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**#3 THELMA
WILLIAMS**
5-10 | Jr. | G/F
DETROIT, MICH.
WRIGHT STATE



**#10 JAMAYSHA
BERNARD**
6-0 | Fr. | F
NEW IBERIA, LA.
NEW IBERIA SENIOR HIGH



**#11 JOHANNA
LAFAYETTE**
6-0 | So. | F
TROY, MICH.
MACOMB CC



**#12 KRISTIAN
DEWITT**
5-8 | Jr. | G
MANSFIELD, TEXAS
MT. SAN JACINTO



**#14 BRIANNA
TOLLIVER**
5-8 | R-So. | G
DALLAS, TEXAS
LANCASTER HS



**#15 ALEXUS
FREEMAN**
5-4 | Sr. | G
NAVASOTA, TEXAS
BLINN JC



**#20 TIA
SANDERS**
5-7 | Sr. | G
PENSACOLA, FLA.
NORTHWEST FLORIDA ST.



**#21 MARIE
TSOUNGUI**
5-10 | Jr. | G
YAOUNDE, CAMEROON
HOWARD COLLEGE



**#22 UGOCHINYERE
NWARIE**
5-10 | Jr. | F
ARLINGTON, TEXAS
WEATHERFORD COLLEGE



**#23 CLOE
LANE**
5-10 | Jr. | G
KANSAS CITY, KAN.
ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE



**#24 DE'ASIA
BROWN**
5-7 | Jr. | G
CHESAPEAKE, VA.
FURMAN UNIVERSITY



**#25 MIRACLE
RUSHING**
5-9 | Sr. | F
MERIDIAN, MISS.
EAST CENTRAL CC



**#30 AYSHA
KIRKLAND**
5-8 | So. | G
FRESNO, CALIF.
CLOVIS WEST HS



**#32 JADA
HARGROVE**
5-5 | So. | G
RIVERDALE, GA.
CHARLES R. DREW HS



**#33 DEJAH
JOSHUA**
5-8 | R-Jr. | G
GARY, IND.
WEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



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ABOUT ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

Alcorn is the oldest public historically black land-grant institution in the United States and the second-oldest state-supported institution of higher learning in Mississippi. Alcorn University was founded in 1871 as a result of the people of Mississippi's efforts to educate the descendants of formerly enslaved Africans. It was named in honor of the sitting governor of Mississippi, James L. Alcorn.

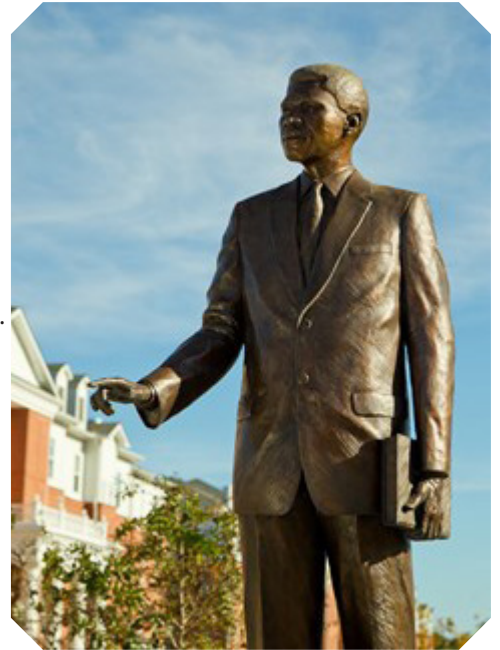
Alcorn is situated in Claiborne County, seven miles west of Lorman, 80 miles south of the capital city of Jackson, 45 miles south of Vicksburg, and 40 miles north of Natchez. The site was originally occupied by Oakland College, a school established by Presbyterians in 1828; the state of Mississippi purchased the Oakland campus for \$40,000 and named it Alcorn University. Hiram R. Revels resigned his seat as a United States senator to become the University's first president. The state legislature provided \$50,000 cash annually for the University's first 10 years to support its establishment and overall operation. Additionally, 30 acres of land were sold for \$188,928; Alcorn received three-fifths of the proceeds, or \$113,400. This funding was used for Alcorn's agricultural and mechanical components.

Initially, the institution's three major study components were the four-year college track, the two-year college track, and the three-year graded track. Students spent the morning, from seven o'clock until noon, in classes. In the afternoon, they worked in various University shops for eight cents per hour. Room and board, including laundry, cost about \$5 a month.

In 1878, Alcorn University became Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College. The college was exclusively for males at first, but eventually women were admitted. A dormitory for women was built in 1902. Over time, facilities increased from three historic buildings to more than 80 structures. The original purchase of 225 acres of land grew to a campus of more than 1,700 acres.

In 1974, Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College became Alcorn State University. Governor William L. Waller signed House Bill 298, granting this status. Alcorn has thrived by continuously accomplishing dynamic goals and objectives despite limited resource allocations from the state. By the early 1990s, Alcorn's

physical plant and academic programs evolved into a more diversified University. The student population is now representative of more than 65 counties, more than 30 states, and at least 18 foreign countries. The University provides an undergraduate education that enables students to successfully pursue work in graduate and professional schools, engage in teaching, and enter other professions.



As Mississippi recognized the importance of educating all citizens, Alcorn has gained status and importance. From the original eight faculty members in 1871, the University has grown to more than 800 faculty and staff. The student body has increased from 179 students to more than 4,000 students with varied ethnic backgrounds. Although early graduates of Alcorn had limited horizons, today's graduates are successful in their chosen professions, and many are outstanding entrepreneurs. Throughout Alcorn's history, the leadership and faculty remained committed to enhancing the institution's image and to attracting young people whose interest is the pursuit and receipt of a quality education. Over the decades, "the college that excelled against great odds" has become one of the leading universities in the nation. Alcorn State University operates divisions with degree programs in more than 50 areas, including the bachelor's, master's, and educational specialist degrees.

The collaborative strength and contributions of Alcorn's past 18 presidents during its more than 140 years of existence have enabled the institution to excel. On March 4, 2014, the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Alfred Rankins Jr. as Alcorn State University's 19th president. President Rankins' background and vision are strategically aligned with Alcorn's history and tradition. He is poised to expeditiously move Alcorn State University to the next level of excellence.

Courtesy of Dr. Josephine M. Posey
ASU History Research Associate
Against Great Odds: The History of Alcorn State University (1994)





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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:	Alcorn State University
Location:	Lorman, Miss.
Founded:	1871
Enrollment:	3,730
President:	Dr. Alfred Rankins Jr.
Alma Mater:	Alcorn State University
Director of Athletics:	Derek J. Horne
Alma Mater:	University of Mississippi
Faculty Rep:	Dr. Keith McGee
Conference:	Southwestern Athletic
First Year in SWAC:	1962
Nickname:	Braves
Colors:	Purple and Gold
Band:	Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite
Arena:	Davey L. Whitney HPER Complex
First Year:	1975-76
Capacity:	7,000
Playing Surface:	Hardwood (Maple)
Athletics Website:	www.alcornsports.com
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STAFF INFORMATION

Head Coach:	Courtney G. Pruitt
Alma Mater:	Newberry College
Overall Division I Record:	20-40 (Third Season)
Alcorn Record:	20-40, 17-19 SWAC
Assistant Coach:	Ta'Neil Lewis
Alma Mater:	Wiley College
Assistant Coach:	Edwond Eddings
Alma Mater:	Arkansas Tech

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Documented Season	1978-79
Record	573-528
Regular Season Conference Championships	11 (2005, 2001, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1986, 1985, 1984)
Conference Tournament Titles	6 (2005, 2001, 2000, 1992, 1991, 1986)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	3 (2005, 2001, 2000)
NCAA Tournament Record	0-3
2000 First Round	L, 95-53 vs. Louisiana Tech
2001 First Round	L, 98-49 vs. Notre Dame
2005 First Round	L, 73-41 vs. Michigan State

2016-17 SEASON RECAP

Overall Record	9-21
Home	6-5
Away	3-15
Neutral	0-1
SWAC Record	9-9
Home	6-3
Away	3-6
Starters R/L	3/2
Letterwinners R/L	5/9
Newcomers (HS/TR)	8 (4/4)

KEY RETURNERS (2016-17 STATS)

Tia Sanders (G)	11.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 1.9 apg
Alexus Freeman (G)	10.9 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 3.2 apg
.....	SWAC Newcomer of the Year

KEY LOSSES (2016-17 STATS)

Brianna Luton (G)	9.6 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 1.0 apg
Henrietta Wells (F)	6.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 2.9 bpg
.....	SWAC Defensive Player of the Year

NAME PRONUNCIATION "ALCORN"

Please note the correct pronunciation of "Alcorn" is "All-Corn" as in "Always Alcorn." Furthermore, the Alcorn men's programs are the "Braves", while the women are known as the "Lady Braves".



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NUMERICAL

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
3	Thelma Williams	G/F	5-10	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. (Wright State)
10	Jamaysha Bernard	F	6-0	Fr.	New Iberia, La. (New Iberia Senior HS)
11	Johanna Lafayette	F	6-0	So.	Troy, Mich. (Macomb CC)
12	Kristian Dewitt	G	5-8	Jr.	Mansfield, Texas (Mount San Jacinto College)
14	Brianna Tolliver	G	5-8	R-So.	Dallas, Texas (Lancaster HS)
15	Alexus Freeman	G	5-4	Sr.	Navasota, Texas (Blinn JC)
20	Tia Sanders	G	5-7	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla. (Northwest Florida State)
21	Marie Tsoungui	G	5-10	Jr.	Yaounde, Cameroon (Howard College)
22	Ugochinyere Nwarie	F	5-10	Jr.	Arlington, Texas (Mansfield Timberview HS)
23	Cloe Lane	G	5-10	Jr.	Kansas City, Kan. (St. Petersburg College)
24	De'Asia Brown	G	5-7	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va. (Furman University)
25	Miracle Rushing	F	5-9	Sr.	Meridian, Miss. (Meridian HS)
30	Aysha Kirkland	G	5-8	So.	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS)
32	Jada Hargrove	G	5-5	So.	Riverdale, Ga. (Charles R. Drew HS)
33	Dejah Joshua	G	5-8	R-Jr.	Gary, Ind. (Westside Leadership Academy)

ALPHABETICAL

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10	Jamaysha Bernard	F	6-0	Fr.	New Iberia, La. (New Iberia Senior HS)
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3	Thelma Williams	G/F	5-10	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. (Wright State)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Courtney G. Pruitt (Third Season)

Assistant Coach: Ta'Neil Lewis

Assistant Coach: Edwond Eddings

BY CLASS

Seniors (3)	Alexus Freeman
	Miracle Rushing
	Tia Sanders
Juniors (7)	De'Asia Brown
	Kristian Dewitt
	Dejah Joshua
	Cloe Lane
	Ugochinyere Nwarie
	Marie Tsoungui
	Thelma Williams
Sophomores (4)	Jada Hargrove
	Aysha Kirkland
	Johanna Lafayette
	Brianna Tolliver
Freshmen (1)	Jamaysha Bernard

BY POSITION

Guards (9)	De'Asia Brown
	Kristian Dewitt
	Alexus Freeman
	Jada Hargrove
	Dejah Joshua
	Aysha Kirkland
	Cloe Lane
	Tia Sanders
	Brianna Tolliver
	Marie Tsoungui
Guard/Forward (1)	
	Thelma Williams
Forwards (4)	Jamaysha Bernard
	Johanna Lafayette
	Ugochinyere Nwarie
	Miracle Rushing

BY STATE/COUNTRY

Texas (4)	Kristian Dewitt
	Alexus Freeman
	Ugochinyere Nwarie
	Brianna Tolliver
Michigan (2)	Johanna Lafayette
	Thelma Williams
Mississippi (1)	Miracle Rushing
California	Aysha Kirkland
Cameroon	Marie Tsoungui
Florida	Tia Sanders
Georgia	Jada Hargrove
Indiana	Dejah Joshua
Kansas	Cloe Lane
Louisiana	Jamaysha Bernard
Virginia	De'Asia Brown



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2017-18 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	Location	TIME (CT)
Nov. 10	Southeastern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	10:30 AM
Nov. 15	LeMoyne-Owen College	Lorman, Miss.	5:30 PM
Nov. 17	Blue Mountain College	Lorman, Miss.	5:30 PM
Nov. 20	Central Arkansas	Conway, Ark.	5:30 PM
Nov. 24	Southern Miss%	Hattiesburg, Miss.	6 p.m.
Nov. 25	vs. Stephen F. Austin%	Hattiesburg, Miss.	2 p.m.
Nov. 30	Tougaloo College	Lorman, Miss.	5:30 PM
Dec. 15	vs. Oral Roberts	Wichita, Kan.	4 p.m.
Dec. 16	Wichita State	Wichita, Kan.	6 p.m.
Dec. 20	UL-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.	11 a.m.
Dec. 29	Louisiana Tech	Ruston, La.	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 1	Prairie View A&M*	Prairie View, Texas	5:30 PM
Jan. 3	Texas Southern*	Houston, Texas	5:30 PM
Jan. 6	Jackson State*	Lorman, Miss.	3 PM
Jan. 8	Grambling State*	Lorman, Miss.	5:30 PM
Jan. 13	Mississippi Valley State*	Itta Bena, Miss.	3 PM
Jan. 15	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	Pine Bluff, Ark.	5:30 PM
Jan. 20	Alabama State*	Lorman, Miss.	3 PM
Jan. 22	Alabama A&M*	Lorman, Miss.	5:30 PM
Jan. 27	Southern*	Baton Rouge, La.	3 PM
Feb. 3	Jackson State*	Jackson, Miss.	3 PM
Feb. 5	Grambling State*	Grambling, La.	5:30 PM
Feb. 10	Mississippi Valley State*	Lorman, Miss.	3 PM
Feb. 12	Arkansas-Pine Bluff*	Lorman, Miss.	5:30 PM
Feb. 17	Alabama A&M*	Huntsville, Ala.	3 PM
Feb. 19	Alabama State*	Montgomery, Ala.	5:30 PM
Feb. 24	Southern*	Lorman, Miss.	3 PM
March 1	Prairie View A&M*	Lorman, Miss.	5:30 PM
March 3	Texas Southern*	Lorman, Miss.	3 PM
<u>SWAC Championships</u>			
March 6	Quarterfinals	Campus Sites	TBA
March 9	Semifinals	Houston, Texas	TBA
March 10	Finals	Houston, Texas	TBA

All home games played at the Davey L. Whitney Complex and are listed in **BOLD**

*SWAC game

% Southern Miss Classic



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COURTNEY G. PRUITT

Head Coach • Third Season • Newberry College/Stephen F. Austin

Courtney Garrett Pruitt enters her third season as the third leader in school history to lead the Alcorn State women's basketball program.

