



2019 2020

KANSAS ATHLETICS ANNUAL REPORT



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A STATEMENT FROM JEFF LONG

Dear Jayhawks,

As I reviewed this past year in preparation of sharing our 2019-20 Annual Report, I am reminded of the resolve and determination of the Jayhawks and everything this University and Athletics Department represents. While we still find ourselves in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, our primary focus as an athletics department continues to be the health, safety and well-being of our student-athletes.

As you scroll through the pages and recall some of the highs and lows from the past year, it is evident the impact COVID-19 had on our program and continues to have. This has been an unprecedented year to say the least, but the resolve by our staff, coaches and student-athletes has been inspiring. I hope you were able to see, sense and feel that from your vantage point because I certainly did.

One of the many highlights from this past year was the academic success of our student-athletes who set a new department record with a 3.27 GPA! We had 92 student-athletes achieve a 4.0 GPA in the spring semester, 92! Those numbers really excite me because it means our student-athletes are hard at work in the classroom in their pursuit of earning a degree from KU. That's ultimately our end-goal for all student-athletes who don the Crimson and Blue.

We have made some great strides in various areas of our department this past year including Diversity & Inclusion initiatives such as the Marian E. Washington Trailblazer Series, KAI Diversity

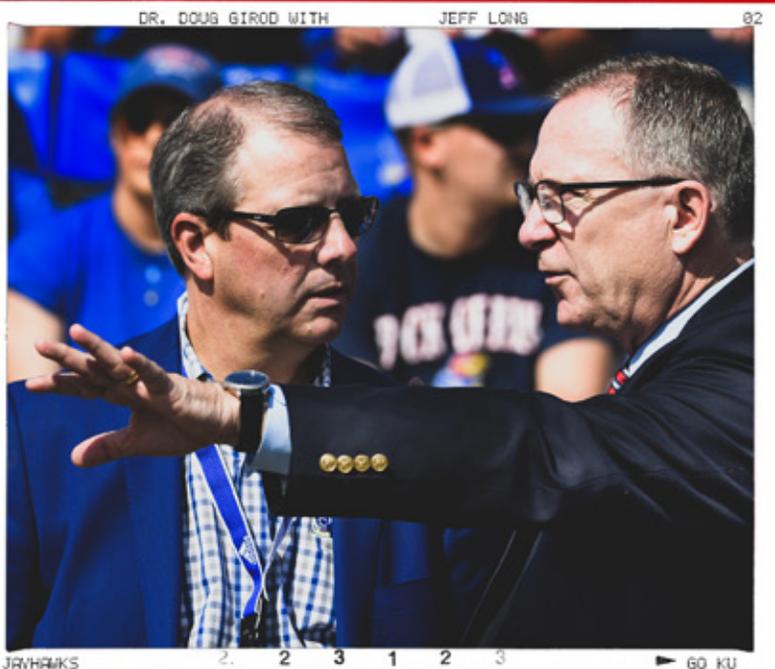
Leadership Council and more. Additionally, we introduced new tiers and lower ticket prices for men's basketball games at Allen Fieldhouse and launched a new podcast called The Jayhawker. We continue to develop additional ways for our loyal fanbase to consume all things KU, and look forward to introducing those over the next year.

I would be remised if I did not thank each and every individual that supports the nearly 500 student-athletes that represent our beloved University of Kansas each and every year. Thank you for showing up at each of the venues at Rock Chalk Park, Anschutz Pavilion, David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium, Hoglund Ballpark and Horejsi Family Volleyball Arena. We hope to be able to pack all of these sports facilities with our great fans once again very soon.

I am so proud to be the Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas and to be working with our outstanding student-athletes, coaches and staff as we battle together to overcome this devastating virus! We will return leaner, stronger and better prepared to meet the challenges of our very bright future.

Rock Chalk!

Jeff Long
Director of Athletics, University of Kansas



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KU CARES



KU CARES

In March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the world, including the United States. During this time many frontline staffs have worked extended hours to help those who have been affected by this virus. We discovered many Jayhawks who participated on the frontline, sacrificing their own time and efforts and working tirelessly to assist those affected. They have not only worked in their own locale, but many have traveled to the most affected parts of the country to assist in the efforts in hospitals and emergency rooms.

These Jayhawks competed in football, volleyball, track & field, cross country, swimming & diving, soccer, softball, baseball, and tennis while at KU are now doctors, nurses, police officers, pharmacists, firefighters and physician assistants taking that competitive spirit and work ethic they learned at KU to assist in the global pandemic relief efforts.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

PURPOSE

By uniting together and using our collective voice, Kansas Athletics will work with all facets of the Lawrence community, in collaboration with University initiatives, to create actionable steps to inspire and create change in the following areas:

Cultivate – Build and cultivate relationships with local law enforcement

Educate – Create an educational platform to grow and develop

Empower – Provide new and additional opportunities

Inspire – Be leaders in the State and Lawrence community by actions that require change

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONS/ COMMITTEES

KU LEADS

KU LEADS supports and educates with the skills necessary to succeed throughout their personal and professional life. We are currently training students to be more inclusive in their thoughts and actions and to lead with action and thoughtfulness.

KU R.I.S.E.

KU R.I.S.E. (Redefine. Inspire. Support. Empower.) is a student-athlete organization that strives to bring together student-athletes of different cultures,

ethnicities, lifestyles, and belief systems to enhance their experience on the University of Kansas (KU) campus. It is a program that dedicates itself towards providing a safe space and community for any student-athlete who identifies as a minority. The programming consists of discussions and activities that are real and relevant topics in an environment that fosters support and empowerment. R.I.S.E. is devoted to providing the student-athlete population with opportunities to strengthen their understanding of one another and their fellow student body.

Diversity Recruitment Committee

Employee-based committee created to identify and recruit qualified members of underrepresented demographic groups, with the goal of creating a more diverse and inclusive workforce. Members of the committee assist human resources and hiring managers prior to and during the interview process for vacant KAI positions.

Marian E. Washington Trailblazer Series

In honor of Black History Month, Kansas Athletics recognized the notable achievements and accomplishments of African-Americans who have helped shape the Jayhawk program throughout



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (CONTINUED)

the years by creating the Marian E. Washington Trailblazer Series. Each February, this endeavor will chronicle several prominent African-Americans and their impact on Kansas Athletics.

Kansas Athletics Diversity Leadership Council

Created in June of 2020, the Diversity Leadership Council has been tasked to create actionable items to promote an atmosphere of diversity by providing educational materials and opportunities for advancement of minorities.

Committee Members: Jeff Long, Terry Prentice, Dan Beckler, Emmett Jones, Laura Jackson, Paul Pierce, Christa Jacelone, Andrea Norris, George Midgett, Rose Richmond, Ed Jones, Fred Quartlebaum, Candace Dunback, Denesha McCuin, Nic Anguiano, Kristie Baumchen, Carmen Thomas, Wayne Simien, Darrell Stuckey II, Lisa Braddy, Tayler Tolefree, David Johnston.

KANSAS ATHLETICS DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Subcommittees of Diversity Leadership Council

Sport Activation Committee

Purpose: Provide opportunities to encourage and enable coaches, staff, administrators and student-athletes to utilize their specific sport as a platform to create lasting change.

Kansas Athletics Staff Initiatives

Purpose: Encourage and provide opportunities to educate and empower all staff members. Also, guide and foster professional advancement and leadership opportunities for Black and minority staff members. Engage outside field experts to assist in development.

Student-Athlete Experience

Purpose: Provide leadership and guidance for the voice of the student-athletes and team-by-team initiatives developed by student-athletes.

Law Enforcement Engagement

Purpose: Create a culture of understanding and relationship building as well as provide engagement opportunities to learn and understand individual rights. Utilize the Kansas Law Enforcement Center to interact with staff, coaches and student-athletes through panels and in-person activities.

Initiative Awareness Group

Purpose: Research and collaborate events and initiatives to honor Black individuals and minorities through events on campus and in the Lawrence Community as well as through Big 12 and NCAA initiatives.

2020-21 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR INITIATIVES

AUGUST: All Month

Student-athlete and employee voter registration and education

NOVEMBER: November 3

Student-Athletes Day Off for Election Day



ACADEMICS

KUAC MAKES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HISTORY DESPITE THE CHALLENGES AND UNCERTAINTY FROM COVID-19!

In mid-March of 2020, the U.S. and universities around the country came to a halt as we lock down due to COVID-19. The University of Kansas Student-Athlete Support Staff (SASS) was no different. Rather than stopping work, it came together with the result ... a record-setting 3.43 GPA. Enormous efforts were made to set academic records during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Immediately upon receiving notification that the spring semester was moving to remote learning, tutoring and counseling for student-athletes, the academic support staff went to work. The challenge was no longer to just educate the students on their area of study, but required a baseline on what people had and didn't have to move to virtual education as well as training the tutors on the requirements to teach and learn virtually and all steps to make that happen. Not only did SASS have to identify where the student-athletes and tutors were located, they had to determine if they had a computer, wi-fi access and remote learning tools. It was teamwork, resilience and adaptability by all the SASS, tutors, coaches and students to make 76% of KU's student-athletes land on the honor roll and 10 teams set individual program grade point average records, using virtually learning as the foundation for success.

It was like "driving with a flashlight" says Ryan King, Assistant Athletics Director.

As just one of the key decisions, Zoom was selected to be the video conferencing application that



"I am so proud of our KU student-athletes for applying the same perseverance and determination we see in athletic competition to their academic pursuits. Despite the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of an entirely new remote learning system, our student-athletes achieved new department records for grade-point average, with every team achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better."
 // Jeff Long, Director of Athletics



ATHLETICS DIRECTOR'S HONOR ROLL		
GPA	FALL	SPRING
4.0	51	92**
3.00-3.99	241	244
Total	292	336*

*New Team Record
 **New Department Record

STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADE SUMMARY			
TEAM GPA'S	FALL	SPRING	OVERALL
Baseball	3.25*	3.53*	3.37*
Men's Basketball	2.92	3.21*	3.06*
Women's Basketball	3.09	3.35*	3.23*
Football	2.64	3.00	2.81
Men's Golf	3.35	3.47	3.41
Women's Golf	3.33	3.76*	3.52*
Rowing	3.33	3.70*	3.49*
Softball	3.26	3.43	3.34
Soccer	3.39	3.63*	3.51*
Swimming & Diving	3.64	3.95**	3.79**
Tennis	3.31	3.44	3.38
Men's Track & Field	3.06	3.24*	3.14*
Men's Cross Country	3.36*	3.39*	3.38*
Women's Track & Field	3.33	3.62*	3.47*
Women's Cross Country	3.27	3.71*	3.49*
Volleyball	3.27	3.83*	3.51*
All Sports Combined	3.13	3.43**	3.27**

ACADEMICS [CONTINUED]

would be used by faculty and staff with the students, which meant in addition to learning “Zoom,” student-athletes had to continue academic learning. With all new technology, there comes technology difficulties.

