

HAWAII



Oct. 24, 2020
Fresno, Calif.

General Information

Location.....Honolulu, Hawai'i
Founded.....1907
Enrollment.....18,000
Nickname.....Rainbow Warriors
Colors.....Green, Black, White and Silver
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
Interim Chancellor.....David Lassner
Athletic Director.....David A.K. Matlin

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Aloha Stadium
Capacity.....50,000
Surface.....Synthetic Infilled Turf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Todd Graham
Career Record (Yrs).....95-61 (12)
At School (Yrs).....0-0
Assistant Coaches
Victor Santa Cruz.. Assoc. HC/DC/OLBs
G.J. Kinne..... OC/QBs
Dan Phillips.....STC/DL
Tony Hull.....Co-OC/IWRs
Jacob Yoro.....Co-DC/LBs
Brandon Graham.....PGC/RBs
Sam Bennett.....RGC/OL
Abe Elimimian.....CBs
Brennan Marion.....WRs
Laiu Moeakiola.....Safeties

Team Information

2019 Record.....10-5
Conference Record/Finish...10-5/1st West
Basic Offense.....Run-N-Gun
Basic Defense.....War Dog
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....53/29
Starters Returning/Lost.....13/12

Sports Information

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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	at Fresno State*	1:30 p.m.
10/31	at Wyoming*	3:45 p.m.
11/7	New Mexico*	6 p.m.
11/14	at San Diego State*	11 a.m.
11/21	Boise State*	6 p.m.
11/28	Nevada*	6 p.m.
12/5	at San Jose State*	11 a.m.
12/12	UNLV*	6 p.m.

- All Times Hawaiian

* Mountain West Conference Game

COLORADO STATE



Oct. 29, 2020
Fresno, Calif.

General Information

Location.....Fort Collins, Colo.
Founded.....1870
Enrollment.....33,877
Nickname.....Rams
Colors.....Green and Gold
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Anthony A. Frank
Athletic Director.....Joe Parker

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Canvas Stadium
Capacity.....41,000
Surface.....Shaw Sports Turf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Steve Addazio
Career Record (Yrs).....57-55 (9)
At School (Yrs).....0-0
Assistant Coaches
Brian White.....Sr. Assoc. HC/RBs
Chuck Heater.....DC/Safeties
Joey Lynch.....OC/QBs
Louie Addazio.....OL
Cody Booth.....TEs
Sean Cronin.....LBs
Kap Dede.....OLBs/Nickelbacks
Kenny Guiton.....WRs
Anthony Perkins.....CBs
Antoine Smith.....DL

Team Information

2019 Record.....4-8
Conference Record/Finish...3-5/5th Mtn
Basic Offense.....Spread
Basic Defense.....4-3
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....38/20
Starters Returning/Lost.....19/6

Sports Information

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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	New Mexico*	7 p.m.
10/29	at Fresno State*	8 p.m.
11/7	Wyoming*	7 p.m.
11/14	at Boise State*	6 p.m.
11/21	UNLV*	TBA
11/28	at Air Force*	12 p.m.
12/5	at San Diego State*	8:30 p.m.
12/12	Utah State*	7:30 p.m.

- All Times Mountain

* Mountain West Conference Game

UNLV



Nov. 7, 2020
Las Vegas, Nev.

General Information

Location.....Las Vegas, Nev.
Founded.....1957
Enrollment.....31,142
Nickname.....Rebels
Colors.....Scarlet and Gray
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Marta Meana
Athletic Director.....Desiree Reed-Francois

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Allegiant Stadium
Capacity.....65,000
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Marcus Arroyo
Career Record (Yrs).....0-0
At School (Yrs).....0-0
Assistant Coaches
Glenn Thomas.....OC/QBs
Cameron Norcross.....OL/RGC
Jordan Paopao.....TEs/STC
Terrence Samuel.....WRs/PGC
Scott Baumgartner.....RBs
Peter Hansen.....DC/ILBs
Chad Kauha'aha'a.....DL
Kenwick Thompson.....LBs
Tre Watson.....CBs
Damon Magazu.....Safeties

Team Information

2019 Record.....4-8
Conference Record/Finish...2-6/T-4th West
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....58/24
Starters Returning/Lost.....14/10

Sports Information

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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	at San Diego State*	7:30 p.m.
10/31	Nevada*	7:30 p.m.
11/7	Fresno State*	12:30 p.m.
11/14	at San Jose State*	TBA
11/21	at Colorado State*	TBA
11/28	Wyoming*	TBA
12/5	Boise State*	6:30 p.m.
12/12	at Hawai'i*	8 p.m.

