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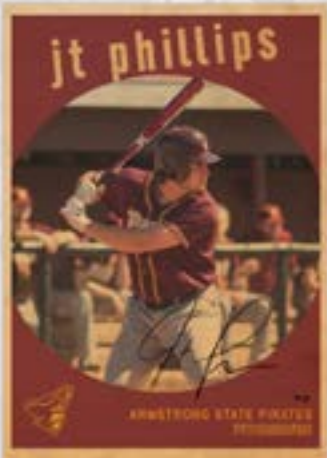
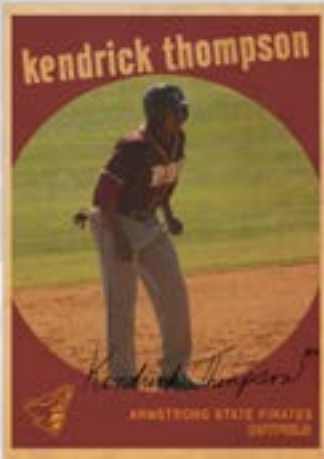
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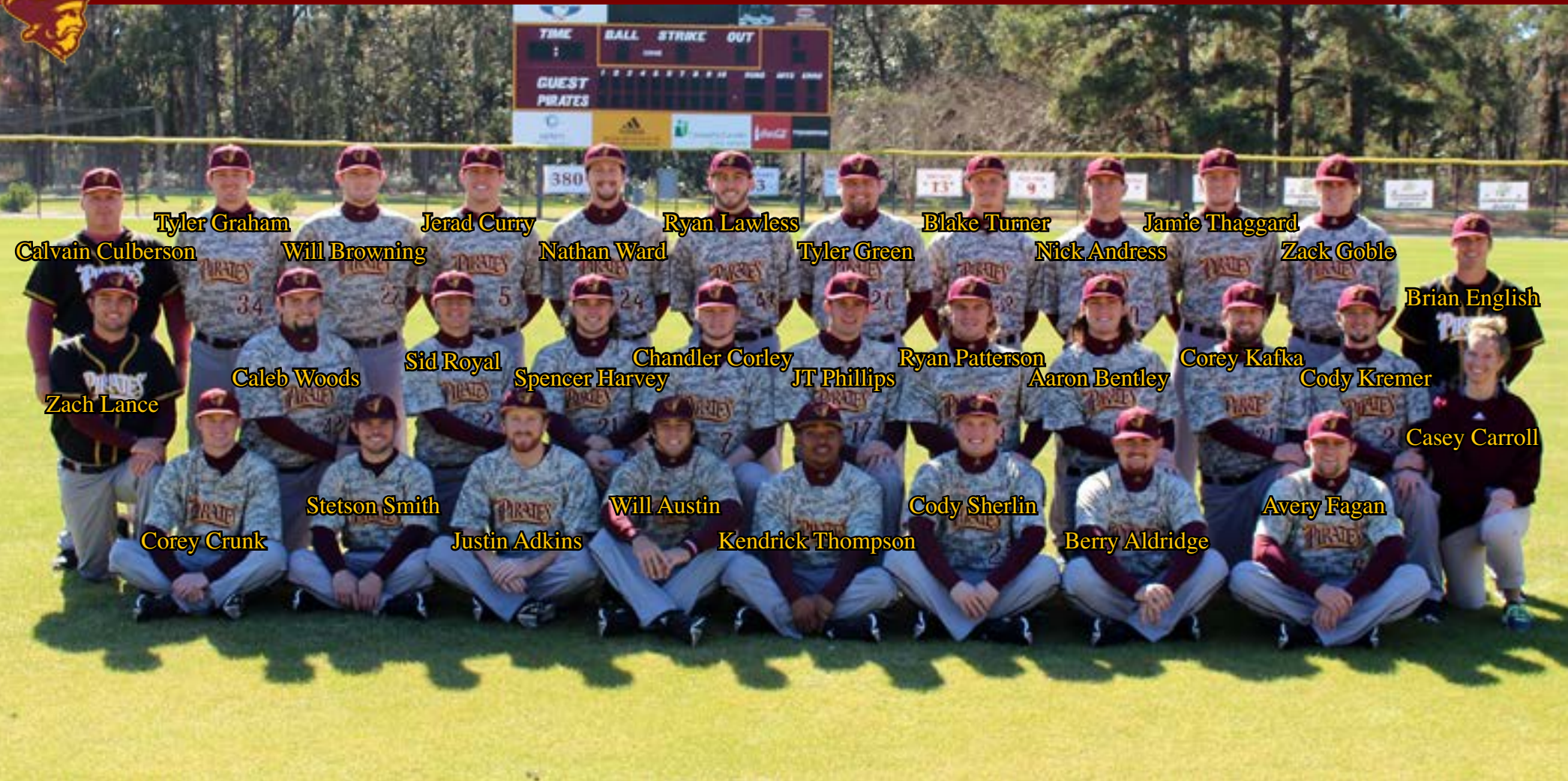
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# ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY 2016 BASEBALL