“Student-athletes and tutors did a great job staying positive and being patient as we taught them more than just their area of study,” said Stephanie Mahal, Assistant Athletics Director, Director of Learning Services.

As important as the academic and technical support was, so too was the emotional side of the job. Making sure the student-athletes were comforted and felt safe was another team effort by SASS and tutors. Student-athletes who had trained their entire life for their season were suddenly being told their season was over or likely wouldn’t happen at all. Additionally, and very quickly, most of these student-athletes were back home dealing with family members who might have lost their job or needed them to be primary care givers. It was no longer just about academics, but also about being a good listener and support team. An important benefit to the virtual learning was through the use of Zoom, the student-athletes were also able to share screen time with siblings, caring for other family members and continuing to finish the semester out strong, regardless of the circumstances.

“Control what you can control. You can control your attitude, you can control your effort, but you can’t always control what everyone else is doing,” said Vince McKamie, Assistant Athletics Director. “I am so proud because our KU student-athletes did just that and overcame a very unusual 2020 spring semester and came through with amazing results.”

FALL 2019

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR'S

HONOR ROLL

292

STUDENT-ATHLETES

62%

OF STUDENTS
ON ACTIVE
ROSTERS

ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE

6 TEAMS HAVE
SINGLE YEAR FIGURES OF
PERFECT 100



SPRING 2020

22 STUDENTS NAMED TO THE
BIG 12'S DR. GERALD LAGE
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

STUDENTS MUST HAVE:
+ COMPLETED 100 CREDITS
+ WITH A 3.80 CUMULATIVE GPA



HIGHEST
ACADEMIC HONOR
BESTOWED BY THE CONFERENCE



22 AWARDS IS THE
HIGHEST THE BIG 12
HAS EVER AWARDED
TO ANY MEMBER SCHOOL
SINCE AWARD'S INCEPTION (2011)

GRADUATION RATES

85%

OVERALL RATE
TIES KU'S ALL-TIME
RECORD



2 TEAMS
HAVE 100%



KAI FINANCES

Kansas Athletics is a 501c3 corporation that operates as a controlled affiliate of the University of Kansas. KAI is fiscally accountable to its Board of Directors, chaired by the University Chancellor, which approves its operational budget in advance of each fiscal year.

REVENUES

KAI is grateful for the generous support of its donors and ticket holders who, taken together, directly provide nearly half of KAI's annual revenue. Another 40% of KAI's revenue comes through the Big 12 Conference, which derives revenue from its TV contracts, bowl-game revenues and NCAA basketball tournament revenues. KAI also receives revenue from sponsorships and other sources.

EXPENDITURES

As an organization focused on the student-athlete, KAI places an emphasis on spending in ways that will help the student-athletes succeed on the field of play, in the classroom and in the community. Salaries of coaches and others who directly or indirectly impact the success of student-athletes make up KAI's largest expense category. KAI also invests significantly in scholarship and student-athlete welfare, as well as costs to operate and transport the teams to their competition locations.

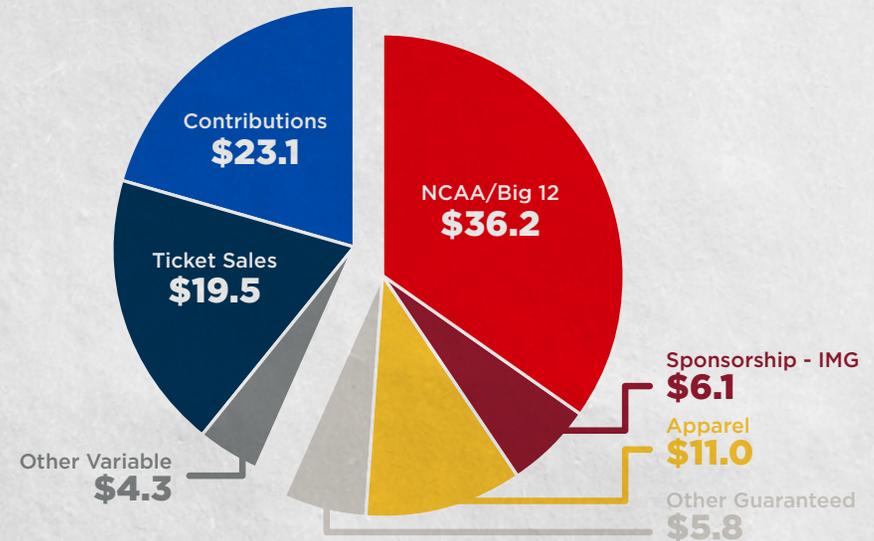
COVID-19 IMPACT

The unfortunate pandemic certainly posed budget challenges for Fiscal Year 2020 (ending 6/30/20). With sound expense management as well as fortunate timing, Kansas Athletics was able to finish the fiscal year with a modest surplus. The timing of the pandemic was such that KAI's revenue sources were only mildly impacted. While the Big 12 Conference distributions were slightly less than budgeted due to the elimination of the NCAA men's basketball tournament, the completion of basketball's regular season as well as playing the entire football season preserved the majority of these conference distributions as well as virtually all of KAI's ticket revenues. And this overall revenue shortfall was covered by savings from lack of spring sports expenses as well as diligent spending department-wide. The resulting surplus will be put into a reserve fund to help offset next year's unknown financial challenges.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 (IN MILLIONS)		
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	POST-COVID-19 FORECAST
Revenues	\$106.2	\$104.2
Expenses	\$106.2	\$98.7

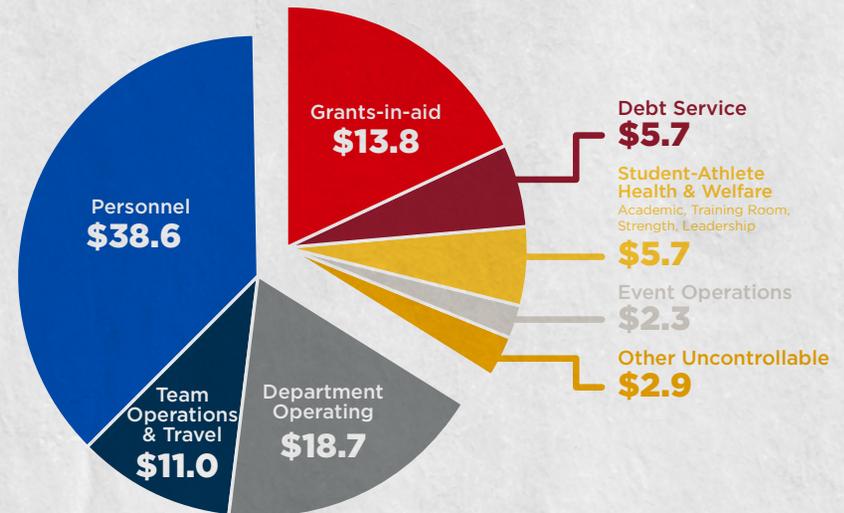
TOTAL REVENUES BY SOURCE

2020 Fiscal Year = \$104.2 Million



TOTAL EXPENSES BY TYPE

2020 Fiscal Year = \$98.7 Million



Graphs in millions.

WILLIAMS EDUCATION FUND

JOIN NOW

OUR MISSION AND NEED

The Williams Education Fund is the fundraising arm for Kansas Athletics and relies on the generosity from supporters, like you, who invest in our 470+ student-athletes with the needed resources to succeed. Gifts to the Williams Education Fund are used to support student-athlete scholarship aid, which totals more than \$15.4M annually, as well as other services that are essential to our student-athlete experience.

YOUR GIFT AT WORK

A single student-athlete may receive up to \$84,116 in academic and athletic support, annually:

 \$400 STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	 \$14,200 SPORT OPERATING EXPENSES
 \$600 LEADERSHIP & CAREER DEVELOPMENT	 \$15,000 TEAM TRAVEL
 \$1,500 ACADEMIC SUPPORT	 \$49,616 GRANTS-IN-AID
 \$2,800 HEALTH & WELLNESS	

2019 DONORS BY MEMBERSHIP LEVEL		
MEMBERSHIP LEVEL		NUMBER OF DONORS
Hall of Fame	\$50,000	157
Champion	\$25,000	188
Olympian	\$18,000	102
All-American	\$10,000	263
Legend	\$5,000	315
MVP	\$2,500	387
Rock Chalk	\$1,000	670
Jayhawk	\$500	558
Crimson & Blue	\$300	453
Outland	\$100	1,924

5,000+
ATHLETICS
DONORS

46 STATES

2 COUNTRIES

**TOTAL
ATHLETICS
GIVING**

\$44,738,892

2019 ATHLETICS GIVING SUMMARY	
Annual Fund	\$18,632,091
Break the Cycle	\$3,399,448
Capital	\$16,143,736
Premium Seating	\$1,997,565
Margin of Excellence	\$697,244
Athletic Endowment	\$1,295,177

5TH YEAR AID INITIATIVE

Within 30 days...

BRAD GARLINGHOUSE
A 1994 KU GRADUATE



GENEROUSLY
OFFERED A

**\$150K
MATCH**

GIVING MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO CONTRIBUTE THE OTHER \$150K

**TOTALING
\$320,790
RAISED**

WITH AN ORIGINAL GOAL OF \$300K

Thank you for supporting our returning Jayhawk seniors; you make the difference!

WILLIAMS EDUCATION FUND (CONTINUED)

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Opened & dedicated new Horejsi Family Volleyball Arena
- Dedication of Beatty Family Pavilion
- Completed John Hadl & Gale Sayers statue fundraising project
- Newly redesigned Williams Education Fund website
- Opened new donor hospitality area for men's basketball in Horejsi Family Volleyball Arena

STEWARDSHIP & ENGAGEMENT JAYHAWK APPRECIATION DINNER

Hosted in February, the Jayhawk Appreciation Dinner with the Director of Athletics had nearly 100 donors in attendance. The event is a donor benefit for those who give at the Hall of Fame and Champion levels as well as donors who have given \$500,000 over their lifetimes. The annual soiree gives donors the opportunity to meet and mingle with current student-athletes, KU coaches and athletic administrators.

CELEBRATION DINNER WITH GARY WOODLAND

On a crisp fall evening in November, donors had the opportunity to celebrate with one of our own, pro golfer Gary Woodland, on his U.S. Open win, all while raising funds to support our Kansas golf student-athletes! It was an evening featuring a walk down memory lane with Woodland from his time as a Jayhawk to his big win in Pebble Beach. The highlight of the night was raising \$170,000 for our Kansas golf programs.

