

### **GULF COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

2017-2018 DIRECTORY

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### **GULF COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HISTORY**

The Gulf Coast Athletic Conference developed out of a series of meetings held over a period of almost four years. A number of private four-year schools in the Gulf Coast region with similar educational standards, enrollments, budgets, and athletic philosophies mutually felt the need for a conference.

In April and May of 1981 a constitution was developed, officers were elected and the decision was made to proceed with conference competition during the 1981-82 school year. Charter officers were Anthony M. Rachal, Jr. of Xavier University (president); John Burton, Spring Hill College (vice president); Mark Windham, Belhaven College (secretary/treasurer); and Thomas Howell, Louisiana College (commissioner). Charter members were Belhaven College of Jackson, Mississippi; Dillard University and Xavier University of New Orleans, Louisiana; Louisiana College of Pineville, Louisiana; Spring Hill College of Mobile, Alabama; Tougaloo College of Tougaloo, Mississippi; and William Carey University of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

In August of 1981 the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference received recognition as an National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Affiliated Conference. The University of Mobile, Alabama was admitted in October 1985, Southern University at New Orleans was granted admission in May 1986. Loyola University was admitted in April 1995 and Talladega College was admitted in April 1999 and Louisiana State

University-Shreveport became a member the following year. In May 2000, Louisiana College and Belhaven withdrew from the conference. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina forced Dillard University and Xavier University to cancel all athletic competition for the 2005-2006 school year and Loyola University and Southern University at New Orleans were able only to compete partially. All schools returned to competition in 2006-2007, although in most cases with a reduced number of sports.

In 2010, Belhaven College, Louisiana State University Shreveport, Loyola University, University of Mobile, Spring Hill College, and William Carey University left the conference. Edward Waters College and Fisk University joined in 2010. Philander Smith College joined and Talladega College rejoined in 2011. Voorhees College joined the conference in 2013. Fisk University withdrew in 2013.

Now in its third decade of intercollegiate competition the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference continues to position itself as place for talented student-athletes to play and most importantly to continue their educations.

The GCAC also understands its unique position as the only conference in the NAIA made up entirely of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

In 2014, the GCAC welcomed a new commissioner, Steven B. Martin, who has brought an impressive record of success in both the collegiate and professional sporting worlds. Mr. Martin, who has worked for the National Basketball Association, the New Orleans Hornets and at GCAC member institution Dillard University, has made it the mission of the conference to modernize operations and to enhance the quality of the experience at GCAC events.

### **GCAC PAST PRESIDENTS & MEMBERSHIP HISTORY**



**Xavier University** 

1981-1982

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**Dr. John Burton** Anthony M. Rachal, Jr. Spring Hill College 1982-1984



Dr. Charles C. Teamer **Dillard University** 1986-1987



**Billy Allgood** Louisiana College 1987-1988



Dr. Frances Garner Univ. of Mobile 1988-1989



**Artis Davenport** Southern-NO 1989-1990

#### GCAC MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

#### **Current Membership**

Dillard University (1981 present)

Edward Waters College (2010 - present)

Philander Smith College (2011 - present)

Southern University at New Orleans (1986 present)

Talladega College (1999 - 2002, 2011 - present)

Tougaloo College (1981 present)

Xavier University (1981 present)

#### Past Members:

Belhaven College (1981 -2000, 2002 - 2010)

Fisk University (2010 -2014)

Louisiana College (1981 -2000)

LSU-Shreveport (2000 -2010)

Loyola University (1995 -2010)

Spring Hill College (1981 - 2010)

University of Mobile (1985 - 2010)

Voorhees College (2013 - 2014)

William Carey University (1981 - 2010)

#### GCAC COMMISSIONERS





**Steve Martin** 2014-Present



Sr. Grace Mary Flickinger

1995-1999

**Xavier University** 

Dr. Craig Bogar University of Mobile 2005-2006



Dr. John Runda

1999-2001

**Steve Knight** William Carey 2006-2010



Dr. KiKi Baker-Barnes **Dillard University** 2010-Present

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Steve Knight William Carey University of Mobile 2001-2005

### GCAC THOMAS HOWELL CUP WINNERS



The Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Thomas Howell Cup is presented annually to the athletic program with the greatest success across all fields of competition. Points are awarded based on regular season standings in championship sports only. The Thomas Howell Cup is named for the GCAC's first commissioner Dr. Thomas Howell, who served the conference for more than three decades.

Louisiana College and Willia	•	Spring Hill College	2002
University	1986	Spring Hill College	2003
None awarded	1987	University of Mobile	2004
University of Mobile	1988	University of Mobile	2005
University of Mobile	1989	None Awarded	2006
University of Mobile	1990	University of Mobile	2007
University of Mobile	1991	University of Mobile	2008
University of Mobile	1992	University of Mobile	2009
University of Mobile	1993	Belhaven University	2010
University of Mobile	1994	Xavier University	2011
University of Mobile	1995	Xavier University	2012
University of Mobile	1996	Xavier University	2013
University of Mobile	1997	Xavier University	2014
University of Mobile	1998	, Xavier University	2015
University of Mobile	1999	Dillard University	2016
Spring Hill College	2000	Xavier University	2017
University of Mobile	2001		201/

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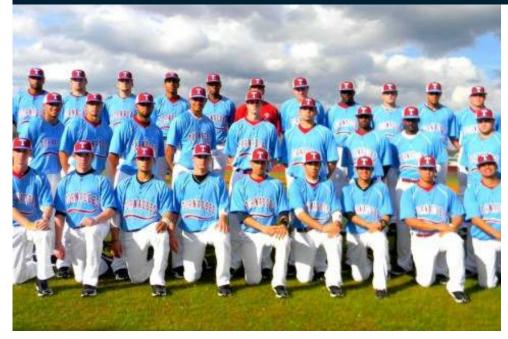
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### 2016-2017 GCAC Players of the Week



#### WOMEN'S TRACK

Week 1: Sasha Newman, Dillard University Week 2: Ariane Williams, Xavier University Week 3: Ariane Williams, Xavier University

#### WOMEN'S FIELD

Week 1: Felicia Hopes, Dillard University Week 2: Taylor Ducros, Xavier University Week 3: Joycelyn Daggs, Dillard University Week 4: Drew Chatters, Xavier University

#### **MEN'S TRACK**

Week 1: Toren Arnold, Dillad University Week 2: Jahnoy Thompson, Southern - New Orleans Week 3: Toren Arnold, Dillard University

#### **MEN'S FIELD**

Week 1: Keariz Coleman, Xavier University Week 2: Quamel Sessoms, Dillard University Week 3: Quamel Sessoms, Dillard University Week 4: Keariz Coleman, Xavier University Week 5: Keairiz Coleman, Xavier University

#### BASEBALL

Week 1: Chris Mitchell, Tougaloo College Week 2: Jordan Pontious, Edward Waters College

Week 3: Riohard Edwards, Edward Waters Week 4: Richard Edwards, Edward Waters

#### **MEN'S TENNIS**

Week 1: Antoine Richard, Xavier University Week 2: Antoine Richard, Xavier University Week 3: Tushar Mandlekar, Xavier University

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Week 1: Brandi Nelson, Xavier University Week 2: Charlene Goreau, Xavier University Week 3: Yi Chen Pao, Xavier University

#### VOLLEYBALL

Week 1: Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier University Week 1: Tiffany Phillips, Xavier University Week 1: Juliana Tomasoni, Xavier University Week 2: Kamryn Linton, Dillard University Week 2: Alexis Barnett, Dillard University

### 2016-2017 GCAC Players of the Week



#### VOLLEYBALL (CONT'D)

Week 2: Carolyne Edwards, Tougaloo College Week 3: Tiffaniy Phillips, Xavier University Week 3: Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier University Week 3: Kayla Black, Xavier University Week 4: Vivica Price-Spraggins, Xavier University