In her first season at the helm, Pruitt led the Lady Braves to the second round of the SWAC

tournament for the first time since the 2011-12 season and put her team in a prime position to beat the second-seeded Southern Lady Jaguars. The Lady Jags used a 21-8 fourth-quarter run to ultimately edge Alcorn 61-57.

Under Pruitt's tutelage, Norianna Haynes was named the 2015-16 SWAC Player of the Year. Haynes finished the regular season leading the SWAC in scoring with 568 points – 20.3 per game. She also topped the conference in double-doubles (12), as well as defensive rebounds (6.6 per game).

Following Haynes' stellar season, she signed to play professionally with Portugal's Clube Desportivo Torres Novas.

In Pruitt's second season, she coached a pair of student-athletes to postseason individual awards. Henrietta Wells was named the SWAC Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league in blocks, while Alexis Freeman earned Newcomer of the Year. Wells was also selected as the SGA Female Athlete of the Year after becoming the all-time shot blocker in school history.

From 2011–2015 she was the head coach at Wiley College where she led the Lady Wildcats to 3 NAIA National Tournament Appearances, 1 Final Four Appearance, 2 Red River Athletic Conference Titles, and 1 Tournament title. She also coached 3 All-Americans, received 2 back to back coach of the year awards in 2012–2013 & 2013–2014 season. In her last three seasons Coach Pruitt has been ranked in the NAIA Top 25 National poll with her highest ranking being held at # 6 in the Nation.

In 2014 she was also the recipient of the NAACP Coach Clifford E. Stewart sportsmanship award, for her leadership in sports and education. In her coaching career she has won over 100 games and is one of the youngest and fastest coaches to reach 100 career wins. Not only has Coach Pruitt led her team on the court but also off as she holds a 90% graduation rate for her student-athletes.

In 2008–2010 during her years at Ranger College, she produced three conference players with an outstanding record marking the history books for the school accomplishments in women's basketball. In 2010–2011, Pruitt continued her coaching career as she was named the assistant coach at Tyler Junior College. She helped lead the team to a 23-8 record as they produced one All-American and three all-conference players.

Pruitt began her coaching career at Lon Morris College in 2005. During her tenure, she assisted the team to the Region 14 conference semi-finals. After three years of coaching at Lon Morris, she continued her professional growth and became the head coach at Ranger College for two years.

Coach Pruitt earned her Associate of Science Degree in Chemistry from Lon Morris College in 2003. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Management from Newberry College in 2005. Coach Pruitt later earned her Masters of Education in Kinesiology/Health Science from Stephen F. Austin in 2008.





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TA'NEIL LEWIS

Assistant Coach • Third Season • Wiley College

Ta'Neil Lewis is in her third year as assistant women's basketball coach at Alcorn State University.

Lewis began her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wiley College after finishing her eligibility on the court. Under the guidance of Courtney Pruitt, the Lady Wildcats

obtained 2 NAIA National Tournament Appearances, 1 Final Four Appearance, 2 Red River Athletic Conference Titles, and 1 Tournament title. Making the Lady Wildcats ranked in the NAIA Top 25 National poll and holding the highest ranking of # 6 in the Nation.

In 2014 after graduation Lewis became the Head Coach at

Jasper High School in Jasper, Texas. In her first year she made many improvements in the Lady Bulldogs program. Guiding the Lady Bulldogs to their first tournament win since 2012 and rebuilding the numbers in the Lady Bulldogs Girls Basketball Program.

In her first year coaching and teaching at Jasper High School Lewis was awarded by the JISD School Board President the "212" award. This award was presented to her for providing an extra degree of effort and positively impacting the educational environment on campus and in Jasper ISD.

Coach Lewis earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas in 2014. She is a Killeen, Texas native. Coach Lewis is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaching Association.





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EDWOND EDDINGS

Assistant Coach • Second Season • Arkansas Tech

Edwond Eddings, who holds over a decade of playing and coaching experience at the collegiate level, enters his second season as assistant coach at Alcorn State University.

Eddings came to Alcorn from Chipola College. He assisted the Indians to a top-10 ranking in

the final NJCAA Poll. The team was ranked No. 1 preseason.

Eddings also held assistant coaching stints at Northeast Mississippi CC and Colorado Northwestern CC, each for one season.

He started his coaching career as part of the men's basketball staff at Arkansas Tech University in the fall of 2007. The Wonder Boys compiled a winning record of 18-11 during his inaugural campaign on the bench and placed Jamar Flowers and Darren Tarver on the All-Gulf South Conference (GSC) team.

Arkansas Tech rose into the national spotlight over the next two seasons with the help of Eddings' instruction. The Wonder Boys were victorious in three straight games during the 2009 Gulf South Tournament to claim its first league championship since winning the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC) title 14 years earlier.

Eddings led his squad to its best season in school history during the 2009-10 campaign. Arkansas Tech won 25 consecutive matchups to begin the year before losing its first matchup to instate rival the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Eddings' group set a program record with 30 victories and had three student-athletes selected to the All-GSC team, including Brandon Friedel, Laithe Massey and Allen. Friedel, who connected on 98 three-pointers that year, was also named an NCAA Division II All-American for his efforts.

The Columbus native moved closer to home and received his first taste of coaching in the rugged Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) when he accepted a position on the women's hoops staff at East Mississippi Community College in 2010.

Eddings expected excellence in the classroom as well as in the gymnasium while at Scooba. His first two squads were recognized as All-Academic Teams by the National Junior

College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for maintaining a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

The veteran coach turned a MACJC North Division championship during the 2011 campaign into a pair of top notch recruiting classes over the next few years. Eddings landed two players that were ranked in the top 100 countrywide, including Jeraldine Campbell and Shukurah Washington, and a handful of others that were billed as the Magnolia State's finest hoops standouts.

Eddings was a standout basketball athlete himself. He collected Columbus High School's sportsmanship award in 2003 and was its team captain that same season.

Eddings signed a scholarship with East Mississippi following a phenomenal career with the Falcons in which he won the 2001 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) Class 5A North Half Tournament. He was elected to participate in the annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Game at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building in Decatur following his sophomore campaign.

He completed an Associate's degree at East Mississippi and a Bachelor's degree through Arkansas Tech, where he wrapped up his playing days from 2005-07.





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#15 ALEXUS FREEMAN

Guard • 5-4 • Senior • Navasota, Texas • Blinn JC

2016-17 SWAC NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

2016-17 (JUNIOR)

Freeman averaged a team-high 12.9 points per game in conference in 2016-17. She scored 10.9 points per game on the season and recorded team-bests of 96 assists (third in the SWAC) and 69 steals (second in the SWAC). Freeman started at point guard in 29 of 30 games. She scored a career-high 24 points against Alabama A&M on Jan.

23, 2017 when she drained 10 field goals. Freeman dished out a career-high eight assists against Mississippi Valley State on Jan. 14, 2017, and grabbed a career-high six steals three times. She was the only Lady Brave to make 10 free throws in a single game on the year when she did it against Jackson State on Jan 11, 2017. Freeman tallied 16 double-figure scoring games including a trio of 20-plus outings.

BLINN JUNIOR COLLEGE (BRENHAM, TEXAS)

An All-Conference performer for the Buccaneers under coach Jeff Jenkins, averaging 11.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

NAVISTAR HS (NAVOSTA, TEXAS)

Four-year participant in track and field and basketball ... All-State and All-District First-Team ... All-Time leading scorer ... Scored 42 points in a district game.

PERSONAL

Born June 10, 1995 in Houston ... Daughter of Albert Wright and Patricia Taylor. Six siblings: Terrance, Patric, Roy, Deandre, Royshaunda and Tambra ... In her free time enjoys dancing and drawing ... Nicknamed "Lexo" and "Lex" ... Majoring in recreation.



CAREER-HIGHS

Pts	24 at AAMU (1/23/17)
FGM	10, at AAMU (1/23/17)
3FG	2, at Houston (12/28/16)
FT	10, at JSU (1/11/17)
Ast	8, vs. MVSU (1/14/17)
Reb	9, at Arizona (11/13/16)
Blocks	N/A
Steals	6, three times
Min	40, three times



FREEMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	O-D-T	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	29-29	884/30.5	113-348	.325	6-41	.146	83-136	.610	48-114-162	5.6	72-1	96	119	0	69	315	10.9
TOTAL	29-29	884/30.5	113-348	.325	6-41	.146	83-136	.610	48-114-162	5.6	72-1	96	119	0	69	315	10.9



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#20 TIA SANDERS

Guard • 5-7 • Senior • Pensacola, Fla. • Northwest Florida State



2016-17 (JUNIOR)

The team's leading scorer with 11.3 points per game... shot a team-best .754 (43-57) from the free throw line including a .780 (32-41) mark in conference... drained 54 three-pointers which was the second-most in the SWAC... averaged a team-high 31.3 minutes per game... scored a season-high 19 points against Mississippi Valley State... notched 18 double-figure scoring games

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE (NICEVILLE, FLA.)

An All-Conference performer for the Raiders.

PINE FORREST HS (PENSACOLA, FLA.)

A three-year volleyball and four-year basketball letterwinner for the Eagles.... led the team to District and Regional Championships

PERSONAL

Full name is Tia Nicole Sanders ... Nicknamed "T-Rose" ... Born Dec. 17, 1994 in Pensacola, Fla. ... Daughter of Alan Sanders and Judith Johnson ... Siblings Tempest and Shane ... Enjoys bowling, video games and sleep in her free time ... Majoring in biology.



CAREER-HIGHS

Pts	19, vs. MVSU (1/14/17)
FGM	7, two times
3FG	5, vs. MVSU (1/14/17)
FT	6, vs. JSU (2/4/17)
Ast	5, at Arizona (11/13/16)
Reb	6, two times
Blocks	1, at TSU (3/2/17)
Steals	5, three times
Min	40, two times



SANDERS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	O-D-T	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	28-27	872/31.1	109-357	.305	54-181	.298	43-57	.754	15-63-78	2.8	86-5	56	77	1	38	315	11.3
TOTAL	28-27	872/31.1	109-357	.305	54-181	.298	43-57	.754	15-63-78	2.8	86-5	56	77	1	38	315	11.3



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#25 MIRACLE RUSHING

Forward • 5-9 • Senior • Meridian, Miss. • East Central CC

2016-17 (JUNIOR)

One of two Lady Braves to start in all 30 games... averaged 5.6 points and 6.6 rebounds per contest... scored a season-high 14 points against Alabama A&M... reached double-figures in scoring seven times... pulled down a career-high 16 rebounds against Southeast Missouri... tallied a double-double of 10 points and 13 rebounds vs. Alabama State

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (DECATUR, MISS.)

MACJC Women's South Division Second Team performer for the Warriors ... Part of a team that won the MACJC South Division title and state championship

MERIDIAN HS (MERIDIAN, MISS.)

Attended Meridian High School ... Participated in basketball, track and field and softball ... Named Defensive player, offensive player, and High School Student-Athlete of the year.

PERSONAL

Born Sept. 8, 1995 in Meridian ... Daughter of James Rushing and Angela Dubose ... Four siblings: Asia, James, Jimmy and Antanetta Dubose. In her free time enjoys shopping and writing poems ... She is majoring in physical therapy.



CAREER-HIGHS

Pts	14, AAMU (2/20/17)
FGM	6, vs. Jville St. (12/13/17)
3FG	N/A
FT	7, at USM (11/25/16)
Ast	3, two times
Reb	16, vs. SEMO (11/26/16)
Blocks	N/A
Steals	4, two times
Min	32, two times



RUSHING'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	O-D-T	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	30-30	748/24.9	63-181	.348	0-0	.000	43-87	.494	94-105-199	6.6	80-3	27	65	0	42	169	5.6
TOTAL	30-30	748/24.9	63-181	.348	0-0	.000	43-87	.494	94-105-199	6.6	80-3	27	65	0	42	169	5.6



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#32 JADA HARGROVE

Guard • 5-5 • Sophomore • Riverdale, Ga. • Charles R. Drew HS

2016-17 (FRESHMAN)

Saw action in 29 of 30 games... tallied a season-high seven points against Alabama A&M... pulled down a season-high five rebounds vs. Prairie View A&M... dished out four assists at Houston

CHARLES R. DREW HS (RIVERDALE, GA.)

Participated in volleyball and basketball. Honored with the Principals Award, Positive Athlete Award, and played in Region Championship 2013-2014 to Final Four ... Biggest career highlight came when she poured in 25 points against Mundy's Mill High School her sophomore year... earned First-Team All-Region and All-County honors

PERSONAL

Born Jan. 23, 1998 in Conyers, Ga. ... Daughter of James Hargrove and Jennifer Labon ... Has 1 sibling: Alexis Love ... In her free time enjoys singing, dancing, playing the guitar and photography ... Majoring in biology, pre-physical therapy.



CAREER-HIGHS

Pts	7, at AAMU (1/23/17)
FGM	3, at AAMU (1/23/17)
3FG	1, three times
FT	2, vs. PVAMU (1/4/17)
Ast	4, at Houston (12/28/16)
Reb	5, vs. PVAMU (1/4/17)
Blocks	1, at JSU (1/11/17)
Steals	2, four times
Min	23, vs. UAPB (1/16/17)



HARGROVE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	O-D-T	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	29-0	305/10.5	15-64	.234	3-23	.130	6-15	.400	15-17-32	1.1	27-0	29	27	1	14	39	1.3
TOTAL	29-0	305/10.5	15-64	.234	3-23	.130	6-15	.400	15-17-32	1.1	27-0	29	27	1	14	39	1.3



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#30 AYSHA KIRKLAND

Guard • 5-8 • Sophomore • Fresno, Calif. • Clovis West HS

FRESHMAN (2016-17)

Saw action in 29 of 30 games and made four starts... averaged 3.9 points and 2.2 rebounds per game... grabbed 31 steals on the year... scored a career-high 10 points against Jackson State and secured a career-high five rebounds against Southern

CLOVIS WEST HIGH SCHOOL (FRESNO, CALIF.)

Participated in track and field three years and basketball four ... Defensive player of the year and all-state and all-conference first team.

PERSONAL

Born April 10, 1998 in Madero, Calif. ... Daughter of Terry Kirkland and Danielle Jacobs-Kirkland ... One sibling, Ahmad ... Cousin Andre Nunis participated in track for four years at Northern Arizona ... Cousin Julia Kirkland played water polo at UC San Diego for four years ... Cousin Carissa Cooks was a tennis player for CSU-San Bernadino for four years ... In her free time enjoys swimming and eating ... Goes by the nickname "Princess" ... Majoring in physical therapy.