GRAND OPENING OF HOREJSI FAMILY VOLLEYBALL ARENA

Kansas volleyball celebrated the Horejsi family and other donors who made the new Horejsi Family Volleyball Arena possible! Donors had the chance to hear from our Kansas Jayhawk student-athletes, coaches and athletics director. We are so proud of our supporters for helping us build some of the best facilities in the country!

NEW ADDITIONS TO WILLIAMS EDUCATION FUND STAFF

Please click staff member's name to read bio.

Mary Carpenter, Associate Director

Jamie Hays Szalc, Associate Athletics Director

Jeanna McCabe, Gift Processing Specialist

Andrea Norris, Director of Donor Hospitality, Events and Stewardship



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K CLUB: A UNIQUELY SHARED JAYHAWK EXPERIENCE



"ONCE A JAYHAWK,
ALWAYS A JAYHAWK"

K Club is a multi-generational group of former University of Kansas student-athletes, managers, student athletic trainers and coaches. K Club strives to keep them all connected to each other and to the special time in their lives when they competed in the Crimson and Blue. In 2019, K Club officially joined forces with the Williams Education Fund and together they help preserve the history and traditions of Kansas Athletics, while also supporting the student-athletes of today.



K Club would like to thank our many members who have continued to financially support their sports and the collective program through the Williams Education Fund in 2019.

Contributions include:
\$2,206,000 Annual Fund
\$1,578,000 Limestone Society

Future financial support from our members and their teammates will be critical in Kansas Athletics' recovery from COVID challenges.



MARCUS MORRIS (RETIRED JERSEY) AND DARRELL STUCKEY II (RING OF HONOR) JOINED THE RANKS OF THE KANSAS GREATS THIS PAST SEASON.

REMEMBERING OUR JAYHAWKS

Kansas Athletics would like to recognize and honor those Jayhawks we lost this year.

Pete Barham
Swimming & Diving

Ken Coleman
Football

Summer Collins
Tennis

Max Falkenstein
Broadcaster

Leland Flachsbarth
Football/Men's Basketball

Isi Holani
Football

Bob Lida
Men's Track & Field

Richard McGlinn
Men's Track & Field

Delvin A. Miller
Football

Pepper Rodgers
Football

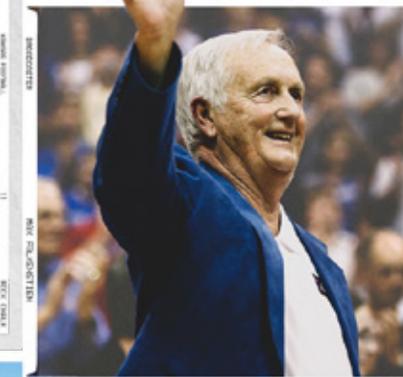
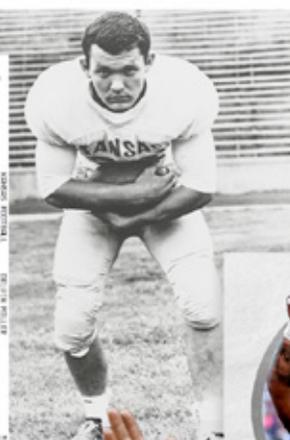
Gary Russell
Baseball

Fenton "Pete" Talbott
Men's Track & Field

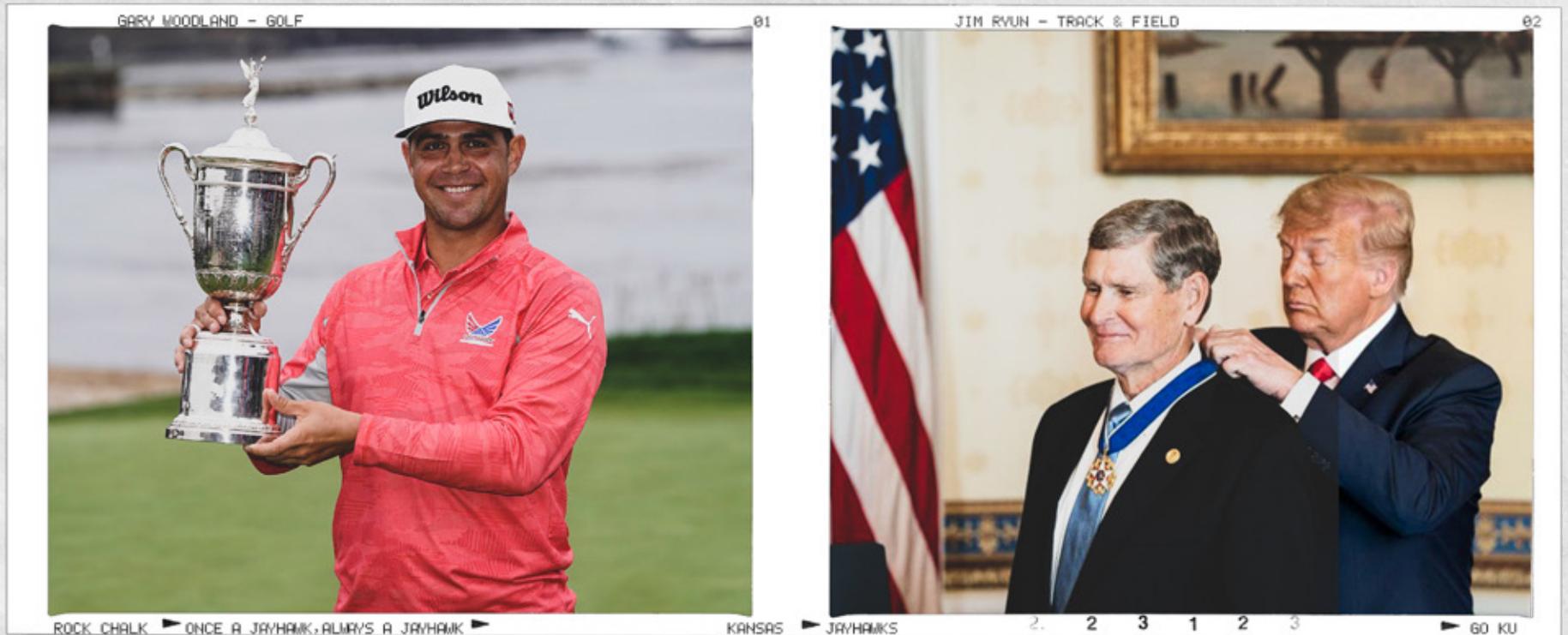
Earl Thompson
Football

Darnell Williams
Football

John Zook
Football



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ACCOMPLISHED JAYHAWKS



GARY WOODLAND
2019 U.S. Open Champion

JIM RYUN
Presidential Medal of Freedom

KU LEADS



Created in 2011, the Department of Student-Athlete Development and Leadership, or KU Leads, plays an integral role in the lives of student-athletes at the University of Kansas, with a focus on the total well-being of student-athletes. The mission of KU Leads is to develop committed student-athlete leaders who represent the University of Kansas and its athletics program with pride, integrity and intense competitive spirit. KU Leads' activities are designed to contribute to a positive, productive culture within Kansas Athletics that promotes confidence, collegiality and a passion for winning. The activities include:

ROCK CHALK CHOICE AWARDS

KU Leads hosted the eighth annual Rock Chalk Choice Awards at the Lied Center, where 1,000 individuals attended to honor selected student-athletes and celebrate the greatest moments from the 2018-19 year. Awards were presented in seven categories, including Male and Female Athlete of the Year, Best Jayhawk in a Supporting Role and Moment of the Year. The event began with a red-carpet entrance.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Various events and workshops are offered throughout the year in order to provide student-athletes with the tools necessary to transition smoothly into the professional world. These events include a Senior Round Table with donors and former student-athletes, an etiquette dinner for sophomores, the importance of Making a Good First Impression seminar for both juniors and seniors, resume workshops, interview prep workshops and individual career meetings.

EMERGENT LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Twice a year, 30 student-athletes are nominated by their head coaches, to take part in an intensive, highly interactive and energetic leadership enhancement experience. Student-athletes explore personal strengths and develop strategies to become more effective at communication, decision making and dealing with adversity.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is comprised of representatives from each athletic team. SAAC meets regularly to create programs to help improve the lives and experiences of student-athletes, volunteer in the community and discuss current and proposed NCAA rules that affect student-athletes and their experience.

KU LEADS (CONTINUED)

The SAAC also has six working sub-committees which are: Communications and Social Media, Legislation, Student-Athlete Development, Diversity and Inclusion, Mental Health and Well-Being and Events. Each sub-committee meets outside of the main SAAC meeting to work on projects, programming, policies and community outreach.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

This program provides all freshmen and transfer student-athletes the opportunity to work with trained leadership mentors. Weekly they explore leadership constructs such as value exploration, life balance, personal brand development and social competency.

BEAK THE STIGMA

Through social media, tabling and seminars the SAAC's mental health committee shared information with fellow student-athletes about topics such as stress management, positive self-talk, motivational Monday's, anxiety and depression. The committee also shared information about where student-athletes can seek help within Kansas Athletics and discussed strategies they can use to cope during high stress times.

R.I.S.E. (REDEFINE, INSPIRE, SUPPORT AND EMPOWER)

The mission of R.I.S.E. is to cultivate a safe environment for minority student-athletes that nurtures personal, academic and social growth, while encompassing the fundamental values of Kansas Athletics.

Through R.I.S.E., student-athletes meet throughout the year to discuss issues affecting minorities in sports, and outside speakers discuss subjects such as life after sports and financial literacy. This year seven student-athletes attended the Black Student-Athletes Summit, which is the most to ever participate for Kansas Athletics. A new event for this organization was the R.I.S.E. networking night which connected student-athletes of color with staff and faculty at the University of Kansas.

OUTREACH

Student-athletes donated time and energy to various groups, including the Boys & Girls Club, in which each team had partner schools, the Salvation Army and Team Impact, a national nonprofit that connects children facing serious or chronic illnesses with college athletic teams. This year four KU teams had the privilege of working with Team Impact. Also, during a week-long campaign, KU Leads, in partnership with the University, coordinated the solicitation of contributions for the Douglas County United Way.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

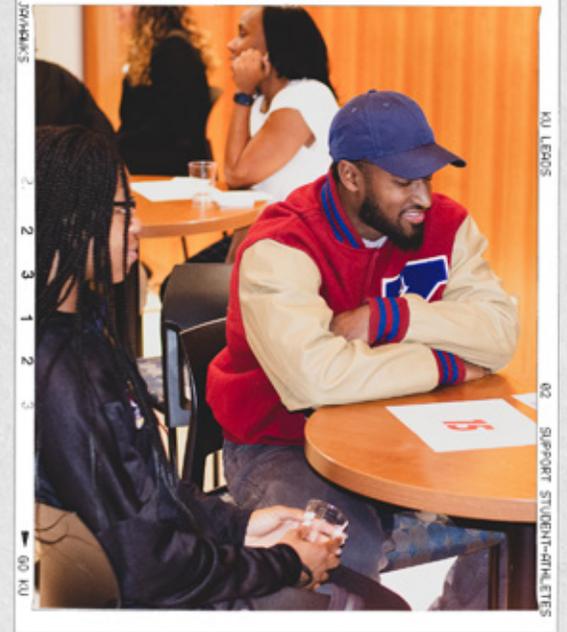
KU Leads teams with faculty mentors to offer mock interview sessions, allowing student-athletes to hone their skills in this critically important aspect of the job search.