Tyler Graham, Jerad Curry, Ryan Lawless, Blake Turner, Jamie Thaggard, Calvin Culberson, Will Browning, Nathan Ward, Tyler Green, Nick Andress, Zack Goble, Brian English, Zach Lance, Caleb Woods, Sid Royal, Chandler Corley, Ryan Patterson, Corey Kafka, Cody Kremer, Stetson Smith, Will Austin, Cody Sherlin, Avery Fagan, Justin Adkins, Kendrick Thompson, Berry Aldridge

## 2016 ARMSTRONG BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

Location .....	Savannah, Ga.	Athletic Director .....	Lisa Sweany
Founded .....	1935	Head Coach.....	Calvin Culberson
Enrollment .....	7,250	Record at Armstrong.....	62-34 / 2 Years
Nickname.....	Pirates	Overall Record.....	62-34 / 2 Years
Colors .....	Maroon & Gold	2015 Record .....	34-14
Affiliation .....	NCAA Division II	2015 PBC Record.....	17-9 / 2nd
Conference .....	Peach Belt	2015 Postseason Finish .....	PBC Tournament Finalists
President .....	Dr. Linda Bleicken		

**HEAD COACH**  
**CALVIN CULBERSON**

- Led the Pirates to a 34-14 record and the PBC Tournament Championship game in 2015
- Assistant coach at Armstrong State for 18 seasons, former four-year standout for the Pirates from 1985-88 who earned All-American honors and is a member of the Armstrong State Athletics Hall of Fame

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**ASSISTANT COACH**  
**BRIAN**  
**ENGLISH**

**ASSISTANT COACH**  
**TOMMY**  
**THOMSON**



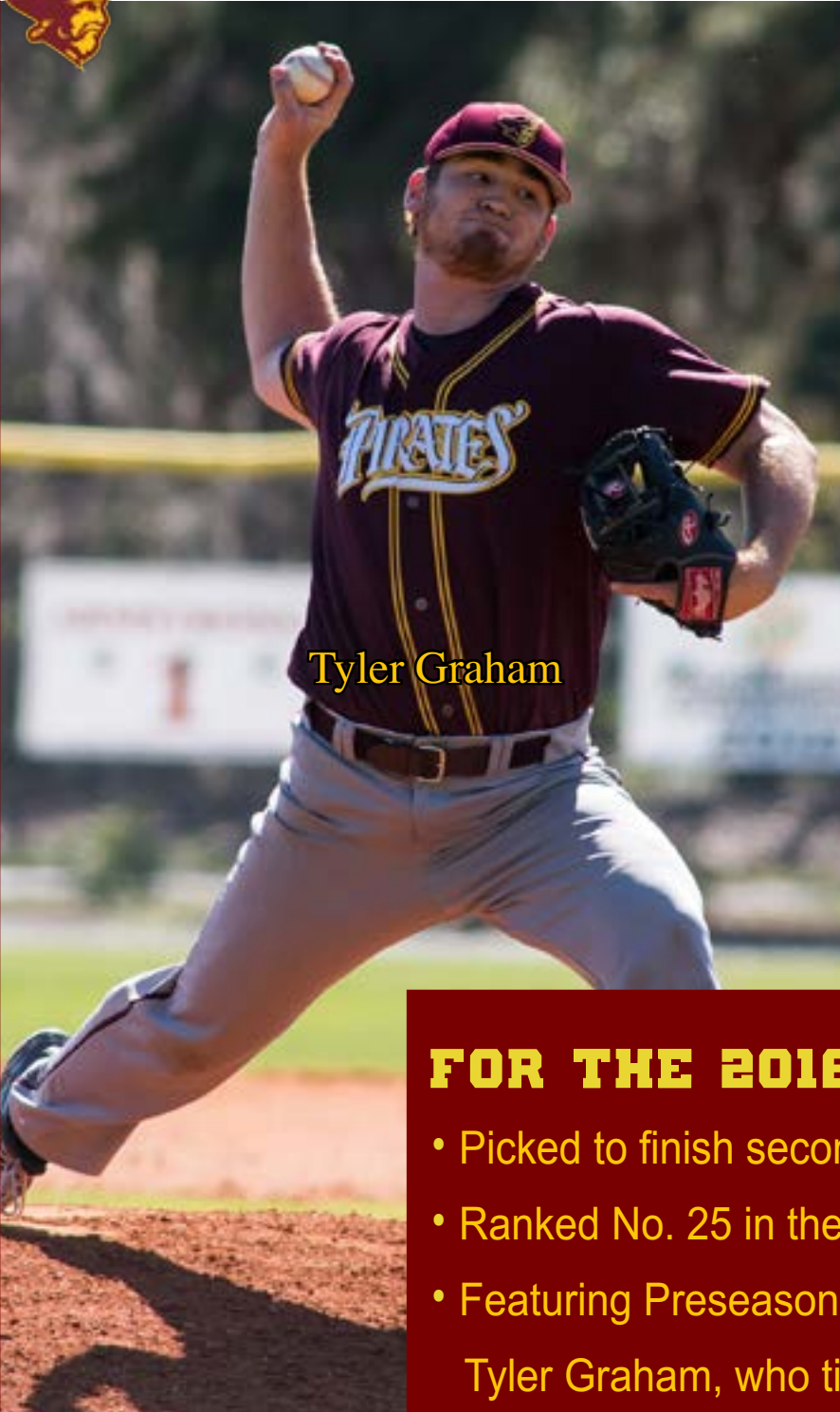
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- Joined Armstrong in 2013 after coaching at Middle Georgia
- Former standout at South Georgia and Valdosta State



