

# UF FACULTY SENATE MEETING

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS & ACADEMICS

# Student-Athlete Academics



**548** student-athletes representing **39** states and **32** countries, pursuing degrees across all **10** undergraduate colleges, and **61** Student-Athletes pursuing graduate degrees.



# Student-Athlete Academics – 2022-2023

**107**

**STUDENT-ATHLETES  
EARNED THEIR DEGREE**

**28** GRADUATED WITH HONORS

**27** EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE

**410**

**STUDENT-ATHLETES  
ON SEC HONOR ROLL**

**3.30**

**OVERALL STUDENT-  
ATHLETE GPA**



# Student-Athlete Academics – Fall 2023

- **3.29** Average Student-Athlete GPA for 2023 Fall Semester
- **All programs** have a 3.0+ cumulative GPA
- **401 out of 548** student-athletes earned a **3.0** GPA or better
- UF is the only SEC School to place 100 or more student-athletes on the SEC Academic Honor Roll each of the last 26 years.



# Commitment to Student-Athletes

**\$78,398**

AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF  
THE UF EXPERIENCE PER  
SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT-  
ATHLETE

**\$20,098,885**

ANNUAL COST OF  
SCHOLARSHIPS

\*not including the value of world-class coaching & training received.

# Student-Athlete Enhancement



## **GATORS EXPERIENCE**

Career, community, leadership & personal development initiatives for all student-athletes.



## **GATORMADE**

A holistic player-focused and purpose-driven initiative that develops football scholar-athletes during their time at UF and beyond.



# Student Athlete Enhancement



The UAA funds **8 licensed mental health counselors** + access to psychiatric services via the UF counseling & wellness center, UF health, and providers in the Gainesville community. The 8 counselors also sit on a UAA Mental Health Committee joined 4 Athletic Trainers, 1 team Physician, and 2 staff members from the Hawkins Center



**8 full-time dietitians** create high-performance nutrition plans helping all student-athletes reach an elite level of their athletic potential and providing hands-on education in culinary skills and fueling strategies.



# EmpowHER



**Vicki Werskey**  
**Director of EmpowHER**

Gators EmpowHER is a daily initiative to provide opportunities for connection, collaboration, and enrichment for our current and former Gator female athletes. EmpowHER will offer opportunities to provide a network of gator-minded support systems through mentoring, career education, and preparatory events.

## **EmpowHER Committee**

- This is an opportunity for alumni and current female student-athletes to collaborate on new ways to create engagement to continue to empower the network within the Gator community.





# Gary Condron Family Dining Hall

- 3 meals a day, five days a week for 500 student-athletes
- Kitchen, Chef, and Staff prepping from 4:30 am to 8:30 p.m. M-F
- 200 pounds of chicken per day
- 150 pounds of salmon a day
- 3,840 eggs a week
- 100 pounds of strawberries per day
- 89 salad bar ingredients prepped daily
- Gator student athlete gathering area



# Student Athlete Community Service



- In 2023-2024 (with a few weeks left), Student-Athletes volunteered **2,647** hours of community service
- Economic impact: **\$84,166** for 41 different organizations
- 282 Student-Athletes have participated in community service from all 21 sports



# Student-Athlete Internships

## 2023 GATORS SUMMER INTERNS



**Anna Auld**  
Swim & Dive  
Rodd Sports



**Paige Clausen**  
Basketball  
UFICO



**Jace Crawford**  
Swim & Dive  
The Emmer Group



**Micayla Cronk**  
Swim & Dive  
UF Health Shands



**Bri Edwards**  
Gymnastics  
UF Health Shands



**Caleb Foster**  
Track & Field  
UF Health Shands



**Billy Jones**  
Swim & Dive  
Exactech



**Joshua King**  
Track & Field  
UF Health Shands



**Ellie Lazzari**  
Gymnastics  
Child Advocacy Center



**Tylor Mathieu**  
Swim & Dive  
Sante Fe Athletics



**Stephanie Ormsby**  
Track & Field  
UF Health Shands



**Brendan Peacock**  
Swim & Dive  
GPD



**Osaji Skyers**  
Track & Field  
Exactech



**Julian Smith**  
Swim & Dive  
UF Health Shands



**Joseph Stravato**  
Track & Field  
Sweetwater Wetlands Park



**Jack VanDeusen**  
Swim & Dive  
Aquatropics



**Madison Young**  
Soccer  
The Emmer Group



Provide summer internships for student-athletes who otherwise would not have opportunities due to demanding schedules.

Internships include:  
20 Hour Work Week; Flexible Schedules:  
Summer A or B; Housing and Food Stipend;  
Valuable Experiences; Professional  
Development Workshops

# Sports Analytics

*The UAA and UF are joining forces to develop a future that includes a deeper understanding of sports analytics.*

**Gator Accelerator for Sport Analytics:** The College of Health and Human Performance and the Warrington College of Business will partner with the UF's men's basketball team to improve recruitment, player evaluation, scouting, and game strategy through artificial intelligence (AI) tools. The project will also develop a master's degree program in AI and Sports Analytics, and provide students with a real-world laboratory for working directly with teams and athletes. (Brian Levine and Scott Friedman)

**AI-Powered Athletics:** The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, the College of Health and Human Performance, and the UAA will build an infrastructure to enable AI-powered athletics based on the wearable sensor and health data of student-athletes. Funded projects may generate pilot data and initial publications that lead to large-scale research proposals for federal agencies. (Stacey/Duke/Spencer)

# SPRING SPORTS RANKINGS

- #2 MEN'S TRACK & FIELD
- #4 GYMNASTICS
- #9 LACROSSE
- #9 SOFTBALL
- #12 WOMEN'S GOLF
- #12 WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD
- #13 WOMEN'S TENNIS
- #15 MEN'S GOLF
- #24 BASEBALL



**265** SEC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
THE MOST IN THE CONFERENCE

**47** NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**363** INDIVIDUAL NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE **ONLY PROGRAM**  
IN COLLEGIATE HISTORY TO OWN BOTH  
**FOOTBALL & MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**NATIONAL TITLES**  
IN THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR

**#1** PUBLIC SCHOOL  
IN THE U.S.  
ACCORDING TO THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
**EVERYTHING SCHOOL**



# Gator Olympians



- Since the 1972 Olympiad held in Munich:
  - **211** Gators have participated in the Olympic Games
  - Gators have won **146** Olympic medals:
    - **70** gold
    - **39** silver
    - **37** bronze





**TEAM  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**FLORIDA ▶ 265**

TENNESSEE	▶	160
GEORGIA	▶	153
LSU	▶	144
ARKANSAS	▶	138
ALABAMA	▶	101
AUBURN	▶	87
KENTUCKY	▶	80
MISSISSIPPI STATE	▶	31
OLE MISS	▶	23
SOUTH CAROLINA	▶	22
VANDERBILT	▶	21
TEXAS A&M	▶	21
MISSOURI	▶	2