CAREER NIGHT

KU Leads partners with the University Career Center to give student-athletes the opportunity to interact face-to-face with companies looking to hire student-athletes in full-time, part-time and internship roles. The K Club Board of Directors attends to represent Jayhawks who have gone pro in something other than sports, giving current student-athletes a chance to network with former athletes who have been in their shoes and learn from their stories.

JAYHAWK PEAK PERFORMANCE

Kansas Athletics' sport psychology service is used by all student-athletes, teams and coaches to help gain a competitive edge. Jayhawk Peak Performance sessions provide mental performance training in a variety of forms, ranging from individual meetings to group and team sessions and workshops. The goal: to use mental skills training to create mental toughness, goal setting and confidence.





JAYHAWK SPORTS SEASONS IN REVIEW

KANSAS BASEBALL

The 2020 Kansas baseball season was unusual and unique, while being shortened due to COVID-19.

The Jayhawks opened the season on the road at Belmont, playing the season opener in sub-30 degree weather at E.S. Rose Park. After dropping the first game of the season, Kansas rebounded to take the series.

Kansas continued its road trek to start the season, and played a four-game series at Charleston Southern. Originally scheduled to start on Feb. 20, KU and CSU played a single game on Feb. 21 and played their first doubleheader of the season on Feb. 22. Entering the final game of the series 1-2 to the Buccaneers, Kansas jumped on CSU's starting pitcher and earned the 9-1 victory to even the series.

Following the series against the Buccaneers, newcomer Everhett Hazelwood was named Co-Big 12 Newcomer of the Week. Hazelwood, a San Diego, California, native earned his first-career win against CSU in the second game of the series and recorded a season-high 12 strikeouts to only one walk.

Up next for the Jayhawks, the First Pitch Invitational, was Kansas' first tournament of the season. KU played tournament host Michigan State before splitting two games of a doubleheader on Feb. 29 against Ball State. Kansas closed out the tournament against Western Carolina.

After three weekends on the road, KU hosted Creighton March 4 for its first game in Hogle Ballpark, a 3-2 victory over the Bluejays.

Kansas hosted Indiana State for its first home weekend series of the season, beating the Sycamores in the first game 6-1 before falling in the final two games of the series.

In its final road test and games of the season, KU traveled to Iowa City, Iowa to play Big 10 foe Iowa, falling to the Hawkeyes in the midweek series.

Kansas finished the shortened season 7-10 overall and 2-2 at home. Ritch Price finished his 18th season at the helm of the program and has compiled a 531-494-3 record. Price has narrowed in on 750 NCAA Division I wins, tallying 748 wins following the shortened conclusion to the 2020 season.

Though no Jayhawks were selected in the five-round 2020 MLB Draft, reliever Blake Goldsberry signed a contract with the Colorado Rockies Organization in early July.

"I was thrilled with his (Everhett Hazelwood) performance against Charleston Southern. He commanded his fastball on both sides of the plate and down in the zone much better than his start against Belmont. He has a quality finish pitch and one of the best sliders in the Big 12. It was a dominant performance."

// Head Coach Ritch Price



KANSAS BASEBALL
EVERHETT
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

After a season hiatus, the Kansas men's basketball ascended back to the top of the Big 12 by winning its final 16 games of the 2019-20 season en route to its 19th Big 12 and adding to its NCAA-record 62nd conference regular-season conference title. The league championship was Kansas' 15th in the last 16 seasons.

KU finished with a 28-3 overall and 17-1 Big 12 record, posting more league wins than any other team in the 24-year history of the conference.



BILL SELF



"TEN YEARS FROM NOW THEY ARE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN. NOBODY IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT. THERE WILL BE SOMETHING NEW TO TALK ABOUT, BUT I HOPE THESE GUYS ARE REMEMBERED BY OUR FANS AS BEING A TEAM THAT WAS PROBABLY AS SPECIAL OR AS CLOSE TO SPECIAL AS ANY TEAM THAT THEY'VE SUPPORTED DURING THEIR TIME SUPPORTING KANSAS."



Kansas won the 2019 Maui Invitational and by going 28-3 overall, KU has now won 25 or more games 15-straight seasons, which is an NCAA DI record. Additionally, KU has won 10 or more league games for 26-straight seasons beginning in 1994-95, which is also an NCAA record.

Kansas finished No. 1 in the final 2019-20 Associated Press (AP) and USA TODAY Coaches' polls. It marked the fourth time KU finished No. 1 in the AP poll (2016, 2010, 1997) and the second time in the coaches' poll (2008). The Jayhawks were ranked in every poll extending their national-leading active streak to 220 weeks ranked in the AP and 228 in the coaches' polls.

Senior Udoka Azubuike and sophomore Devon Dotson were both named Consensus All-America Second Team. Azubuike and junior Marcus Garrett were each named national defensive player of the year with Azubuike by the NABC and Garrett by the Naismith Award. Azubuike was the Big 12 Player of the Year and joined on the all-conference first team by Dotson. Garrett was the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and was third-team all-league and sophomore Ochai Agbaji was an honorable mention all-conference honoree. Azubuike and Garrett were on the

Big 12 All-Defensive Team and guard Christian Braun was on the league's all-freshman squad.

Azubuike led the NCAA in field goal percentage at 74.8 percent in 2019-20. He also led the nation in 2017-18 with a 77.0 field goal percentage and ended his career as the NCAA career field goal percentage record holder at 74.6 percent. Azubuike also led the Big 12 in rebounds with 10.5 boards per game, while Dotson led the conference in scoring at 18.1 points per contest and steals with a 2.1 average. Garrett led the Big 12 in assists with a 4.5 average and assist-to-turnover ratio at 2.7.

No telling what would have been had the 2020 NCAA Tournament been played. KU was destined to be a No. 1 seed for the third time in the last four seasons and 15th time overall, including nine under head coach Bill Self.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

It was an abrupt and emotional end to the 2019-20 season due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States; but the Kansas women's basketball team has a lot to look forward to heading into 2020-21. Not only is the team coming off its first winning season in seven years (15-14), but Kansas is also looking back on a season in which it got off to its best start (11-0) since head coach Brandon Schneider took over the program in 2015-16. The Jayhawks posted an undefeated regular season against nonconference opponents and qualified for postseason play for the first time since 2013. Kansas' 15 victories also pushed Schneider over 450 career wins in his 22 years of coaching.

The Jayhawks garnered their best home record under Schneider, collecting an 11-6 ledger inside Allen Fieldhouse. Kansas' win over Big12/SEC Challenge opponent Florida highlighted the

nonconference portion of the schedule while posting conference wins over Texas Tech, Texas, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State in Big 12 play.

Kansas held a 4-14 mark in league play, which gave KU its best showing in four seasons. After getting their first Big 12 victory over Texas Tech on Jan. 18, the Jayhawks stunned the Longhorns of Texas in Allen Fieldhouse (Feb. 15), one of their 11 wins in the historic building. The triumph over Texas was the Jayhawks' first time defeating the Longhorns since 2013. KU claimed two more wins to round out the conference season.

The team, which finished .517 overall, was led by a handful of players throughout the season. Throughout nonconference and the first half of league play, six players averaged double figures in points. Kansas ended the season with five in double-digit scoring.

Leading the scoring effort was sophomore Aniya Thomas. The 5-foot-7 guard wrapped up the 2019-20 slate averaging 12.6 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 2.0 steals per game.

Thomas was not the only guard making waves in the backcourt for Kansas this season. The underclassmen showed their might and were led by two crafty guards, Holly Kersgieter and Zakiyah Franklin, who in their own right each had a standout freshman year. First-year guard Franklin nabbed the second-best scoring average on the team with 12.1 points per game and dished out a staggering 3.6 assists per game. Franklin capped off her freshman year by becoming the third player in program history to be named a Big 12 All-Freshman Team selection.

Kersgieter kicked off the season by posting the first double-double where she scored a career-high 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. The freshman's dominant performance earned her the Big 12 Player and Freshman of the Week honors, a first for the program since 2014. Kersgieter finished the season as one of the five Jayhawks to average double-figure points with 10.1 points per game.

Junior transfer Tina Stephens made a huge impact in the paint for Kansas. The 6-foot-1 forward played a big role in KU's 38.6 rebounds per game season statistic. The Palmetto, Florida, native averaged 10.2 points, 7.2 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game. Her 7.2 rebounds per game put her in the top-10 of the Big 12 Conference rankings.

Seniors Mariane De Carvalho and Niccolly Ramalho finished out their Jayhawk careers leaving KU women's basketball primed for the underclassmen. De Carvalho, one of five who finished in double-digit scoring, was third-best on the team with 10.4 points and 5.1 boards per game. Ramalho, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, garnered a couple of top plays that displayed her tenacity as she posed as a spark for the Jayhawks on defense.



CROSS COUNTRY

Kansas cross country started off the 2019 season strong with wins across the board in the Bob Timmons Classic on Aug.31 and the Rim Rock Collegiate Challenge on Oct. 5. The Jayhawks ran to a combined four team titles between the two meets on their home course for the season. Ally Ryan was undefeated at Rim Rock Farm in her sophomore season for KU with individual titles won at both home meets. She finished with times of 18:49.7 in the Bob Timmons Classic 5K and 22:59.3 for her 6K win in the Rim Rock Collegiate Classic. On the men's side, senior George Letner was the first Jayhawk to cross the finish line for Kansas in the season-opening Bob Timmons Classic, as he came in third place running a 19:31.9 6K. Fellow senior teammate Michael Melgares accomplished the same feat at the rain delayed and muddy Rim Rock Collegiate Classic, where he traversed the 8K course in 25:47.4.

Two weeks later, on Oct. 19, the Jayhawks headed east to Terre Haute, Indiana, for the Pre-National Invitational hosted by Indiana State. Oftentimes considered a test run for postseason action,

the annual event showed teams where they compared to others at this midway point in the season. Ryan again crossed the finish line first for the Jayhawks with her 6K time of 21:44.3, placing 129th out of a field of 252 runners. On the men's side, the Jayhawks were 19th out of 38 teams in the 8K Blue Race, which was considered to be fastest race of the day according to the FloTrack

announcers, which live streamed the meet. Freshman Chandler Gibbens made his collegiate debut, running 21:14.2 and finished in 33rd place out of 257 competitors to lead the Kansas men.

Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco, Texas, was the site chosen to host the 2019 Big 12 Cross Country Championship on November 2. In the men's 8K, the Jayhawks placed fourth out of nine teams while the Cyclones of Iowa State claimed the title. The top-15 individual finishers in each race earned All-Big 12 honors. Included among those recipients was Gibbens, whose time of 24:06.0 was good for 12th place. Seniors Melgares and Dylan Hodgson just missed out on individual honors, as they finished in 16th and 17th place, respectively. Kansas was sixth out of 10 teams on the women's side, with Oklahoma State besting Texas by a mere two points to be named the league champion. Junior Cameron Gueldner was one of four KU women to who completed the 6K race in the 30s out of 86 total participants, leading the Jayhawks with a time of 21:43.4 to place 30th individually.

On a sunny Friday, Nov. 15, the Kansas cross country teams took to the sprawling OSU Cross Country Course for the 2019 Midwest Regional Championships. Freshman Lona Latema finished first among the KU women, recording a time of 22:00.5 and leading the team to a 17th-place finish out of 33 teams competing in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Running their first 10K of the season, the Jayhawk men finished third out of 27 teams, just missing an automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA Championships, as the top-two teams in each regional advanced. It marked the men's highest finish at a Regional meet since 2006, when the team placed second overall to qualify for the national meet. The top-25 individual finishers in each race earned All-Region honors, including three men from KU: Hodgson (14th place, 31:14.3), junior Ben Butler (20th place, 31:19.7) and Gibbens, who finished 21st in 31:26.2. All three Jayhawks had the best finishes at a Regional meet since 2015, when Evan Landes placed ninth overall.

The 2019 cross country season came to an end for Kansas after the teams competed in the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships. Even though the men's team placed third overall and had three individual All-Region honorees, Kansas did not receive any at-large bids to the 2019 NCAA Cross Country Championships. Following the conclusion of the season, Gibbens was named the Big 12 Men's Cross Country Newcomer of the Year, as voted on by the league's head coaches.



RIM ROCK COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE 2019-2020

KANSAS CROSS COUNTRY

CHANDLER GIBBENS

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RIM ROCK FARM

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FOOTBALL

The 130th season of Kansas football marked the start of a new era for the Jayhawks, as head coach Les Miles took over the helm. The Jayhawks battled to a 3-9 season record, including standout wins over Indiana State, Boston College and Texas Tech, as the Jayhawks finished off year one of the Miles era.

The Jayhawks captured the first win of the Miles era in their season-opener, when they hosted Indiana State on Aug. 31. The Jayhawks were led by an early interception by senior Hasan Defense, who returned the interception for a 57-yard touchdown to put the Jayhawks up 7-0 in the first quarter.

After falling behind 17-16 with 4:24 remaining in the fourth quarter, senior quarterback Carter Stanley led the Jayhawks on an eight-play, 75-yard drive to take the lead back from the Sycamores. Stanley capped the drive with a 22-yard strike to senior Daylon Charlot in the back of the endzone with 2:04 remaining, before the defense held the Sycamores from scoring to give Kansas the 24-17 victory.

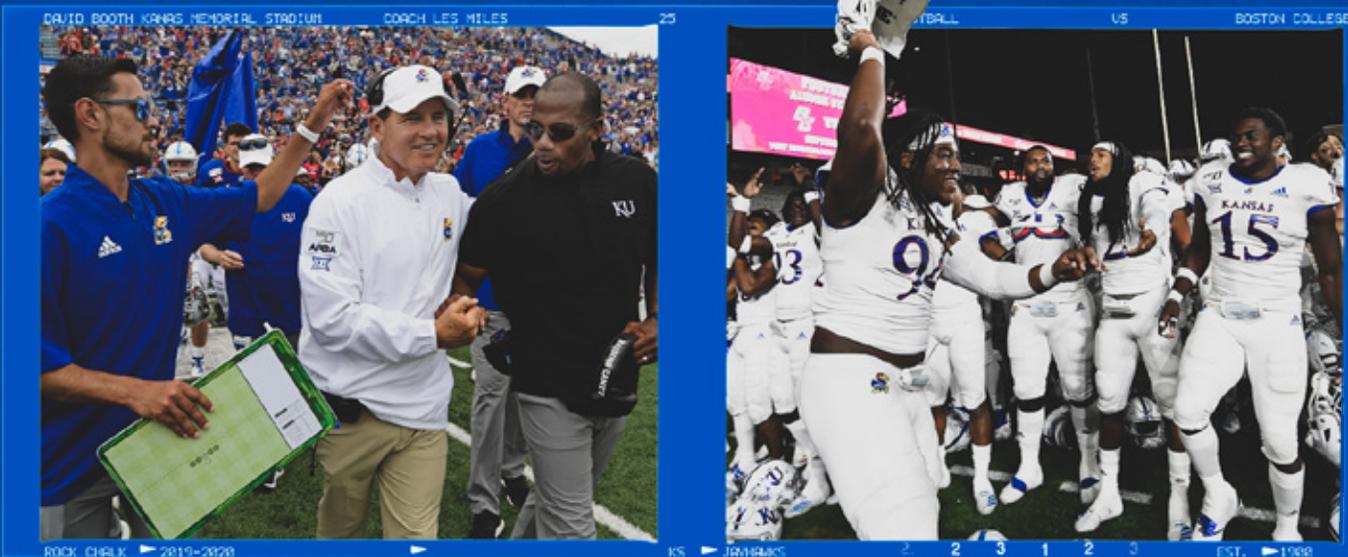
Kansas recorded its first win over a Power-5 opponent on the road since 2008, when the Jayhawks marched into Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, and took down the Boston College Eagles, 48-24.

Despite the final score margin, Kansas fell to a 17-7 deficit to start the game, before outscoring Boston College 41-7 in the final three quarters of play. The Jayhawks rushed for 329 yards and threw for 238, leading to 567 yards of total offense, the 17th most in KU history at the time.



Arguably one of the most thrilling games in all of college football in 2019, the Jayhawks narrowly fell to the No. 15 Texas Longhorns in Austin, Texas, on Oct. 19, as Texas kicker Cameron Dicker connected on a 33-yard game-winning field goal as the clock expired to put his team ahead on the scoreboard, 50-48.

Despite falling short on the scoreboard, the Jayhawks put together a special performance that included Pooka Williams Jr., rushing for 190 yards on 25 carries and two touchdowns, while the Kansas offense accumulated 569 yards of total offense, the second game with 500+ yards this season.



There were several moments throughout the 2019 season that were exciting, but none more thrilling than Kansas' last-second win against Texas Tech on Homecoming.

After having his first field goal attempt blocked, picked up and fumbled by Texas Tech, then recovered by KU's Logan Klusman, Kansas kicker Liam Jones had one more attempt to seal the win, which he connected on to give Kansas a 37-34 victory over Texas Tech on Homecoming.

Jones' game-winning kick came after KU overcame a 13-point third quarter deficit behind consecutive passing touchdowns from Carter Stanley – one to junior wide receiver Stephon Robinson Jr., for a 65-yard touchdown, and another to Andrew Parchment for a 70-yard score.

The win was Kansas' first over Texas Tech in Lawrence and their first win over a Big 12 opponent in the Miles era.

MEN'S GOLF

The 2020 season was cut short due to the COVID-19 outbreak, but the Kansas men's golf team was surging from the fall season into spring. The Jayhawks finished the 2019-20 season with five top-5 finishes as a team and ranked 38th on Golfstat.com and 40th on Golfweek when the season was abruptly ended in March.

In his eighth season at the helm of the program, head coach Jamie Bermel had the Kansas team on a path to make it to its fifth-straight appearance at the NCAA Regionals. In the fall, the Jayhawks started their season with a second-place finish and carded 8-under par (856) at the Badger Invitational. They were led by the senior Andy Spencer, who shot 7-under par 209 and placed tied for sixth individually.

KU followed that performance up at the Windon Memorial Classic where the team tied for fourth. Freshman Luke Kluver shot 3-under par (210) and tied for fifth place. The team went on to the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate where it finished eighth and shot 19-over par (883).

The Jayhawks traveled to Houston, Texas, to play in the Big 12 Match Play Championship where they claimed second place for the second-consecutive season. Kluver continued his impressive freshman campaign and won all of his match-ups (5-0-0) to lead the team.

Kansas closed the fall in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, at the Ka'anapali Collegiate and placed eighth out of a 20-team field. Kluver led the KU with a career-low 11-under par 202 and placed tied for sixth.

In the spring, the Jayhawks started the season in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the TPC Dorado Beach Collegiate. Due to inclement weather, the tournament was shortened to just one round, in which the team placed second. Junior Ben Sigel recorded a career-low round at 7-under par (65) to tie for first place.

The team's final tournament came at the Bandon Dunes Championship where it placed fourth. Junior Harry Hillier led

“Obviously, we are disappointed the season was cut short, but sometimes life doesn’t quite work out the way we want. I’m more disappointed for the seniors as they were doing a great job leading the team in a lot of ways. Andy Spencer was a four-year starter and a mainstay in our lineup. Drew Shepherd was basically team point guard. He had everyone organized on and off the golf course and was a solid contributor the last two years. Besides their achievements on the team, I am most proud that both graduated in May.”

// Head Coach Jamie Bermel

the Jayhawks carding 1-under par (212), which tied for seventh place.

“As for the season, we had a lot of depth this year and several key contributors,” Bermel said. “Ben Sigel’s win in Puerto Rico was very good. Luke Kluver was a big help this year as a freshman. He played well every week and had several top finishes. Luke got better and better each week and has a chance to win each week we play. Harry Hillier had a very good junior year and continues to get more consistent. He had our best stroke average for the year and has proven he can compete each week. Jeff Doty was in and out of the lineup, but got better throughout the year and added a lot to the team depth.”

Kansas seniors Spencer and Drew Shepherd had their final seasons cut short due to the pandemic. Both elected to not return for the 2020-21 season.

“Andy and Drew were both great contributors to the success of our program during their time at KU,” Bermel said. “Like all seniors affected by the pandemic, I feel for both of them but am very proud of them as they both earned their degrees from KU. They will always be a part of our Jayhawk family.”



WOMEN'S GOLF

The 2019-20 season was suddenly cut short for the Kansas women's golf team due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. Even though the spring season came to an unexpected conclusion, results from the fall and strides made in the spring provide encouragement for the 2020-21 season. The Jayhawks ended their season with a 10th-place finish at the Gator Invitational.

Head coach Erin O'Neil led her team to four top-10 finishes in tournaments this fall in her 16th season with Kansas.

Junior Sera Tadokoro made history in the fall when she won the Louisville Cardinal Cup (Oct. 20), becoming the first player since 2016 to win a women's golf tournament while wearing the Crimson and Blue.