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- Has assisted the Pirates since the 1981 season
- 2011 Armstrong Hall of Fame Service Citation award winner



**Tyler Graham**

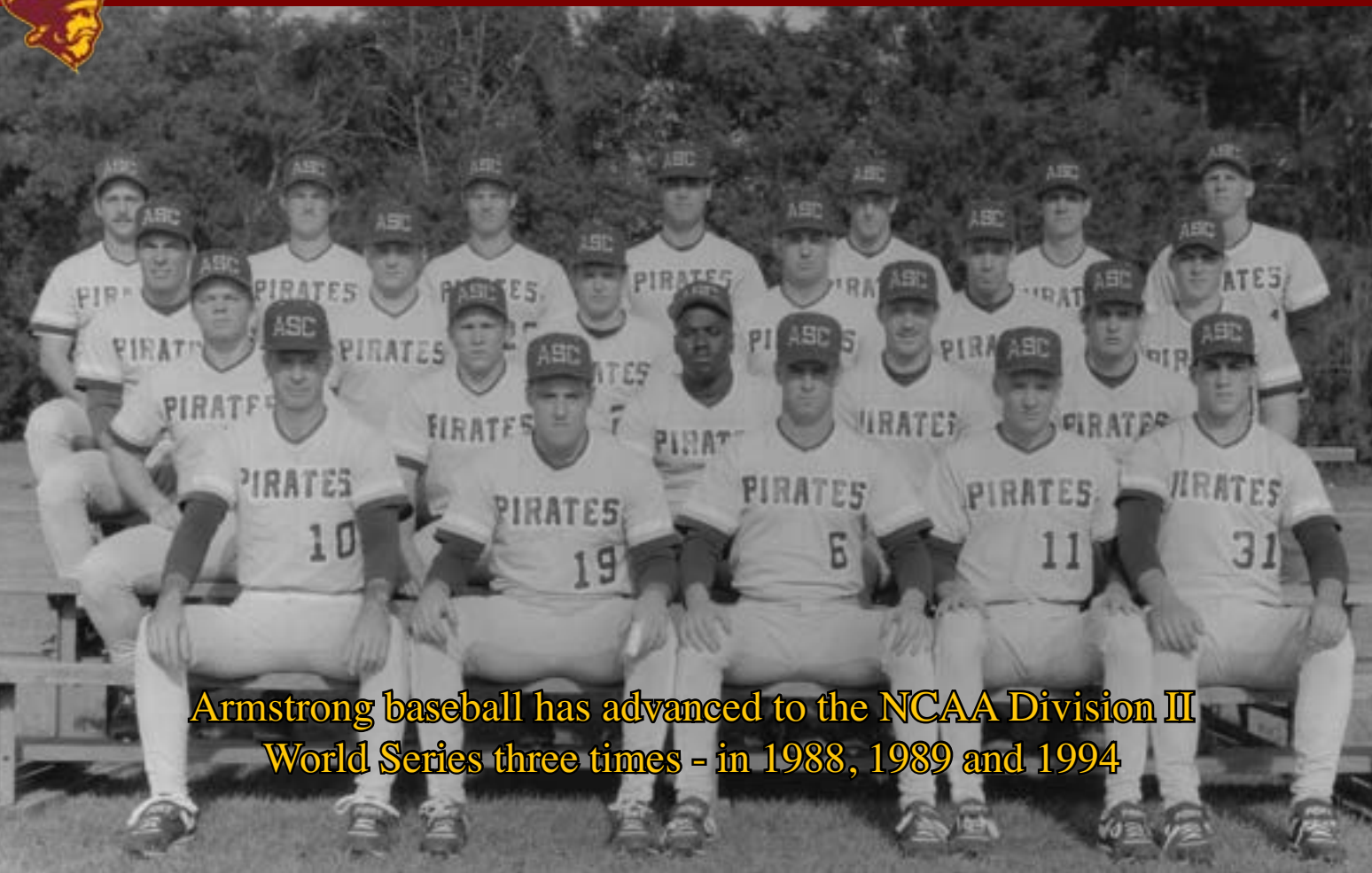


**Cody Sherlin**

**FOR THE 2016 SEASON, THE PIRATES ARE . . .**

- Picked to finish second in the Peach Belt Conference
- Ranked No. 25 in the *Collegiate Baseball* Preseason Top 30 Coaches Poll
- Featuring Preseason All-PBC and NCBWA Preseason All-Southeast Region Tyler Graham, who tied a school record with 12 saves in 2015

# PIRATE BASEBALL TRADITION



Armstrong baseball has advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series three times - in 1988, 1989 and 1994



Mike Mitchener

## ARMSTRONG STATE BASEBALL . . .

- Has made 14 NCAA appearances in the last 28 seasons
- Captured the 2007 and 2012 PBC Tournament Titles
- Won PBC Regular Season titles in 1992, 1993, 2003 and 2012