CAREER-HIGHS

Pts	10, at JSU (1/11/17)
FGM	4, vs. AAMU (2/20/17)
3FG	2, two times
FT	3, at Arizona
Ast	2, vs. SEMO (11/26/16)
Reb	5, at Southern (2/25/17)
Blocks	1, two times
Steals	4, vs. Grambling (2/6/17)
Min	34, vs. SEMO (11/26/16)



KIRKLAND'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-A	PCT	3FG-A	PCT	FT-A	PCT	O-D-T	AVG	PF-FO	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	29-4	552/19.0	43-134	.321	8-36	.222	20-43	.465	36-29-65	2.2	50-0	11	34	2	31	114	3.9
TOTAL	29-4	552/19.0	43-134	.321	8-36	.222	20-43	.465	36-29-65	2.2	50-0	11	34	2	31	114	3.9



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#10 JAMAYSHA BERNARD

Forward • 6-0 • Freshman • New Iberia, La. • New Iberia Senior HS

HIGH SCHOOL

Lettered in both basketball and track & field at New Iberia Senior High... earned the Athletic Academic Excellence Award at New Iberia and was also named to the LHSAA 3-5A All-District Team for her defensive prowess... helped guide the Yellow Jackets to the quarterfinals of the LHSAA 5A state tournament... tabbed to the Daily Advertiser All-Acadiana Team after averaging 10.1 points, 9.7 rebounds and 2.1 blocks per game... racked up 277 rebounds on the season as a senior

PERSONAL

Full name is Jamaysha Emoina Bernard... nickname is May... born June 14, 1999... daughter of James Bernard and Sanitra James... has four siblings Sakentrey James, Sa'Nya Bernard, Ja'Hayven Barnard and Zaylong James... enjoys writing poetry... majoring in pre-nursing with a minor in psychology



#11 JOHANNA LAFAYETTE

Forward • 6-0 • Sophomore • Troy, Michigan • Macomb CC

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE (WARREN, MICH.)

Was named to the NJCAA District H All-Tournament Team and received Academic All-Conference honors... Was 17th in the nation for defensive rebounds and 21st in total rebounds... Appeared in all 31 games for the Monarchs, starting 19... Averaged 8.1 points, 9.8 rebounds, and 0.7 assists per game... Team was the MCCA Eastern Conference Champions, the MCCA Eastern Playoff Champions, and the NJCAA Region 12 Conference Champions.

HIGH SCHOOL

2016 graduate of Troy High School... basketball coach was Simon Bato... Two-year letter winner in basketball and averaged a double-double in points and rebounds.

PERSONAL

Born August 4, 1997... nickname is Jo... daughter of Sophia Lafayette and Chad Haney... has an older brother Cameron and a younger brother Kristian... grandfather Lee Lafayette played at Michigan State for four years and played in Europe... majoring in business administration.



#14 BRIANNA TOLLIVER

Guard • 5-8 • R-Sophomore • Dallas, Texas • Lancaster HS

2016-17

Only saw action five games due to injury

HIGH SCHOOL

Participated in basketball and track and field at Lancaster HS... An all-district performer for the Tigers

PERSONAL

Born March 9, 1996 in Dallas, Texas ... Daughter of Dave Milliner, Jr. and Shuntar Tolliver ... In her free time enjoys playing dominos ... Nicknamed "Savage." ... Majoring in physical education



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#12 KRISTIAN DEWITT

Guard • 5-8 • Junior • Masfield, Texas • Mt. San Jacinto

PREVIOUS SCHOOL

All-Conference First-Team selection at San Jacinto... averaged 10 points per game... played her freshman season at Odessa College

HIGH SCHOOL

Four-year letterwinner in basketball and track & field at Mansfield Lake Ridge... three-time All-District First-Team selection... named to the All-Region First-Team as a senior... Academic All-Conference... averaged a team-high 15 points per game

PERSONAL

Full name is Kristian Ann Dewitt... nickname is Kris... born May 12, 1997 in Chillicothe, Ohio... daughter of Derek and Keri Dewitt, has three siblings Kendall, Dayna and Deonna... her father Derek played football at Ohio University... majoring in physical therapy



#21 MARIE TSOUNGUI

Guard • 5-10 • Junior • Yaounde, Cameroon • Howard College

PREVIOUS SCHOOL (2015-17)

Tsoungui spent the last two seasons at Howard College in Big Spring, Texas... named to the All-Conference First-Team both years... ranked the No. 70 recruit in the country by Dan Olson (ESPNW)... poured in eight double-figure scoring games for Howard and also pulled down 4.0 rebounds per game... career-high was 18 points against Southwestern Texas on Feb. 22, 2017

PERSONAL

Full name is Marie Kevine Sibekono Tsoungui... born July 15, 1994... daughter of Louis Tsoungui and Marie Florence Mewbgwa... one of six siblings... majoring in international business



#22 UGOCHINYERE NWARIE

Forward • 5-10 • Junior • Arlington, Texas • Weatherford College

PREP

Played her sophomore year at Weatherford College and her freshman year at South Plains College... averaged 5.3 points and 6.6 rebounds per game at Weatherford, and 7.4 points and 6.3 rebounds per game at South Plains

HIGH SCHOOL

Won the Fighting Heart Award at Mansfield Timberview HS... named to the All-District Second-Team... averaged a double-double her junior year

PERSONAL

Born Dec. 2, 1996 in Lagos, Nigeria... nickname is Ada... daughter of Linus and Felicia Nwarie... one of four siblings... majoring in biology



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#23 CLOE LANE

Guard • 5-10 • Junior • Kansas City, Kan. • St. Petersburg College

PREVIOUS SCHOOL

Became the all-time leading scorer in school history at St. Petersburg College... two-time Offensive Player of the Year winner and an All-Conference First-Team selection... earned All-State nods after averaging 14.4 points per outing and was selected to the All-Region 8 Team

HIGH SCHOOL

McDonald's All-American nominee at Blue Springs South in Missouri and is the school's all-time leading scorer... it took her just three seasons to surpass the 1,000-point plateau... named to the All-Conference First-Team and All-District First-Team all four years... All-State as a senior

PERSONAL

Full name is Cloe Marie Lane... nickname is Clo... born Oct. 20, 1996... daughter of Fred and Karen Lane... has an older brother Conrad Wright... related to John McPherson who played football at Missouri, Jahron McPherson who played football at Kansas State, and De'Andre Graves who played football at Benedictine College... majoring in broadcast journalism



#24 DE'ASIA BROWN

Guard • 5-7 • Junior • Chesapeake, Va. • Furman University

2015-17 (FURMAN)

Saw action in six games and totaled 17 points and seven rebounds in 2016-17... played in 30 of Furman's 31 games in 2015-16... averaged 9.6 minutes and scored 2.3 points per game... followed that up with a career-high nine points (4-4 FTs) and two rebounds against Clemson (70-49 win)

HIGH SCHOOL

2015 graduate of Deep Creek (4A) High School...basketball coach was William Sutton...averaged 16.8 points, 6.1 assists, 5.7 rebounds, and 3.2 steals per game as a senior in earning first team All-Conference 17 for a second consecutive season, Chesapeake Athlete of the Year, second team All-Tidewater, and second team All-Region 4A South honors...team went 17-8...averaged 15.5

points per game as a junior after spending her sophomore year in Japan, where she was named a Kanto Plains All-Star, Far East All-Star, Department of Defense All-Star, and to the All-Far East Team...played summer ball with the MidEast Dynasty Girls (MDG)...also played volleyball and starred in track as a prep, specializing in the long jump.

PERSONAL

Born April 5, 1997... nickname is D... daughter of Quentin and Andrew Brown... has a younger sibling Zyah Brown... majoring in computer science



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#33 DEJAH JOSHUA

Guard • 5-8 • R-Junior • Gary, Ind. • Westside Leadership Academy

2016-17 (Junior)

Redshirted

Westside Leadership Academy (Gary, Ind.)

Participated in varsity girls basketball 2010-2014 ... 2014 Sectional champions ... Region Rumble and named MVP senior year ... Hit game winner to hand top team in Indiana its first loss ... 2014 Member of the National Honor Society.

Personal

Born Oct. 1, 1995 in Gary, Ind. ... Daughter of Damon Joshua and Marsha Grigsby. Five siblings: Kenyatta, Gor-Jus, DJ, Denae, and Amari. In her free time enjoys playing basketball and laughing ... Nicknamed "Josh" ... Majoring in health and physical education with a minor in recreation.



#3 THELMA WILLIAMS

Guard/Forward • 5-10 • Junior • Detroit, Michigan • Wright State

WRIGHT STATE

Redshirted

STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Competed there during the 2015-16 season...earned Second Team All-Region 16 honors...named First Team All-Missouri Community College Athletic Conference...averaged 10 points, 5.6 rebounds while playing in 29 games and starting 18 for the Roadrunners...shot 48.6 percent from the field, 35.3 percent from three-point range and 63.9 percent from the foul line...State Fair nished 22-8 record and won the Region 16 tournament championship.

PANOLA COLLEGE

Competed for the Fillies during the 2014-15 season...appeared in 27 games and averaged 6.1 points per game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Four-year starter and three-time team MVP for the Eagles...averaged 15 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals per game as a senior...holds school's all-time scoring record.

PERSONAL

Born Thelma Renee Williams on December 18, 1995...daughter of Nadine Williams and has three brothers.



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FREEMAN EARNS SWAC PRESEASON DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR, ALL-SWAC SECOND TEAM HONORS

Senior guard Alexis Freeman has been named the SWAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year and received All-Conference Second-Team honors, the conference announced on Wednesday morning.

"When Alexis first came to Alcorn, she had to sit out," said head coach Courtney G. Pruitt. "Any time a young lady or young man has to sit out and not play and do something that they love, it's quite hard. But she did it, she overcame that and was in the gym everyday working hard by herself. She commits a lot of her one-on-one time to putting in work on both ends of the court and she gets her teammates involved."

The 2016-17 SWAC Newcomer of the Year, Freeman averaged just under 11 points with 5.6 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game. The Navasota, Texas native finished second in the league in steals per game (2.4) and anchored an Alcorn defense that was second in the league in steals as a team (10.2 spg).

Defense has been a staple for the Lady Braves as Freeman was named Preseason Defensive Player of the Year after graduate Henrietta Wells earned SWAC Defensive Player of the Year honors last season.

PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Shakyla Hill, Grambling State

PRESEASON DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Alexis Freeman, Alcorn

PRESEASON ALL-SWAC FIRST-TEAM
Guard - Shakyla Hill, Grambling State
Guard - Joyce Kennerson, Texas Southern
Forward - Brianna Green, Southern
Forward - Artavia Ford, Texas Southern
Center - Tatyana Calhoun, Alabama State

PRESEASON ALL-SWAC SECOND-TEAM
Guard - Jazmin Boyd, Grambling State
Guard - Monisha Neal, Grambling State*
Alexis Freeman, Alcorn*
Forward - Breasia McElrath, Texas Southern
Forward - La'Sha Haynes, Prairie View A&M*
Jazmine Torian, Grambling State*
Center - Shawntayla Harris, Arkansas-Pine Bluff

** Indicates tie in voting totals*

Alcorn was picked to finish fifth in the Preseason Poll with 89 total points. The Lady Braves ended in fifth last year with a 9-9 conference record.

"The biggest thing for us is to stay healthy," added Pruitt. "We did a great job despite our injuries last year, so we just want to build on what we did a year ago in finishing fifth. We're returning our leading scorer in Tia Sanders for her senior season at the two-guard spot, as well as Freeman. We're expecting big things out of these two young ladies. This is their final year of college basketball. They have great leadership capabilities, so we want them to take the horns and get the team behind them."



PRESEASON POLL 2017-18

1. Texas Southern (149)
2. Grambling State (146)
3. Alabama State (120)
4. Southern (108)
- 5. Alcorn (89)**
6. Prairie View A&M (73)
7. Arkansas-Pine Bluff (66)
8. Jackson State (63)
9. Alabama A&M (34)
10. Mississippi Valley State (32)

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Alcorn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Jun 22, 2017) All games

Season Stats

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-21	6-5	3-15	0-1
CONFERENCE	9-9	6-3	3-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-12	0-2	0-9	0-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
20	Tia Sanders	28-27	872	31.1	109-357	.305	54-181	.298	43-57	.754	15	63	78	2.8	86	5	56	77	1	38	315	11.3
15	Alexus Freeman	29-29	884	30.5	113-348	.325	6-41	.146	83-136	.610	48	114	162	5.6	72	1	96	119	0	69	315	10.9
12	Brianna Luton	29-29	798	27.5	96-224	.429	50-137	.365	37-52	.712	37	49	86	3.0	63	0	30	52	3	27	279	9.6
03	Henrietta Wells	30-30	727	24.2	86-226	.381	0-1	.000	34-85	.400	67	96	163	5.4	122	13	27	76	88	42	206	6.9
14	Brianna Tolliver	5-0	68	13.6	11-34	.324	4-13	.308	7-10	.700	6	5	11	2.2	15	1	2	12	0	4	33	6.6
25	Miracle Rushing	30-30	748	24.9	63-181	.348	0-0	.000	43-87	.494	94	105	199	6.6	80	3	27	65	0	42	169	5.6
23	Tori Spann	30-0	487	16.2	42-102	.412	0-1	.000	44-73	.603	26	64	90	3.0	59	1	24	43	2	15	128	4.3
30	Aysha Kirkland	29-4	552	19.0	43-134	.321	8-36	.222	20-43	.465	36	29	65	2.2	50	0	11	34	2	31	114	3.9
24	Talisa Sherman	28-1	376	13.4	42-96	.438	1-8	.125	15-29	.517	31	36	67	2.4	39	1	14	26	9	10	100	3.6
21	Gabrielle Jubinville	24-0	153	6.4	16-75	.213	5-33	.152	4-7	.571	12	14	26	1.1	23	0	5	9	1	3	41	1.7
32	Jada Hargrove	29-0	305	10.5	15-64	.234	3-23	.130	6-15	.400	15	17	32	1.1	27	0	29	27	1	14	39	1.3
11	Alexis Holloway	4-0	17	4.3	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.5	4	0	0	1	1	0	3	0.8
34	Dejah Joshua	1-0	6	6.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
34	Bridgejae Patterson	1-0	6	6.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											66	75	141				10					
Total.....		30	5999		637-1847	.345	132-476	.277	336-594	.566	454	669	1123	37.4	641	25	322	552	108	295	1742	58.1
Opponents.....		30	5999		752-1727	.435	105-341	.308	406-632	.642	413	861	1274	42.5	596	-	415	606	120	227	2015	67.2