Week 4: Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier University Week 4: Tiffany Phillips, Xavier University Week 5: Megan Besecker, Tougaloo College Week 5: Alexandra Jwainat, Tougaloo College Week 5: Kayla Cole, Tougaloo College Week 6: Eva LeGuillou, Xavier University Week 6: Kayla Black, Xavier University Week 6: Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier University Week 7: Megan Besecker, Tougaloo College Week 7: Alexandra Jwainat, Tougaloo College Week 7: Juliana Tomasoni, Xavier University Week 8: Alandra Jwainat, Tougaloo College Week 8: Megan Besecker, Tougaloo College Week 8: Kayla Cole, Tougaloo College Week 9: Lauren Taylor, Xavier University Week 9: Eva LeGuillou, Xavier University

Week 9: Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier University Week 10: Eva LeGuillou, Xavier University Week 10: Kayla Black, Xavier University Week 10: Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier University Week 11: Hasani Salaam, Xavier University Week 11: Juliana Tomasoni, Xavier University Week 11: Tiffany Phillips, Xavier University Week 12: Megan Besecker, Tougaloo College Week 12: Alexandra Jwainat, Tougaloo College Week 13: Kayla Cole, Tougaloo College

#### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Week 1: Taylor Price, Xavier University Week 2: Taylor Price, Xavier University Week 3: Taylor Price, Xavier University Week 4: Taylor Price, Xavier University Week 5: Chesha Lewis, Tougaloo College Week 6: Chesha Lewis, Tougaloo College Week 7: Chesha Lewis, Tougaloo College Week 8: Maliya Vaughn, Xavier University

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#### **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Week 1: Camren Sewell, Xavier University Week 2: Camren Sewell, Xavier University Week 3: Camren Sewell, Xavier University Week 4: Camren Sewell, Xavier University Week 5: Jeriell Jones, Tougaloo College Week 6: Jeriell Jones, Tougaloo College Week 7: Jeriell Jones, Tougaloo College Week 8: Solomon Stevens, Edward Waters College

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Week 1: Jalen McGaughy, Dillard University Week 4: Marcel Daniels, Southern - New Orleans

Week 5: Demetric Auston, Dillard University

Week 6: Christopher Ward, Philander Smith College

Week 7: Jalen McGaughy, Dillard University

Week 8: Andravious Smith, Tougaloo College

Week 9: Christopher Ward, Philander Smith College

Week 10: Christopher Ward, Philander Smith Week 11: Andravious Smith, Tougaloo College

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Week 1: : Adriiana Jackson, Dillard University

Week 4: Bianca Thornton, Edward Waters College

Week 5: Terralyn Dominick, Philander Smith College

Week 6: Tajanee Wells, Talladega College

Week 7: Montoria Atkinson, Tougaloo College

Week 8: Montoria Atkinson, Tougaloo College

Week 9: Alyssa McKneely, Southern - New Orleans

Week 10: Jasmine Lee-Stackhouse, Talladega College

Week 11: Micah Brooks, Southern - New Orleans



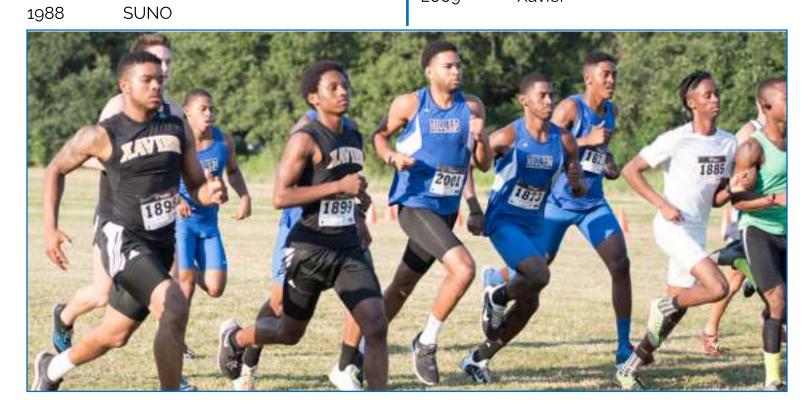
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BASEBALL		2004	William Carey
1982	William Carey	2004	Belhaven (Tournament)
1983	William Carey/Spring Hill	2005	LSU-Shreveport
1984	William Carey	2005	William Carey (Tournament)
1985	Spring Hill	2006	Belhaven
1986	William Carey	2006	LSU-Shreveport (Tournament)
1987	Louisiana College	2007	Belhaven
1988	William Carey	2007	LSU-Shreveport
1989	William Carey	2008	Mobile
1990	William Carey	2009	William Carey
1991	William Carey	2009	Belhaven (Tournament)
1992	William Carey	2010	Belhaven
1993	William Carey	2010	LSU-Shreveport
1996	William Carey	2012	Talladega
1997	Spring Hill	2013	Talladega
1999	Mobile	2014	Talladega
2000	Spring Hill	2015	Talladega
2001	Spring Hill	2016	Talladega
2002	Loyola	2017	Talladega
2003	William Carey		-

BASKETE	BALL	1999	Spring Hill (Tournament)
1982	Xavier	2000	Spring Hill
1983	Xavier	2000	SUNO (Tournament)
1984	William Carey	2001	Dillard/Xavier
1985	William Carey	2001	Dillard (Tournament)
1986	Xavier	2002	Spring Hill/SUNO
1987	William Carey	2002	SUNO (Tournament)
1988	Mobile	2003	SUNO
1989	Mobile	2003	SUNO (Tournament)
1990	William Carey	2004	Mobile/SUNO/Xavier
1991	Louisiana College	2004	Mobile (Tournament)
1992	William Carey	2005	LSU-Shreveport/Mobile
1993	Spring Hill	2005	Mobile (Tournament)
1994	Spring Hill	2006	LSU-Shreveport
1995	SUNO	2006	LSU-Shreveport (Tournament)
1996	Xavier	2007	Tougaloo/Xavier
1997	Dillard	2007	LSU-Shreveport (Tournament)
1997	William Carey (Tournament)	2008	LSU-Shreveport
1998	Mobile	2008	LSU-Shreveport (Tournament)
1998	SUNO (Tournament)	2009	Tougaloo
1999	Spring Hill		



2009	LSU-Shreveport (Tournament)	1989	SUNO
2010	LSU-Shreveport	1990	Mobile
2010	LSU-Shreveport (Tournament)	1991	Mobile
2011	Tougaloo	1992	Mobile
2011	Tougaloo (Tournament)	1993	Mobile
2012	Tougaloo/Xavier	1994	Mobile
2012	SUNO (Tournament)	1995	Mobile
2013	Xavier/Philander Smith	1996	Mobile
2013	Philander Smith (Tournament)	1997	Mobile
2014	Xavier	1998	Mobile
2014	Talladega (Tournament)	1999	Mobile
2015	Talladega	2000	Loyola
2015	Talladega (Tournament)	2001	Loyola
2016	Dillard	2002	Loyola
2016	Dillard (Tournament)	2003	Mobile
2017	Dillard	2004	Loyola
2017	Dillard (tournament)	2005	No championship held
		2006	Xavier
CROSS CC	UNTRY	2007	Xavier
1986	Tougaloo	2008	Xavier
1987	Tougaloo	2009	Xavier





2010	Xavier	2005	Mobile
2011	Xavier	2006	Mobile
2012	Xavier	2007	Mobile
2013	Xavier	2008	Mobile
2014	Xavier	2009	Mobile
2015	Xavier		
2016	Xavier	SOCCER	
2017	Xavier	1994	Belhaven
		1995	William Carey
GOLF		1996	William Carey
1996	Mobile	1997	Mobile
1997	Mobile	1998	William Carey
1998	Spring Hill	1999	Mobile
1999	Spring Hill	2000	No championship
2000	No championship	2001	No championship
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2002	Mobile	2003	Mobile
2003	Mobile	2004	Mobile
2004	Mobile	2005	No championship

