POINTS OF PRIDE

2016-17

11 consecutive semesters of 3.0 GPA or better

5317 hours of service in the community
VISION
To be the preferred destination for student-athletes, staff and fans to pursue championships in sport and in life.

MISSION
Through developing leaders and inspiring champions, we create Sooner Magic.

SOONER MAGIC
MASTERYFUL
ACCOUNTABLE
GRACIOUS
INCLUSIVE
COMPETITIVE
The moments that best define team play, the most beautiful aspect of sport, occur when one competitor acknowledges the work of another. Whether it be after an assist or sacrifice, nothing so accurately illustrates the concept of “team” than when one teammate shares the ultimate success with those who made it possible.

That’s the purpose of this letter and the pages that follow. Your contribution made it possible for Oklahoma Athletics to enjoy a magical year of unparalleled success. From national championships to record academic achievements to thousands of hours of community service, we provided the optimal student-athlete experience, and a nation took notice.

Fans, peers and competitors watched us celebrate pinnacles of success. What they may have missed is the legion of support that makes our success possible. Your belief in us, the resources you trust to our program, lead to the sense of accomplishment all of us are feeling.

Our student-athletes, coaches and staff are incredible. They are talented, driven and, most importantly, people of genuine substance. And, yet, much of what they do hinges on the very important role you play to enable each of them.

That’s why we’re running down the court pointing at you, why we’re waiting on the dugout steps with a high-five, why we’re beckoning you to join the dogpile. You are part of our team, an integral part, and as you look over the pages that follow, don’t simply take pride in your university. Go farther and join us in celebrating what we have done … together.

With Great Appreciation,

[Signature]

JOSEPH R. CASTIGLIONE
Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Programs – Director of Athletics
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OUR STUDENT-ATHLETHES

OU graduated 115 with bachelor degrees and nine with graduate degrees for a total of 124 graduating student-athletes.

Athletics set a record-high Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 85%, an improvement from 72% just four years ago. OU’s GSR exceeds the Division I national average of 84%.
ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATES

Academic Progress Rates (APR)

- All OU sport programs scored above the required minimum of 930 for the ninth consecutive year.
- Five programs – women’s basketball, women’s golf, women’s gymnastics, rowing and women’s tennis earned a perfect 1000 multi-year APR score (4-year average).
- A total 13 of 19 programs earned a multi-year APR that exceeded the Division I national average.

Student-athletes collectively earned a record setting 3.07 cumulative GPA in Fall 2016 and broke that record again in Spring 2017 with a 3.09. The student-athletes now have 11 consecutive semesters with a cumulative GPA above 3.00.

16 of 19 sport programs earned a cumulative GPA above a 3.00 for the Fall 2016 semester; 15 of 19 programs earned that mark in Spring 2017.

Chayse Capps received the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship for Spring 2017.

Marissa Beene received the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in Summer 2016.

Rachel Ressler was named the Big 12 Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Victoria Wallace was the Fall 2016 Arts and Sciences Convocation speaker.

Alex Ghilea was Big 12 Men’s Tennis Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Lily Miyasaki was Big 12 Women’s Tennis co-Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Everette Favor was Big 12 Men’s Track and Field co-Scholar Athlete of the Year.
OU Student-Athletes dedicated 5,317 HOURS OF SERVICE to the community in 2016-17

Nine teams adopted schools for 2016-2017. Women’s basketball held Field Trip Day on Feb. 1, 2017 vs. Kansas where a record 8,500 students from area schools attended. The Sooner Jr. program also saw a record 20,000 students and 37 schools of the course of 2016-17.
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

4 NCAA TEAM TITLES

4 CONFERENE CHAMPIONS

5 INDIVIDUAL NCAA CHAMPIONS

7 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS THE LAST TWO YEARS
OUR SPORTS PROGRAM

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The Sooners earned the 2017 NCAA Championship with a 3-1-1 victory over Oregon in the final match, marking the first national title for the golf program since 1989.

After entering the tournament with the No. 13 seed in stroke play, OU finished second in stroke competition to advance to match play. In quarterfinals action, the Sooners trailed in all five matches at one point and fell behind 2-0 but made a massive comeback to defeat Baylor 3-2 and advance to semifinals where they downed Illinois 3-1-1.

The Sooners made their seventh consecutive NCAA Championships appearance, joining just Texas, USC and Illinois as the only programs to currently hold such a streak.