TEAM STATISTICS	ALCN	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1742	2015	11/11/16	at Grand Canyon	L 44-77	869
Points per game	58.1	67.2	11/13/16	at Arizona	L 59-74	1323
Scoring margin	-9.1	-	11/17/16	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	L 57-71	503
FIELD GOALS-ATT	637-1847	752-1727	11/25/16	at Southern Miss	L 56-99	1190
Field goal pct	.345	.435	11/26/16	vs Southeast Missouri	L 50-68	501
3 POINT FG-ATT	132-476	105-341	11/29/16	at Central Arkansas	L 45-59	514
3-point FG pct	.277	.308	12/01/16	at Alabama	L 43-93	1967
3-pt FG made per game	4.4	3.5	12/13/16	JACKSONVILLE STATE	L 66-70	59
FREE THROWS-ATT	336-594	406-632	12/18/16	at Texas Tech	L 37-90	4603
Free throw pct	.566	.642	12/20/16	at TCU	L 39-95	1566
F-Throws made per game	11.2	13.5	12/28/16	at Houston	L 70-85	704
REBOUNDS	1123	1274	* 1/2/17	TEXAS SOUTHERN	L 53-57	143
Rebounds per game	37.4	42.5	* 1/4/17	PRAIRIE VIEW	w 62-55	230
Rebounding margin	-5.0	-	* 01/09/17	at Grambling	L 63-86	459
ASSISTS	322	415	* 1/11/17	at Jackson State	w 70-53	0
Assists per game	10.7	13.8	* 01/14/17	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	w 69-49	1538
TURNOVERS	552	606	* 01/16/17	UAPB	w 70-48	948
Turnovers per game	18.4	20.2	* 01/21/17	at Alabama State	L 54-72	1027
Turnover margin	+1.8	-	* 1/23/17	at Alabama A&M	w 73-57	1621
Assist/turnover ratio	0.6	0.7	* 1/28/17	SOUTHERN U.	w 69-63	1443
STEALS	295	227	* 2/4/17	JACKSON STATE	w 74-51	1489
Steals per game	9.8	7.6	* 2/6/17	GRAMBLING	L 63-67	914
BLOCKS	108	120	* 02/11/17	at Mississippi Valley	w 68-60	2093
Blocks per game	3.6	4.0	* 2/13/17	at UAPB	L 56-61	1001
ATTENDANCE	8169	21777	* 2/18/17	ALABAMA STATE	L 56-62	656
Home games-Avg/Game	11-743	18-1182	* 02/20/17	ALABAMA A&M	w 71-42	246
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-501	* 2/25/17	at Southern University	L 33-45	419
			* 3/2/17	at Texas Southern	L 45-64	1021
Score by Periods	1st 2nd 3rd 4th Totals		* 03/04/17	at Prairie View	L 60-69	0
Alcorn State	444 416 431 451 1742		3/7/17	at Southern University	L 67-73	899
Opponents	462 497 540 516 2015					

* - Conference game



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Alcorn State Combined Team Statistics (as of Jun 22, 2017)
Conference games

Conference Only

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-9	6-3	3-6	0-0
CONFERENCE	9-9	6-3	3-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

			Total				3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds															
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg				
15	Alexus Freeman	18-18	568	31.6	86-241	.357	3-25	.120	57-94	.606	33	73	106	5.9	48	1	61	67	0	47	232	12.9				
20	Tia Sanders	16-15	483	30.2	57-191	.298	27-90	.300	32-41	.780	9	42	51	3.2	41	2	32	35	1	22	173	10.8				
12	Brianna Luton	18-18	503	27.9	65-150	.433	37-95	.389	22-31	.710	26	36	62	3.4	35	0	20	34	2	18	189	10.5				
03	Henrietta Wells	18-18	444	24.7	54-134	.403	0-1	.000	26-57	.456	41	60	101	5.6	74	7	20	52	56	28	134	7.4				
25	Miracle Rushing	18-18	439	24.4	41-101	.406	0-0	.000	28-55	.509	58	57	115	6.4	47	2	12	37	0	26	110	6.1				
23	Tori Spann	18-0	359	19.9	30-77	.390	0-1	.000	42-66	.636	20	46	66	3.7	46	1	18	30	2	10	102	5.7				
30	Aysha Kirkland	18-3	326	18.1	29-87	.333	3-22	.136	12-27	.444	22	19	41	2.3	34	0	5	16	1	18	73	4.1				
10	Talisa Sherman	18-0	205	11.4	18-47	.383	1-2	.500	7-12	.583	16	27	43	2.4	20	0	8	15	8	5	44	2.4				
21	Gabrielle Jubinville	13-0	74	5.7	10-44	.227	1-18	.056	2-5	.400	6	7	13	1.0	14	0	3	5	0	1	23	1.8				
32	Jada Hargrove	18-0	198	11.0	11-39	.282	3-16	.188	4-6	.667	7	12	19	1.1	19	0	19	20	1	9	29	1.6				
Team											49	53	102					6								
Total.....		18	3599		401-1111	.361	75-270	.278	232-394	.589	287	432	719	39.9	378	13	198	317	71	184	1109	61.6				
Opponents.....		18	3599		393-995	.395	41-178	.230	234-377	.621	242	482	724	40.2	389	-	195	379	67	127	1061	58.9				

TEAM STATISTICS	ALCN	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1109	1061	* 1/2/17	TEXAS SOUTHERN	L 53-57	143
Points per game	61.6	58.9	* 1/4/17	PRAIRIE VIEW	w 62-55	230
Scoring margin	+2.7	-	* 01/09/17	at Grambling	L 63-86	459
FIELD GOALS-ATT	401-1111	393-995	* 1/11/17	at Jackson State	w 70-53	0
Field goal pct	.361	.395	* 01/14/17	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	w 69-49	1538
3 POINT FG-ATT	75-270	41-178	* 01/16/17	UAPB	w 70-48	948
3-point FG pct	.278	.230	* 01/21/17	at Alabama State	L 54-72	1027
3-pt FG made per game	4.2	2.3	* 1/23/17	at Alabama A&M	w 73-57	1621
FREE THROWS-ATT	232-394	234-377	* 1/28/17	SOUTHERN U.	w 69-63	1443
Free throw pct	.589	.621	* 2/4/17	JACKSON STATE	w 74-51	1489
F-Throws made per game	12.9	13.0	* 2/6/17	GRAMBLING	L 63-67	914
REBOUNDS	719	724	* 02/11/17	at Mississippi Valley	w 68-60	2093
Rebounds per game	39.9	40.2	* 2/13/17	at UAPB	L 56-61	1001
Rebounding margin	-0.3	-	* 2/18/17	ALABAMA STATE	L 56-62	656
ASSISTS	198	195	* 02/20/17	ALABAMA A&M	w 71-42	246
Assists per game	11.0	10.8	* 2/25/17	at Southern University	L 33-45	419
TURNOVERS	317	379	* 3/2/17	at Texas Southern	L 45-64	1021
Turnovers per game	17.6	21.1	* 03/04/17	at Prairie View	L 60-69	0
Turnover margin	+3.4	-	* - Conference game			
Assist/turnover ratio	0.6	0.5				
STEALS	184	127				
Steals per game	10.2	7.1				
BLOCKS	71	67				
Blocks per game	3.9	3.7				
ATTENDANCE	7607	7641				
Home games-Avg/Game	9-845	9-849				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Totals
Alcorn State	300	263	279	267	1109
Opponents	241	264	294	262	1061



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FREEMAN, WELLS COLLECT POSTSEASON ALL-SWAC HONORS

Senior Henrietta Wells was named the Southwestern Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year and All-SWAC Second Team Center, and junior Alexis Freeman was deemed SWAC Newcomer of the Year; it was announced in a press release from the conference office.

Wells ranked atop the league in blocks per game with 3.1 during SWAC play on an Alcorn squad that allowed a third-best 58.9 points per game. She recorded multiple blocks in 14 of 18 SWAC games.

The Memphis, Tennessee, native secured a season-high seven swats on three separate occasion and totaled 22 multiple-block performances on the season. Among all games Wells notched 3.0 blocks per contest, ranking ninth in Division I. She also contributed 1.6 steals per game in league play.

Freeman finished in the top-15 of the SWAC in steals (2.6 | second), assists (3.4 | fourth), points (12.9 | eighth) and rebounds (5.9 | 13th) per game. She accumulated four 15-5-5 outings in league play that included a career-high 24-point, eight-rebound and six-assist performance against Alabama A&M on Jan. 23.

The Navasota, Texas product also tallied a career-high eight assists versus Mississippi Valley, marking the first Alcorn female student-athlete to achieve that feat since Kiara Ruffin in 2012. She scored in double figures in 10 SWAC games and 20-plus in three.



HENRIETTA WELLS



ALEXIS FREEMAN



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2016-17 YEAR IN REVIEW

2016-17 SWAC All-Conference

All-Conference First-Team

Guard – Shakyla Hill – Grambling State
Guard – Joyce Kennerson – Texas Southern
Forward – Britney Wright – Alabama State
Forward – Briana Green – Southern
Center – Ashley Beals – Mississippi Valley State

All-Conference Second-Team

Guard – Alexis Parker – Prairie View A&M
Guard – Jazmin Boyd – Grambling State
Forward – Artavia Ford – Texas Southern
Forward – Cortnei Purnell – Southern
Center – Henrietta Wells – Alcorn State

Player of the Year

Britney Wright - Alabama State

Defensive Player of the Year

Henrietta Wells – Alcorn State

Newcomer of the Year

Alexis Freeman – Alcorn State

Freshman of the Year

Jameica Cobb – Alabama A&M

Coach of the Year

Freddie Murray - Grambling State

POSTSEASON SCORES

Tuesday, March 7

No. 1 GSU 71, No. 8 MVSU 61
No. 4 Southern 73, No. 5 Alcorn 67
No. 2 TSU 65, No. 7 PVAMU 45
No. 3 ASU 48, No. 6 UAPB 46

Friday, March 10

No. 1 GSU 65, No. 4 Southern 56
No. 2 TSU 68, No. 3 ASU 54

Saturday, March 11

No. 2 TSU 70, No. 1 Grambling 66

Saturday, March 19

No. 5 Baylor 119, No. 12 TSU 30

SWAC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Joyce Kennerson, Texas Southern*
Chynna Ewing, Texas Southern
Miaya Crowder, Southern
Shakyla Hill, Grambling State
John'ea Thompson, Grambling State

**Tournament MVP*

ALCORN MISCELLANEOUS STATS 2016-17

Largest halftime lead

26, vs. Jackson State (2/4/17)

Largest halftime deficit

26, at TCU (12/20/16)

Largest halftime lead surrendered in a loss

5, at Alabama State (1/21/17)

Largest halftime deficit overcome in a win

6, vs. Southern (1/28/17)

Largest lead any time

35, vs. Jackson State (2/4/17)

Largest deficit any time

56, at TCU (12/20/16)

Most Consecutive Points Scored in a Game

21, vs. AAMU (2/20/17)

Most Consecutive Points Allowed in a Game

18, at Houston (12/18/16)

Largest lead surrendered in a loss

13, vs. Grambling State (2/6/17)

Largest deficit overcome in a win

12, vs. Southern (1/28/17)

Most points scored in a quarter

28, at Jackson State (1/11/17)

Fewest points scored in a quarter

5, at TCU (12/20/16)

Most points allowed in a quarter

34, at Grambling State (1/9/17)

Fewest points allowed in a quarter

6, three times

Largest Rebounding Advantage

+17, vs. PVAMU (1/4/17)

Largest Rebounding Disadvantage

-28, two times

SWAC STANDINGS 2016-17

School	SWAC	PCT	OVRL	PCT	STRK
1. Grambling State	14-4	.778	19-15	.559	L1
2. Texas Southern	14-4	.778	23-10	.697	L1
3. Alabama State	12-6	.667	14-16	.467	L1
4. Southern	11-7	.611	14-14	.500	L1
5. Alcorn State	9-9	.500	9-21	.300	L4
6. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9-9	.500	12-18	.400	L5
7. Prairie View A&M	8-10	.444	13-18	.419	L1
8. Mississippi Valley State	6-12	.333	10-20	.333	L1
9. Jackson State	6-12	.333	12-16	.429	W4
10. Alabama A&M	0-18	.000	2-25	.074	L21



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2016-17 SENIORS



BRIANNA LUTON



TALISA SHERMAN



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HENRIETTA WELLS



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HISTORY & RECORDS SECTION



SHIRLEY GIBBS-WALKER

The basketball court in the Davey L. Whitney Complex is named in honor of legendary women's head basketball coach Shirley Gibbs-Walker. She led the Lady Braves to 493 wins during her 30-year tenure as head coach. Walker's teams won 12 regular season and six SWAC tournament titles and qualified for the NCAA Tournament three times, most recently in the 2004-05 season.

Additionally, Walker earned the 2014 Southwestern Athletic Conference Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the conference's athletic heritage.

"The award means a lot. When someone looks over your work and realizes how much you put your heart and mind into what you have done, it shows that the conference appreciates your accomplishments. It means a lot to be a part of this conference," Walker said. "Discipline is what helped me get through the tough times. It was a tough road, but we made it through it all."