- Has compiled a 1283-513 record (.714) since 1983
- Has registered 33 consecutive winning seasons



Mark Ewing



# 2016 PIRATE RETURNERS

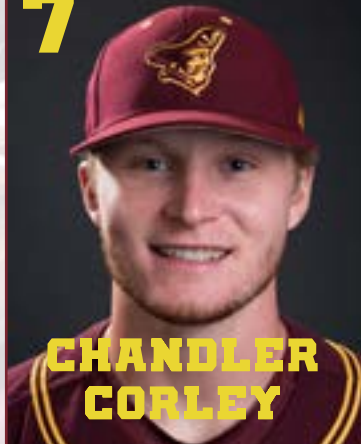
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**JERAD  
CURRY**

**SENIOR  
6'2" 200 C  
BUFORD, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

**7**



**CHANDLER  
CORLEY**

**SOPHOMORE  
6'0" 170 INF  
MARTINEZ, GA  
LAKESIDE EVANS HS**

**8**



**BERRY  
ALDRIDGE**

**SENIOR  
5'8" 185 C/INF  
SWAINSBORO, GA  
TOOMBS COUNTY HS**

**14**



**JUSTIN  
ADKINS**

**SENIOR  
5'11" 185 RHP  
DUBLIN, GA  
PIEDMONT COLL**

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**KENDRICK  
THOMPSON**

**SENIOR  
6'1" 190 OF  
STATESBORO, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

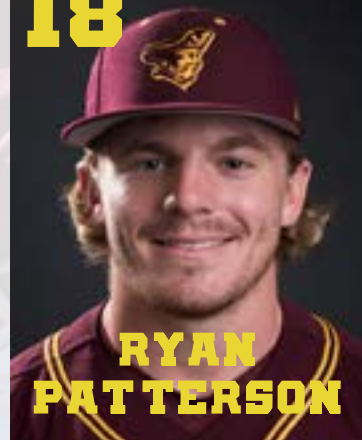
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**JT  
PHILLIPS**