Senior Max McGreevy, junior Grant Hirschman and sophomore Brad Dalke combined to win five individual titles this season, marking a program record for the most individual wins in a season.
• The Sooners won their second straight and third overall national title with a 198.3875, the highest score ever by any team at the NCAA Championships. OU finished the year with a 33-0 overall record, the first undefeated season in program history.

• Five gymnasts combined for 12 All-America honors, including Chayse Capps, Stefani Catour, AJ Jackson, Nicole Lehrmann and Maggie Nichols, while Lehrmann and Nichols became individual national champions on the bars.

• OU won its sixth straight Big 12 Championship with six gymnasts registering a total of eight individual conference titles. The team also added an eighth straight NCAA Regional Championship.

• Maggie Nichols recorded seven 10.0s in her freshman season, already giving her the program record for perfect marks in a career, and completed a “GymSlam” by scoring a 10.0 on all four events, just the ninth collegiate gymnast to ever accomplish the feat.
OU has won 11 National Championships in gymnastics and has not finished outside the top 3 once in the last 17 years.

MEN’S GYMNASICS

- Oklahoma completed its third consecutive unbeaten season, going 26-0 and earning its third straight NCAA Championship. The title was OU’s 11th in school history and the eighth under head coach Mark Williams.

- The Sooners have not lost since finishing second at the 2014 NCAA Championships, racking up a program-best 76 straight wins during that span.

- Sophomore Yul Moldauer took home individual national championships on floor and rings, giving him three titles for his career.

- Seven Sooners claimed a total of 22 All-America honors at the NCAA team finals. Senior Allan Bower and Moldauer each took home All-America honors on six of the seven events while senior Colin Van Wicklen did so on five events.
SOFTBALL

The Sooners have won three of the last five National Championships and the last six Big 12 titles.

- Oklahoma won back-to-back national championships and has claimed three national titles in the last five years and four overall. The Sooners are one of four programs to go back-to-back, and only two schools have more national titles than OU.

- Head coach Patty Gasso led OU to its sixth straight Big 12 regular season championship as the Sooners advanced to the postseason for the 24th straight season.

- OU’s WCWS appearance was its 11th all-time and sixth in the last seven years.

- For the second straight year, the Sooners took home Big 12 Player of the Year, Pitcher of the Year, Freshman of the Year and Coach of the Year honors. Caleigh Clifton, Shay Knighten and Paige Parker were all second-team All-Americans.
Since 1999, OU Football has more Big 12 Championships (10) than home losses (9).

FOOTBALL

- The Sooners claimed their 10th Big 12 Championship by becoming the first team to ever go 9-0 in regular season Big 12 play, and finished with an 11-2 record after defeating Auburn 35-19 in the Sugar Bowl.

- OU finished No. 3 in the final Amway Coaches Poll and No. 5 in the AP Poll. It marked the seventh time in head coach Bob Stoops’ 18 years OU finished in the top five.

- Wide receiver Dede Westbrook became OU’s first winner of the Biletnikoff Award as the country’s outstanding receiver, and was the Sooners’ first unanimous All-American since 2004.

- Baker Mayfield and Westbrook were both Heisman Trophy finalists, marking the first time in the 82-year history of the award that a quarterback and receiver from the same team both finished in the top four. Mayfield finished third in voting and Westbrook fourth.
MEN’S TENNIS

• Senior Andrew Harris and junior Spencer Papa won the 2017 NCAA Doubles Championship, becoming the first Sooners ever to win an individual title in tennis. By virtue of their championship run, they also earned All-America status.

• For the fifth consecutive year, OU advanced to the round of 16 at the NCAA Championships. It also served as an NCAA Regional host site for the eighth consecutive year.

• Senior Alex Ghilea became just the second Sooner ever to advance to the quarterfinals round of the NCAA Singles Championship and became the seventh Sooner ever to earn All-America honors in singles.
MEN’S BASKETBALL

• The Sooners debuted a new core of young, talented players, led by freshman Kameron McGusty, a Big 12 honorable mention selection and member of the Big 12 All Newcomer team.

• On Feb. 25, Lon Kruger became the 33rd head coach to win 600 NCAA Division I games as the Sooners defeated Kansas State, 81-51, at Lloyd Noble Center. With 601 career wins, Kruger ranks 10th in victories among active Division I coaches. In six seasons with the Sooners, he has compiled 122 victories.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

• The Sooners appeared in their 18th consecutive NCAA Tournament, which ranks as the fifth-longest active streak in the nation.