Tadokoro led the team and was Kansas' top finisher in four-of-five fall events (Sunflower Invitational, Lady Paladin Invitational, Palmetto Intercollegiate, Louisville Cardinal Cup) and both spring events (Moon Golf Invitational and Gator Invitational). She recorded three top-10 finishes in addition to winning the Louisville Cardinal Cup.

The Kansas lineup utilized Tadokoro, sophomore Pear Pooratanaopa and freshman Ying-Ting Hsieh for every tournament.

Pooratanaopa steadily improved during the fall campaign, where she recorded a top-10 finish at the Louisville Cardinal Cup (Oct. 18-20) after she shot a personal-best at-par 216 while placing in a tie for sixth place. She ended the year with three finishes inside the top-20 and one inside the top-10.

Hsieh got valuable experience in her first collegiate season, participating in all seven events. Her top finish was at the Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 15-16) where she placed just outside the top-30 in a tie for 32nd after shooting 16-over par 232.

"This season has been all about learning and growing on and off the course," said O'Neil. "Overall, we are a raw, young squad and during the year we saw moments of greatness and moments of frustration. We had a significant change to our lineup mid year that while challenging, it allowed others to gain experience they may not have gotten otherwise."

The Jayhawks will look ahead to the 2020-21 season, with four incoming freshmen joining the squad. O'Neil hopes they provide a competitive boost to the team.

"Consistently competing is really the only way to get better because it makes it very clear where your strengths and weaknesses are, and it lets you know where to shift your focus during your preparation so that you can perform well the next time. When I think about adding our four incoming freshmen to the mix, I'm very optimistic about what we will accomplish next season. They are all hard workers, intensely competitive, love golf and want to help us reach our goals of reaching postseason play on a consistent basis."

Although the 2019-20 season was cut short, O'Neil and the Jayhawks feel they've been reminded of the little things that matter and hope that this unprecedented break will allow time to find a new appreciation for the sport of golf.

"When the season ended abruptly it brought up a lot of emotions: shock, anger, fear and frustration. We have to look beyond ourselves and do what's best for the greater good. We have to remind each other that this isn't permanent, we have to focus on what's in our control, and we will get through it. Our priority is take care of ourselves and each other and to do our best to stay healthy. We have been reminded not to take things for granted. Hopefully after we get through this everyone will have a renewed love and passion for the game of golf, for the process of getting better, for being able to practice, compete and work out as a team and to have a better appreciation for all of the little things that really matter like kindness, patience, love and friendship. I hope it inspires us to live in the moment more and to give 110 percent to that moment."

// Head Coach Erin O'Neil



ROWING

The 2019-20 season came to a sudden conclusion for the Kansas rowing team due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. Although the Jayhawks weren't able to get the boats in the water in the spring season, the team showed strides and promise for the 2020-21 season in the fall as the program celebrated 25 years at KU.

After two days of racing, the Jayhawks took home three medals at the Head of the Oklahoma regatta at the Oklahoma City Boathouse District. The Jayhawks claimed two medals in the final race of the regatta. In the women's collegiate 4+, Kansas A placed second with a time of 17:03.39 followed by Kansas B finishing in third at 17:06.43. In the women's collegiate novice 8+, the Jayhawks claimed a medal finishing in second with a time of 16:39.31. The freshman squad was led by coxswain Ashley McCaulley, Ava Winkels, Kai Alexander, Alama Hodzic, Savannah Skack, Grace Wallrapp, Rachel Berkley, Madison Ewert and Ty Kelly-Martin.

In the seventh annual Jayhawk Jamboree, Kansas took four medals in four races at Burcham Park in Lawrence, Kansas, as KU celebrated 25 years of rowing.

At the Jamboree, Kansas A in the collegiate women's varsity 4+ started it off for the team by claiming first place with a time of 13:11.9 followed by Kansas B which came in second with a time of 13:39.3. Kansas C placed fifth at 14:02.6 and Kansas D placed sixth at 14:16.7. In the collegiate women's novice 8+, Kansas A placed first by 2.5 seconds ahead of Colorado A and finished with a time of 14:02.2.

With 13 boats in the field in the collegiate women's varsity 8+, Kansas A finished in first place with a time of 12:19.4 and Kansas B came in fourth with a time of 12:39.8. Kansas A then went on in the 300mm sprint to finish in second.

Kansas wrapped up the fall with an exhibition race at the Tulsa Fall Invite at the Verdigris River. Hosted by the University of Tulsa, the field also featured Central Oklahoma and Southern Methodist. The Jayhawks then went on their annual winter training at the Tampa River Center in Tampa, Florida. Each year KU heads south to find warmer waters for more suitable training conditions.

Accolades were aplenty in the spring for rowing, despite not being able to compete due to the pandemic. The rowing team set a grade point average record in the spring 2020 semester with a 3.70. Coattailing on that were 11 Jayhawks who were named 2019-20 Collegiate Rowing Coaches

Association Scholar Athletes. Additionally, the rowing team had 12 student-athletes named to the Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team including 4.0 honorees Danielle Brunig, Meghan Lemons, Abby Monroe and Ava Winkels.



SOCCER

The 25th season of Kansas soccer will be one that is not soon forgotten. A Big 12 Tournament Championship, a run of 11 unbeaten results, the league's defensive player of the year, an All-American and a journey to the NCAA Sweet 16 will insert this team as one of the best in the program's young but impressive history.

Kansas finished the season with a record of 17-5-2, the second-most wins by a Jayhawk team in program history. One of the top highlights of the season came in early November in Kansas City when the Jayhawks claimed the program's first Big 12 Tournament Championship. Junior Mandi Duggan scored the game's lone goal early in the second half as KU closed out the 1-0 win over TCU to earn the title. Seven Jayhawks were named to the All-Tournament team, including goalkeeper Sarah Peters, who was honored as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the event.

KU's schedule was once again one of the toughest in the nation as the Jayhawks played seven matches against teams ranked in the top-25 of the coaches poll this season. Kansas went 3-3-1 in those seven outings against ranked foes. The win over No. 10 Oklahoma State on Nov. 8 marked the fourth-consecutive season the Jayhawks have tallied at least two victories over a team ranked among the top-25 in the nation. Kansas is 10-16-3 against ranked foes since 2016, with eight of those losses coming against teams inside the top-10. Prior to this recent run, the Jayhawks managed just six victories over top-25 teams from 2010-15.

Prior to its season-ending loss to South Carolina, KU posted an 11-match unbeaten streak, a new program record for consecutive games without a loss. Before the loss on Nov. 24, the Jayhawks' previous loss came at Oklahoma State, 5-2, in Stillwater on Oct. 3.

The Jayhawks recorded 12 shutouts on the year, the second-most by a KU team in program history. Kansas also boasted a goals-against average of 0.42 during its 11-game unbeaten streak, conceding only five goals in that span. The Kansas defense even posted an opponent scoreless streak of 441 minutes over a five-game span in November. It ranked as the fourth-longest such streak in program history. The Jayhawks have now posted six opponent scoreless streaks of 300 minutes or longer over the last five years, including two in 2019.

The Jayhawks earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight season the program's ninth overall. KU made its second all-time appearance in the third round and its first since 2003. KU's final win of 2019 came in a 3-0 victory over the Xavier Musketeers in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Columbia, South Carolina, senior Katie McClure posted a hat trick, her second of the season, in the win.

McClure was named to the All-America Third Team when the United Soccer Coaches announced their 2019 honorees. The honor marked the first time in McClure's career that she was named to an All-America list and the sixth time a Jayhawk has been tabbed an All-American. McClure, a native of Wichita, Kansas, finished off her 2019 campaign with a career-high 17 goals, a figure which led the Big 12 and was the second-most ever by Jayhawk in a single season. The senior forward also tallied a career-high nine assists to add to her yearly point total of 43, which also led the conference.

She joined an impressive list of Jayhawks to be named to All-America teams. Defender Holly Gault (2003-06) was a first-team selection in 2004, goalkeeper Meghan Miller (2001-04) was picked to the second team in 2004, forward Caroline Smith (2002-05) was a two-time selection to the third team in 2003 and 2004, and Liana Salazar (2012-16) who claimed third-team honors in 2015.

Senior defender Addisyn Merrick became the second Jayhawk to be named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year. She, along with McClure, also were named to the All-Big 12 First Team. Junior Ceri Holland was a Second Team pick. McClure, Merrick and Holland were also named to the United Soccer Coaches All-Region team. McClure and Merrick were First Team selections, while Holland was named to the Third Team.

The announcement means Kansas has had at least one Jayhawk on the All-Big 12 teams each year since the current format began in 2000. The three Jayhawks selected also marked the seventh time in the last eight seasons that three or more KU representatives were selected to the all-conference squads.



SOFTBALL

The 2020 season came to a sudden conclusion due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States; however, the Kansas softball team found a lot of bright spots in its 26 games as it begins to look towards 2020-21. The Jayhawks concluded their season winning 11 of their final 15 games.

In just her second season coaching the Jayhawks, head coach Jennifer McFalls had the team moving in a positive direction. After finishing her opening season with a 15-36 overall record, McFalls was able to get the Jayhawks to 13 wins in just 26 games in 2020. Kansas was also able to hit this mark despite playing a schedule that included 10 of its 26 games against teams that were then-ranked inside the top-25 teams in the nation according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) poll.

Over this stretch, the Jayhawks won both the Boerner Invitational as well as the Rock Chalk Challenge, finishing 9-1 over the course of those two weekends. Kansas also pulled off the 12-2 upset victory over then-ranked No. 20 James Madison in the final game of the Clearwater Elite Invitational on Feb. 15.

Kansas finished the season with four players having appeared in all 26 games (seniors Sam Dellinger and Miranda Rodriguez, junior Brittany Jackson and redshirt-sophomore Sydnee Ramsey). Offensively, the Jayhawks were led by redshirt-sophomore Shelby Gayre who finished with a team-high 11 home runs and 24 RBI. The 11 home runs tied Gayre for first overall in the Big 12 Conference and fourth overall in the country.

On the year, the Jayhawks smashed 34 home runs and finished with 142 runs scored. Their 1.31 home runs per game average ranked them second in the conference and 10th overall in the country.

Inside the circle, KU was led by its two newcomers in senior Hailey Reed and freshman Tatum Goff. The tandem combined to start 21 games for the Jayhawks and compiled 85 strikeouts. Goff finished the season with a team-high five wins as well as two saves.

After two seasons at Kansas, McFalls now sits at 28-49 (.364) overall.



“I want to start by thanking our seniors for all of their commitment to hard work on and off the field. Not only are they great women, but also wonderful teammates and students-athletes in the classroom at the University of Kansas. I was extremely proud of the progress we made from the opening weekend through week five of our season. Our team made tremendous strides, bought into new ideas and committed to making Kansas softball better. I know our team and our coaching staff were very excited about where we were and the direction this program is headed. Although we are all very disappointed in the sudden end to our season, the most important thing is the health and safety of our student-athletes, their families and our communities.”