**SENIOR  
6'3" 215 P/DH  
COLUMBUS, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

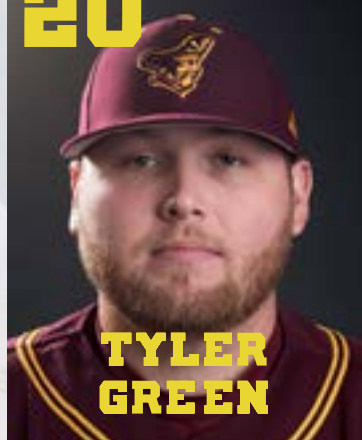
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**RYAN  
PATTERSON**

**JUNIOR  
5'11" 210 OF/P  
SNELLVILLE, GA  
SOUTH GWINNETT HS**

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**TYLER  
GREEN**

**SENIOR  
6'2" 240 RHP  
DUBLIN, GA  
WEST LAURENS HS**

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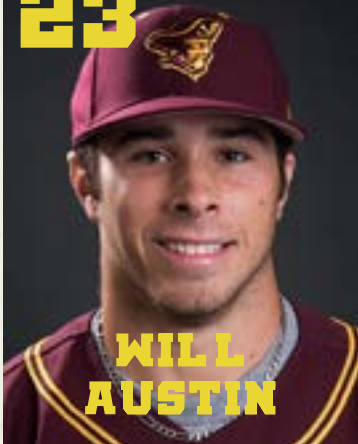
**CODY  
SHERLIN**

**SENIOR  
6'0" 185 INF  
RINGGOLD, GA  
RINGGOLD HS**

# 2016 PIRATE RETURNERS



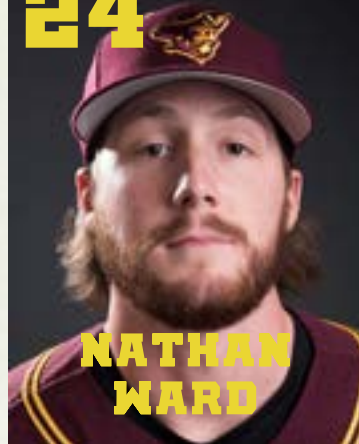
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**WILL  
AUSTIN**

**SENIOR  
5'11" 195 OF  
SAVANNAH, GA  
SOUTHERN UNION CC**

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**NATHAN  
WARD**

**SENIOR  
6'4" 195 OF  
RICHMOND HILL, GA  
RICHMOND HILL HS**

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**CODY  
KREMER**

**SENIOR  
6'0" 200 RHP  
ADAIRSVILLE, GA  
CENTRAL ALABAMA CC**

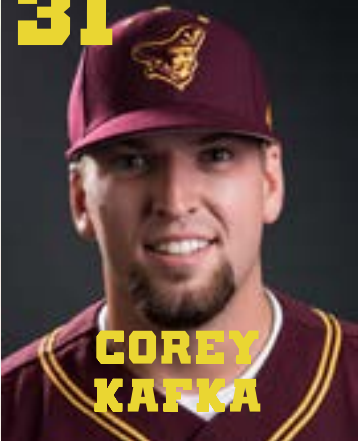
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**WILL  
BROWNING**

**SOPHOMORE  
6'3" 215 C  
HAZLEHURST, GA  
JEFF DAVIS HS**

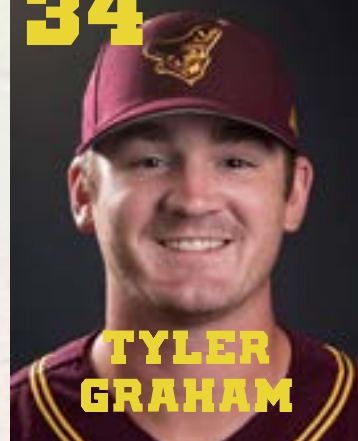
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**COREY  
KAFKA**

**SENIOR  
6'0" 205 RHP  
TUNNEL HILL, GA  
MIDDLE GEORGIA COLL**

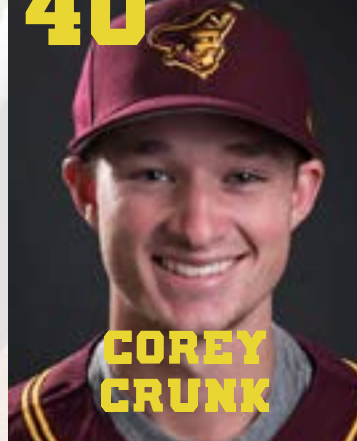
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**TYLER  
GRAHAM**