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

UTAH STATE



Nov. 14, 2020
Logan, Utah

General Information

Location.....Logan, Utah
Founded.....1888
Enrollment.....27,810
Nickname.....Aggies
Colors.....Navy Blue, White and Pewter Gray
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Noelle Cockett
Athletic Director.....John Hartwell

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Maverick Stadium
Capacity.....25,100
Surface.....AstroTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Gary Anderson
Career Record (Yrs).....59-58 (10)
At School (Yrs).....33-30 (5)
Assistant Coaches
Brodie Reeder.....OC/QBs
Frank Maile.....Ast. HC/Co-DC/DL
Stacy Collins.....Co-DC/DB
Roc Bellantoni.....STC/TE
Justin Ena.....ILBs
TJ Woods.....OL
Jason Phillips.....PGC/WRs
Bojay Filimoeatu.....OLBs
Mark Orphey.....CBs
Dave Schramm.....RBs

Team Information

2019 Record.....7-6
Conference Record/Finish...6-2/3rd Mtn
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....38/28
Starters Returning/Lost.....11/11

Sports Information

Football SID.....Doug Hoffman
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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	at Boise State*	5 p.m.
10/31	San Diego State*	7:30 p.m.
11/7	at Nevada*	5 p.m.
11/14	Fresno State*	TBA
11/21	at Wyoming*	7 p.m.
11/28	New Mexico*	TBA
12/5	Air Force*	7:30 p.m.
12/12	at Colorado State*	7:30 p.m.

- All Times Mountain

* Mountain West Conference Game

SAN JOSE STATE



Nov. 21, 2020
Fresno, Calif.

General Information

Location.....San Jose, Calif.
Founded.....1857
Enrollment.....33,282
Nickname.....Spartans
Colors.....Gold, White and Blue
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Mary A. Papazian
Athletic Director.....Marie Tuite

Stadium Information

Stadium.....CEFCU Stadium
Capacity.....30,456
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Brett Brennan
Career Record (Yrs).....8-29 (3)
At School (Yrs).....8-29 (3)
Assistant Coaches
Derrick Odum.....Assoc. HC/DC
Kevin McGiven.....OC
Matt Adkins.....TEs
Alonzo Carter.....WRs
Kevin Cummings.....WRs
Ryan Gunderson.....QBs/PGC
Josh Oglesby.....OL
Joe Seumalo.....DL
Scott White.....LBs/STC
Aric Williams.....DBs

Team Information

2019 Record.....5-7
Conference Record/Finish..2-6/T-4th West
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....3-4 Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....50/22
Starters Returning/Lost.....15/11

Sports Information

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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	Air Force*	7:30 p.m.
10/31	at New Mexico*	4 p.m.
11/7	at San Diego State*	6 p.m.
11/14	UNLV*	TBA
11/21	at Fresno State*	4 p.m.
11/28	at Boise State*	TBA
12/5	Hawai'i*	1 p.m.
12/12	Nevada*	7 p.m.

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

SAN DIEGO STATE



Nov. 27, 2020
Fresno, Calif.

General Information

Location.....San Diego, Calif.
Founded.....1897
Enrollment.....33,870
Nickname.....Aztecs
Colors.....Scarlet and Black
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Adela de la Torre
Athletic Director.....John David Wicker

Stadium Information

Stadium.....SDCCU Stadium
Capacity.....54,000
Surface.....Natural Grass

Coaching Staff

Head Coach/DC.....Brady Hoke
Career Record (Yrs).....78-72 (12)
At School (Yrs).....13-12 (2)
Assistant Coaches
Jeff Horton.....Assoc. HC/RBs
Jeff Hecklinski.....OC/QBs
Kurt Mattix.....DC/LBs
Hunkie Cooper.....WRs
Doug Deakin.....STC
Sava'i'i Eslu.....TEs
Kyle Hoke.....Safeties
Mike Schmidt.....OL
Demetrius Sumler.....CBs
Jordan Thomas.....DL

Team Information

2019 Record.....10-3
Conference Record/Finish..5-3/2nd West
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....3-3-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....39/17
Starters Returning/Lost.....16/8

Sports Information

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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	UNLV*	7:30 p.m.
10/31	at Utah State*	7:30 p.m.
11/7	San Jose State*	6 p.m.
11/14	Hawai'i*	1 p.m.
11/21	at Nevada*	12:30 p.m.
11/27	at Fresno State*	TBA
12/5	Colorado State*	7:30 p.m.
12/12	at BYU	TBA

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

NEVADA



Dec. 5, 2020
Reno, Nev.