#### TENNIS

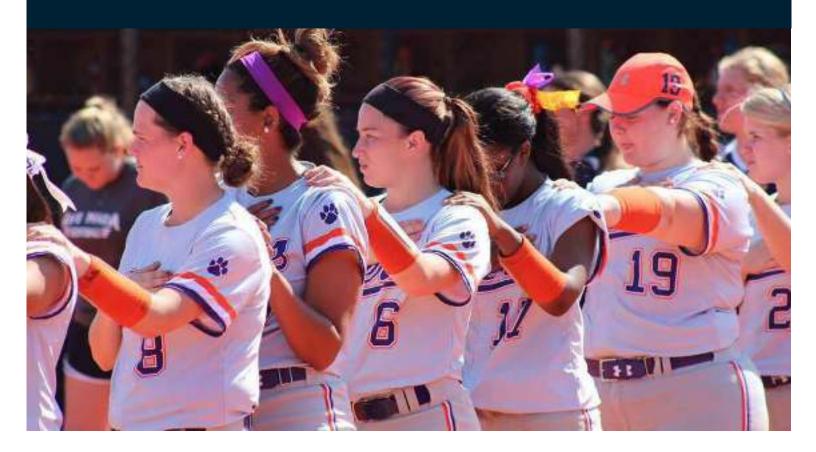
1982	Belhaven
1983	No championship
1984	No championship
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1992	Mobile
1993	Mobile
1994	Mobile
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1999	Spring Hill
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2001	No championship

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2004	Spring Hill
2005	Spring Hill
2006	No championship
2007	Xavier
2008	Xavier
2009	Xavier
2010	Xavier

#### **OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

2010 Dillard **Edward Waters** 2011 Edward Waters 2012 Edward Waters 2013 Dillard 2014 Edward Waters 2015 Edward Waters 2016 Edward Waters 2017





SOFTBALL		1983	Dillard/William Carey/Xavier
1996	Mobile	1984	Dillard
1997	Mobile	1985	Louisiana College
1998	Mobile	1986	Louisiana College
1999	Mobile	1987	Dillard/Xavier
2000	Mobile	1988	William Carey
2001	No championship	1989	Louisiana College
2002	No championship	1990	Louisiana College
2003	Mobile	1991	Mobile
2004	Mobile	1992	William Carey
2005	Mobile	1993	William Carey
2006	Mobile	1994	Xavier
2007	Mobile	1995	Xavier
2008	No championship	1996	Xavier
2009	William Carey	1997	Xavier
2010	William Carey	1998	Xavier
		1999	Louisiana College
BASKETBA	LL	2000	SUNO
1982	Belhaven	2000	Spring Hill (Tournament)

2001	Dillard/Xavier	2015	SUNO
2001	Xavier (Tournament)	2015	SUNO (Tournament)
2002	Mobile	2016	Xavier
2003	Dillard/Xavier	2017	Talladega
2003	Dillard (Tournament)		
2004	Dillard/Xavier	CROSS CO	UNTRY
2004	Dillard (Tournament)	1986	SUNO
2005	Xavier	1987	Louisiana College
2006	Williams Carey	1988	SUNO
2006	Mobile (Tournament)	1989	SUNO
2007	Loyola	1990	SUNO
2008	Loyola	1991	Mobile
2008	Xavier (Tournament)	1992	Spring Hill
2009	Loyola	1993	Mobile
2010	Xavier	1994	No championship
2011	Xavier	1995	Mobile
2012	Xavier	1996	Mobile
2013	Xavier	1997	Mobile
2013	SUNO (Tournament)	1998	Mobile
2014	Talladega	1999	Mobile
2014	Xavier (Tournament)	2000	Mobile





2001	Loyola	2002	William Carey
2002	Xavier	2003	Belhaven
2003	Loyola	2004	Belhaven
2004	Loyola	2005	Mobile
2005	No championship	2006	No championship
2006	Xavier	2007	William Carey
2007	Xavier	2008	William Carey
2008	Xavier	2009	William Carey
2009	Xavier		
2010	Xavier	TENNIS	
2011	Xavier	1997	Mobile
2012	Xavier	1998	Mobile
2013	Xavier	1999	Spring Hill
2014	Xavier	2000	Dillard
2015	Xavier	2001	No championship
2016	Xavier	2002	Xavier
2017	Xavier	2003	Xavier
		2004	Xavier
SOCCER		2005	Xavier
1996	Mobile	2006	Mobile
1997	Mobile	2007	Xavier
1998	Mobile	2008	Mobile
1999	Mobile	2009	Xavier
2000	Mobile	2010	Xavier

2001	William Carey



#### **OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

2010	Dillard
2011	Dillard
2012	Dillard
2013	Xavier
2014	Xavier
2015	Xavier
2016	Xavier
2017	Xavier

#### VOLLEYBALL

1999	William Carey
2000	Loyola
2001	No championship
2002	Loyola
2003	Spring Hill
2004	Spring Hill
2005	No championship
2006	Belhaven
2007	Mobile
2008	Mobile
2009	Mobile
2010	Dillard
2011	Xavier
2012	Xavier
2013	Xavier
2014	Xavier
2015	Xavier
2016	Xavier
2017	Xavier

# YEAR IN REVIEW

2017-2018 DIRECTORY

## MEN'S BASKETBALL



The Dillard University Bleu Devils men's basketball team captured their second Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Championship in two years, defeating the Philander Smith Panthers in the tournament final. Dillard's **Demetric Austin** (center, holding plaque) was named Tournament Most Valuable Player. Dillard finished with a regular season record of 24-7.

Dillard University's **Jalen McGaughy** (below) was selected to participate in the 4th Annual NABC - NAIA Shoot & Slam competition.

McGaughy, who led the NAIA in 3-point percentage during the entire 2016-2017 season, finished runner-up in the 3-point competition behind Carroll College's Zachary Taylor.





The Bleu Devils represented the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference at the 2017 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Buffalo Funds - Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Bleu Devils defeated the Oklahoma City Stars, 86-65, in the opening round of the tournament before falling to Langston University, 87-74, in the tournament's second round.

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**



The GCAC presented its basketball postseason awards at the 2017 Basketball Banquet. Talladega's **Marcus Brown** was named Freshman of the Year after leading all rookies with 9.2 points per game. Dillard center **Jalen McGaughy** was selected as Newcomer of the Year. McGaughy's three blocked shots per game lead NAIA Division I and he is also the nation's top three-point shooter at 51.5 percent. First-team and second-team All-GCAC honorees, the All-Defensive team, along with Player, Coach, Freshman and Newcomer of the Year were chosen by a vote of the league's coaches.

The complete 2017 GCAC Men's Basketball Postseason Awards are listed below.

#### First Team All-GCAC

- Demetric Austin, Dillard University
- Jalen McGaughy, Dillard University
- Andravious Smith, Tougaloo College
- Christopher Ward, Philander Smith
   College
- Jordan Washington, Talladega College

#### Second Team All-GCAC

- Marcel Daniels, SUNO
- Jalen David, Xavier University
- Dennis Hightower, Dillard University

- Quinton Jackson, Dillard University
- Keith Williams Jr., Edward Waters College
- Oceann Maddox, Edward Waters
   College
- Denarius Odell, Tougaloo College

#### **All-Defensive Team**

- Kristian Clark, Dillard University
- Marcel Daniels, SUNO
- Jalen McGaughy, Dillard University
- Daldric Sargent, Philander Smith College
- Andravious Smith, Tougaloo College

#### **Player of the Year**

- Andravious Smith,
- Tougaloo College

#### Newcomer of the Year

- Jalen McGaughy,
- Dillard University

#### Freshman of the Year

- Marcus Brown,
- Talladega College

#### Coach of the Year

Todd Day Sr.,

Philander Smith College

### MEN'S BASKETBALL



- Tougaloo College's Adravious Smith was
- named 2016-2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Smith, a senior from Vienna, Ga., ranked first in the nation in offensive rebounding average (3.96) and total rebound average (12.28). He also ranked in the top five in defensive rebounding (8.32), scoring average (23.28) and total rebounds (307).