**SENIOR  
6'1" 205 RHP  
DALLAS, GA  
MIDDLE GEORGIA COLL**

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**COREY  
CRUNK**

**SENIOR  
5'11" 160 OF/P  
ACWORTH, GA  
KENNESAW MTN HS**

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**CALEB  
WOODS**

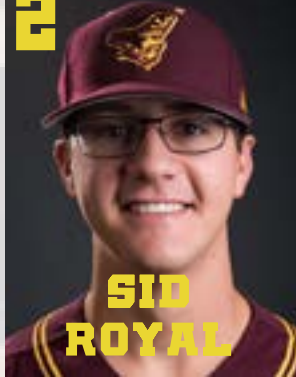
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6'1" 240 RHP  
ACWORTH, GA  
ETOWAH HS**



# 2016 PIRATE NEWCOMERS



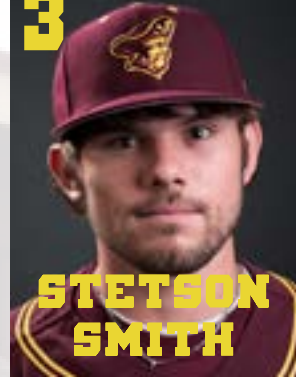
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**SID  
ROYAL**

**SOPHOMORE  
6'1" 185 RHP  
SCREVEN, GA  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

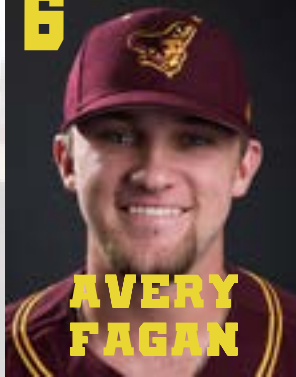
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**STETSON  
SMITH**

**FRESHMAN  
5'7" 150 INF  
BLACKSHEAR, GA  
PIERCE COUNTY HS**

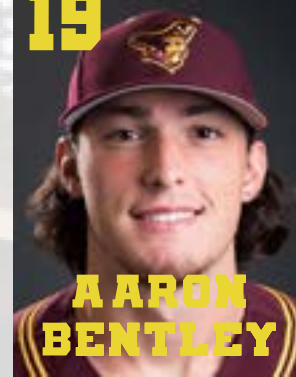
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**AVERY  
FAGAN**

**JUNIOR  
5'11" 195 RHP  
LOGANVILLE, GA  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

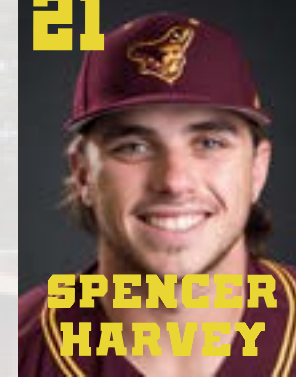
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**AARON  
BENTLEY**

**JUNIOR  
6'0" 200 RHP  
WINDER, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

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**SPENCER  
HARVEY**

**JUNIOR  
6'0" 210 OF  
GUYTON, GA  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN**

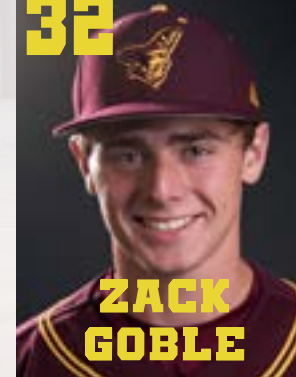
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**NICK  
ADDRESS**

**JUNIOR  
6'0" 200 RHP  
KATY, TEXAS  
WEST GEORGIA TECH**

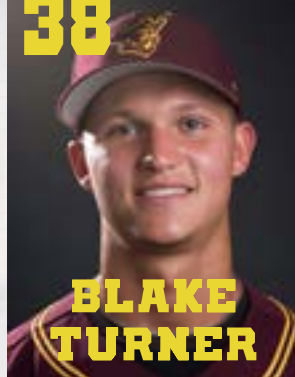
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**ZACK  
GOBLE**