General Information

Location.....Reno, Nev.
Founded.....1874
Enrollment.....21,657
Nickname.....Wolf Pack
Colors.....Navy Blue and Silver
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Marc Johnson
Athletic Director.....Doug Knuth

Stadium Information

Stadium.....Mackay Stadium
Capacity.....27,000
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Jay Norvell
Career Record (Yrs).....18-20 (3)
At School (Yrs).....18-20 (3)
Assistant Coaches
Matt Mumme.....OC/QBs
Brian Ward.....DC/LB
Freddie Banks.....CBs
Bill Best.....OL
Timmy Chang.....TEs
Eric Scott.....WRs
Thomas Sheffield.....STC
Jackie Shipp.....DL
Vai Tua.....RBs
Ronnie Wheat.....Safeties

Team Information

2019 Record.....7-6
Conference Record/Finish..4-4/3rd West
Basic Offense.....Air Raid
Basic Defense.....Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....46/19
Starters Returning/Lost.....16/8

Sports Information

Football SID.....Chad Hartley
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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	Wyoming*	4 p.m.
10/31	at UNLV*	7:30 p.m.
11/7	Utah State*	4 p.m.
11/14	at New Mexico*	TBA
11/21	San Diego State*	12:30 p.m.
11/28	at Hawai'i*	8 p.m.
12/5	Fresno State*	TBA
12/12	at San Jose State*	7 p.m.

- All Times Pacific

* Mountain West Conference Game

NEW MEXICO



Dec. 12, 2020
Albuquerque, N.M.

General Information

Location.....Albuquerque, N.M.
Founded.....1889
Enrollment.....39,224
Nickname.....Lobos
Colors.....Cherry and Silver
Affiliation.....NCAA Division I - FBS
Conference.....Mountain West
President.....Dr. Garnett Stokes
Athletic Director.....Eddie Nuñez

Stadium Information

Stadium.....University Stadium
Capacity.....39,224
Surface.....FieldTurf

Coaching Staff

Head Coach.....Danny Gonzales
Career Record (Yrs).....0-0 (1)
At School (Yrs).....0-0 (1)
Assistant Coaches
Derek Warehime.....OC/TEs
Rocky Long.....DC/LBs
Jamie Christian.....STC
Brandon Blackmon.....WRs
Jerome Haywood.....DL
David Howes.....S
Troy Reffett.....CBs
Jordan Salkin.....QBs
Jordan Somerville.....RBs
Jason Lenzmeier.....OL

Team Information

2019 Record.....2-10
Conference Record/Finish.....0-8/6th Mtn
Basic Offense.....Multiple
Basic Defense.....3-3-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....43/22
Starters Returning/Lost.....14/11

Sports Information

Football SID.....Frank Mercogliano
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2020 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
10/24	at Colorado State*	7 p.m.
10/31	San Jose State*	TBA
11/7	at Hawai'i*	TBA
11/14	Nevada*	TBA
11/21	at Air Force*	7:30 p.m.
11/28	at Utah State*	TBA
12/5	Wyoming*	5 p.m.
12/12	Fresno State*	TBA

- All Times Mountain

* Mountain West Conference Game

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*****All interviews for Bulldog players and coaches will be delivered virtually as a recommended safeguard for ensuring the health and safety of student-athletes and athletics personnel amid the COVID-19 pandemic*****

ESPN Coaches Show

The weekly radio show airs live on ESPN Radio (940 AM) with host Paul Loeffler. Listen live on Wednesdays from 6–7 p.m.

Football Email List

If you would like to be added to the Bulldog football email list to receive breaking news about the team, please contact Matt Burkholder, Josh Mitchell or Savannah Stoeckle.

Photo Requests

All requests for use of Bulldog football photos for television networks or print publications, please contact Savannah Stoeckle. If granted, all photos must have proper attribution to Fresno State Athletics.

All interviews for Bulldog players and coaches will be coordinated through the Fresno State Athletics Communications Office. Student-athletes that have not participated in a game are not allowed to speak to the media, per team rules.

WEEKLY MEDIA AVAILABILITY

(for traditional Saturday game weeks)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
No media availability.	11 a.m. virtual press conference held by Coach DeBoer. No practice-players off day.	Players day - all student-athletes that meet the team rules will be made available after practice for virtual interviews.	Select assistant coaches available after practice for virtual interviews. No player availability.	No regular access.	No media.	Coach DeBoer and select players will be available for virtual interviews postgame.

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DR. JOSEPH I. CASTRO
FRESNO STATE PRESIDENT

Joseph I. Castro is the first Californian to serve as president of California State University, Fresno. He is the grandson of immigrants from Mexico, son of a single mother and the first in his family to graduate from a university. Dr. Castro is a Professor of Educational Leadership and a gifted scholar in the fields of leadership and public policy who has mentored hundreds of other scholars and practitioners, including many other university presidents and senior officers.