Smith was the GCAC leader in field goal percentage (.538) and rebounding and had the highest single scoring game of the season in the conference (52 vs. Dillard). In that same game against Dillard, Andravious Smith broke GCAC records for free throws made (23) and attempted (25).

Smith was drafted to Canada's Niagara River Lions in 2017. The Niagara River Lions are a Canadian professional basketball team based in St. Catharines, Ontario, that competes in the National Basketball League of Canada.



For the first time in its storied history, the Allstate Sugar Bowl Bleu Devil Classic aired on broadcast television. The second of two annual matchups between Dillard University and Xavier University's men's basketball teams was shown live on WNOL 38 in New Orleans, Louisiana on Saturday, Feb. 18. The game was held at "The Battlefield" at Dent Hall, located on the campus of Dillard University.

The event was a partnership between the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference, sponsor Styll Premium Alkaline Water and WGNO-TV.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Lady Tornadoes (19-8, 10-1) clinched their second consecutive GCAC regular-season championship. **Adriana Anderson** scored the winning points with 2:43 remaining, then Talladega shut out Xavier University of Louisiana in its final four possessions to earn a 56-54 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference women's basketball victory for the 2017 Tournament.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced 141 Division 1 Women's Basketball student-athletes were named 2017 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes, including Dillard University Lady Bleu Devils forward **Keona Favis**, who earned the honor for the second straight year.





Xavier University of Louisiana's **Maya Trench** (above) finished second in voting for Freshman of the Year on the 2016-17 All-Louisiana women's basketball team.

Although she did not make the team or earn honorable mention, Trench — a 5-foot-2 point guard from Edgard, La., and a graduate of West St. John High School — garnered 5-of-30 votes from a statewide media panel.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference awards were announced at the conference's annual pre-tournament awards banquet. Talladega guard/forward **Tajanee Wells** and her coach, **Kevin Herod** took home the evening's top honors as they were named Player of the Year and Coach of the Year, respectively. Wells became the second consecutive Talladega Lady Tornado to be named Player of the Year, following guard **Shakeena Benton** last season. Wells is averaging 18.3 points, 8.1 rebounds and 1.6 steals this season and ranks in the top five in the GCAC in scoring average, field goal percentage and rebound average. She's also been named First Team All-GCAC in each of the past three seasons.

Herod, in his third year as head coach, has earned Coach of the Year honors in consecutive seasons. He led Talladega to an 11-1 conference mark this season as the Lady Tornadoes claimed their second regular season championship in a row. Talladega has an overall mark of 20-8 heading into the GCAC tournament and is currently ranked 25th in the NAIA Division I Coaches' Poll.

#### First Team All-GCAC

- Terralyn Dominick, Philander Smith
- Tashieba Henry, Talladega
- Shaelynn Moore, Dillard
- Alyssa Washington, Dillard
- Tajanee Wells, Talladega

#### Second Team All-GCAC

- Montoria Atkinson, Tougaloo
- Micah Brooks, SUNO
- Kyeshia Dawkins, Edward Waters
- Adriiana Jackson, Dillard
- Jasmine Lee-Stackhouse, Talladega
- Arnissayur Robinson, Tougaloo
- Bianca Thornton, Edward Waters

#### All-Defensive Team

- Montoria Atkinson, Tougaloo
- Micah Brooks, SUNO
- Arnissayur Robinson, Tougaloo
- Maya Trench, Xavier
- Alyssa Washington, Dillard

#### **Player of the Year**

- Tajanee Wells
- Talladega College

#### Newcomer of the Year

- Jasmine Lee-Stackhouse
- Talladega College

#### Freshman of the Year

- Terralyn Dominick
- Philander Smith College

#### Coach of the Year

- Kevin Herod
- Talladega College

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS



Xavier University of Louisiana's men's and women's tennis teams continued to perform well under head coach **Alan Green**.

The No. 2 ranked Gold Rush finished the season with their 85th consecutive top-25 appearance, earning a bid to NAIA Nationals. The Gold Rush have been No. 2 in all 8 polls of 2017, and have the longest active NAIA streak of men's tennis top-25 appearances, with their first coming April 4, 2017. This year marked the Gold Rush's 9th post-season appearance.





Though the Gold Nuggets had a losing record heading into the post-season, they have five victories against ranked opponents and each of their losses came against ranked or NCAA Division I teams. This year marked their 11th appearance in the NAIA tournament.

The Gold Nuggets fell 5-4 to Indiana Wesleyan in the round of 16 of the NAIA National Championships.

The second-seeded Gold Rush fell 5-0 to top-seeded Georgia Gwinnett in the final of the NAIA Men's Tennis National Championship.

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS





Xavier's **Karan Salwan** (above) was named to the 2016-17 Academic All-America College Division Men's At-Large Team, making him the school's first tennis player to receive the honor.

Academic All-America teams in the College Division are comprised of student-athletes from NAIA, Canadian and two-year institutions and selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Beginning in 2008-09, eight XULA student-athletes have earned a combined 12 berths on Academic All-America teams. CoSIDA has sponsored the Academic All-America program since 1952. Xavier University of Louisiana's **Charlene Goreau** (pictured above) earned NAIA First-Team All-America honors for the second year in a row. Goreau — from Toulouse, France, a graduate of Raymond Naves School and a business sales and marketing major at XULA — was 15-12 in singles and 11-14 in doubles in 2016-17. She led the Gold Nuggets to five victories against ranked opponents and a No. 7 national team ranking. Goreau is the fourth Gold Nugget to make first-team All-America twice.

Goreau also received Honorable Mention for the 2017 All-Louisiana Tennis Team. A Louisiana Sports Writers Association panel of sports information directors selected the teams.

Goreau finished her 2017 season ranked No. 31 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and No. 11 in the region. She and doubles partner Emma Kranendomk finished 13th in the NAIA and 9th in the region.

### SOFTBALL



The Edward Waters' Lady Tigers softball team, under then-Head Coach **Stanley Cromartie**, enjoyed a fairy tale 2017 season. Edward Waters finished their memorable year with an overall record of 27-27 in the 2017 season

The Edward Waters College Lady Tigers softball team made short work of conference rival Talladega Lady Tornadoes (16-35) in the semi-final round of the Association of Independent Institutions (AII) Softball Tournament in at Grizzly Softball Complex at Georgia Gwinnett College. In the process, the Lady Tigers earned a playoff berth at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Softball Championship for the first time in program history.

The Lady Tigers ran into a buzzsaw in the #3 seed & 25th ranked Drovers from the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma. EWC saw its historic 2017 season come to an end with a 14-0 defeat in their elimination game in the 2017 NAIA Softball National Tournament Opening Round-Alexandria Bracket at Generals Field on the campus of Louisiana State University-Alexandria.



### BASEBALL



The heated rivalry between the Edward Waters Tigers and Talladega Tornadoes basketball teams continued in 2017. Talladega continued its mastery over Edward Waters defeating its arch-rival 9-7 in dramatic fashion in the 2017 Association of Independent Institution (A.I.I.) Baseball Championship Semifinal for the second time since the start of the tournament.

Fresh off of his successful senior season, former Edward Waters star pitcher **Richard Edwards** signed a contract to play for the Trinidad Triggers of the Pecos League. Edwards is the second Tiger to sign with the Pecos League as former Tiger catcher.

Edwards, who will wear #61 for the Triggers, completed one of the most successful senior seasons on the mound in recent Tiger baseball history in 2017. In his swan song season, Edwards led the Tigers in innings pitched with 100.1, had a 2.60 ERA, an 11-3 record with one save, and 33 strikeouts. Edwards career numbers were superb as well, compiling an 18-10 mark with 10 saves, a 3.33 ERA and 62 career strikouts in 52 appearances for EWC. This season, Edwards was selected as an All-A. I. I. First-Team member and a member of the blackcollegenines.com Elite Team. The Triggers are based out of Trinidad, Colorado, about 200 miles south of Denver, and play their home games at Trinidad Central Park.



