



UIW ATHLETICS

**2017-18
ANNUAL
REPORT**

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DEAR CARDINAL FANS,

What a first year it has been! It hasn't just been my first year leading UIW Athletics, but the 2017-18 academic year was also our first year of Division I postseason eligibility. During this year, we have had success on the court, in the classroom and in the community.

UIW completed an astounding 5,500+ community service hours across 141 organizations in San Antonio. With as much as the San Antonio community supports us, we consider it a privilege to be able to give back.

The Cardinals also succeeded in the classroom, with 49 student-athletes achieving a 4.0 GPA and a record 148 earning Southland Conference Spring Commissioner's honor roll honors. Through their success in the classroom combined with accomplishments in athletics, four student-athletes were recognized with Academic All-American status. The athletics department is proud to help promote UIW's five core values, and education is a huge part of what we do. We could not be prouder of these student-athletes.



In addition to our accomplishments in the classroom and in the community, UIW has excelled in athletic competition as well. Our men's tennis team captured our first Southland Conference title in program history, while the men's swimming and diving team clinched the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association Conference Championship.

Through it all, over 30 student-athletes from across UIW's 23 sports were recognized with all-conference honors from the Southland Conference, the Western Athletic Conference and the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association. Twelve student-athletes earned a combined 17 All-American honors and two coaches who were honored as coach of the year.

We have enjoyed our success on the field over the past year, but we won't dwell on it. We know that we need to keep getting better. We recently installed new field turf at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium, and I'm excited about the national coverage our camo end zones have brought us. We are currently in the early stages of renovating our baseball and softball fields, and there are many other ongoing projects as well. These projects include two of the top three commitments in the history of UIW Athletics.

With all of the progress we have made over the past year, I'm excited to see what the future holds for us at UIW.

Thanks and Go Cardinals!

Dr. Brian Wickstrom
Director of Athletics



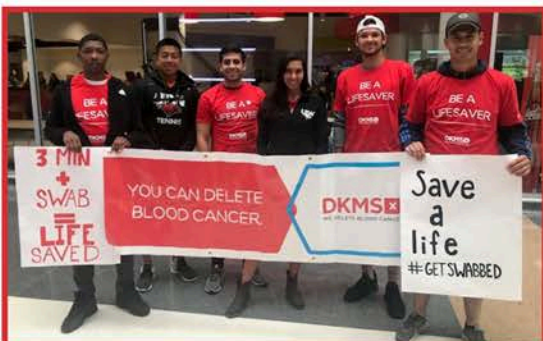
CARDINALS IN THE COMMUNITY



5,500

SERVICE HOURS IMPACTING 141 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE SAN ANTONIO AREA

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The University of the Incarnate Word women's synchronized swimming team won the department's community service award after completing 500 service hours during the 2017-18 academic year.

2017-18



ACADEMIC **SUCCESS**

273

**ACADEMIC HONORS
AWARDED**

DIPLOMAS EARNED

105

780

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
HOURS COMPLETED**

**STUDENT-ATHLETES
OF THE YEAR**

2



**GARETT
CORTEZ**

**SEBASTIAN
MORTIER**



ALL-AMERICANS

12

STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED ALL-AMERICAN

TOTAL ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

17



UIW punter **JOE ZEMA** earned six All-American honors, including Associated Press All-America first team, ADA Stats All-America first team, STATS FCS All-America first team, HERO Sports FCS All-America first team, Walter Camp FCS All-America Team, and AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America second team. Following the 2017 season, Zema earned invitations to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers minicamp and the New York Jets minicamp.



ALEXANDER SLESS
ALL-AMERICAN FENCER



Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams earned CSCAA Scholar All-America honors, while Savanna Meadows, Kyrylo Shvets, Oleksandr Karpenko and Beau Fusilier were named All-Americans individually

Beatriz Regly, Sarah Rodriguez, Camille Guerre, Natalia Vega, and Madeline Walker-Byron secured 5 of the nation's 20 synchronized swimming All-American accolades



RIDGE ROGERS
FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICAN
OUTFIELDER

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS



The men's swimming and diving program earned its second Coastal Collegiate Sports Association Conference Championship. The Cardinals last won the CCSA Championship in 2014.