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CAREER RECORD BOOK

1,000-Point Club

1. 2,111, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1980-84)
2. 1,821, Tami Varnado (1988-92)
3. 1,743, Lisa Powell (1987-92)
4. 1,588, Cherea Wood (1997-01)
5. 1,515, Sherlanda Lewis (1989-92)
6. 1,496, Alesha Causey (1995-98)
7. 1,352, Isis Smith (2009-13)
7. 1,302, Rasaan Powell (2003-07)
8. 1,291, Teresa Hooker (1983-87)
9. 1,242, Lois Watkins (1982-86)
10. 1,216, Cassandra Anderson (1989-93)
11. 1,185, Nickie Tatum (1992-95)
12. 1,170, Regina Wells (1982-86)
13. 1,085, Kiara Ruffin (2008-12)
14. 1,084, Ira Fuquay (1991-95)
15. 1,066, Tierro Frost (2011-14)
16. 1,020, Latoya Johnson (2001-05)

600-Rebound Club

1. 1,058, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1980-84)
2. 1,001, Lisa Powell (1987-92)
3. 964, Tami Varnado (1988-92)
4. 856, Cherea Wood (1997-01)
5. 709, Teresa Hooker (1983-87)
6. 701, Tnonealyer Powers (2001-05)
7. 696, Deloris Williams (1978-80)
8. 671, Sherlanda Lewis (1989-92)
9. 667, Rasaan Powell (2003-07)
10. 665, Nickie Tatum (1992-95)
11. 653, Lois Watkins (1982-86)
12. 651, Candace Roberts (2001-05)
13. 621, Shamika Breedlove (2008-12)
14. 619, Alesha Causey (1995-98)

300-Assist Club

1. 579, Ira Fuquay (1991-95)
2. 557, Tonya Peters (1987-92)
3. 556, Regina Wells (1982-86)
4. 531, Tonya Steele (1986-90)
5. 433, Iris Floyd (1982-86)
6. 389, Trancye Pegues (1993-97)
7. 348, Kamrica Turk (1998-02)
8. 336, Alesha Causey (1995-98)
9. 306, Isis Smith (2009-13)
10. 304, Zandra Hall (2001-03)

200-Steal Club

1. 371, Tami Varnado (1988-92)
2. 257, Ira Fuquay (1991-95)
3. 332, Trancye Pegues (1993-97)
4. 279, Carolinsia Crumbly (2009-13)
5. 273, Kiara Ruffin (2008-12)
6. 243, Tonya Peters (1987-90)
7. 227, Iris Floyd (1982-86)
8. 225, Regina Wells (1982-86)
9. 218, Tonya Steele (1986-90)
10. 215, Alesha Causey (1995-98)

60-Block Club

1. 242, Henrietta Wells (2013-17)
2. 186, Tina Huff (2003-04, 05-08)
3. 183, Tammie Barksdale (1990-93)
4. 125, Melissa Mosby (1995-98)
5. 103, Lisa Powell (1987-92)
6. 75, Cherea Wood (1997-01)
7. 66, Lois Watkins (1984-86)



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SEASON RECORDS

Most Points

1. 791, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1983-84)
2. 599, Norianna Haynes (2015-16)
3. 590, Tami Varnado (1991-92)
4. 584, Lisa Powell (1990-91)
5. 564, Cherea Wood (1999-00)
6. 532, Sherlanda Lewis (1989-90)
7. 529, Tierro Frost (2013-14)
8. 524, Tami Varnado (1990-91)
9. 523, Teresa Hooker (1986-87)
10. 498, Kiara Ruffin (2010-11)

Most Points Per Game Average

1. 26.4, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1983-84)
2. 21.6, Tami Varnado (1991-92)
3. 20.9, Lisa Powell (1990-91)
4. 20.5, Sherlanda Lewis (1989-90)
5. 19.9, Norianna Haynes (2015-16)
6. 19.4, Teresa Hooker (1986-87)
- t7. 19.1 Deloris Williams (1978-79)
- t7. 19.1, Cassandra Anderson (1992-93)
9. 18.7, Tami Varnado (1990-91)
- t10. 18.4, Polly Joiner (1977-78)
- t10. 18.4, Rasaan Powell (2005-06)

Most Field Goals Made

1. 320, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1983-84)
2. 242, Tami Varnado (1991-92)
3. 233, Sherlanda Lewis (1989-90)
4. 224, Lisa Powell (1990-91)
5. 218, Tami Varnado (1990-91)
6. 215, Sherlanda Lewis (1991-92)
7. 213, Sherlanda Lewis (1990-91)
8. 212, Teresa Hooker (1986-87)
9. 206, Norianna Haynes (2015-16)
10. 203, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1982-83)

Most Rebounds

1. 410, Deloris Williams (1978-79)
2. 335, Lisa Powell (1990-91)
3. 291, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1983-84)
- t4. 286, Deloris Williams (1979-80)
- t4. 286, Norianna Haynes (2015-16)
6. 284, Cherea Wood (1999-00)
7. 265, Ella "Pearl" Williams (1981-82)
8. 263, Teresa Hooker (1986-87)
9. 261, Sherlanda Lewis (1991-92)
10. 257, Tami Varnado (1991-92)



ELLA "PEARL" WILLIAMS



NORIANNA HAYNES



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SEASON RECORDS

Most Assists

1. 223, Ira Fuquay (1992-93)
2. 192, Zandra Hall (2002-03)
3. 157, Regina Wells (1983-84)
4. 152, Kamrica Turk (1999-00)
5. 151, Tonya Peters (1991-92)
6. 148, Tonya Peters (1990-91)
7. 143, Tonya Steele (1987-88)
8. 142, Regina Wells (1983-84)
9. 139, Iris Floyd (1982-83)
- t10. 133, Ira Fueuay (1993-94)
- t10. 133, Tonya Steele (1988-89)

Most Free Throws Made

1. 169, Cherea Wood (1999-00)
2. 164, Tierro Frost (2013-14)
- t3. 162, Cherea Wood (2000-01)
- t3. 162, Norianna Haynes (2015-16)
5. 147, Alesha Causey (1997-98)
6. 146, Kiara Ruffin (2011-12)
7. 132, Lisa Powell (1990-91)
8. 131, Kiara Ruffin (2010-11)
9. 129, Rasaan Powell (2005-06)
10. 122, Rasaan Powell (2006-07)

Highest Free Throw Percentage

(Minimum 50 Attempts)

1. .864 (57-66), Ashtin McNichols (2015-16)
- t2. .852 (75-88), Regina Wells (1984-85)
- t2. .852 (52-61), Kierra Levy (2002-03)
4. .846 (44-52), Taresha Coleman (2001-02)
5. .807 (46-57), Vernita Miller (1985-86)
6. .804 (131-163), Kiara Ruffin (2010-11)
7. .792 (61-77), Carolinsia Crumbly (2009-10)
8. .789 (146-185), Kiara Ruffin (2011-12)
9. .786 (44-56), Kamrica Turk (2001-02)
- t10. .785 (95-121), Norianna Haynes (2014-15)
- t10. .785 (72-93), Diane Fuller (1984-85)

Most Three-Pointers Made

1. 69-186, Kierra Levy (2002-03)
2. 67-160, Kiara Ruffin (2010-11)
3. 63-162, Tami Varnado (1991-92)
4. 59-177, Daisha Reed (2000-01)
5. 54-181, Tia Sanders (2016-17)
6. 50-137, Brianna Luton (2016-17)
7. 49-150, Daisha Reed (1998-99)
- t8. 48-114, Daisha Reed (1999-00)
- t8. 48-161, Kiara Ruffin (2011-12)
- t10. 47-140, Skikhia Sims (2004-05)
- t10. 47-139, Carolinsia Crumbly (2010-11)

Most Blocks

1. 88, Henrietta Wells (2016-17)
2. 84, Henrietta Wells (2015-17)
3. 82, Tina Huff (2007-08)
4. 79, Tammie Barksdale (1992-93)
- t5. 63, Lisa Powell (1990-91)
- t5. 63, Tina Huff (2006-07)
7. 55, Deloris Williams (1979-80)
8. 54, Tammie Barksdale (1990-91)
9. 50, Tammie Barksdale (1991-92)
10. 41, Lois Watkins (1984-85)



LISA POWELL



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ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS SINCE 1990

1990-91

First-Team

Sherlanda Lewis, F
Lisa Powell, F

Second-Team

Tammi Barksdale, C

1991-92

First-Team

Sherlanda Lewis, F
Tami Varnado, G

Second-Team

Tammi Barksdale, C

1992-93

Second-Team

Tammi Barksdale, C
Ira Fuquay, G

1993-94

First-Team

Nickie Tatum, F

Second-Team

Ira Fuquay, G

1994-95

First-Team

Nickie Tatum, F
Ira Fuquay, G

Second-Team

Arlene Locklin, G

1995-96

First-Team

LaCuria Pillars, C

Second-Team

Melissa Mosby, F

1996-97

First-Team

Alesha Cousey, F

Second-Team

Tracey Glover, C

1997-98

First-Team

Alesha Cousey, F
Tracey Glover, C

1998-99

Second-Team

Tukeya Mackey, F

1999-00

First-Team

Cherea Wood, F

2000-01

First-Team

Cherea Wood, F

2002-03

First-Team

Kierra Levy, G

2003-04

Second-Team

Latoya Johnson, G

2004-05

First-Team

Latoya Johnson, G

2005-06

First-Team

Rasaan Powell, F

2006-07

First-Team

Rasaan Powell, F

2007-08

First-Team

Shawntawnee Collins, F

2008-09

Second-Team

Cornesha Hollis, F

2010-11

First-Team

Kiara Ruffin, G

Third-Team

Sharnika Breedlove, C

2011-12

First-Team

Kiara Ruffin, G

2013-14

Second-Team

Tierro Frost, G



KIARA RUFFIN

2014-15

Second-Team

Norianna Haynes, F

2015-16

First-Team

Norianna Haynes, F

2016-17

Second-Team

Henrietta Wells, F

Player of the Years

Ella Williams (1983-84)
Lois Watkins (1984-85)
Teresa Hooker (1985-86)
Tami Varnado (1991-92)
Cherea Wood (2000-01)
Kiara Ruffin (2010-11)
Norianna Haynes (2015-16)

Defensive

Player of the Years

Tammi Barksdale (1991-92)
Tammi Barksdale (1992-93)
Trancye Pegues (1996-97)
Carolinsia Crumbly (2012-13)
Henrietta Wells (2016-17)

Newcomer of the Years

Tracey Glover (1996-97)
Latoya Johnson (2003-04)
Norianna Haynes (2014-15)
Alexus Freeman (2016-17)

Freshman of the Years

Trancye Pegues (1993-94)
Daisha Reed (1997-98)
Carolinsia Crumbly (2009-10)

SWAC Tournament MVPs

Lois Watkins (1985-86)
Lisa Powell (1990-91)
Sherlanda Lewis (1991-92)
Alesha Cousey (1995-96)
Cherea Wood (1999-00)
Cherea Wood (2000-01)

Coach of the Years

Shirley Walker (1983-84)
Shirley Walker (1984-85)
Shirley Walker (1985-86)
Shirley Walker (1990-91)
Shirley Walker (1991-92)
Shirley Walker (1992-93)
Shirley Walker (1993-94)
Shirley Walker (1994-95)
Shirley Walker (2000-01)
Shirley Walker (2004-05)
Tonya Edwards (2010-11)



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YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Year	Head Coach	Record	Pct.
2016-17	Courtney G. Pruitt	9-21	.300
2015-16	Courtney G. Pruitt	11-19	.367
2014-15	Tonya Edwards	10-18	.357
2013-14	Tonya Edwards	8-22	.267
2012-13	Tonya Edwards	2-26	.071
2011-12	Tonya Edwards	14-20	.412
2010-11	Tonya Edwards	13-15	.464
2009-10	Tonya Edwards	8-20	.286
2008-09	Tonya Edwards	5-26	.161
2007-08	Shirley Walker	12-18	.400
2006-07	Shirley Walker	15-13	.536
2005-06	Shirley Walker	11-16	.407
2004-05	Shirley Walker	21-9	.700
2003-04	Shirley Walker	13-15	.464
2002-03	Shirley Walker	18-12	.600
2001-02	Shirley Walker	15-12	.556
2000-01	Shirley Walker	21-11	.656
1999-00	Shirley Walker	22-9	.710
1998-99	Shirley Walker	15-12	.556
1997-98	Shirley Walker	17-11	.607
1996-97	Shirley Walker	18-10	.643
1995-96	Shirley Walker	20-8	.714
1994-95	Shirley Walker	18-8	.692
1993-94	Shirley Walker	21-6	.778
1992-93	Shirley Walker	18-10	.643
1991-92	Shirley Walker	21-6	.778
1990-91	Shirley Walker	20-8	.714
1989-90	Shirley Walker	17-12	.586
1988-89	Shirley Walker	11-16	.407
1987-88	Shirley Walker	13-15	.464
1986-87	Shirley Walker	5-22	.185
1985-86	Shirley Walker	19-8	.704
1984-85	Shirley Walker	19-9	.679
1983-84	Shirley Walker	23-7	.767
1982-83	Shirley Walker	18-11	.621
1981-82	Shirley Walker	10-15	.400
1980-81	Shirley Walker	11-15	.423
1979-80	Shirley Walker	12-11	.522
1978-79	Shirley Walker	15-10	.600



TONYA EDWARDS



COURTNEY G. PRUITT

Shirley Walker (1978-08)
493-341 Overall

Tonya Edwards (2008-15)
60-147 Overall

Courtney G. Pruitt (2015-Present)
20-40 Overall

Record Since 1978: 573-528 (.520)



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1978-79 (Shirley Walker)

15-10 Overall

Blue Mountain	W, 97-74
Blue Mountain	W, 89-74
Rust College	W, 103-60
William Carey	W, 108-80
Tougaloo	L, 72-70
Jackson State	L, 76-75
Mississippi Valley State	L, 83-74
Southern	L, 88-47
Grambling State	L, 64-58
Millsaps	W, 120-46
Belhaven	L, 60-58
Mississippi Industrial	W, 101-60
Tougaloo	W, 72-70
Mississippi Industrial	W, 101-71
Rust College	W, 72-57
Mississippi Valley State	W, 79-76
Behaven	W, 80-68
Jackson State	W, 82-76
Southern	L, 79-69
Millsaps	W, 94-42
Grambling State	L, 78-67
Mississippi Industrial	W, 99-89
Belhaven	W, 70-66
Tougaloo	L, 81-62
Tuskegee	L, 101-84

1979-80 (Shirley Walker)

12-11 Overall

Mississippi Industrial	W, 70-56
Mississippi College	L, 87-82
Xavier (La.)	L, 81-78
Alabama State	W, 101-68
Southern	W, 82-78
Tougaloo	L, 64-61
Jackson State	L, 68-57
Mississippi Valley State	W, 69-66
Mississippi	W, 70-66
Southern	L, 82-63
Mississippi Valley State	L, 86-75
Delta State	L, 66-64
Grambling State	W, 79-77
Tougaloo	W, 70-68
Xavier (La.)	W, 64-58
Southern	L, 90-78
Grambling State	W, 77-66
Mississippi State	L, 71-68
Mississippi Industrial	W, Forfeit
Jackson State	L, 71-63
Southern Mississippi	W, 76-69
Mississippi Women	L, 67-55
Mississippi State	W, 76-61

1980-81 (Shirley Walker)

11-15 Overall

Grambling State	L, 89-72
Rust College	W, 87-78
Mississippi	L, 81-64
Rust College	W, 81-76
Alabama State	W, 97-61
Southern	W, 99-63
Xavier (La.)	L, 73-69
Jackson State	L, 75-59
Mississippi Valley State	L, 59-58
Delta State	L, 79-69
Mississippi Valley State	L, 77-72
Southern	L, 91-82
Mississippi College	L, 86-59
Grambling State	L, 67-65
Mississippi State	W, 92-69
Southern	L, 86-69
Grambling State	W, 77-67
Southern Mississippi	L, 87-75
MSU for Women	W, 87-76
Tougaloo	L, 75-59
Jackson State	L, 79-58
Tougaloo	W, 85-69
Xavier (La.)	W, 76-66
Alabama State	W, 91-89
Mississippi Women	W, 76-75
Jackson State	L, 63-59