Fresno State is a national leader in recruiting, supporting and graduating students from diverse backgrounds. In 2020, Fresno State was ranked No. 26 in the nation by Washington Monthly and recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top three best public national universities for graduation-rate performance five years in a row. The University was also ranked No. 40 in Money Magazine's Best Public Colleges and No. 7 for Most Transformative College, described by the magazine as a school "where students beat the odds by doing better than would be expected from their academic and economic backgrounds."

Prior to his appointment as President in 2013, he served for 23 years in the University of California system. He was Vice Chancellor of Student Academic Affairs and Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) from 2006-13. UCSF is widely recognized as the leading health-sciences university in the nation. Dr. Castro led UCSF's programs that served the academic and health-care needs of its talented and diverse students. Earlier in his career, he held faculty and/or administrative leadership positions at four other University of California campuses – Berkeley, Davis, Merced and Santa Barbara.

Dr. Castro received a B.A. in political science and an M.P.P. in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley and a Ph.D. in higher-education policy and leadership from Stanford University. He has also successfully completed three advanced seminars on presidential leadership at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Dr. Castro serves on a number of boards, including the Lumina Foundation Board, WASC Senior College and University Commission, Mountain West Athletic Conference Board, Stanford University Graduate School of Education Advisory Council, James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award Selection Committee, College Football Playoff Board, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities' Governing Board, and Jumpstart National Board.

Dr. Castro's leadership has been recognized by many different organizations. In 2019, on behalf of Fresno State, he received a fifth Excellence and Innovation Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities since the awards program began in 2013. In 2018, he was named as CSU President of the Year by the California State Student Association and City of Fresno District 4 Man of the Year. In 2017, he received the Mayor of Fresno's Community Partnership Award. In 2016, he received the Alumni Excellence in Education Award from the Stanford University Graduate School of Education and the Ohtli Award, which is the highest honor granted by the Government of Mexico to leaders in the United States. In 2014, he was selected as Alumnus of the Year by the UC Berkeley Richard and Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy. Dr. Castro received the University of California Student Association's Administrator of the Year Award and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award from UCSF in 2010. Dr. Castro was born and raised in Hanford, CA. He and his wife, Mary, have three children, Isaac, Lauren and Jess.

* On Sept. 30, 2020, Castro was named the new chancellor of the California State University system. When he takes the helm in January 2021, Castro will be the first-ever California native and Mexican American to lead the 23-campus university system.



TERRY TUMEY
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Terry Tumey was appointed Fresno State's Director of Athletics on June 21, 2018 and was introduced to the Red Wave on June 25. He officially took office on Aug. 1, 2018.

Prior to Fresno State, Tumey served as the Director of Athletics at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, a unified Division III athletics program in Southern California. In addition to CMS, Tumey held the director of athletics title at two other institutions, one at the Division I level, UC Davis (2012-15), as well as one that he oversaw transition to the Division II level from NAIA, Dominican University of California (2009-12).

Tumey has a rich history in football, having turned a playing career at UCLA (1984-87), where he was a three-time All-Pacific-10 Conference defensive lineman, into a coaching career. He was a graduate assistant and full-time assistant coach at UCLA, working with the Bruins from 1992-98 and then moved to the NFL ranks for two years with the Denver Broncos (1999-2000).

After coaching, Tumey joined the San Francisco 49ers staff as a player personnel assistant in 2001, moved up to assistant to the player personnel director in 2003, then assumed the role of director of football administration in 2004 until departing for his first AD job in 2009.

Tumey earned a B.A. in political science from UCLA with a concentration in business economics in 1988 and an M.B.A. from the UCLA Anderson School of Management with a focus on entrepreneurship and strategy in 1993. Those two degrees have fueled more than two decades of coaching and administrative excellence in collegiate and professional athletics.

Tumey is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is married to Dr. Candace Gonzales Tumey and has two daughters, Cameron and Simone.



MOUNTAIN WEST

THIS IS THE MOUNTAIN WEST

From its inception in 1999, the Mountain West has been committed to excellence in intercollegiate athletics, while promoting the academic missions of its member institutions. Progressive in its approach, the MW continues to cultivate opportunities for student-athletes to compete at the highest level while fostering academic achievement and sportsmanship. Now in its 22nd year, the MW has been assertive in its involvement with the NCAA governance structure and has taken a leadership role in the overall administration of intercollegiate athletics.