### FOOTBALL





Edward Waters remained the only Gulf Coast Athletic Conference team with a football program. The Tigers finished the 2017 season with a 1-10 overall record. Head Coach **Alvin Wyatt, Sr.** resigned at the end of the season, Former Bethune Cookman tight ends coach **Greg Ruffin** was named the program's new Head Coach.



## FOOTBALL



The Mid-South Conference announced its 2017 MSC All-Academic Team sponsored by Community Trust Bank on Tuesday. Out of the 202 football student-athletes from across the 20 MSC member institutions, Edward Waters placed nine student-athletes on this year's team.

In order to be nominated by an institution, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved at least sophomore academic status. Reinhardt (Ga.) led all institutions with 32 student-athletes earning Academic All-Mid-South Conference honors. Georgetown (Ky.) had the second-most with 26; while Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) had 17 student-athletes earn the award.

Representing Edward Waters on this year's MSC All-Academic Team are DB **Alfredrick Taylor** (JR/Arcadia, FL), LB **Jeremiah Johnson** (SO/Quincy, FL), B-Back **Michael Floyd** (SO/Lauderhill, FL), OL **Antonio Gamble** (SO/Riverdale, GA), OL **Jarius Joyce** (SO/Daytona Beach, FL), OL **Justin Slaughter**, OL **Richard Graham, II** (SR/Port Orange, FL), OL **Tariq Walker** (SO/Riverdale, GA), and WR **Basil Spencer** (SO/Ft, Lauderdale, FL).

EWC center **Holly Dolcine** (right) was been selected to participate in the 2017 National Bowl Game at Daytona Beach Municipal Stadium.

The National Bowl is an annual post-season college football all-star game consisting of top players from Non-Division I schools. The Bowl showcases All-American and All Conference seniors from around the nation representing over 400+ NCAA Division II, III, and NAIA schools.



## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



The top ten finishers at the 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Women's Cross Country Championship earned All-GCAC Honors. Xavier University of Louisiana Head

Coach Joseph Moses was voted Women's Coach of the Year by a panel of his colleagues.

### All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference

- Maliya Vaughn, Xavier University
- Taylor Price, Xavier University
- Brianna Pace, Xavier University
- Marina Maguire, Edward Waters
- Sasha Newman, Dillard University
- Larissa Pereira, Edward Waters
- Carlie Calais, Xavier University
- Hydeia Barney, Dillard University
- Kaylan Tanner, Dillard University
- Hajja Mohammed, Xavier University

### Women's Coach of the Year

• Joseph Moses, Xavier University



Xavier University of Louisiana's Maliya Vaughn competes at the 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Women's Cross Country Championship at Choctaw Trails in Clinton, Miss. (Photo Credit: Edward Cassiere, Xavier Sports Information)

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



Xavier University of Louisiana Head Coach **Joseph Moses** and the Gold Nuggets cross country team made history at the 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Cross Country Championship by securing their record 11th conference championship. The Nuggets dominated the competition and secured 5 of the top-10 finishes on their way to defending their crown.

Gold Nugget distance phenom **Maliya Vaughn** took an early lead in the women's 5k and never let up, finishing the race in 20:43.50. She was followed by teammates **Taylor Price** and **Brianna Pace**, who finished in 20:52.48 and 21:47.82. Joining them were 7th-place finisher **Carlie Calais** and 10th-place finisher **Hajja Mohammed**.

Dillard University's **Sasha Newman** and Xavier University of Louisiana's **Brianna Pace** were among the 351 cross country student-athletes named 2017 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes.

Newman, a senior who competes in both cross-country and in the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles, finished 5that the recent GCAC Cross-Country Championship, ahead of 37 other runners.

Pace, who specializes in middle distance running and is a junior, finished 3rd behind Gold Nuggets teammates Taylor Price and Maliya Vaughn.



## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



The top ten finishers at the 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Men's Cross Country Championship earned All-GCAC Honors.

Dillard University Head Track and Field Coach **Bobby Williams**, who announced his resignation earlier in the year, was voted Men's Coach of the Year by a panel of his colleagues.

### All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference

- Solomon Stevens, Edward Waters
- Camren Sewell, Xavier University
- Michael Noltion, Edward Waters
- Torren Arnold, Dillard
- Jeriell Jones, Tougaloo
- Santerris Booker, Philander Smith
- Kenneth Broyles, Philander Smith
- Danielle Richards, SUNO
- Gustavo Guzman, Edward Waters
- Darrick Williams, Xavier University

### Men's Coach of the Year

• Bobby Williams, Dillard University



Dillard University's Head Cross Country and Track & Field Coach Bobby Williams (center, blue hat) was voted Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year at the 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Men's Cross Country Championship. (Photo Credit: Jevonte Ezzard)

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



The 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Men's Cross Country Championship was the story of the unstoppable force versus the immovable object. Xavier University of Louisiana's **Camren Sewell** seemed destined to take the championship crown after inspired performances all season long, including crushing the school's 6k record by more than a minute.

The Edward Waters College Tigers, however, wouldn't be denied. Following the devastation of Hurricane Irma, most expected an untested Tigers team to show up at Conference. EWC's **Solomon Stevens** (top, second from left) unleashed a ferocious kick in the final meters of the race to overtake Sewell, who had been the front-runner the entire race.



Xavier's Sewell (left) was dominant over the duration of the season, establishing himself as Xavier University's top harrier. Sewell was named GCAC Player of the Week twice over the couse of the 2017 campaign.

A standout from Columbus, Ohio's noted LaSalle High School, Sewell--in his freshman season--set new records for Xavier University of Louisiana's Men's Cross Country program, Sewell broke men's cross country record for 6,000 meters at the LSU Invitational., running the course in 20 minutes, 8.1 seconds. Ray Walston set the previous school record of 21:08 in 2010.

## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD



The Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) Knights track and field team showcased their continued dominance in the sprints at NAIA Nationals, held March 2-4, 2017 at the David E. Walker Track at Gentry Field. Overall, the SUNO men's team came away with a third place finish with 39 points, their best finish since placing 6th last year.

Sophomore **Jahnoy Thompson** blew away the competition in the 200m finals, running 21.23 for a personal record in the sprint event. Thompson evoked a commanding performance throughout the meet, also cruising to victory in the 400m finals, with a 48.06 finish—more than 50 seconds faster than the 2nd place finisher, St. Ambrose's Michael Ohioze. Thompson was also named Men's Most Valuable Performer.

SUNO's men's relay team continued to impress, with a second place finish behind Indiana Tech in the 4x400 relay for **Danielle Richards**, **Alex Saunders**, **Acdane Campbell** and Johnoy Thompson.

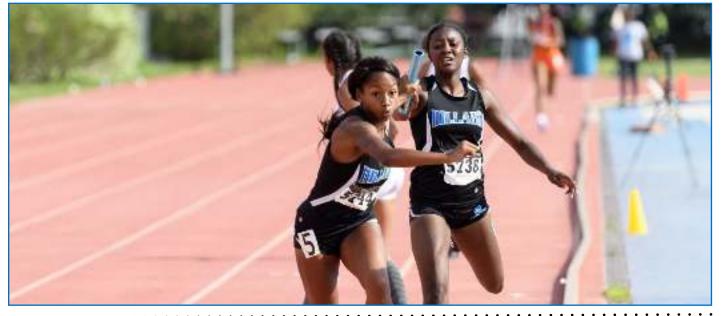
Senior Alex Saunders placed third in the 800m run with a time of 1:54:19.

On the women's side, **Shadae Hylton** and **Kimona Smikle** placed second and third in the 400m final, respectively.





## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD



On the national level, GCAC member institutions were the most competitive in the sport of track & field. In 2017, the GCAC saw a record 30 individual student-athletes recognized as NAIA-A and NAIA-B national qualifiers—a more than 50% increase from 2016. Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) led all member institutions with 14 individual national qualifiers. SUNO's women's team was ranked no. 4 in the nation for the majority of the season, with 400-meter runner **Shadae Hylto**n and 400-meter hurdler **Kimona Smikle** both ranked No. 1 in their respective events.



Xavier University of Louisiana distance specialists Maliya Vaughn and Brianna Pace compete at the 2017 GCAC Track & Field Championship (Photo credit: Yamlak Tsega, Xavier Sports Information)

Xavier's women's 1600-meter relay team of Janelle Jones, Tramaine Shannon, Clarke Allen and Ry-Anne Riley combined to cruise to a nationals-qualifying time of 47.98 seconds early in the outdoor season.

A week later, Xavier's women's 3200m relay team, composed of sophomore mid-distance specialists **Maliya Vaughn**, **Carlie Calais** and **Brianna Pace** and freshman distance phenom **Taylor Price**, broke the Gold Nugget 3200-meter relay school record at the Emory Invitational with a fourth place finish in the event and a speedy 9:58.68 finish time.

The previous school record in the event was 10:00.83.

## WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD





Dillard University's Sasha Newman (Photo credit: Habtom Keleta, Dillard Sports Information)

Dillard University's hurdles specialist **Sasha Newman** placed 5thin the women's 100-meter hurdles, at NAIA Outdoor Nationals, down a spot from her 2016 finish. Newman would go on to finish 4thin the women's 400-meter hurdles, after tripping and falling over a hurdle during the 2016 contest. SUNO's **Kimona Smikle** placed 2ndin the event with time of 1:00.18.

SUNO's **Shadae Hylton** dominated the competition in the 400-meter dash, running a time of 54.41. SUNO would again take the gold in the women's 200-meter following **Argyana Bolton's** finish of 23.16.

The heavily-contested women's 1600-meter saw three GCAC member institutions vying for the title. SUNO's team of Shadae Hylton, Kimona Smikle, Argyana Bolton and **Orenthia Bennett** took the top prize with a time of 3:37.57

SUNO's women's team placed 3rd overall with a combined team score of 42--only a single point higher than the College of British Columbia.

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD



Southern University at New Orleans maintained their program's dominance this year in men's track & field. By April, the Knights had already produced 10 individual NAIA Outdoor Nationals qualifiers this season, with qualifiers in the mens' 100m, 200m, 800m and 1600-meter relays. The program received a major vote of confidence when Head Track and Field Coach **Yhann Plummer** and sprinter **Jahnoy Thompson** were selected as the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) South Coach and Athlete of the Year.



SUNO's Jahnoy Thompson shows off his hardware at the 2017 GCAC Track & Field Championship.

Several meet records fell at the annual GCAC Track & Field Competition, many at the hands of the Edward Waters (Fla.) College Tigers. Thrower **Greg Bradshaw** took down the meet record of 37.91 meters in the men's hammer with a throw of 41.94 meters to start the Tigers off with a win to begin the day. Coming in to the championship, hurdler **Carl Elliott, III** was ranked No. 8 in the nation, but rose to No. 2 with a 14.24 second performance to win the top spot in the 110-meter hurdles.

Dillard's **Quamel Sessoms** destroyed the previous meet record of 7.09 meters in the long jump with a final distance of 7.67 meters. Three teams saw their campaigns for national glory kept alive. Edward Waters (**Reginald Wright**, **Dontae LeCorn**, **Heiden Cummings** and **Wayne Richardson**), SUNO (**Chadwayne Vidale**, **Danielle Richards**, **Brian Smith** and **Jahnoy Thompson**) and Dillard (**Quamel Sessoms**, **Larry Trimble**, **Tyrone Barrow** and **Artis McCoy**) hit NAIA Outdoor Nationals qualifying times in the 400-meer relay. EWC's **Hieden Cummings** hit an NAIA-B qualifying time of 21.56 in the men's 200-meter dash.

## MEN'S TRACK & FIELD



Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) member institutions produced a record 28 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-Americans at the 2017 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championship.

All-America awards are bestowed annually on the most outstanding athletes in a sport.

On the men's side, notable newcomers for All-America distinction included the Edward Waters (Fla.) men's 400-meter relay team. The team placed 5th overall in the event with a final time of 40.93.

Edward Waters' **Carl Elliott, III** also received All-American honors with his 5th place finish in the men's 110-meter hurdles. Elliott receives this award as a freshman in Head Coach Archie Gallon's track and field program.

Edward Waters'College's **Dontae LeCorn** (right) receives the baton from teammate **Reginald Wright**. Despite suffering a hamstring injury, LeCorn was an integral member of Edward Waters' 5th-ranked men's 400-meter relay team.



## VOLLEYBALL



A whirlwind season wound to a close ahead of the 2017 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament as the GCAC announced its 2017 All-Conference Volleyball Teams and individual award winners at its annual volleyball awards dinner.

First-year Head Coach Erika LeFlore of Tougaloo College walked away with the coveted Coach of the Year award, a surprise to the newcomer to Tougaloo's program, who led the team to a third-place finish in the Conference and a 20-11 record overall this season.

### 2017 All-GCAC Volleyball First Team

- Shelby Stewart, Dillard University
- Juliana Tomasoni, Xavier University
- Carolyne Edwards, Tougaloo College
- Sonja Backovic, SUNO
- Kayla Black, Xavier University
- Megan Besecker, Tougaloo College

### 2017 All-GCAC Volleyball Second Team

- Maria Stijokovic, SUNO
- Kaylin Davison, Edward Waters College
- Eva LeGuillou, Xavier University
- Kayla Cole, Tougaloo College
- Jazmine Washington, Philander Smith College
- Corneisja Harrison, Dillard University
- Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier

### **Coach of the Year**

Erika LeFlore, Tougaloo College

### **Player of the Year**

Shelby Stewart, Dillard University

### Attacker of the Year

• Shelby Stewart, Dillard University

### **Defender of the Year**

• Kayla Cole, Tougaloo College

### Setter of the Year

• Eva LeGuillou, Xavier University

### Newcomer of the Year

Megan Besecker, Tougaloo College

## VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball coaches representing the conference's 7 member institutions made their selections for the 2017 GCAC Volleyball All-Tournament Team following the conclusion of the 2017 GCAC Volleyball Tournament, held November 10-11 at Southern University at New Orleans. Xavier's **Juliana Tomasoni** received Tournament MVP honors.

### 2017 GCAC All-Tournament Team

Anna Dalla Vecchia, Xavier University Alexis Barnett, Dillard University Shelby Stewart, Dillard University Rossiel Lobaton, Talladega College Carolyne Edwards, Tougaloo College Kayla Black, Xavier University Obadiah Montgomery, Tougaloo College Sonja Backovic, SUNO Marija Stojilijikovic, SUNO Kayla Cole, Tougaloo College

**Tournament Most Valuable Player** 

Juliana Tomasoni, Xavier University



Left to right: GCAC Commissioner Steve Martin, SUNO Chancellor Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin, 2017 GCAC Setter of the Year Eva LeGuillou, and GCAC President and Dillard University Athletic Director Dr. KiKi Baker-Barnes at the 2017 GCAC Volleyball Awards Banquet at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Kenner, La.

## VOLLEYBALL



The sheer firepower of the Gold Nuggets was ultimately too much for Dillard University to overcome at the 2017 GCAC Volleyball Tournament final. The Nuggets took the first set 25-20, on the strength of commanding performances by attacker Kayla Black, who put up 10 kills, 13 digs and 2 aces and defender Anna Dalla Vecchia, who registered 11 kills and 14 digs, with 2 aces.