**FRESHMAN  
6'2" 200 INF/P  
BLACKSHEAR, GA  
PIERCE COUNTY HS**

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**BLAKE  
TURNER**

**JUNIOR  
6'2" 190 LHP  
LAWRENCEVILLE, GA  
WEST GEORGIA TECH**

**41**



**JAMIE  
THAGGARD**

**SENIOR  
6'3" 190 RHP  
ACWORTH, GA  
BREWTON-PARKER**

**44**



**RYAN  
LAWLESS**


**JUNIOR  
6'3" 225 INF/P  
ST SIMONS ISLAND, GA  
ABAC**

## ARMSTRONG IN 2015 . . .

- Advanced to the PBC Tournament Championship game with a pair of ninth-inning walk-off wins in the quarterfinals and semifinals on May 9th
- Finished the year ranked No. 26 in the *Collegiate Baseball DII* Top 30 Coaches Poll
- Led the league in strikeouts per nine innings at 9.3, which ranked 7th in NCAA DII
- Won 17 of its first 20 games, including a three-game sweep of defending region champion Lander and a 14-9 win over No. 2 Mount Olive

A photograph of a baseball pitcher in a maroon uniform with gold accents, captured in the middle of a pitching motion on a baseball field. The pitcher is wearing a maroon cap and has his right arm extended forward, releasing the ball.

[Click for the full 2015 Peach Belt Conference baseball standings](#)

A photograph of a baseball fielder in a maroon uniform with gold accents, wearing sunglasses and a maroon cap. He is in a ready position, looking towards the left side of the frame. In the background, another player in a blue uniform with the number 24 is partially visible.

[Click for the full 2015 Peach Belt Conference statistical leaders](#)



Pete Nagel



Tyler Avera

## PIRATES HONORED IN 2015 . . .

- as Armstrong had two first-team All-Peach Belt Conference honorees in Pete Nagel and Tyler Graham
- Three Pirates earned All-PBC Tournament honors: R.J. Dennard, Tyler Avera and Berry Aldridge
- Ryan Patterson made the PBC “Play of the Year” with his game-saving catch in the 9th inning vs. Lander on 3/8
- Five Pirates earned PBC All-Academic Honors: Dennard, Patterson, Corey Crunk, Cody Sherlin & Matt Wisniewski




[Click for a listing of Armstrong State's all-time baseball honors](#)

# PIRATE RECORDS

## PIRATE BASEBALL . . .

- Has compiled an all-time record of 1568-909 (.633) in 49 seasons
- The Pirates have registered 14 40-win seasons in school history
- Armstrong State was 20-6 at Pirate Field in 2014



Click for Armstrong State's all-time baseball head coaching records

## JOE ROBERTS . . .

- Coached 34 seasons of Armstrong State baseball from 1980-2013, compiling a career 1322-640 record
- NCAA Division II's all-time coaching wins leader
- Member of the ABCA and Georgia Dugout Club Halls of Fame