The Mountain West has marked several achievements during its first 21 years, most notably becoming the first to establish a sports television network dedicated solely to an intercollegiate athletic conference (The Mtn.). The Mountain West also was the first to experiment with the coaches' challenge in the college football instant replay system, and was the first non-automatic-qualifying BCS conference to participate in four BCS bowl games, winning three. In the inaugural year of the new College Football Playoff system, Boise State earned the automatic slot into a New Year's Six bowl game as the highest-ranked champion from the Group of Five 5 conferences. The Broncos defeated then 10th-ranked Arizona 38-30 in the VIZIO Fiesta Bowl. In 2011-12, the Mountain West was among the first conferences to implement a league-wide state-of-the-art basketball instant replay system.

Changes in the NCAA governance structure set the table for another Conference first, when two members of the MW Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) were included in the June 2014 meeting of the Mountain West Board of Directors. New Mexico track and field athlete Kendall Spencer, the national chair of the 2014-15 NCAA Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and Air Force Academy volleyball player Emma Dridge joined the BOD members in this historic meeting to advance the discussion on student-athlete involvement in the NCAA and MW governance structure. For the last six academic years, MW student-athletes have participated in monthly membership calls and have joined MW administrators in the annual Joint Council Spring Meetings in Arizona.

The Mountain West is well-represented within the new NCAA governance structure, including individuals who were appointed to serve on committees tasked with managing the day-to-day business of Division I athletics. Kendall Spencer, the former chair of the DI Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and UNM track & field athlete, was the first student-athlete in the history of the organization to serve on the Division I Board.

Additionally, the Mountain West was the only conference to have the same member institution with No. 1 overall picks in both the NFL and NBA drafts in the same year (Utah's Alex Smith and Andrew Bogut, respectively in 2005). With UNLV's Anthony Bennett claiming the No. 1 pick in the 2013 NBA Draft, the Mountain West is one of three conferences to have multiple No. 1 NBA draft selections since 2000. Also, with San Diego State's Stephen Strasburg earning the No. 1 pick in the 2009 MLB Draft, the Mountain West is one of three conferences to have the No. 1 selection in each of the NFL, NBA and MLB drafts since the MW was founded in 1999.

The Mountain West is noted for its geographic diversity. Some of the most beautiful terrain and landscapes in the nation can be found within Mountain West boundaries, including the majestic Rocky Mountain range, which borders five MW institutions (Air Force, Boise State, Colorado State, New Mexico and Utah State). The high plains of Wyoming (elevation 7,220 feet – the highest Division I campus in the nation) contrast with the desert cities of Las Vegas and Reno, home to UNLV and Nevada, respectively, while Fresno State, San Diego State and San José State add a West coast influence with their locations in Central, Southern and Northern California. The inclusion of the Hawai'i football program extends the Mountain West footprint to the beautiful islands in the Pacific Ocean, while the addition of the women's soccer program at Colorado College gives the MW an additional presence in the Rocky Mountains.

HISTORY

The Mountain West was conceived on May 26, 1998, when the presidents of eight institutions — Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, UNLV, Utah and Wyoming — decided to form a new NCAA Division I-A intercollegiate athletic conference. The split from a former 16-team conference re-established continuity and stability among the membership within the new league and signaled the continuation of its tradition-rich, long-standing athletic rivalries. Three of the MW's eight original members have been conference rivals since the 1960s (New Mexico, Wyoming and Colorado State), while San Diego State (1978) and Air Force (1980) were longtime members as well. UNLV and TCU entered the fold in 1996 and the Rebels continued as one of the original eight institutions that formed the MW in 1999. TCU re-joined the group with its first year of competition in the Mountain West in 2005-06. With conference realignment sweeping the nation in recent years, the MW has been proactive in addressing membership changes. Boise State University joined the Mountain West in 2011-12, followed by Fresno State and the University of Nevada on July 1, 2012. Also on July 1, 2012, the University



of Hawai'i became a football-only member of the Conference. On July 1, 2013, the Mountain West further expanded when San José State University and Utah State University joined the Conference, bringing to 11 the number of full-time member institutions and 12 football-playing members. On July 1, 2014, the Colorado College women's soccer program became the first non-football affiliate member of the Mountain West, expanding that sport to 12 Conference participants.

When the Mountain West officially began operations on July 1, 1999, the new league had in place a seven-year contract with ESPN, giving the broadcast entity exclusive national television rights to MW football and men's basketball, and three-year agreements to send the league's football champion to the Liberty Bowl and a second team to the Las Vegas Bowl. Commissioner Thompson also arranged a third bowl tie-in each of the first three seasons (1999 Motor City, 2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans) before securing a four-year deal with the Emerald Bowl in San Francisco in 2002.