// Head Coach Jennifer McFalls

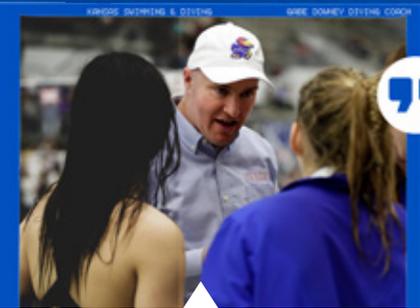
SWIMMING & DIVING

Kansas swimming and diving had a season to remember in 2019-20. It was one filled with record-breaking performances as well as both individual and team success in the pool and the classroom.

The Jayhawks finished the season at the Big 12 Championships where the team broke the program record with 831 total points scored over the course of the four-day championship, placing them second in the conference. While there the team posted five new school records and had three Big 12 Champions. Sophomore Kate Steward claimed the Big 12 title in both the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke while freshman Jiayu Chen won the 3-meter dive event with a Big 12 Championship meet-record score of 384.60.

Kansas also saw two of its own qualify to compete at the NCAA Championships with their performances at the end of the season. Sophomore Dewi Blöse qualified in both the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events after posting 52.44 and 1:54.61 seed times at the Big 12 Championships. Chen was going to join Blöse in Athens, Georgia, after her performance at the NCAA Zone D Championships where she qualified to compete in both the 1 and 3-meter diving events.

The team's success didn't just happen in the pool as it was also felt from inside the classroom as well. KU had 20 student-athletes selected to the 2020 Academic All-Big 12 Swimming and Diving Team as well as five Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award recipients. As a team, Kansas was also selected to the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-America Team for the fall 2019 semester for the 35th-consecutive semester after posting a department-best 3.64 GPA.



“The 2020 season was another one for the record books. New school records, Big 12 Championship point total, NCAA Championship qualifications, academic success and many more points of pride were a result of hard work and dedication to making our program the best possible. We were led by a tremendous senior class and I am thankful for all they did for us. We are already looking forward to new challenges next season.”

// Head Coach Clark Campbell

“It feels a little surreal to be wrapping up our season when we would otherwise be competing at NCAA’s for a National Title, but in many ways, this has been a surreal season all-around. From the diving side, we entered this season knowing that it could be special. We entered with strong senior leadership and experience and a lot of young, but unproven, talent. I am beyond impressed with what these student-athletes achieved. I am so grateful for the culture that Peri Charapich has helped instill. And I am very confident that the future is bright with who we have and who we have arriving soon.”

// Diving Coach Gabe Downey

TENNIS

The Kansas women's tennis team wrapped up its 2020 dual match campaign in which they finished 7-4 overall, a mark reached after going on a five-game win streak before spring sports were canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. The season ended right as the Jayhawks were making strides and before Big 12 play could begin.

After a slow start to the 2020 season, Kansas found its groove winning five-straight matches before the cancellation of competition. The young team gained momentum after victories against ranked opponents Washington (Feb. 16), Tulsa (Feb. 25) and Northwestern (March 1).

KU held its ground while playing at home this season. While only having played six of the 10 home matches, KU finished tough, winning four matches in front of its fans in the Jayhawk Tennis Center. Two of those four wins were against ranked opponents.

The Jayhawks ended the shortened 2020 spring season 32nd in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) team poll.

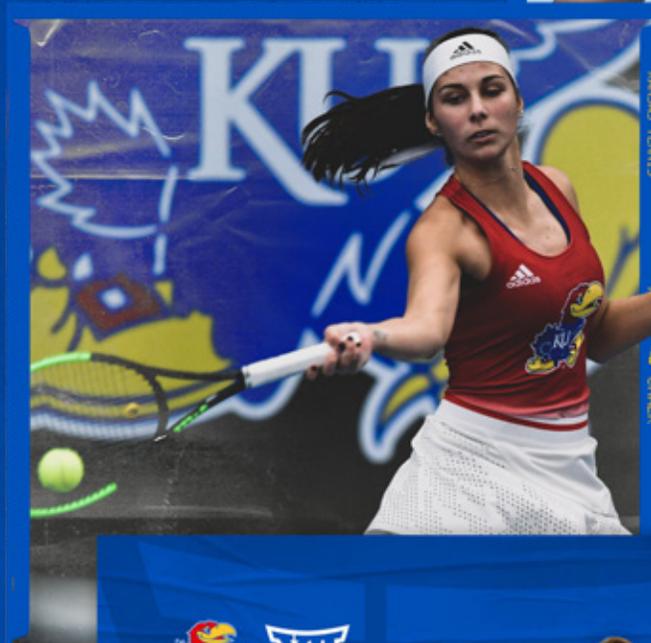
In addition to the team rankings, KU was represented in both the singles and doubles polls. Partners Malkia Ngounoue and Luniuska Delgado peaked at No. 25, followed by Sonia Smagina and Roxana Manu at No. 50. Smagina finished at No. 78 in singles.

Smagina, a sophomore, registered a 7-4 dual match record and won three matches against nationally ranked opponents. Each of her victories came from the top court.

In doubles, Ngounoue and Delgado owned a 3-5 overall dual ledger at the No. 1 position. The duo took down two ranked opponents against California (Jan. 26) and Northwestern (March 1).

Senior Maria Toran Ribes was the lone senior of the young squad. Toran Ribes bounced between positions No. 4, 5 and 6 and found the majority of her success on court 6 (6-1). Toran Ribes finished her excellent senior season going 8-3 in her singles matches and 4-4 in doubles.

The Jayhawks found solid success in the classroom this past academic year, posting a cumulative GPA of 3.416. In July of 2020, KU was named an ITA All-Academic Team for the 2019-20 season. Individually, three student-athletes were named ITA Scholar-Athletes in Toran Ribes, Julia Deming and Vasiliki Karvouni. Toran Ribes collected the accolade for the second time in her career, while Deming and Karvouni earned the distinction for the first time in their careers.



TRACK & FIELD

The 2019-20 Kansas track & field season was cut short surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19, but there was no stopping the Jayhawks from a memorable season that saw school records broken, Big 12 and national honors, lifetime best performances and success in the classroom.

The Jayhawks opened their indoor season at the Bob Timmons Challenge on Dec. 6, marking the final meet of the 2019 calendar year. The Jayhawks began the year with event victories in eight events, while a number of athletes made their KU debut.

2020 started with a bang, thanks to senior Gleb Dudarev, who threw the No. 14 mark in NCAA history in the men's weight throw at the Jayhawk Classic. Dudarev unloaded a throw of 24.38m (80-00 ft.), marking the furthest throw since 2015, making him the No. 5 performer in NCAA history and the new Anschutz Pavilion and KU school record holder in the event. Dudarev's progression at the Jayhawk Classic included four of the top-seven marks of the season, all of which were held by Dudarev.

Over the span of a week, Kansas sophomore Zach Bradford re-wrote the school record book in the men's pole vault, breaking the school record three times.

Bradford initially broke the school record at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Feb. 8, jumping 5.71m (18-8.75 ft.), breaking Hussain Al-Hizam's school record of 5.70m (18-8.25 ft.) set at the NCAA Indoor Championships in 2018.

Six days later down in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Bradford would break his own school record twice at the Tyson Invitational. Bradford initially cleared 5.75m (18-10.25 ft.) to break the record, before moving up to 5.80m (19-0.25 ft.) to top the record once again.

Bradford would go on to clear 5.77m (18-11 ft.) at the Big 12 Indoor Championship to tie the Big 12 Championship meet record, while putting together the top five jumps in KU indoor history.

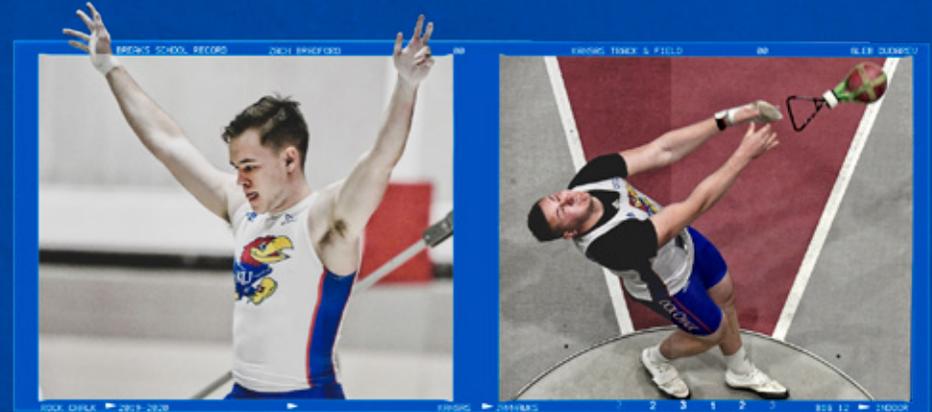
Already leading a historic season heading into postseason competition, Dudarev sought his third-career Big 12 Indoor title, and his sixth overall, between the men's weight throw and hammer throw. Entered as the favorite, Dudarev didn't disappoint.

Dudarev claimed an early advantage with his second throw of the competition by reaching 22.43m (73-7.25 ft.), which he would improve upon with his fifth and sixth throws. On his final throw of the evening, with the championship already secured, Dudarev upped his performance with a mark of 23.23m (76-2.75 ft.).

Kansas scored across 21 entries, including Big 12 Champion Dudarev in the men's weight throw. In addition, the Jayhawks placed eight entries in the top three of their respective events, including the women's 4x400 meter relay, Alexandra Emilianov (shot put), Rylee Anderson (high jump), Jedah Caldwell (200 meters), Dudarev (weight throw), Bradford (pole vault), Treyvon Ferguson (triple jump) and the men's distance medley relay team.

The Jayhawks were represented in three events at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, including the women's 4x400 meter relay (Chloe Akin-Otiko [alt.],

Jedah Caldwell, Zantori Dickerson, Honour Finley and Mariah Kuykendoll), men's pole vault (Bradford) and the men's weight throw (Dudarev). The meet was later canceled due to COVID-19.



“I think this is a great time for us to evaluate where we are and what we need. As the athletes prepare for their next season, they're going in hungry and they're going in with a purpose. In saying that there's good in everything, our team placing wasn't great, but I think the athletes are hungry now and will take this time as a period of healing and getting better both athletically and academically.”

// Head Coach Stanley Redwine

VOLLEYBALL

2019 Kansas volleyball marked another new era in a program that is laced with tradition and success. The Jayhawks opened the season at Kansas City, earning a five-set victory over the Roos before traveling to Omaha for their first sweep of the season.