1981-82 (Shirley Walker)

10-15 Overall

Centenary	L, 80-77 (OT)
New Orleans	L, 83-69
Southern-New Orleans	W, 95-48
Grambling State	L, 71-54
Southern	L, 69-68
Delta State	L, 79-66
Jackson State	L, 62-50
Mississippi Valley State	W, 64-62
Southern	W, 72-69
Southern-New Orleans	W, 73-44
Grambling State	W, 60-58
Centenary	W, Forfeit
Mississippi State	L, 88-62
Southern	L, 68-57
Grambling State	W, 72-69 (OT)
Northwestern State (La.)	L, 68-61
Delta State	L, 67-66
Mississippi State	L, 58-56
Jackson State	L, 61-49
Louisiana Tech	L, 108-47
Mississippi Valley State	L, 79-69
Southern Miss	W, 69-62

Prairie View A&M	W, 68-30
Mississippi Valley State	L, 70-59
Grambling State	W, 63-62

1982-83 (Shirley Walker)

18-11 Overall, 11-3 SWAC

Mississippi	L, 95-51
Mercer	L, 96-65
Alabama State	W, 81-66
Northwestern State (La.)	W, 78-63
Delta State	W, 81-63
Northwestern State (La.)	L, 69-57
Jackson State	L, 64-62 (OT)
Mississippi Valley State	L, 85-74
Alabama State	L, 87-70
Southern	W, 71-69
Mississippi State	L, 68-64
Prairie View A&M	W, 109-39
Texas Southern	W, 80-66
Delta State	L, 89-88
Grambling State	W, 82-68
Southeastern (La.)	W, 85-58
Southern	W, 83-73
Grambling State	W, 90-49
Mississippi Valley State	W, 73-69
Prairie View A&M	W, 96-28
Texas Southern	W, 70-66
Louisiana Tech	L, 84-50
Jackson State	W, 63-62
Southeastern (La.)	L, 64-60
New Orleans	W, 82-74
Mississippi State	W, 77-75
Alabama State	W, 76-68
Mississippi Valley State	L, 64-63
Southern	W, 93-62

1983-84 (Shirley Walker)

23-7 Overall, 13-1 SWAC

Regular Season Champions

Mississippi College	W, 90-69
Morehead State	L, 67-66
Rice	L, 69-62
Tougaloo	W, 61-60 (OT)
Delta State	L, 79-72
New Orleans	L, 78-74
Tougaloo	W, 78-66
Mississippi	L, 90-73
Jackson State	L, 79-66
Mississippi Valley State	W, 92-66
Nicholls State	W, 74-56
Southern	W, 71-65
Mississippi Valley State	W, 65-60
Texas Southern	W, 71-60



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Prairie View A&M	W, 104-30
Grambling State	W, 73-67
Alabama State	W, 91-57
Southern	W, 74-64
Grambling State	W, 83-61
Texas Southern	W, 76-37
Prairie View A&M	W, 76-44
Mississippi College	W, 83-64
Jackson State	W, 77-60
Stephen F. Austin	W, 88-74
Alabama State	W, 67-54
Delta State	W, 96-65
Nicholls State	W, 89-70
Prairie View A&M	W, 99-33
Texas Southern	W, 74-61
Jackson State	L, 74-63

1984-85 (Shirley Walker)

19-9 Overall, 13-1 SWAC

Regular Season Champions

Rice	W, 80-55
Houston	L, 73-67
Northwestern State (La.)	W, 101-99
Northeast Louisiana	L, 84-43
Memphis State	L, 83-70
Mississippi College	W, 86-84
Mississippi State	L, 57-55
Louisiana State	L, 87-72
Mississippi Valley State	W, 60-51
Grambling State	W, 79-69
Mississippi	L, 65-64
Jackson State	W, 65-58
Alabama State	W, 82-71
Texas Southern	W, 77-60
Prairie View A&M	W, 84-54
Northwestern State (La.)	L, 95-65
Southern	W, 66-44
Mississippi College	W, 90-68
Mississippi Valley State	W, 69-67
Grambling State	L, 76-73
Jackson State	W, 66-48
Alabama State	W, 72-69
Mississippi	L, 92-67
Texas Southern	W, 81-76
Prairie View A&M	W, 99-54
Southern	W, 72-65
Southern	W, 58-45
Alabama State	W, 77-71

1985-86 (Shirley Walker)

19-8 Overall, 12-2 SWAC

Regular Season Champions

SWAC Champions

Missouri-Kansas City	W, 84-54
Kansas	L, 86-66
Louisiana State	L, 91-74
Mississippi	L, 59-47
Houston	L, 61-60
Western Carolina	W, 74-42
Northeast Louisiana	L, 99-73
Grambling State	L, 71-69
Mississippi Valley State	W, 76-58
Jackson State	W, 82-65
Alabama State	W, 80-66
Prairie View A&M	W, 83-58
Texas Southern	W, 90-70
Mississippi College	W, 69-63
Southern	W, 83-63
Alabama	L, 71-58
New Orleans	W, 80-58
Grambling State	W, 91-72
Mississippi Valley State	W, 84-79
Jackson State	W, 70-65
Alabama State	L, 66-62
Prairie View A&M	W, 64-50
Texas Southern	W, 70-60
Mississippi College	W, 84-59
Southern	W, 84-62
Mississippi Valley State	W, 66-62
Grambling State	W, 84-77

1986-87 (Shirley Walker)

5-22 Overall, 4-10 SWAC

Northeast Louisiana	L, 92-67
Northeast Louisiana	L, 73-58
Southeast Missouri	L, 73-49
Southern Methodist	L, 72-60
U.S. International	L, 80-54
Lamar	W, 72-71
Stephen F. Austin	L, 86-56
Mississippi Valley State	L, 95-65
Grambling State	L, 78-62
Tulane	L, 81-60
Jackson State	L, 76-70
Alabama State	L, 65-63
Mississippi	L, 62-50
Texas Southern	L, 65-63
Prairie View A&M	L, 76-74
Southern	W, 104-88
Mississippi Valley State	L, 72-69
Grambling State	L, 75-68
Alabama	L, 74-64

Jackson State	L, 77-64
Alabama State	L, 77-75
Mississippi	L, 89-55
Texas Southern	W, 72-65
Prairie View A&M	W, 77-48
Tulane	L, 78-74
Southern	W, 63-61
Mississippi Valley State	L, 78-57

1987-88 (Shirley Walker)

13-15 Overall, 8-6 SWAC

Mississippi	L, 73-41
Stephen F. Austin	L, 83-65
Oklahoma State	L, 76-74
Mississippi Valley State	W, 80-76
Louisiana Tech	L, 98-52
Louisiana State	L, 76-59
Memphis State	L, 97-91
Alaska-Anchorage	W, 74-61
Northeast Louisiana	W, 79-67
South Alabama	W, 87-68
Mississippi Valley State	W, 81-75
Grambling State	L, 67-55
Jackson State	W, 69-58
Alabama State	L, 76-70
Texas Southern	W, 75-61
Prairie View A&M	L, 64-59
Southern	W, 76-71
Mississippi Valley State	L, 80-74
Grambling State	W, 82-74
Alabama	L, 82-63
Jackson State	L, 85-67
Alabama State	W, 88-51
Texas Southern	W, 71-58
Prairie View A&M	L, 70-69 (OT)
Southern	W, 73-52
Jackson State	W, 71-55
Grambling State	L, 78-66

1988-89 (Shirley Walker)

11-16 Overall, 7-7 SWAC

Arkansas State	L, 85-67
North Texas	W, 64-54
Mississippi	L, 87-66
Lamar	L, 63-62 (OT)
Northeast Louisiana	L, 88-59
Alabama	L, 91-77
Louisiana State	L, 80-50
Mississippi Valley State	L, 85-81
Grambling State	L, 55-54
Jackson State	W, 71-58
Alabama State	W, 66-50
Alabama	W, 86-71



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Prairie View A&M	L, 83-75
Texas Southern	L, 55-50
Mississippi	L, 78-58
Southern	L, 50-45
Mississippi Valley State	L, 71-64
Grambling State	W, 66-64
Nicholls State	W, 56-53
Jackson State	W, 56-49
Alabama State	L, 64-60
Nicholls State	W, 87-57
Lamar	L, 75-71
Prairie View A&M	W, 68-44
Texas Southern	W, 80-69
Southern	W, 58-55
Southern	L, 66-64

1989-90 (Shirley Walker) 17-12 Overall, 11-3 SWAC

San Diego State	W, 67-48
DePaul	L, 90-74
Lamar	W, 67-64
Stephen F. Austin	L, 76-64
Murray State	W, 77-69
Alabama	L, 71-67
Northeast Louisiana	L, 65-64
Alabama	L, 60-49
North Texas State	L, 70-46
Lamar	L, 73-65
Grambling State	L, 63-55
Mississippi Valley State	L, 88-66
Alabama State	W, 83-50
Jackson State	W, 89-61
Texas Southern	W, 72-42
Prairie View A&M	W, 94-54
Southern	W, 77-55
Louisiana State	L, 79-64
Grambling State	W, 85-77
Mississippi Valley State	W, 74-64
Arkansas State	W, 90-78
Alabama State	W, 84-76
Jackson State	W, 75-64
Southern	L, 73-68
Prairie View A&M	W, 93-73
Southern	W, 61-55
Prairie View A&M	W, 79-51
Texas Southern	W, 51-47
Jackson State	L, 60-58

1990-91 (Shirley Walker) 20-8 Overall, 10-2 SWAC Regular Season Champions SWAC Champions

Arkansas State	L, 80-70
Texas College	W, 110-61
Mississippi	L, 92-65
Brigham Young	L, 68-65
Texas College	W, 113-54
Dartmouth	W, 77-54
Rice	W, 82-74
Arkansas State	L, 104-79
Memphis State	L, 90-82
Mississippi Valley State	W, 84-68
Grambling State	W, 71-60
Jackson State	L, 65-58
Alabama State	W, 100-79
Prairie View A&M	W, 97-52
Texas Southern	W, 70-60
Southern	W, 87-49
Lamar	W, 92-83
Mississippi Valley State	W, 80-75
Grambling State	L, 97-73
Louisiana State	L, 86-76
Jackson State	W, 74-62
Alabama State	W, 72-69
Prairie View A&M	W, 112-60
Texas Southern	W, 117-72
Southern	W, 92-54
North Texas	W, 92-66
Jackson State	W, 69-59
Grambling State	W, 76-62

1991-92 (Shirley Walker) 20-7 Overall, 13-1 SWAC Regular Season Champions SWAC Champions

Georgia Tech	L, 98-69
Delta State	W, 99-66
Houston	L, 77-76
Wichita State	W, 80-60
Memphis State	W, 79-69
Southern Mississippi	W, 90-79
Stephen F. Austin	L, 100-60
Southeast Missouri	L, 83-54
Lamar	L, 90-82
Grambling State	W, 74-72
Mississippi Valley State	W, 68-52
Alabama State	W, 86-48
Jackson State	W, 78-69
Louisiana State	L, 95-60
Texas Southern	W, 91-54
Prairie View A&M	W, 87-45

Southern	W, 97-82
Grambling State	W, 94-54
Mississippi Valley State	W, 91-77
Alabama State	W, 82-60
Jackson State	L, 70-66
Texas Southern	W, 75-66
Prairie View A&M	W, 80-45
Southern	W, 89-84
Prairie View A&M	W, 86-50
Grambling State	W, 75-56
Alabama State	W, 67-62

1992-93 (Shirley Walker) 18-10 Overall, 12-2 SWAC Regular Season Champions

Louisiana Tech	L, 110-70
Delta State	W, 70-69
Texas College	W, 93-51
Mississippi	L, 54-50
McNeese State	L, 78-54
South Alabama	L, 90-79
Howard	W, 74-54
Mississippi Valley State	W, 73-57
Grambling State	W, 72-68
Jackson State	W, 75-67
Alabama State	W, 66-57
Prairie View A&M	W, 89-66
Texas Southern	W, 61-58
Southern	W, 76-75
Mississippi Valley State	W, 97-90
Grambling State	W, 86-82
Jackson State	W, 89-76
Alabama State	W, 73-57
Texas College	W, 104-64
Prairie View A&M	W, 82-39
Texas Southern	L, 76-73
Arkansas State	L, 65-64
Southern	L, 70-69
Texas Southern	L, 90-88



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1993-94 (Davey L. Whitney)

23-4 Overall, 12-2 SWAC

Regular Season Champions

Auburn	L, 71-66 (OT)
Houston	L, 68-55
Tennessee State	W, 89-82
Texas Tech	L, 97-69
Louisville	W, 66-64
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 90-60
Talladega College	W, 86-54
Tennessee State	W, 73-72
*Grambling State	L, 107-84
Mississippi Valley State	L, 71-70
Alabama State	W, 86-64
Jackson State	W, 84-66
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 71-47
Texas Southern	W, 85-79
Prairie View A&M	W, 100-51
Southern	W, 85-79
Talladega College	W, 89-40
Grambling State	W, 87-75
Mississippi Valley State	W, 98-82
Alabama State	W, 80-69
Jackson State	W, 87-84
Texas Southern	W, 89-55
Prairie View A&M	W, 66-38
Southern	W, 79-68
South Alabama	W, 98-55
Alabama State	W, 74-62
*Grambling State	L, 112-97

1994-95 (Shirley Walker)

18-8 Overall, 12-2 SWAC

Regular Season Champions

Arkansas Baptist	W, 91-41
New Mexico State	W, 75-69
Texas A&M	L, 86-66
Tennessee Tech	L, 85-69
Alabama State	W, 96-64
South Alabama	L, 77-70
New Orleans	W, 83-82
Texas	L, 82-68
Southern Methodist	L, 106-78
Mississippi Valley State	W, 93-64
Grambling State	W, 83-74
Jackson State	L, 73-66
Alabama State	W, 62-56
Prairie View A&M	W, 91-46
Texas Southern	W, 91-61
Southern	W, 86-56
Tuskegee	W, 84-46
Mississippi Valley State	W, 77-74
Grambling State	L, 75-74

Jackson State	W, 69-68
Alabama State	W 97-57
Prairie View A&M	W, 88-58
Texas Southern	W, 92-48
Southern	W, 86-55
Texas Southern	W, 95-53
Jackson State	L, 79-74