• Redshirt senior Peyton Little and junior Vionise Pierre-Louis were named to the All-Big 12 second team, helping the Sooners to a third-place finish in the conference. OU has won at least 10 Big 12 games 11 times in the last 12 years.

• Little became the 32nd Sooner to score 1,000 points at Oklahoma. She finished her career with 1,187 points.

• The Sooners’ 23 wins were the most by an OU team since 2011. This marked the 15th time under head coach Sherri Coale that OU won 20-plus games.
**SOCCER**

- The Sooners put together a season for the record books in 2016, recording the first NCAA Tournament win in program history with a 1-0 victory over SMU. The win represented the 14th of the season, the most in a single season in OU history.
- Redshirt senior goalkeeper Kassidie Stade finished her career in impressive fashion, setting the program records for individual season shutouts with nine and career shutouts with 20.
- OU accumulated a variety of individual honors. A program-record six Sooners received All-Big 12 accolades, including Rachel Ressler (first team), Jemma Cota (second team), Liz Keester (second team), Tori Bowman (second team), Paige Welch (second team) and Kristina O’Donnell, while 10 players earned Academic All-Big 12 accolades.

**VOLLEYBALL**

- Marion Hazelwood was named AVCA All-America Honorable Mention, becoming just the second three-time honoree in program history.
- The Sooners opened the season with a 7-0 record, their best start since 2004.
- OU boasted a program-record 11 Academic All-Big 12 selections, tied for most in the league.
WRESTLING

- Oklahoma’s improvement was evident in Lou Rosselli’s first year at the helm as the squad recorded a 10-3 mark after the holiday break to finish the season with an 11-6 overall mark.
- Eight Sooners qualified for the 2017 NCAA Championships in St. Louis, up from just five qualifiers a season ago.
- OU finished in second place at the Big 12 Championship, led by individual runners-up Davion Jeffries (149 pounds) and Matt Reed (174 pounds).
- The future is bright for the program as Rosselli signed seven top-100 recruits who will join the team in the fall.

WOMEN’S TENNIS

- The Sooners finished 14-8 overall and 4-5 in Big 12 play under first-year head coach Audra Cohen. OU was ranked No. 47 in the final ITA rankings for 2017.
- Junior Lily Miyazaki earned first-team All-Big 12 honors and was also selected as the Big 12 Women’s Tennis Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year.
- Miyazaki also represented the Sooners in the NCAA Individual Singles Championships and participated in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships.
BASEBALL

- The Sooners led the nation with five top-25 RPI series wins, including top-10 series wins over TCU and Texas Tech.
- A program-record 10 Sooners were honored with All-Big 12 postseason awards.
- OU earned the 37th NCAA postseason appearance in program history.
- Austin O’Brien and Jake Irvin were voted CoSIDA Academic All-District, becoming the program’s first honorees since 2011.

WOMEN’S GOLF

- The Sooners finished the year with a program-best 290.72 season-stroke average.
- Sophomore Julienne Soo shined in her sophomore season, earning the first tournament win of her collegiate career as well as setting numerous program records en route to a selection on the All-Big 12 Team and an individual appearance in the NCAA Championships.
- Six of the nine Sooners on roster were named to the 2017 Academic All-Big 12 Team.
- The squad returns all five starters from this season and will look to make an NCAA Championships team run in 2018.
ROWING

- The team ended the season ranked No. 20 in the final regular-season CRCA/US Rowing Coaches’ Poll.
- Five Sooners were named to the All-Big 12 Team after the squad capped the season with a runner-up finish at the Big 12 Championship.
- Freshman Carlijn Hutter and senior Maegan Neihart were named to the CRCA All-Region Team, while the OU coaching staff was named the Region 3 Staff of the Year. Hutter was also selected as the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year.
- The academic success of the team was evident once again as it landed 25 student-athletes on the Academic All-Big 12 Team and nine on the CRCA Scholar Athlete Team.

TRACK & FIELD

Cross Country:
- Led by All-Big 12 honoree Brittany Tretbar, the women finished fourth at the Big 12 Championship, the highest team finish for the OU women’s program in Big 12 history.
- Dylan Blankenbaker earned All-Big 12 honors after finishing sixth at the Big 12 Championship. He went on to place sixth at the Midwest Regional, earning All-Region honors, and qualified for the NCAA Championship.