The Gold Nuggets were commanding in the final two sets, taking the second 25-16 and the third 25-13 to propel Xavier University of Louisiana to their 7th straight GCAC Volleyball Tournament Championship. The last GCAC member institution volleyball program other than Xavier to win the tournament was Dillard University in 2010 under Head Coach Yolanda Brown.



Perhaps the story of the year for GCAC volleyball was the dominance of Dillard University senior Shelby Stewart when it came to merit awards.

Stewart, who battled back from a serious knee injury to lead the Lady Bleu Devils to the final of the 2017 GCAC Volleyball Tournament, received the following awards:

- 2017 GCAC Player of the Year;
- 2017 GCAC Attacker of the Year;
- First-Team All-Conference;
- GCAC Volleyball All-Tournament; and,
- 2017 NAIA-Daktronics Scholar Athlete

The senior from Houston, Texas will now turn her attention to attending graduate school.

# GCAC ALL-TIME STAT LEADERS & RECORD HOLDERS

2017-2018 DIRECTORY

## TRACK & FIELD



Xavier University of Louisiana's Devinn Rolland competes in the triple jump at the 2004 GCAC Track & Field Championship. Rolland is the GCAC Women's 100-meter dash record holder (Photo credit: Yamlak Tsega, Xavier Sports Information)

### TRACK

**Women's 5000-meter run** - 19:50.14 (2014) Catherine falker Xavier University

**Women's 3000-meter steeple chase** - 12:01.53 (2014) Catherine Falker Xavier University

**Women's 1500-meter run** - 5:00.01 (2014) Catherine Falker Xavier University

**Women's 800-meter run** - 2:16.00 (2017) Orenthia Bennett SUNO

**Women's 400-meter dash** - 54.94 (2015) Orenthia Bennett SUNO

**Women's 200-meter dash** - 24.09 (2016) Oshin Brooks-Gullings SUNO **Women's 100-meter dash** - 11.66 (2014) Devinn Rolland Xavier University

**Women's 400-meter hurdles -** 1:00.46 (2016) Shantae Green, SUNO

**Women's 100-meter hurdles** - 14.33 (2013) Adriana Brown SUNO

Women's 3200-meter relay - 9:55.21 (2012) M Joseph, T Williams, T Hunter, M Jepkembio SUNO,

**Women's 400-meter relay** - 46.40 (2016) O Bennett, L Henfield, K Smikle, O Brooks-Gillings, SUNO

Women's 1600-meter relay - 3:49.50 (2016) S Green, S Hylton, O Brooks-Gillings, L Henfield, SUNO

## TRACK & FIELD



Xavier University Catherine Falker competes at the GCAC Women's Cross-Country Championship. Falker holds GCAC records int he 5000- and 1500-meter runs, and the 3000-meter steeple chase (Photo credit: Yamlak Tsega, Xavier Sports Information)

### FIELD

**Women's hammer throw**- 37.27m (2016) Danielle Glover Dillard University

**Women's shot putt** - 12.36m (2017) Ellexsie Haughton Edward Waters College

**Women's discus throw** - 44.17m (2014) Lynetta Cook Edward Waters College

**Women's triple jump -** 11.87m (2013) Jonquil Griffin Dillard University

**Women's long jump** - 5.27 (2013) Devinn Rolland Xavier University

**Women's high jump** - 1.59m (2011) Shaterrica Dotie Edward Waters



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Dillard University's Danielle Glover captured the GCAC record in the women's hammer throw in 2016. (Photo credit: Habtom Keleta, Dillard Sports Information)

## TRACK & FIELD



### TRACK

**Men's 5000-meter run** - 16:21.40 (2011) Matt Pieri Xavier University

**Men's 3000-meter steeple chase** - 10:31.21 (2015) Shane Harlow Edward Waters College

**Men's 1500-meter run** - 4:07.18 (2004) Musa Kimeli University of Mobile

**Men's 800-meter run** - 1:54.08 (2004) O'Neil Williams Xavier University

**Men's 400-meter dash** - 47.77 (2011) Norbert Miller SUNO

**Men's 200-meter dash** - 24.09 (2004) Wellington Whymns SUNO **Men's 100-meter dash** - 10.56 (2012) Sheldon Williams SUNO

**Men's 400-meter hurdles -** 47.77 (2011) Norbert Miller SUNO

**Men's 110-meter hurdles** - 14.73 (2004) Clement Owunna Xavier Univserity

**Men's 3200-meter relay** - 8:05.00 (2014) S Powell, R Murray, S Williams, A Saunders SUNO

**Men's 400-meter relay** - 41.13 (2016) R Owens, C Thomas, J Thompson, D Richards SUNO

**Men's 1600-meter relay** - 3:15.59 (2012) E Nash, D Neely, M Jones, J Ezzard Dillard University

## TRACK & FIELD



#### **FIELD**



Edward Waters thrower Linton Meggie captured the gold medal and a new GCAC record at the 2017 GCAC Track & Field Championship.. (Photo credit: Yamlak Tsega, Xavier Sports Information)

**Men's Pole Vault** - 3.64 (2017) Mikeivon Hall Edward Waters College **Men's hammer throw**- 40.09m (2017) Linton Meggie Edward Waters College

**Men's shot putt** - 14.62m (2015) Bobby Pearson Voorhees College

**Men's discus throw** - 44.95m (2014) Anthony Hannah Edward Waters College

**Men's javelin throw -** 50.21m (2013) Reymond Berhane Edward Waters

**Men's triple jump -** 14.39m (2016) Rasheed Cunningham SUNO

**Men's long jump** - 7.76 (2017) Quamel Sessoms Dillard University

**Men's high jump** - 2.07m (2015) Daishaun Randolph Voorhees College

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



# **SEASON RECORDS**

2001-02

1985-86

1986-87

2001-02

1988-89

1983-84

1982-83

1983-84

2003-04

1988-89

1985-86

1992-93

1986-87

1992-93

1982-83

2006-07

1984-85

1985-86

1986-87

2006-07

1988-89

1985-86

Team Scoring, Seas. Avg., Off. Team Scoring, Seas. Avg., Def. Team Scoring, Seas. Avg., Margin Team FGM, Seas, Team FG Pct., Seas. Team FTM, Seas. Team FT Pct., Seas. Team Reb., Seas. Avg., Off Team Reb., Seas. Avg., Def. Team Reb. Seas. Avg., Margin Team Three Point FG. Total Seas. Team Three Point FG, Seas. Pct. Most Wins, Team, Seas. Individual Scoring, Seas., Total Pts. Ind. Scoring, Seas., Game Avg. FG Shooting, Total Made, Seas. FG Shooting, Seas., Pct. FT Shooting, Total Made, Seas. FT Shooting, Seas. Pct. Individual Reb., Seas., Game Avg. Assists, Total, Seas. Assists, Seas., Game Avg. Three Point FG. Seas. Total Three Point FG. Seas. Pct. Team Record. Best Pct.

