Licensing	\$1,600,000			
Processing/Sales	\$295,000			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,253,913</b>		<b>\$24,253,913</b>	

Our revenues from ticketing, sponsorships and fundraising have risen each of the past several years and that helps us to operate in the black. We must continue to generate revenue in those areas to be a successful athletic department.

Our new President, Dr. Kyle Marrero, has been great to work with his first two months and is really invested in athletics. I look forward to a great partnership as we advance Georgia Southern Athletics together.

Have a great summer, I look forward to seeing you all this fall!



Tom Kleinlein  
 Director of Athletics, Georgia Southern University



The final Coaches Caravan stops are this weekend in Macon (5/31) and Atlanta (6/1)



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