Track and Field:
- The Sooners had three Big 12 indoor champions and three Big 12 outdoor champions. Hayden McClain swept the triple jump titles and set a Big 12 meet record at the indoor conference meet. Ama Pipi became the first women’s indoor Big 12 200-meter champion in school history, while Dylan Blankenbaker won the indoor 5,000-meter race.
- At the Big 12 Outdoor Championship, the women’s 4x100-meter relay team won the first Big 12 title in the event in school history, and Jess Woodard won the shot put, setting a facility record.
- Oklahoma had two NCAA indoor first-team All-Americans, two NCAA indoor second-team All-Americans, three NCAA outdoor first-team All-Americans and eight NCAA outdoor second-team All-Americans (both women’s relay teams earned second-team acclaim).
Oklahoma’s goals were clear from the beginning. OU Vice President and Athletics Director Joe Castiglione stated, “We want to provide a world-class facility for our student-athletes and add more opportunities to engage fans and create memorable experiences for them.” Both were accomplished.

The training facilities, highlighted by a 30,000 sq/ft strength and conditioning area, includes an energy station provided and branded by Gatorade. It opens up on both sides to serve athletes visiting the training or weight training center.

The fan amenities proved immensely popular and by adding unique concessions opportunities, plazas and two, separate-ly-themed clubs, the fan experience changed dramatically.

“We stated from the beginning that our priorities were student-athletes and fans, and this work allows us to serve both of those groups.”

David L. Boren
President - University of Oklahoma
An approximately 18,400-gross-square-foot addition at the Lloyd Noble Center is under construction south of the existing two practice court gymnasiums used by the men’s and women’s basketball programs.

The addition will provide significantly improved strength training facilities for both basketball programs as well as for student-athletes competing in other OU athletics programs.

As a part of the project, space for a performance center also will be constructed to accommodate equipment that will assist in performance testing and assessment.

“This facility is an elite sports science center that will enhance our ability to train student-athletes.”

Joe Castiglione
OU Vice President and Director of Athletics
L. Dale Mitchell Park first opened in 1982. Since that time, L. Dale Mitchell Park has undergone various phases of work to improve its function and appearance. A facility enhancement survey, conducted by HOK, found that there were several areas of L. Dale Mitchell Park that needed to be addressed as quickly as possible. Included in the necessary upgrades were sidewalks, fencing, locker rooms, mechanical and plumbing systems, lighting, field wall, and locker rooms.

OU Athletics, with the assistance of the architectural firm Populous, has developed a master plan for L. Dale Mitchell Park to enhance the visual appearance, function, fan amenities, and overall ambiance. The goal of the master plan was to identify the needs of L. Dale Mitchell Park and propose options for addressing and meeting these needs.

OU Athletics is currently in Phase 4 of 6 for the baseball master plan. Included in Phase 4 are major fan amenities, such as outdoor club seating, terraced berm seating and upper bowl chair-backs. These amenities will add greatly to fan comfort and enrich the overall atmosphere at L. Dale Mitchell Park.

Once completed, the master plan will provide our coaches and student-athletes with a state-of-the-art facility to continue and enrich OU Baseball’s tradition of excellence.
In 2011, OU Athletics, with the assistance of the architectural firm Populous, embarked on a master plan for the OU Softball Complex to enhance the visual appearance, function, fan amenities, and overall ambiance. The goal of the master plan was to identify the needs of the facility and propose options for addressing and meeting these needs.

The development of that master plan has yielded a concept that will greatly impact both student-athletes and fans.

A stadium enlargement and renovation would double the number of seats around the diamond to 1,000 and increase the facility’s overall capacity to 2,300.

The plan also outlines an expansion of the current locker room facility for both athletes and coaches. At the same time, it would add a new entry to the team building and an area to display and celebrate the four national championship trophies and vast array of other hardware won by the Sooners.

Once completed, the master plan will provide our coaches and student-athletes with a state-of-the-art facility to continue and enrich OU Softball’s tradition of excellence.

Along with the need for fan amenity upgrades and facility enhancements to host NCAA Regionals and Super-Regionals, recruiting is a primary reason for the recommended improvements. Recently a number of conference members and national peers have upgraded their facilities.