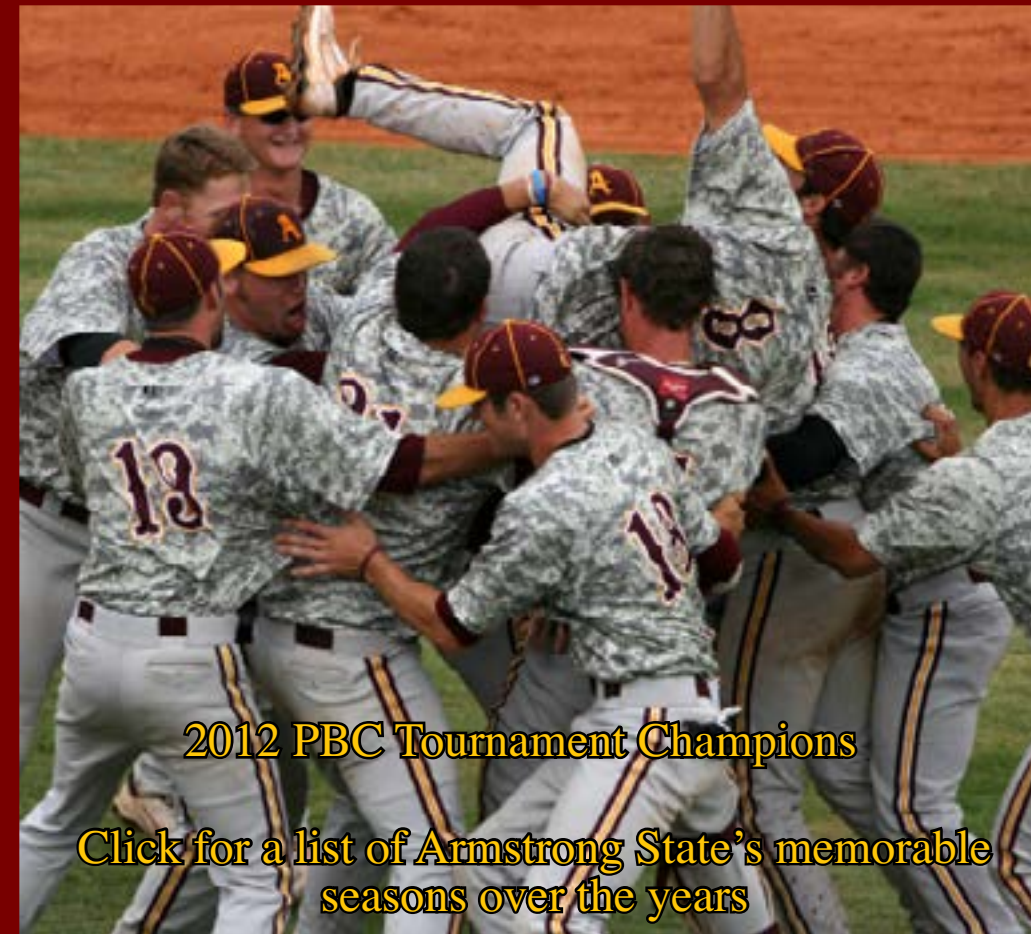


Click for Armstrong State's all-time team and individual records

# MEMORABLE SEASONS • ALL AMERICANS

## ARMSTRONG IN 2016 WILL . . .

- Play 10 games against teams that advanced to the NCAA Championships in 2015
- Face 10 teams that had 30+ wins in 2015
- Open the season with a doubleheader against Paine College at Historic Grayson Stadium



2012 PBC Tournament Champions

[Click for a list of Armstrong State's memorable seasons over the years](#)



Steve McNeill, Armstrong's first baseball All-American

# ARMSTRONG STATE PIRATES 2016 BASEBALL



DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 31	Sun.	Paine (DH) GRAYSON STADIUM	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Sat.	Tusculum (DH) GRAYSON STADIUM	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Sun.	Tusculum	Noon
Feb. 12	Fri.	at USC Aiken *	5:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Sat.	at USC Aiken (DH) *	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	Sat.	Francis Marion *	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Sun.	Francis Marion (DH) *	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 23	Tues.	at Albany State	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	Sat.	Ga. Southwestern (DH) *	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 28	Sun.	Ga. Southwestern *	1:00 p.m.
March 1	Tues.	Chatham	2:00 p.m.
March 4	Fri.	at Lander *	7:00 p.m.
March 5	Sat.	at Lander (DH) *	1:00 p.m.
March 9	Wed.	vs. Mount Olive (@ Sumter)	6:00 p.m.
March 14	Mon.	Morehouse	2:00 p.m.
March 15	Tues.	at Albany State	6:00 p.m.
March 19	Sat.	Augusta *	1:00 p.m.
March 20	Sun.	Augusta (DH) *	11:00 a.m.
March 22	Tues.	Albany State	2:00 p.m.
March 25	Fri.	North Georgia (DH) *	11:00 a.m.
March 26	Sat.	North Georgia	Noon
March 29	Tues.	Belmont Abbey	2:00 p.m.
April 2	Sat.	at Montevallo (DH) *	3:00 p.m.
April 3	Sun.	at Montevallo	1:00 p.m.
April 6	Wed.	at Morehouse	2:00 p.m.
April 8	Fri.	at Flagler *	6:00 p.m.
April 9	Sat.	at Flagler (DH) *	1:00 p.m.
April 12	Tues.	at Embry-Riddle	6:00 p.m.
April 15	Fri.	Georgia College *	3:00 p.m.
April 16	Sat.	Georgia College *	2:00 p.m.
April 17	Sun.	Georgia College *	1:00 p.m.
April 23	Sat.	at Columbus State *	5:00 p.m.
April 24	Sun.	at Columbus State (DH) *	1:00 p.m.
April 27	Wed.	USC Beaufort	3:00 p.m.
April 30	Sat.	Trinity Baptist (DH)	Noon
May 6	Fri.	at Belmont Abbey	3:00 p.m.
May 7	Sat.	at Belmont Abbey (DH)	Noon

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