The men's tennis program clinched the first ever Southland Conference championship in department history with a 7-0 victory over rival Abilene Christian on April 14, 2018.



ALL-CONFERENCE

30

STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED ALL-CONFERENCE

STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

7

SAREA ALEXANDER



**TRACK AND FIELD
STUDENT-ATHLETE
OF THE YEAR**



**WOMEN'S DIVING
STUDENT-ATHLETE
OF THE YEAR**

SAVANNA MEADOWS

NEW HEAD COACHES

ERIC MORRIS



Local Nation Business Sports Food Entertainment Style Video Opinion Car

UIW hires new head football coach

By Cody McCrary Updated 8:58 pm CST, Saturday, December 30, 2017



TEXAS TECH HEAD COACH KLIFF KINGSBURY

"Coach Morris is one of the brightest offensive minds in college football...I know UIW is in great hands to take their program to the next level."

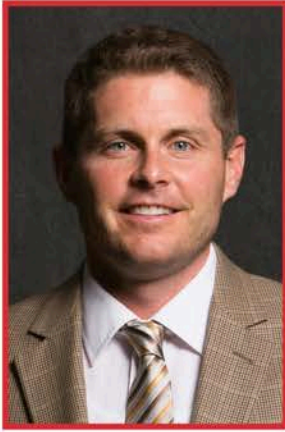
OKLAHOMA HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY

"UIW is getting a really good one in Eric Morris. He was an accomplished player and has become an outstanding coach that will be a great leader for the program."

WASHINGTON STATE HEAD COACH MIKE LEACH

"Eric is a great coach and a great person. He does an incredible job of teaching young men...He will lead and develop a team that everyone at UIW can be proud of."





CARSON CUNNINGHAM

BOSTON CELTICS HEAD COACH BRAD STEVENS

"Carson is a great coach, and he has always had an unparalleled passion for the game. He's intelligent, thoughtful, humble and a real servant leader."

ESPN COMMENTATOR JEFF VAN GUNDY

"This is an inspired hire by UIW. I have no doubt that he will put a team on the floor and in the community that the school can be very proud of. A tremendous coach, servant leader, husband and father!"



EMMA WRIGHT-CATES
WOMEN'S SOCCER



PATRICK HALLMARK
BASEBALL



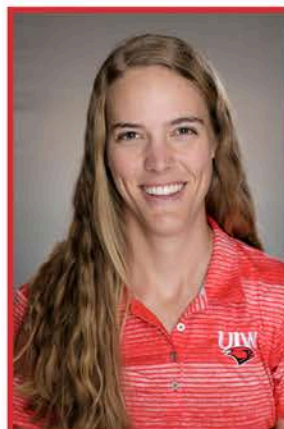
SAMANTHA DABBS
VOLLEYBALL



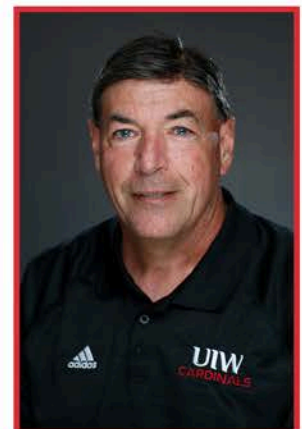
JONAS ANDERSSON
MEN'S TENNIS



REMY HUSTON
MEN'S GOLF



ALLISON HOWARTH
WOMEN'S GOLF



JOE DIPETRO
SOFTBALL



COACHES OF THE YEAR



TOMMY LAW

After leading the Cardinals to their second Coastal Collegiate Sports Association title in program history, Tommy Law was named the CCSA Men's Diving Coach of the Year, while also taking home CCSA Women's Diving Coach of the Year honors.