The visionary master plan will place the OU Softball Complex atop the elite in college softball venues and play an important role in ensuring its future success.
OUR STAFF

COACHING STAFF HONORS

BOB STOOPS
BIG 12 COACH OF THE YEAR

MARK WILLIAMS
MPSF COACH OF THE YEAR,
WEST REGION COACH OF THE YEAR
CO-NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

KJ KINDLER
CO-BIG 12 COACH OF THE YEAR
CO-SOUTH CENTRAL REGION COACH OF THE YEAR

PATTY GASSO
BIG 12 COACH OF THE YEAR

LEANNE CRAIN
REGION 3 STAFF OF THE YEAR

TAIQY ABDULLAH-SIMMONS
CO-WEST REGION ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

STEVEN LEGENDRE
CO-WEST REGION ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

TOM HALEY
CO-SOUTH CENTRAL REGION ASSISTANT COACHES OF THE YEAR

LOU BALL
CO-SOUTH CENTRAL REGION ASSISTANT COACHES OF THE YEAR

MELYSSA LOMBARDI
NFCA CENTRAL REGION STAFF OF THE YEAR

JT GASSO
NFCA CENTRAL REGION STAFF OF THE YEAR

ANDREA GASSO
NFCA CENTRAL REGION STAFF OF THE YEAR

NEW HIRES

Kevin Ondrasek
Assistant Coach - Track & Field

Colin Boevers
Assistant Coach - Track & Field

Jerel Langley
Assistant Coach - Track & Field

Nick Crowell
Head Coach - Men’s Tennis

Katy Stine
Assistant Coach - Rowing

Amy Sargeant
Assistant Coach - Women’s Tennis

Nate Feldman
Assistant Coach - Men’s Tennis

Lou Rosselli
Head Coach - Wrestling

Eric Striker
Def. Recruiting Analyst - Football

Ryan Dougherty
QC - Special Teams - Football

Kelly Files
Associate Head Coach - Volleyball

Nick Heflin
Assistant Coach - Wrestling

Lincoln Riley
Head Coach - Football

Ruffin McNeal
Assistant Head Coach - Football

Skip Johnson
Head Coach - Baseball

Clay Overcash
Assistant Coach - Baseball

Clay Van Hook
Assistant Coach - Baseball
Oklahoma Football Head Coach Bob Stoops retired in June as OU’s all-time wins leader (190-48 record) and won more Big 12 titles (10) than he lost home games (9). He coached the Sooners to bowl games in each of his 18 years. Lincoln Riley was named the 22nd head coach in program history.
OUR STAKEHOLDER

ATTENDANCE

Oklahoma Football set a single-season total attendance record which included the largest crowd to ever witness a game at Owen Field. The sellout streak improved to 110 consecutive games. OU also set single-meet and average attendance records for men’s and women’s gymnastics and single-game attendance record in softball and wrestling.

Sooner Club annual giving produced a record $31 million. In addition, Sooner Club members committed $10 million toward OU Athletics facilities projects.
SoonerSports.com
23.6 million page views

SoonerSports.tv
1.4 million video views

Social Media
3 million followers (up 29%)
Facebook = 1.4 million
Twitter = 1.2 million
Instagram = 399k (up 55%)
30 million engagements (up 46%)
483 million impressions

One of two programs nationally to have four of five biggest sports (football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, baseball & softball) ranked in the top 10 in Twitter followers for their respective sport.
@OU_Softball (No. 2)  •  @OU_MBBall (No. 7)
@OU_Football (No. 8)  •  @OU_WBBall (No. 9)

Nine sports overall rank in the top 10 nationally in Twitter followers.

• Broadcast over 140 live OU events
• First ever Live Golf Broadcast from Oak Tree National
• Hosted Big 12 Tennis Championships
  Installed new sound system and LED videoboard at Headington Family Tennis Center. Broadcast all championship matches on Fox Sports.
• Completed installation of new south endzone videoboard and sound system
• Launched Sooner Sports TV app on Apple TV
• Released OU historical documentaries on iTunes
• Built and operated the first sideline medical replay system in college athletics
• First school to produce 360 video content for VR headsets
FY 2017 PROJECTED OPERATING INFLOWS

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“The Athletics Department makes an important contribution to the spirit of our entire institution and our determination to be the best in every area. The ability to win at life is the most important impact of the department and all of its staff members on our student-athletes. The Athletics Department is dedicated not only to the development of athletic talent, but also to academic skills, personal values and character.”

– President David L. Boren
University of Oklahoma