Entering the 2020 season, the MW has nine (9) postseason opportunities, including a spot in a New Year's Six Bowl (highest ranked non-autonomous 5 champion), five (5) primary bowl positions with the Los Angeles Bowl, Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, New Mexico Bowl, NOVA® Home Loans Arizona Bowl and SoFi Hawai'i Bowl - and three (3) secondary positions.

An innovator in the postseason bowl structure, the MW engineered many "firsts," as league teams have participated in seven inaugural bowl games (2000 Silicon Valley, 2001 New Orleans, 2002 San Francisco (Emerald), 2005 Poinsettia, 2006 New Mexico, 2015 Arizona, 2015 Cure), as well as placing the first non-automatic-qualifying FBS team into a BCS bowl game with Utah's appearance in the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and into the College Football Playoff (CFP) with Boise State's selection to the 2014 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

2019-20 IN REVIEW

From the gridiron to the diamond, Mountain West teams enjoyed a strong year in 2019-20. In football, the seventh annual MW Football Championship Game took place on December 7, 2019, at Albertson's Stadium in Boise, Idaho. The Broncos, champions of the Mountain Division, hosted West Division champion Hawai'i with the Broncos claiming their third Conference title, 31-10.





For the sixth straight season, the Mountain West sent at least six teams into postseason bowl games. The league has earned 103 bowl bids since 1999 and holds a 56-46 (.549) all-time record (2018 First Responder Bowl between Boise State and Boston College was canceled due to weather). The 2019 bowl season marked the 12th consecutive year the MW sent at least five teams to bowls and the 16th time overall since the league's inception. The seven bowl participants marked the most since 2016 and tied for second-most all-time (eight in 2015).

San Diego State captured the Mountain West regular-season men's basketball title, while Utah State won the tournament championship for the second year in a row. The Aztecs finished the season as one of three teams in men's Division I hoops with just two losses. In addition, SDSU was the first program to reach 30 victories this year. San Diego State finished the campaign ranked No. 6 in both major polls and climbed as high as No. 4 during the 12th week of the season.

In women's basketball, Fresno State won its first outright Mountain West regular-season title with a 16-2 Conference record. Boise State won its fourth-consecutive Conference tournament title, defeating the Bulldogs to become the first program to win the league tournament four-straight seasons. The postseason in men's and women's basketball was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In women's volleyball, Colorado State earned its 25th consecutive NCAA tournament appearance, while securing the programs 16th Mountain West title. The Rams concluded the season with an NCAA tournament loss in the opening round against South Carolina after posting a 29-2 record,

including 18-0 in MW play. Boise State, UNLV and Wyoming all participated in the NIVC.

After back-to-back regular-season titles, Boise State earned its first MW title in women's soccer in 2019, as the Broncos made their second overall NCAA Tournament appearance and first since joining the MW.

In cross country, the New Mexico women's program won its 12-straight MW title, while the Utah State men's program earned its first Conference title. UNM junior Weini Kelati won the NCAA individual championship in the 6K, crossing the finish line in a time of 19:47.5 and with an impressive 9.6-second margin of victory.

During the indoor track season, a total of 17 All-American honors were earned by Mountain West student-athletes following the 2020 indoor season. For the second year in a row, Colorado State claimed the Mountain West Men's Indoor Track & Field Championship, while UNLV won the MW Women's Indoor Track & Field Championship. It marked the fourth MW championship for the Colorado State men's indoor track & field program and the second for the UNLV women's track & field program.

In women's swimming and diving, San Diego State won its second-consecutive Mountain West title and fifth overall, while nine MW student-athletes earned CSCAA All-American honors.

On March 12, the Mountain West Board of Directors canceled all spring sports competitions and MW championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ultimately shortening the seasons for baseball, men's and women's golf, softball, men's and women's tennis and outdoor track and field.

ACHIEVEMENT

The MW has produced 1,545 All-America selections among its 18 sponsored sports (men's swimming was discontinued as a Conference sport following the 2010-11 season) in the last 20 years, including a league-record 103 All-America honorees in 2016-17. A total of 208 MW student-athletes have also earned Academic All-America accolades in that span. The Mountain West has sent at least 25 teams to NCAA postseason events in each of the past 21 years, capturing five team national championships in women's cross country and producing 50 individual national champions in the sports of men's golf, men's cross country, women's diving, and men's and women's indoor track & field and outdoor track & field.