1995-96 (Shirley Walker)

22-6 Overall, 11-3 SWAC

Regular Season Champions

Memphis	L, 78-63
Charleston Southern	W, 60-53
Stephen F. Austin	L, 102-56
Southeastern Louisiana	W, 71-63
Texas Arlington	L, 68-52
Jackson State	W, 66-53
Arkansas	L, 72-53
Army	W, 56-38
Texas Christian	W, 65-59
Mississippi Valley State	W, 75-55
*Grambling State	L, 76-51
Jackson State	W, 63-58
Alabama State	W, 75-46
Prairie View A&M	W, 68-41
Texas Southern	W, 85-49
Southern	W, 65-46
Mississippi Valley State	W, 69-62
Grambling State	W, 72-69
Southern Methodist	W, 78-58
Jackson State	L, 74-66
Alabama State	W, 86-66
Prairie View A&M	W, 75-49
Texas Southern	W, 75-47
Southern	L, 78-76
South Alabama	W, 71-51
Alabama State	W, 73-42
Jackson State	W, 64-51
*Grambling State	L, 72-57

**Games forfeited to Alcorn due to participation of ineligible player by Grambling State.*

1996-97 (Shirley Walker)

18-10 Overall, 12-2 SWAC

Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 91-50
Villanova	L, 51-41
Wisconsin-Green Bay	L, 58-48
Rice	L, 65-60
Colorado	L, 62-45
Texas Christian	W, 81-65
Tennessee-Chattanooga	W, 62-50

South Alabama	L, 55-49
Arkansas	L, 90-56
Mississippi Valley State	W, 73-69
Grambling State	L, 74-72 (OT)
Jackson State	W, 59-52
Alabama State	W, 76-55
Prairie View A&M	W, 73-35
Texas Southern	W, 100-46
Southern	W, 91-70
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 72-61
Mississippi Valley State	W, 68-56
Grambling State	L, 71-59
Jackson State	W, 57-54
Alabama State	W, 78-55
Prairie View A&M	W, 85-48
Texas Southern	W, 104-36
Southern	W, 79-51
Oral Roberts	L, 77-59
Prairie View A&M	W, 57-37
Jackson State	W, 79-54
Grambling State	L, 66-55

1997-98 (Shirley Walker)

17-11 Overall, 13-3 SWAC

Northeast Louisiana	L, 72-60
Murray State	W, 71-61 (OT)
Memphis	L, 92-65
Philander Smith	W, 94-57
North Texas	L, 77-69
Southwest Texas	W, 81-57
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 76-54
Minnesota	L, 61-56
Northwestern State	L, 88-47
Louisiana Tech	L, 75-53
Baylor	L, 69-63
Southern	W, 73-69
Mississippi Valley State	W, 84-74 (2OT)
Grambling State	L, 95-75
Jackson State	W, 67-59
Alabama State	W, 75-46
Prairie View A&M	W, 63-48
Texas Southern	W, 84-42
Southern	L, 67-58
Mississippi Valley State	W, 78-61
Grambling State	W, 67-64
Jackson State	L, 79-56
Alabama State	W, 72-52
Prairie View A&M	W, 56-52 (OT)
Texas Southern	W, 66-38
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 84-49
Alabama State	W, 77-63
Jackson State	L, 70-60



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1998-99 (Shirley Walker)

15-12 Overall, 8-8 SWAC

Philander Smith	W, 91-51
Texas Southern	W, 81-58
Southeast Missouri	W, 66-59
McNeese State	L, 65-51
Northeast Louisiana	W, 68-58
Georgia	L, 91-51
Texas Pan-American	W, 60-58
Indiana	L, 78-54
Stetson	W, 69-55
Prairie View A&M	W, 75-60
Jackson State	L, 50-44
Grambling State	L, 78-54
Mississippi Valley State	L, 84-70
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 74-62
Alabama A&M	W, 67-62
Alabama State	L, 67-64 (2OT)
Southern	W, 72-60
Jackson State	L, 63-52
Grambling State	L, 86-74
Mississippi Valley State	L, 71-68
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 66-60
Alabama A&M	W, 97-57
Alabama State	W, 67-55
Southern	W, 82-61
Texas Southern	W, 71-54
Prairie View A&M	L, 66-59
Alabama State	L, 56-55

1999-00 (Shirley Walker)

22-9 Overall, 15-3 SWAC

SWAC Champions

Philander Smith	W, 90-56
Southern Mississippi	L, 66-63
Nicholls State	W, 58-55
Georgia	L, 78-38
North Texas	L, 73-62
Louisiana-Monroe	L, 58-51
Florida A&M	W, 74-56
South Alabama	L, 64-50
Texas-El Paso	W, 68-47
Texas Southern	W, 77-61
Grambling State	L, 86-70
Jackson State	W, 81-58
Mississippi Valley State	W, 68-50
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 79-75 (OT)
Alabama State	W, 93-51
Alabama A&M	W, 60-45
Southern	W, 66-54
Jackson State	W, 65-45
Grambling State	L, 83-77
Mississippi Valley State	W, 79-53

Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 76-46
Prairie View A&M	L, 50-45
Alabama State	W, 85-82 (OT)
Alabama A&M	W, 72-60
Southern	W, 81-65
Prairie View A&M	W, 68-55
Texas Southern	W, 82-71
Mississippi Valley State	W, 80-59
Prairie View A&M	W, 64-52
Grambling State	W, 83-58
<u>NCAA Tournament</u>	
Louisiana Tech	L, 95-53

2000-01 (Shirley Walker)

21-11 Overall, 15-3 SWAC

Regular Season Champions

SWAC Champions

Stephen F. Austin	L, 46-88
Florida A&M	L, 40-57
Illinois	L, 56-73
Clemson	L, 58-66
San Diego	L, 43-60
Lipscomb	W, 78-53
South Alabama	L, 67-78
Texas Southern	W, 66-62
Prairie View A&M	W, 74-70
Florida A&M	W, 65-47
Brown	L, 47-52
Centenary	W, 68-43
Jackson State	W, 69-64
Grambling State	L, 63-74
Mississippi Valley	W, 95-46
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 84-50
Alabama A&M	W, 65-54
Alabama State	L, 55-58
Southern	W, 81-61
Jackson State	W, 65-61
Grambling State	W, 87-83
Mississippi Valley	W, 74-65
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 66-37
Alabama A&M	W, 82-53
Alabama State	W, 83-68
Southern	W, 58-56
Texas Southern	L, 55-57
Prairie View A&M	W, 62-45
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 81-53
Alabama State	W, 74-69
Grambling State	W, 86-74
<u>NCAA Tournament</u>	
Notre Dame	L, 49-98

2001-02 (Shirley Walker)

15-12 Overall, 11-7 SWAC

vs. Brown	W, 68-47
at Illinois-Chicago	L, 51-92
vs. Appalachian State	L, 50-61
vs. Gardner-Webb	W, 57-41
at South Alabama	L, 51-66
at Prairie View A&M	W, 53-49
at Texas Southern	W, 74-60
FLORIDA A&M	W, 67-64
JACKSON STATE	W, 57-53
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 75-82
at Mississippi Valley	W, 57-53
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 78-63
ALABAMA STATE	W, 66-58
ALABAMA A&M	L, 62-65
at Southern	L, 55-77
at Little Rock	L, 60-71
at Jackson State	L, 50-55
at Grambling State	L, 60-65
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W, 64-56
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 77-33
at Alabama State	L, 51-55
at Alabama A&M	W, 68-54
SOUTHERN	L, 61-70
PHILANDER SMITH	W, 90-52
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 75-52
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 67-40
vs. Jackson State	L, 46-60 (2OT)

2002-03 (Shirley Walker)

18-12 Overall, 11-7 SWAC

vs. Texas State	W, 58-56
at Baylor	L, 62-78
vs. North Texas	L, 54-82
at Texas State	L, 51-62
vs. Savannah State	W, 60-51
at Florida A&M	W, 75-67
SOUTH ALABAMA	W, 77-73
at Lamar	W, 62-58
LITTLE ROCK	W, 88-74
at South Carolina	L, 52-96
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 70-58
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 79-62
at Jackson State	L, 65-74
at Grambling State	L, 66-71
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W, 71-52
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 79-57
at Alabama A&M	W, 69-63 (OT)
at Alabama State	L, 63-68
SOUTHERN	W, 79-70
JACKSON STATE	L, 58-65
GRAMBLING STATE	W, 83-73



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at Mississippi Valley	W, 78-70
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 72-51
ALABAMA A&M	W, 74-57
ALABAMA STATE	L, 69-78
at Southern	L, 72-73 (OT)
at Texas Southern	W, 71-64
at Prairie View A&M	L, 53-64
vs. Southern	W, 62-50
vs. Alabama State	L, 61-65

2003-04 (Shirley Walker) 13-15 Overall, 11-7 SWAC

at Samford	L, 41-57
vs. New Mexico State	L, 59-68
at Houston	L, 40-85
at Missouri	L, 41-103
vs. UAB	L, 49-59
LAMAR	W, 70-63
at UTSA	L, 50-74
vs. Southeast Mo. St.	L, 63-73
at Texas Southern	L, 48-56
at Prairie View A&M	W, 64-59
JACKSON STATE	L, 64-67
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 72-74
at Mississippi Valley	W, 61-55
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 62-49
ALABAMA STATE	W, 74-71
ALABAMA A&M	W, 63-60
at Southern	L, 68-76
Houston Baptist	W, 70-60
at Jackson State	W, 57-55
at Grambling State	L, 51-77
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W, 68-56
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 77-58
at Alabama State	L, 60-70
at Alabama A&M	L, 60-68
SOUTHERN	W, 57-52
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 67-63
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 75-44
vs. Grambling State	L, 78-81 (2OT)

2004-05 (Shirley Walker) 21-9 Overall, 14-4 SWAC Regular Season Champions SWAC Champions

at Green Bay	L, 52-92
ARKANSAS BAPTIST	W, 104-30
SAMFORD	W, 61-48
at Houston Baptist	L, 65-78
LOUISIANA TECH	L, 61-62
at Jacksonville State	W, 61-58
vs. South Carolina State	W, 76-60
at Georgia Tech	L, 43-62

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 93-55
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 58-48
at Jackson State	W, 63-59
at Grambling State	W, 58-46
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	L, 51-59
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 72-37
at Alabama A&M	W, 65-58
at Alabama State	L, 67-71
SOUTHERN	W, 64-54
JACKSON STATE	L, 57-60
GRAMBLING STATE	W, 70-64 (OT)
at Mississippi Valley	W, 63-58
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 84-66
ALABAMA A&M	W, 76-44
ALABAMA STATE	W, 67-47
at Southern	W, 57-55
at Prairie View A&M	L, 45-49
at Texas Southern	W, 77-74
vs. Texas Southern	W, 72-44 (OT)
vs. Grambling State	W, 59-50
vs. Southern	W, 56-47
<i>NCAA Tournament</i>	
vs. Michigan State	L, 41-73

2005-06 (Shirley Walker) 11-16 Overall, 9-9 SWAC

at Stephen F. Austin	L, 58-82
vs. Northwestern State	L, 64-72
vs. Florida A&M	W, 64-57 (OT)
vs. Murray State	L, 75-100
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 56-51
vs. Kent State	L, 59-82
vs. Birmingham-So.	L, 73-75
at Louisiana Tech	L, 44-77
at Texas Southern	W, 65-59
at Prairie View A&M	W, 79-78 (OT)
JACKSON STATE	L, 59-60
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 71-73
at Mississippi Valley	L, 71-74 (OT)
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 61-71
ALABAMA STATE	W, 56-49
ALABAMA A&M	W, 59-54
at Southern	L, 49-64
at Jackson State	L, 48-70
at Grambling State	W, 71-57
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	L, 63-54
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 64-45
at Alabama State	W, 59-51
at Alabama A&M	L, 48-57
SOUTHERN	L, 69-62
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 69-43
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 73-52
vs. Alabama State	L, 45-57

2006-07 (Shirley Walker) 15-13 Overall, 11-7 SWAC

at Lamar	L, 59-74
JACKSONVILLE STATE	W, 74-63
vs. Idaho	W, 81-62
at Kansas State	L, 41-81
at Rice	L, 51-72
vs. Kent State	L, 53-89
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	L, 59-73
LAMAR	W, 64-58
at Georgia Tech	L, 54-76
vs. Tennessee State	W, 58-48
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 66-58
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 75-70
at Jackson State	L, 56-62
at Grambling State	W, 48-45
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W, 74-69
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 66-51
at Alabama A&M	L, 53-69
at Alabama State	W, 50-39
SOUTHERN	W, 75-73 (OT)
JACKSON STATE	W, 65-53
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 59-68
at Mississippi Valley	W, 51-44
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 60-63
ALABAMA A&M	W, 58-57
ALABAMA STATE	W, 74-57
at Southern	L, 59-68
at Prairie View A&M	L, 47-67
at Texas Southern	L, 59-66

2007-08 (Shirley Walker) 12-18, 8-10 SWAC

vs. Kennesaw State	L, 43-57
vs. Idaho State	L, 53-61
at Texas Tech	L, 55-90
vs. Stephen F. Austin	L, 54-71
vs. Mississippi Valley	W, 71-59
NICHOLLS STATE	W, 68-45
at TAMU-Corpus Christi	L, 61-66 (OT)
vs. Troy	L, 58-66
NORTHWESTERN STATE	L, 49-58
vs. Campbell	W, 72-71
at Georgia State	W, 53-52
at Texas Southern	L, 61-62
at Prairie View A&M	L, 28-68
JACKSON STATE	L, 58-62
GRAMBLING STATE	W, 68-49
at Mississippi Valley	L, 57-68
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 57-62
ALABAMA STATE	W, 61-45
ALABAMA A&M	W, 67-48
at Southern	L, 46-39



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at Jackson State	L, 45-56
at Grambling State	W, 65-63
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	L, 39-50
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	L, 64-74
at Alabama State	W, 59-54
at Alabama A&M	L, 49-59
SOUTHERN	W, 58-56
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 64-61
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 53-48
vs. Jackson State	L, 62-51

2008-09 (Tonya Edwards)