The Jayhawks traveled to Orlando, Florida, and claimed their third-straight victory to start the season and entered home play in the new Horejsi Family Volleyball Arena, 3-2 overall.

KU hosted the Kansas Invitational Sept. 12-15 and captured its first win in its state-of-the-art, 30,000-square foot arena with a three-set sweep over Morehead State. One day later the Jayhawks recorded their first-ever sellout in the HFVA against Arizona.

Following the Invitational, Kansas traveled to Las Vegas and competed in the Rebel Challenge before returning to Lawrence to host then-No. 2 Baylor. After playing Iowa State and Oklahoma on the road, Kansas claimed its first Big 12 victory of the year over West Virginia in a five-set thriller.

The Jayhawks continued their trek through a tough and challenging Big 12 slate, playing at Texas Tech before earning their third sweep of the season over TCU Oct. 19.

KU then traveled to Kansas State Oct. 23, battling with the Wildcats on ESPN for Kansas' first national broadcast of the season.

After the match at K-State, Kansas held a three-match home stand against then-No. 4 Texas, Oklahoma and Texas Tech. KU clinched its fourth sweep of the season and third sweep in the Horejsi Family Volleyball Arena against the Red Raiders Nov. 6.

KU returned to the road and faced TCU and then-No. 3 Baylor before claiming revenge on Kansas State in the Lawrence edition of the Dillons Sunflower Showdown, beating the Wildcats in four sets.

A battle with then-No. 1 Texas was up next for the Jayhawks, who claimed the first set and was one of only four teams to win a set against the Longhorns in Austin in the regular season.

Kansas returned home in its final match in the inaugural season of the Horejsi Family Volleyball Arena against Iowa State, downing the Cyclones in a five-set, back-and-forth battle.

KU concluded the season at West Virginia and finished 9-17 overall and 5-11 in Big 12 play. In the first season in the HFVA, Kansas was 6-5, while Zoe Hill was selected to the All-Big 12 Second Team in her final season with the Jayhawks.



NATIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 1 in Final Associated Press & USA Today Coaches Polls
Big 12 Regular-Season Champion
Maui Jim Maui Invitational Champion

Ochai Agbaji All-Big 12 Honorable Mention
Academic All-Big 12 Second Team
Udoka Azubuike Consensus All-America Second Team
NABC Defensive Player of the Year
Big 12 Player of the Year
All-Big 12 First Team
Big 12 All-Defensive Team
Academic All-Big 12 First Team
NCAA.com Player of the Week (2.24.20)
Maui Invitational Co-MVP & All-Tournament Team
Big 12 All-Freshman Team
Christian Braun Consensus All-America Second Team
All-Big 12 First Team
Devon Dotson Maui Invitational Co-MVP & All-Tournament Team
Marcus Garrett Naismith Defensive Player of the Year
ESPN.com Defensive Player of the Year
Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year
All-Big 12 Second Team
Big 12 All-Defensive Team
David McCormack Academic All-Big 12 First Team

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Zakiyah Franklin Big 12 All-Freshman Team
Holly Kersgieter Player of the Week
Niccolly Rahmalo Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award Recipient

CROSS COUNTRY

Ben Butler All-Region (20th place, 31:19.7)
Chandler Gibbens Big 12 Men's Newcomer of the Year
All-Big 12 (12th place, 24:06.0)
Dylan Hodgson All-Region (21st place in 31:26.2)
All-Region (14th place, 31:14.3)

FOOTBALL

Hakeem Adeniji All-Big 12 First Team
All-Big 12 Honorable Mention
(Offensive Lineman of the Year)
Jelani Brown All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (DL)
Hasan Defense All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (DB)
Azur Kamara All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (DL)
Mike Lee All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (DB)
Ben Miles All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (FB)
Andrew Parchment All-Big 12 Honorable Mention
(WR, Offensive Newcomer of the Year)
Gavin Potter All-Big 12 Honorable Mention
(Defensive Freshman of the Year)
Kyle Thompson All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (P)
Bryce Torneden AFCA Good Works Team
Pooka Williams Jr. All-Big 12 First Team

SOCCER

Big 12 Championship
NCAA Tournament
Samantha Barnett Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team
Isabella Cavalcante Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team
Mandi Duggan Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team
Ceri Holland Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team
Midwest All-Region Second Team
All-Big 12 Second Team
All-America Third Team
Katie McClure Midwest All-Region First Team
Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team
All-Big 12 First Team
Addisyn Merrick Midwest All-Region First Team
Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team
Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year
All-Big 12 First Team
Sarah Peters Big 12 Championship Defensive Most Outstanding Player

SOFTBALL

Shelby Gayre Softball America All-American

SWIMMING & DIVING

Elizabeth Amato-Hanner Scholar All-American
Dewi Blose CSCAA All-American
Scholar All-American
Franny Cable Scholar All-American
Peri Charapich Scholar All-American
Jiayu Chen 3-meter Big 12 Champion
CSCAA All-American
Dannie Dilsaver Scholar All-American
Haley Downey Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year
Manon Manning Scholar All-American
Jenny Nusbaum Scholar All-American
Marlene Mawson Exemplary Woman Athlete Award
Kate Stewart 100-yard Breaststroke Big 12 Champion
200-yard Breaststroke Big 12 Champion
Scholar All-American

TENNIS

Julia Deming ITA Scholar-Athlete
Vasiliki Karvouni ITA Scholar-Athlete
Sonia Smagina Player of the Week
Maria Toran Ribes ITA Scholar-Athlete

TRACK & FIELD

Zach Bradford All-American (Pole Vault)
Jedah Caldwell All-American (4x400-Meter Relay)
Zantori Dickerson All-American (4x400-Meter Relay)
Gleb Dudarev Big 12 Champion (Weight Throw)
All-American (Weight Throw)
National Field Athlete of the Year Finalist
Honour Finley All-American (4x400-Meter Relay)
Mariah Kuykendoll All-American (4x400-Meter Relay)

VOLLEYBALL

Zoe Hill All-Big 12 Second Team

KANSAS ATHLETICS LAUNCHES THE JAYHAWKER PODCAST

The official podcast of Kansas Athletics, The Jayhawker, through a partnership with Learfield IMG College and Sport & Story, debuted on Thursday, January 9. Hosted by the voice of the Jayhawks, Brian Hanni, The Jayhawker brings a new and unique side of storytelling from past, present and future KU greats. The first episode will feature former KU All-American and 14-year NBA veteran, Drew Gooden.

Subscribe and listen each week as we take you on a journey and relive some of the greatest moments in Jayhawk history. This all-encompassing weekly podcast will dive deep into the lives of former coaches, student-athletes, staff broadcasters, family members and many more.



“As a lifelong Jayhawk fan far before I was an announcer, I’m pinching myself getting to sit and chat in the living rooms of some of my boyhood heroes. It’s a thrill to help capture the stories of these Jayhawk icons and bring other tales to light of KU contributors you may not yet know. It’s Jayhawk storytelling like you’ve never heard before.”

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NEW TIERS AND LOWER SEASON TICKET PRICES FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES AT ALLEN FIELDHOUSE

The Kansas Athletics Department announced that it is lowering prices on many season tickets for the first time since after the 2008-09 season. Feedback from fans as well as market research has shown that the price and seat location value from the past few seasons have not been aligned.

For the 2020-21 season, Allen Fieldhouse will expand from three to eight pricing tiers, including four tiers that are lower than any season ticket price from last season. This new structure will lower the cost of season tickets for almost 45 % of Allen Fieldhouse season ticket holders from last year. Additionally, as a proactive measure for Kansas Jayhawk basketball fans who are and will continue to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, a new season ticket price of only \$500 has been introduced for the upcoming season.

“Our priority is to keep Allen Fieldhouse as the best homecourt advantage and we cannot do that without our fans,” said Director of Athletics Jeff Long. “We have heard the concerns of some fans that our prices have increased to a level some struggle to meet, and given the economic conditions created by COVID-19, we felt it was a good time to reduce some prices and create more options for our loyal fans. Simply put, we know many of our fans will be struggling when we emerge from this pandemic and we needed to create a more affordable experience or we could risk losing the incredible homecourt advantage that has made Allen Fieldhouse the best college basketball venue for decades.”

NEW ALLEN FIELDHOUSE TIER PRICING			
2020 TIER	2020 PRICE	2019 TIER	2019 PRICE
1	\$1,650	1	\$1,650
2	\$1,275	2	\$1,275
3	\$1,125	3	\$975
4	\$1,000		
5	\$875		
6	\$750		
7	\$625		
8	\$500		

Allen Fieldhouse has long been one of the highest demanded places to watch a basketball game, which is evident by selling out 306-consecutive

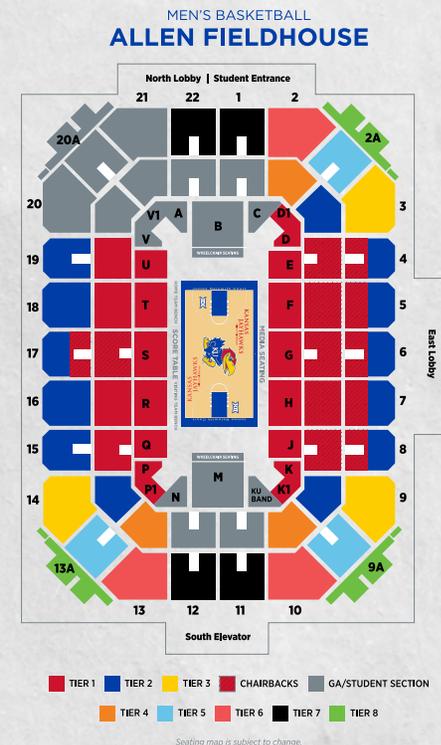
games dating back to the 2001-02 season. Kansas basketball is something that draws generations together for one common purpose, cheering the Jayhawks on to victory, and that bond has never been needed more than now.

“Our fans are the best in the country and we have been fortunate to see Allen Fieldhouse sold-out for every game during our 17 seasons here,” said head coach Bill Self. “It is unfortunate to see how this pandemic has hit so many, so hard, but hopefully the addition of tiers and lower ticket prices will allow our fans to enjoy Kansas basketball together again soon. All of you have helped create the best homecourt advantage in college basketball. We look forward to seeing you in Allen Fieldhouse this winter.”

Of note with the new pricing structure is the introduction of a \$500 season ticket, which will cost purchasers \$475 less than they paid for the lowest priced ticket last season.

“We felt it was important to create a dramatically reduced base line season ticket as an option for our renewing season ticket holders who are experiencing significant financial stress,” said Long. “Additionally, we think it will be an attractive price point for fans who want to become season ticket holders for the first time or are ready to become a holder again.”

The price and seat location values have been updated to reduce the price gap between most tiers. Last season the smallest gap in pricing was \$300, now the difference between tiers two through eight is as little as \$125.



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