Mountain West members have participated in 103 bowl games under the league umbrella, including four appearances in BCS games and one CFP game. The MW has earned 84 postseason bids in men's basketball, with six Sweet 16 appearances, as well as three NIT Final Four berths. MW women's basketball has tallied 81 postseason slots, including 38 NCAA bids, five Sweet 16 appearances and one Elite Eight berth since 2000. Wyoming won the MW's first WNIT championship in 2007 with a win over Wisconsin. In women's volleyball, the MW has had 44 NCAA bids with nine Sweet 16 berths and one Elite Eight appearance. Women's soccer has earned 34 NCAA bids since 1999, with two Sweet 16 berths and one Elite Eight appearance. Mountain West men's golf has sent at least three teams to the NCAA Men's Golf Regionals in each of its 20 years, while women's golf has had at least three teams participate in NCAA Regionals 15 of the last 20 years.

MOUNTAIN WEST QUICK FACTS

Founded: July 1, 1999

Members for the 2018-19 academic year: Air Force, Boise State, Colorado State, Colorado College (women's soccer only), Fresno State, Hawai'i (football only), Nevada, New Mexico, San Diego State, San José State, UNLV, Utah State, Wyoming

Team NCAA Championships: 5

Individual NCAA Championships: 50

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winners: 43

Academic All-America Selections: 208

All-America Selections: 1,545

MOUNTAIN WEST COMMISSIONER CRAIG THOMPSON

Craig Thompson was the Mountain West Conference's first employee when he was named Commissioner on Oct. 15, 1998. Ever since, he has navigated the Conference through the ever-changing landscape of intercollegiate athletics. Having celebrated the Mountain West's 20th anniversary in 2018-19, Thompson continues to create and improve opportunities for Mountain West institutions and student-athletes to be successful both academically and athletically as the league enters its 22nd season of competition.

Since the Mountain West opened its doors on January 4, 1999, the league has been progressive in its approach and has flourished under the Thompson's guidance. He has been instrumental in negotiating nearly \$600 million in television revenue and has been an innovator in the postseason bowl structure as MW teams have participated in six inaugural bowl games.

As conference realignment spread throughout the collegiate landscape, Thompson positioned the Mountain West for the future with the additions of Fresno State and the University of Nevada on July 1, 2012, and San José State University and Utah State University on July 1, 2013. The University of Hawai'i also joined the league as a football-only member on July 1, 2012, while Colorado College became a member in women's soccer on July 1, 2014.

Thompson's leadership and vision have helped the Conference enhance its television revenue and exposure. In January 2020, the Mountain West announced a \$270 million, six-year media-rights agreement with CBS and FOX Sports. Beginning in 2020-21 and running through 2025-26, football and men's basketball games will be shown on CBS, CBS Sports Network, CBS All-Access, Fox, FS1 and FS2. FOX Sports also will have exclusive rights to the Mountain West Football Championship game, which will be televised annually on the FOX family of networks.

Thompson has been instrumental in strengthening the position of the Mountain West in the college football landscape - both in the previous Bowl Championship Series (BCS) format and in the current College Football Playoff (CFP) structure. In 2006, he spearheaded an effort that resulted in better access for the MW and more than doubled the annual BCS revenue on an annual basis for non-automatic-qualifying conferences. The MW has been steadfast in its efforts to find a way to make the collegiate postseason football system fair for all universities. Through its first 21 years of competition, the Mountain West has earned 103 bowl bids, amassing a 56-46 (.549) all-time record in 102 games after the 2018 PROSERV First Responder Bowl featuring Boise State vs. Boston College was canceled shortly after kickoff due to poor weather conditions and subsequently declared a "no contest".

A 42-year veteran of athletic administration, Thompson has spent all but eight of those years sitting in a commissioner's chair, making him the only active FBS commissioner with more than 30 years of experience leading a conference. Throughout his career, Thompson has been an integral part of the national landscape in intercollegiate athletics, holding many prestigious posts on NCAA and sport-specific national committees. Thompson currently sits on the CFP Management Committee while also serving as a member of the College Football Officiating Board of Managers, LLC. In June 2017, he was appointed to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee for the second time in his career, following a five-year term from 1995-2000 that culminated with him serving as Chair of the committee from July 1, 1999 to September 1, 2000.

Over the tenure of his career, Thompson has also been a member of the Executive Committee and the Director's Cup Committee of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), as well as the governing NCAA Council and various Council subcommittees. In addition, he has played a prominent role in hosting numerous men's and women's NCAA postseason basketball tournaments in St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans and Denver. Prior to his current role, Thompson served as the commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference for nearly eight years and as the only commissioner of the American South Conference prior to the merger of the two leagues in 1991.