SUNO Xavier **SUNO** La College Wm. Carey Mobile La College Dillard Belhaven Dillard Xavier Belhaven La. College Jones, Ta., Wm. Carey McCullon, Wm. Carey Jones, Ta., Wm. Carey Beasley, Wm. Carey Smith, Loyola Stuardi, Spring Hill Franklin, Dillard Joseph, La. College Young, Wm. Carey Cleaves, Xavier Barnes, Belhaven La. College

1999-2000 92.8 53.1 1999-2000 +25.12 1181 .527 (895-1697) 580 762 (502/659) 45.4 50.0 +14.5 167 .449 31 923 32.1 373 .642 (217/338) 220 1999-2000 .839 (120-143) 17.2 283 10.1 88 .562 (54-56) .912 (31-3)

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



# INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most Points Scored	50	Demetria Lang	Xavier vs SUNO	2/10/1987
Most FGA	30	Demetria Lang	Xavier vs SUNO	2/10/1987
Most FGM	22	Demetria Lang	Xavier vs SUNO	2/10/1987
Most FTA	24	Lyndsay Faulk	Loyola vs Mobile	2/26/1998
Most FTM	17	Lyndsay Faulk	Loyola vs Mobile	2/26/1998
Most 3 pt. FGA	22	Kiely Schork	Loyola vs LSUS	2/19/2005
Most 3 Pt. FGM Most Rebounds	10 10 23 23	Staci Agee Trenese Smith Crystal Coston Fallon Hartfield	Wm. Carey vs Mobile Loyola vs Dillard Mobile vs Xavier Wm. Carey vs SUNO	2/21/1994 1/17/2008 2/13/2003 1/31/2008
Most Assists Most Steals Most Blocked Shots	23 23 18 12 9	Fallon Hartfield Angel Young Wanda McDonald Colette Bartee	Wm. Carey vs Dillard Wm. Carey vs Tougaloo Belhaven vs SUNO Wm. Carey vs Belhaven	2/21/2008 2/8/1993 2/24/2005

# GAME RECORDS

Most Points Scored	123	SUNO vs Talladega	12/16/1999
Fewest Points Scored	25	Tougaloo vs Mobile	1/18/2003
Most FGA	101	Xavier vs Tougaloo	2/1/1993
Most FGM	50	Wm. Carey vs Tougaloo	2/8/1993
Most FTM	36	Wm. Carey vs Mobile	1/9/2003
Most 3 Pt. FGA	31	Wm. Carey vs Mobile	1/9/2003

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



# GAME RECORDS

Most 3 Pt. FGM	12	Wm. Carey vs Mobile	1/9/2003
Most Rebounds	74	Xavier vs Tougaloo	2/1/1993
Most Assists	39	Wm. Carey vs Tougaloo	2/8/1993
Most Pts, Losing Game	98	La. College vs SUNO	2/13/1989
Fewest Pts, Winning Game	44	Dillard vs Belhaven	1/25/2003
Most Pts, Both Teams	206	SUNO vs La. College	2/13/1989
Fewest Pts, Both Teams	79	Dillard vs Belhaven	1/25/2003
Highest Field Goal %	75.0	Wm. Carey vs Dillard	2/7/1987
Lowest Field Goal %	16%	Tougaloo vs Mobile	1/18/2003
		Philander Smith vs Xavier	1/16/2012
Highest FG % Both Teams	60.0	Wm. Carey vs Dillard	2/7/1987
Lowest FG % Both Teams	26.2	Xavier vs Spring Hill	1/11/2007 (27-103)



The 2008-2009 Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) women's basketball team poses for their official photo.

SUNO's women's basketball program would provide to be a formidable force in the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference during the late '90s and early 2000s, breaking records for scoring margins and team scoring.

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**



# SEASON RECORDS

1989-90

2001-02

2000-01

1987-88

1987-88

1988-89

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1989-90

1986-87

1994-96

2001-02

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1985-86

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2001-02

1987-88

1987-88

1996-97

1993-94

1993-94

Team Scoring, Seas. Avg., Off. Team Scoring, Seas. Avg., Def. Team Scoring, Seas. Avg., Margin Team FGM, Seas. Team FG Pct., Seas. Team FTM, Seas. Team FT Pct., Seas. Team Reb., Seas. Avg., Off. Team Reb., Seas. Avg., Def.

Team Reb. Seas. Avg., Margin Team Three Point FG, Total Seas. Team Three Point FG, Seas. Pct. Most Wins, Team, Seas. Individual Scoring, Seas., Total Pts. Individual Scoring, Seas., Game Avg. FG Shooting, Total Made, Seas. FG Shooting, Total Made, Seas.

FT Shooting, Seas. Pct. Individual Reb., Seas., Total Individual Reb., Seas., Game Avg. Assists, Total, Seas. Assists, Seas., Game Avg. Three Point FG, Seas. Total Three Point FG, Seas. Pct. Team Record, Best Pct.

Spring Hill **Xavier** Spring Hill Spring Hill Wm. Carey Wm. Carey Wm. Carey Dillard Wm. Carey Dillard Wm. Carey **SUNO** Mobile Gray, Wm. Carey Jones, Dillard Jones. Dillard Gullet, Xavier Woody, Wm. Carey Gray, Wm. Carey Ford, Wm. Carey Lonke. Dillard Lonke, Dillard Nelson, Spring Hill Nelson, Spring Hill Pugh, Wm. Carey Clemons, Mobile

Mobile

Wm. Carey

94.7 52.1 19.00 1244 .56 (1244/2221) 709 .757 (433/572) 48.9 41.5 41.5 +12.61 315 .435(85-195) 32 773 26.0 297 67 (118/174) 189 189 .889 (144-162) 427 15.8 279 6.9 125 .537 (22-41) .941 (32-2)

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**



# **INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

Most Points Scored	48	Chad Barnes	Loyola vs Wm. Carey	1/18/2003
Most FGA	31	Juan Mercer	Xavier vs Belhaven	2/14/1987
Most FGM	17	Eugene Johnson	Wm. Carey	2/12/1982
	17	Chad Barnes	Loyola vs Wm. Carey	1/18/2003
Most FTA	25	Andravious Smith	Dillard vs Tougaloo	2/27/2016
Most FTM	23	Andravious Smith	Dillard vs. Tougaloo	2/27/2016
Most 3 pt. FGA	17	Barry Johnson	Dillard vs Tougaloo	1/21/1989
Most 3 Pt. FGM	11	Chad Barnes	Loyola vs Wm. Carey	1/18/2003
Most Rebounds	22	Zac Cooper	Wm. Carey vs Spring Hill	2/12/1983
Most Assists	19	Derrick Collins	Xavier vs Spring Hill	2/3/1986
Most Steals	8	Leslie McClinton	Wm. Carey vs Spring Hill	1/29/1990
	8	Dennis Powell	Mobile vs Xavier	1/21/1993
	8	Shaun Dumas	Xavier vs Tougaloo	2/5/2007
Most Blocked Shots	9	John Laird	Wm. Carey vs Tougaloo	2/2/1999

## **GAME RECORDS**

Most Points Scored	132	Wm. Carey vs SUNO	2/23/1989
	132	Belhaven vs SUNO	2/16/1991
Fewest Points Scored	3	Belhaven vs Spring Hill	1/9/2003
Most FGA	94	Wm. Carey vs Spring Hill	2/27/1984
Most FGM	49	Wm. Carey vs Xavier	2/17/1990
Most FTA	56	Spring Hill vs Dillard	3/7/1997
Most FTM	41	Spring Hill vs Dillard	3/7/1997
Most 3 Pt. FGA	36	Wm. Carey vs Tougaloo	2/6/1995

## MEN'S BASKETBALL



# GAME RECORDS

Most 3 Pt. FGM	21
Most Rebounds	69
Most Assists	38
Most Pts, Losing Game	123
Fewest Pts, Winning Game	43
Most Pts, Both Teams	255
Fewest Pts, Both Teams	80
Highest Field Goal %	75.9
Lowest Field Goal %	24.5
Highest FG % Both Teams	64.0
Lowest FG % Both Teams	31.1

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Loyola vs Wm. Carey	1/18/2003
Wm. Carey vs Xavier	2/17/1990
Wm. Carey vs SUNO	2/23/1989
SUNO vs Belhaven	2/16/1991
Xavier vs SUNO	2/7/2008
Belhaven vs SUNO	2/16/1991
Spring Hill vs Belhaven	1/9/2003
Xavier vs Tougaloo	2/5/2007
Belhaven vs Spring Hill	1/9/2003
Wm. Carey vs Tougaloo	3/3/1995
Xavier vs Tougaloo	1/12/2008



Loyola University's Chad Barnes (left) broke Gulf Coast Athletic Conference records during his time with the Wolfpack. To date, Barnes still holds the GCAC records for most points scored in a game (48), most FGM (17) and most 3-point shots made in a single game.



The 2016 Dillard Bleu Devils men's basketball team won the GCAC Championship for the first time since 2001. The team would repeat as champions the next year.