5-26 Overall, 4-14 SWAC

at New Mexico	L, 38-94
vs. DePaul	L, 42-90
vs. Idaho State	L, 50-67
at Ole Miss	L, 40-63
at Southern Miss	L, 47-79
vs. Belmont	L, 65-77
at Lamar	L, 49-57
at Kansas State	L, 22-80
vs. MVSU	L, 36-56
at Nicholls State	W, 66-56
at Northwestern State	L, 56-57
at Arkansas State	L, 44-71
at Southeastern La.	L, 40-74
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	L, 34-78
TEXAS SOUTHERN	L, 44-58
at Jackson State	W, 58-55
at Grambling State	L, 64-67
MVSU	W, 52-50
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	L, 65-76
at Alabama A&M	L, 54-60
at Alabama State	L, 43-61
SOUTHERN	L, 59-65
JACKSON STATE	L, 61-72
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 44-51
at Mississippi Valley St.	L, 53-62
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 61-77
ALABAMA A&M	W, 53-39
ALABAMA STATE	W, 48-35
at Southern	L, 56-67
at Prairie View A&M	L, 44-72
at Texas Southern	L, 58-62

2009-10 (Tonya Edwards)

8-20 Overall, 8-10 SWAC

at UAB	L, 62-76
at Arkansas	L, 78-87
at Lamar	L, 62-94
at Southern Miss	L, 53-69
at Florida State	L, 50-78
LAMAR	L, 61-77

at UTEP	L, 43-78
at New Mexico State	L, 76-54
at Mississippi State	L, 67-108
at Texas Southern	L, 57-70
at Prairie View A&M	L, 47-76
GRAMBLING STATE	W, 65-60 (OT)
at MVSU	W, 52-51
at UAPB	L, 58-78
ALABAMA STATE	W, 68-54
ALABAMA A&M	W, 59-45
JACKSON STATE	W, 60-41
at Southern	L, 43-70
at Jackson State	L, 45-49
at Grambling State	L, 74-82
MVSU	L, 56-66
UAPB	W, 84-67
at Alabama State	L, 53-63
at Alabama A&M	L, 70-78
SOUTHERN	L, 74-61
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 74-69
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 72-66
vs. Alabama A&M	L, 63-66

2010-11 (Tonya Edwards)

13-15 Overall, 12-6 SWAC

at Michigan	L, 43-88
at Marquette	L, 54-93
at UTEP	L, 72-85
at New Mexico State	L, 61-67
vs Louisiana-Monroe	L, 55-63
NORTHWESTERN STATE	W, 66-64
at Miami	L, 32-94
at Virginia Tech	L, 44-87
vs Delaware	L, 36-76
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	L, 44-49
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 66-58
at Jackson State	L, 60-69
at Grambling State	W, 71-64
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	L, 53-63
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 77-67
at Alabama A&M	W, 61-43
at Alabama State	W, 75-69
SOUTHERN	L, 46-52
JACKSON STATE	W, 66-54
GRAMBLING STATE	W, 64-57
at Mississippi Valley	L, 74-75
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 70-68
ALABAMA A&M	W, 64-63
ALABAMA STATE	W, 72-67
at Southern	W, 54-52 (OT)
at Prairie View A&M	L, 53-55
at Texas Southern	W, 65-56
vs Grambling State	L, 63-72

2011-12 (Tonya Edwards)

14-20 Overall, 9-9 SWAC

at Southern Methodist	L, 54-76
at Mississippi State	L, 48-66
at Texas	L, 42-74
at Rice	L, 57-74
at Oklahoma State	L, 36-69
vs Harvard	L, 55-78
at Minnesota	L, 46-75
at SE Louisiana	W, 62-54
vs Northwestern State	W, 70-60
at Hawai'i	L, 63-66
vs North Carolina State	L, 70-85
vs Florida Gulf Coast	L, 38-85
at Texas Southern	W, 51-48
at Prairie View	W, 59-54
JACKSON STATE	W, 53-51
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 44-55
at Miss. Valley State	L, 58-66
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 65-51
ALABAMA STATE	W, 56-49
ALABAMA A&M	W, 49-45
at Southern	L, 62-67
at Jackson State	L, 55-76
at Grambling State	L, 58-66
MISS. VALLEY STATE	W, 65-61
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 80-63
at Alabama State	L, 57-62
at Alabama A&M	L, 50-61
SOUTHERN	L, 32-35
TEXAS SOUTHERN	W, 52-31
PRAIRIE VIEW	L, 54-58
vs Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 69-46
vs Southern	W, 54-44
vs Grambling State	W, 67-41
vs Prairie View	L, 50-63

2012-13 (Tonya Edwards)

2-26 Overall, 2-16 SWAC

at Southern Methodist	L, 46-76
at Northwestern State	L, 50-55
CENTRAL ARKANSAS	L, 39-47
at Tennessee	L, 37-90
at Tennessee Tech	L, 57-74
at Miami	L, 53-68
at Georgia Tech	L, 49-76
SE LOUISIANA	L, 54-59
at Kentucky	L, 23-90
PRAIRIE VIEW	L, 52-64
TEXAS SOUTHERN	L, 45-61
at Jackson State	L, 56-59
at Grambling State	W, 71-58



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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	L, 61-65
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	L, 41-50
at Alabama A&M	L, 44-64
at Alabama State	L, 46-54
SOUTHERN	L, 53-64
JACKSON STATE	L, 34-40
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 46-57
at Mississippi Valley	L, 57-65
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 47-50
ALABAMA A&M	L, 44-55
ALABAMA STATE	L, 53-60
at Southern	W, 65-54
at Prairie View	L, 59-61
at Texas Southern	L, 43-70
vs Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 46-50

2013-14 (Tonya Edwards) 8-22 Overall, 7-11 SWAC

at Central Arkansas	L, 39-71
OMAHA	W, 50-45
at Univ of Colorado	L, 33-83
at Illinois University	L, 28-112
at James Madison	L, 42-87
TENNESSEE TECH	L, 38-66
vs East Carolina	L, 42-85
at Louisiana-Monroe	L, 54-92
at Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 50-63
at Penn State	L, 62-85
at Michigan	L, 31-76
at Texas Southern	L, 44-69
at Prairie View A&M	L, 68-71
JACKSON STATE	L, 52-64
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 72-77
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	L, 55-70
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	W, 64-58 (OT)
ALABAMA STATE	W, 52-49
ALABAMA A&M	W, 63-60
at Southern	W, 58-52
at Jackson State	L, 52-64
at Grambling State	W, 78-77
at Mississippi Valley	L, 56-59
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 57-48
at Alabama State	L, 59-68
at Alabama A&M	L, 49-70
SOUTHERN	L, 62-67 (OT)
TEXAS SOUTHERN	L, 64-67
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 55-48
vs Alabama A&M	L, 62-64

2014-15 (Tonya Edwards)

10-18 Overall, 9-9 SWAC

at Nebraska-Omaha	L, 39-59
at Nebraska	L, 49-83
at University Al-Bham	L, 43-57
at Rice University	L, 33-61
CENTRAL ARKANSAS	L, 36-62
LOUISIANA-MONROE	W, 62-53
at Michigan State	L, 41-77
LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	L, 57-64 (OT)
at UTEP	L, 53-63
TEXAS SOUTHERN	L, 66-75
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 68-46
at Jackson State	W, 76-69
at Grambling State	L, 57-64
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W, 52-47
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 45-39
at Alabama State	L, 45-54
at Alabama A&M	W, 58-55
SOUTHERN	L, 51-59
JACKSON STATE	L, 41-65
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 57-82
at Mississippi Valley	W, 50-40
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 49-51
ALABAMA STATE	W, 77-72 (OT)
ALABAMA A&M	W, 73-49
at Southern	L, 55-76
at Texas Southern	L, 55-73
at Prairie View A&M	W, 63-48
vs Prairie View A&M	L, 59-66

2015-16 (Courtney G. Pruitt)

11-19 Overall, 8-10 SWAC

DELTA STATE	W, 66-57
at East Carolina	L, 58-87
at Central Arkansas	L, 35-58
at Jacksonville State	L, 65-67
at Alabama	L, 50-97
at Arkansas State	L, 50-82
at Northwestern	L, 47-91
at Mount Mercy	W, 60-56
at Iowa State	L, 41-91
at LA-Lafayette	L, 61-73
at Prairie View A&M	L, 54-58
at Texas Southern	L, 39-68
JACKSON STATE	L, 66-73
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 76-85
at Mississippi Valley	W, 81-66
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 69-71
ALABAMA A&M	W, 68-52
ALABAMA STATE	L, 51-52
at Southern	L, 57-66
at Jackson State	L, 65-79

at Grambling State	W, 70-66
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W, 75-39
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 81-53
at Alabama A&M	W, 81-64
at Alabama State	L, 51-64
SOUTHERN	W, 85-74
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 70-65
TEXAS SOUTHERN	L, 41-53
vs Mississippi Valley	W, 62-43
vs Southern	L, 57-61

2016-17 (Courtney G. Pruitt)

9-21 Overall, 9-9 SWAC

at Grand Canyon	L, 44-77
at Arizona	L, 59-74
CENTRAL ARKANSAS	L, 57-71
at Southern Miss	L, 56-99
vs Southeast Missouri	L, 50-68
at Central Arkansas	L, 45-59
at Alabama	L, 43-93
JACKSONVILLE STATE	L, 66-70
at Texas Tech	L, 37-90
at TCU	L, 39-95
at Houston	L, 70-85
TEXAS SOUTHERN	L, 53-57
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	W, 62-55
at Grambling State	L, 63-86
at Jackson State	W, 70-53
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	W, 69-49
ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	W, 70-48
at Alabama State	L, 54-72
at Alabama A&M	W, 73-57
SOUTHERN	W, 69-63
JACKSON STATE	W, 74-51
GRAMBLING STATE	L, 63-67
at Mississippi Valley	W, 68-60
at Arkansas-Pine Bluff	L, 56-61
ALABAMA STATE	L, 56-62
ALABAMA A&M	W, 71-42
at Southern	L, 33-45
at Texas Southern	L, 45-64
at Prairie View A&M	L, 60-69
at Southern%	L, 67-73

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DR. ALFRED RANKINS JR.

President

Dr. Alfred Rankins Jr. is the 19th president of Alcorn State University, where he serves as the chief executive officer of the nation's oldest public land-grant HBCU. Dr. Rankins has administrative oversight for Alcorn's sprawling 1,700-acre Lorman campus and branch locations in Natchez and Vicksburg, including more than 120 buildings totaling nearly 2 million square feet, and a \$110 million operating budget.

Prior to his appointment as Alcorn's president, Dr. Rankins served as deputy commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs for the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). As the IHL system's chief academic and student affairs officer, he advised the IHL Board of Trustees and Commissioner of higher

education on all matters pertaining to academic programs, policy, and planning; student access, readiness, and success; and faculty affairs. While serving as deputy commissioner, Dr. Rankins also served as acting president of Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena.

Prior to his appointment at IHL, Dr. Rankins served on the faculty at Mississippi State University (MSU) in Starkville, where he was a tenured associate professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and extension specialist with the MSU Extension Service. His basic and applied research has led to many publications, and he has held various leadership positions in professional societies and organizations.

A native of Greenville, Mississippi, Dr. Rankins received a Bachelor of Science degree from Alcorn State University and both Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Mississippi State University. Dr. Rankins and his wife, Juandalyn, have two children, Aftyn Elise and Alfred Elijah.



DEREK J. HORNE

Director of Athletics

In just three years, Derek J. Horne has made a significant impact at Alcorn State University as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. Horne, who accepted the position in August 2014, earned a three-year contract extension in July 2016 which will keep him at the helm of Alcorn Athletics through 2019.

This past year in 2016-17, Alcorn won two SWAC East Division titles, two SWAC individual championships, two Coach of the Year awards, two Player of the Year

awards, two Freshman of the Year awards, two Newcomer of the Year awards and one Defensive Player of the Year award. Alcorn placed 10 student-athletes on the All-Conference First-Team and 14 on the All-Conference Second-Team.

Furthermore, 64 student-athletes graduated which was the most in the institution's recorded history. The University also exceeded academic progress rate benchmarks released by the NCAA in May, 2017.

The football program has won the SWAC East Division all three years of his tenure. Horne saw instant success in 2014 as the football team won its first SWAC Championship in 20 years. Shortly after claiming the SWAC title, the team was named the 2014 Black College Football National Champions.

The following year, the Alcorn football program would dominate the conference again by repeating as SWAC East Division Champions and reclaiming the SWAC Championship. The Braves played in the inaugural Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl in 2015.

Also in 2015-16, the Lady Braves tennis program earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament after securing the SWAC Championship. Tennis coach Anthony Dodgen was named SWAC Coach of the Year. The basketball and softball programs also flourished. The men's basketball team finished in second place during the regular season, while the softball program also completed their season in second place of the East Division. Softball coach Josef Rankin was named SWAC Coach of the Year.

Under Horne, 91 student-athletes received SWAC honors for making the honor roll in 2014. The accomplishment helped Alcorn athletics win the 2014 Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) Academic Progress Rate (APR) Award for the SWAC. The next year, the number of scholars increased to 123 students who received SWAC honors for their commitment to their studies.

Furthermore, Alcorn was awarded the NCAA's Accelerated Academic Success Programs Grant which neared a million dollars in 2014-15.

Horne currently represents Alcorn as a member of the SWAC Strategic Committee, SWAC Sports Administration Committee and Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Prior to joining Alcorn, Horne successfully led the Florida A&M Rattler athletics program as director of athletics for three years after spending 15 years in athletic administration at the University of Mississippi. He joined the staff of University of Mississippi in 1995 as assistant athletic director and was promoted to senior associate athletic director during that tenure.

During Horne's tenure, FAMU athletics department experienced a number of successes. The accomplishments were the 2012 MEAC Men and Women's Cross Country Championships; 2010 and 2011 Top 10 in FCS Football Attendance and 2010 MEAC Football Tri-Champions. Also, Horne negotiated the largest guaranteed football contract (\$900,000) for a Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

Horne solicited and secured one of the largest one-time donations by an African-American contributor to the University of Mississippi. One of his most significant achievements was increasing the involvement of former student athletes and alumni in university and athletics related activities.

Horne is a 1987 graduate of the University of Mississippi, where he was a four-year letterman on the basketball team from 1983-1986. As a senior, he earned Academic All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) accolades and led his squad as team captain.

A native of Quitman, Georgia, Horne is married to the former Sheila Mosley of New Albany, Mississippi and they have one son, Christopher.



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2017-18 Women's Basketball

DAVEY L. WHITNEY COMPLEX



The arena was built in 1975 as the Scalpin' Grounds Arena. It was renamed in 1995 after Davey L. Whitney, who coached the Braves to 508 wins over 27 seasons. From 1996-2003, Whitney was one of the few coaches in the country to ever coach in a building that was named after him.

They Davey L. Whitney Complex is a 7,000-seat multi-purpose arena. It is home to the men's and women's basketball programs and the Lady Braves volleyball team.



