

**KENNESAW STATE ATHLETICS**  
**2013-14 ANNUAL REPORT**



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# 2013-14 YEAR IN REVIEW

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We talk about developing champions at Kennesaw State. We take great pride in the accomplishments of our student-athletes and are deeply committed to their success as students, competitors, and leaders. At Kennesaw State, we pursue excellence in everything that we do and throughout the 2013-14 year that pursuit of excellence led Owl Athletics to many great successes.

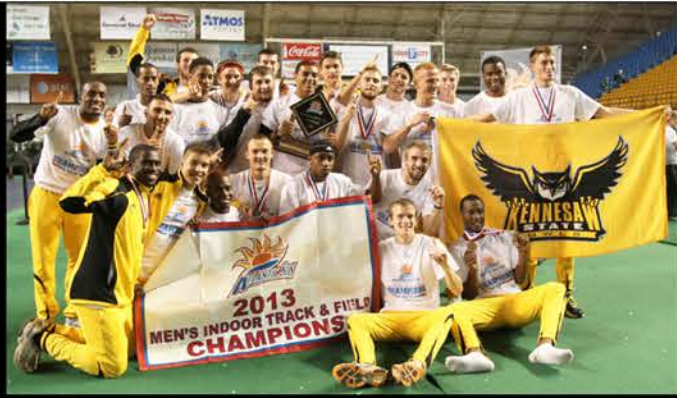
The 2013-14 year was marked by tremendous progress and growth for Kennesaw State Athletics. The momentum for our program remains strong and continues to drive our

mission of developing champions in the classroom, community, and in competition.

This Annual Report provides a summary of the Department of Athletics' most notable achievements throughout the year. Through this piece, we invite you to share in celebrating the collective victories of Owl Athletics. We hope that you enjoy reflecting on 2013-14 as we look forward to continued success in 2014-15.

# VAUGHN WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



## BACK-2-BACK-2-BACK

The Kennesaw State men's indoor track and field team made it three consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference Championships when they took home the hardware for the 2013 season. Andre Dorsey was named the A-Sun MVP while head coach Andy Eggerth added yet another Coach of the Year trophy to his growing collection.



**6** ALL-AMERICANS  
MAX PENTECOST  
ANDRE DORSEY  
CYNTHIA DAVIS  
KENTRELL WHITE  
ALICIA WHITTLE  
HANNAH WOOD

**5** NCAA APPEARANCES  
BASEBALL  
MEN'S GOLF  
MEN'S INDOOR TRACK  
MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK  
WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

**4** A-SUN FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR  
KELLY MARCINEK  
JALIL BRAXTON  
DULCIE SVERDLOFF  
TEREMOANA BEAUCOUSIN

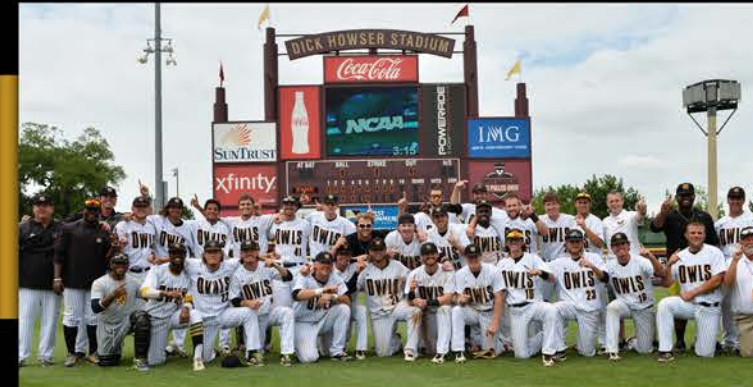
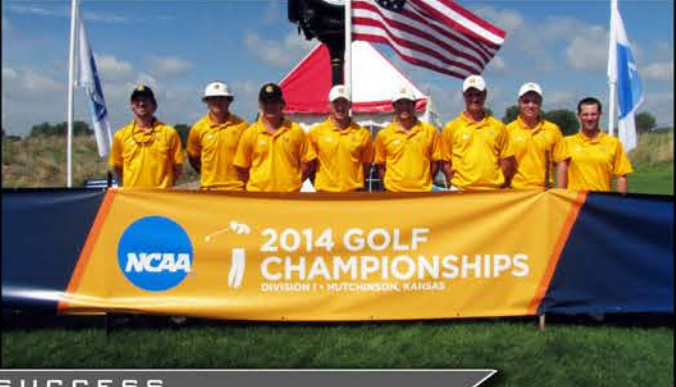
**3** A-SUN PLAYERS OF THE YEAR  
MAX PENTECOST  
ANDRE DORSEY  
KAEW PREAMCHUEN

The Kennesaw State baseball team set a new standard for **CHAMPIONSHIPS** in 2014, winning the program's first ever A-Sun Championship. The Owls then went on to win the Tallahassee Regional before competing in Super Regional action.