UIW DIVING
HEAD COACH

UIW MEN'S TENNIS
HEAD COACH

JONAS ANDERSSON

After guiding the Cardinals to an undefeated season and the first Southland Conference Championship in athletic department history, first-year Head Coach Jonas Andersson was named the league's Coach of the Year in men's tennis.



COMPETITIVE **PROGRESS**

UIW broke its program record with 105.5 in the Southland Commissioner's Cup during the 2017-18 academic year. With these points, the Cardinals tied a program-best eighth-place finish.

Earned the program's highest finish and point total in Southland Commissioner's Cup and Learfield Directors' Cup standings.

UIW hosted the 2018 Southland Conference Track and Field Outdoor Championships on May 4-6. This was the first Division I conference championship held at the university.



The men's and women's track and field programs each had their highest finish at the Southland Conference Championships, while seven track and field student-athletes qualified for NCAA Regionals in the athletic department's first year of NCAA Division I postseason eligibility.

First-year Head Coach Patrick Hallmark guided the baseball program to its most overall wins (29), most conference wins (13) and first winning season since joining the Division I ranks.



FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS

UIW completed multiple improvements to the department's track and field facilities at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium in advance of the Southland Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

The department installed electrical and video wiring for enhanced video production and timing.

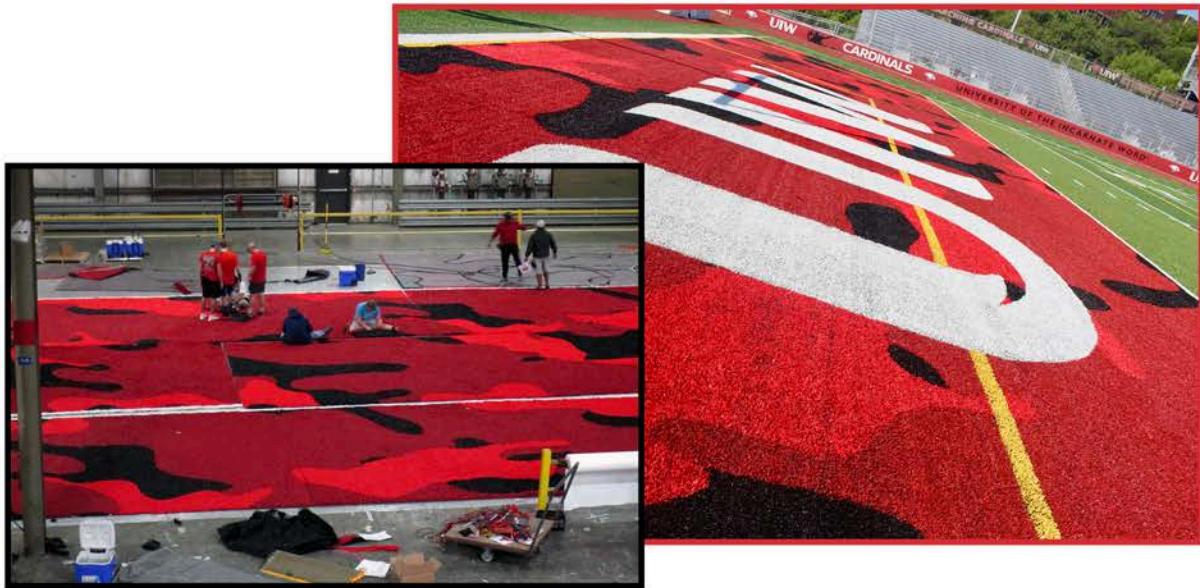
UIW also installed a new discus and hammer throwing ring and cage, along with an expansion of the existing javelin runway (\$53,500).



Secured funding for new field turf at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium (\$500,000).

Methodist Healthcare System and Metropolitan Methodist Hospital donated \$250,000 towards the installation of a new football field surface with concussion prevention infill.

The project, completed on May 26, includes college football's first camouflaged endzones, which have increased the UIW brand through enhanced media exposure.





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