While at the Sun Belt Conference, he spent the majority of his time addressing national trends and challenges in intercollegiate athletics, television exposure, issues relating to conference membership and promoting corporate involvement. In 1997-98, the Sun Belt instituted a comprehensive sportsmanship policy, which earned Thompson designation as a 1998 Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport. Under Thompson's leadership, the Sun Belt was active in expansion as it continued to strengthen its posture nationally, adding Florida International University and the University of Denver.

Prior to its merger with the Sun Belt, Thompson served as the first and only commissioner of the American South Conference, which boasted an NCAA national champion in women's basketball during its first year. The American South also gained immediate national cable television exposure on ESPN and sent numerous teams into NCAA postseason play during the conference's four-year history.

Preceding his move to commissioner, Thompson served four years as the Director of Communications for the Metro Conference in Atlanta. While at the Metro, he directed the communications operations and administered conference championship events. Thompson originated the Metro Conference Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association, began a weekly radio program with over 300 affiliate stations, and originated a weekly satellite video program involving all Metro institutions. He also took on administrative duties such as coordination of officials, scheduling of tournament and regular-season play, and handling of legislative rules interpretations.

Thompson graduated from the University of Minnesota with an undergraduate degree in journalism. Following graduation, he spent two years as assistant sports information director at Kansas State University, earning numerous CoSIDA publication awards. He then spent three years as director of public relations and promotions for the NBA's Kansas City Kings.

Thompson and his wife, Carla, have a son (Ted) and a daughter (Emma).

2020-21 BOWL SEASON SCHEDULE



DEC. 19
Toyota
Stadium
Frisco, TX
7:00pm | ESPN



DEC. 21
Brooks
Stadium
Conway, SC
2:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 22
Albertsons
Stadium
Boise, ID
3:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 22
FAU
Stadium
Boca Raton, FL
7:00pm | ESPN



DEC. 23
Mercedes-Benz
Superdome
New Orleans, LA
3:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 23
Cramton
Bowl
Montgomery, AL
7:00pm | ESPN/ESPN2



DEC. 24
TBD
Albuquerque, NM
3:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 25
Cramton
Bowl
Montgomery, AL
2:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 26
Raymond
James Stadium
Tampa, FL
Noon | ABC



DEC. 26
Camping World
Stadium
Orlando, FL
Noon | ESPN



DEC. 26
Gerald J. Ford
Stadium
Dallas, TX
3:30pm | ABC



DEC. 26
Ladd-Peebles
Stadium
Mobile, AL
3:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 26
Independence
Stadium
Shreveport, LA
7:00pm | ESPN



DEC. 26
Chase
Field
Phoenix, AZ
10:15pm | ESPN



DEC. 28
N-MCMS
Annapolis, MD
2:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 29
Yankee
Stadium
New York, NY
2:00pm | ESPN



DEC. 29
Camping World
Stadium
Orlando, FL
5:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 29
Alamodome
San Antonio, TX
9:00pm | ESPN



DEC. 30
Bank of America
Stadium
Charlotte, NC
Noon | ESPN



DEC. 30
Nissan
Stadium
Nashville, TN
3:30pm | ESPN



DEC. 30
AT&T
Stadium
Arlington, TX
7:15pm | ESPN



DEC. 30
SoFi
Stadium
Inglewood, CA
10:45pm | ESPN



DEC. 31
Amon G. Carter
Stadium
Fort Worth, TX
Noon | ESPN



DEC. 31
Sun Bowl
Stadium
El Paso, TX
2:00pm | CBS



DEC. 31
Liberty Bowl
Memorial Stadium
Memphis, TN
4:00pm | ESPN



DEC. 31
Arizona
Stadium
Tucson, AZ
4:00pm | CBSSN



DEC. 31
NRG
Stadium
Houston, TX
8:00pm | ESPN



JAN. 1
Legion
Field
Birmingham, AL
Noon | ESPN2



JAN. 1
Mercedes-Benz
Stadium
Atlanta, GA
12:30pm | ESPN



JAN. 1
Camping World
Stadium
Orlando, FL
1:00pm | ABC



JAN. 1
Rose
Bowl
Pasadena, CA
5:00pm | ESPN
CFP Semifinal



JAN. 1
Mercedes-Benz
Superdome
New Orleans, LA
8:45pm | ESPN
CFP Semifinal



JAN. 2
TIAA Bank
Field
Jacksonville, FL
Noon | ESPN



JAN. 2
Raymond
James Stadium
Tampa, FL
12:30pm | ABC



JAN. 2
State Farm
Stadium
Glendale, AZ
4:00pm | ESPN



JAN. 2
Hard Rock
Stadium
Miami Gardens, FL
8:00pm | ESPN



JAN. 11
Hard Rock
Stadium
Miami Gardens, FL
8:00pm | ESPN



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