Catcher **MAX PENTECOST** paced the squad, earning All-American status as well as the Johnny Bench Award. Pentecost then became the highest MLB draft pick in KSU history, going No. 11 overall to the Toronto Blue Jays.

## FOUR-IN-A-ROW

NCAA Tournament appearances have become routine for the men's golf team as head coach Jay Moseley took the Owls to their fourth straight regional. Jimmy Beck led the squad as an All-Region player while Teremoana Beaucousin picked up A-Sun Freshman of the year honors. KSU also made it to the national championships in 2014.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

KENNESAW STATE



2013-14

100%  
PARTICIPATION

832 HOURS  
DEDICATED TO  
CHILDREN WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS

2,300  
HOURS

160 HOURS  
PERFORMED BY  
STAFF MEMBERS

Kennesaw State student-athletes performed a combined 2,300 hours of community service during the 2013-14 school year, surpassing marks set by the department from one year ago.

Of those 2,300 hours, 832 were spent with children with special needs in programs from the *Horizon League*, *Golden Soldiers*, *Alexis Kaiser Foundation* and *Special Olympics*.

The Owls also came out in full force with every team participating in community service and special outreach events throughout the year.

The student-athletes were not the only ones keeping busy during the year; KSU Department of Athletics staff pitched in with 160 hours of their own. Coaches, administrators and

everyone in between participated in events ranging from *MUST Ministries*, *Habitat for Humanity* and *Open Hand Food Delivery*.



# JIMMY BECK

Named the Atlantic Sun Conference Scholar Athlete of the Year for men's golf.

## A-SUN PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

- Kelsey Barr
- Nicole Calder
- Jonathan Klotz
- Heather Morris
- Christie Leverette

## A-SUN COMMISSIONER SCHOLARS

- Katrina Frost
- Jewelia Strickland
- Alexandra Apostu
- Sara Metroka

# 52 GRADUATES



# 3.15 GPA

compiled by Kennesaw State

student-athletes during the fall 2013 semester, the highest average grade point average ever recorded by the department. The Owls then backed up the record-setting performance with a 3.0 mark during the spring semester.

# 70%

of all Kennesaw State student-

athletes earned a grade point average of 3.0 or above in 2013-14. Better yet, 13 out of the 15 teams competing earned an average of a 3.0 or better in the classroom.

During its second year, **THE OWLS FUND** once again experienced tremendous growth. With the Letter of Intent Program for Kennesaw State Football as a driving force, The Owls Fund more than tripled both its donor base and dollars raised for the annual fund. Looking ahead, the Department of Athletics anticipates that the growth of The Owls Fund will continue at a steady rate as preparations are made for the Football Seat Selection Process in February 2015. All dollars raised through the annual giving program support the Department of Athletics as a whole, providing both financial support for scholarships and critical budgetary needs.

This year, the department experienced a **245.8%** increase in dollars raised for the annual fund while The Owls Fund donor

base increased by **201.9%**. Donations for the fiscal year exceeded **\$440,000**, including the annual fund, restricted donations, gifts-in-kind, and proceeds from the Dot Martin Scholarship Golf Classic.



**FIFTH THIRD BANK**

COMMITTED \$5 MILLION OVER 10 YEARS TO SECURE THE NAMING RIGHTS TO KSU STADIUM.



**SUPERIOR PLUMBING**

COMMITTED \$1.5 MILLION OVER 10 YEARS AND SECURED THE NAMING RIGHTS TO THE LOGE SECTION AT FIFTH THIRD BANK STADIUM.

**NEW PARTNERS**



**HENSSLER FINANCIAL**

COMMITTED \$575,000 OVER SEVEN YEARS AND IS THE MAIN SUPPORTER OF THE OWLS CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE.



**WELLSTAR**

COMMITTED \$2.75 MILLION OVER 10 YEARS AND BECAME THE OFFICIAL HEALTH SYSTEM PARTNER OF KSU ATHLETICS.

**CHANDLER BURKS**

made history at Kennesaw State on February 5, 2014 at 7:01 AM when the quarterback out of South Paulding High School became the first official signee.



**SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

will mark the first game in KSU football history as the Owls travel to Johnson City, Tennessee for a 7:30 PM match against East Tennessee State.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

is the first chance for fans to see the Owls play in Fifth Third Bank Stadium when the team opens at home against Edward Waters College.



**THE BIG SOUTH**

gave the Owls a home as the conference officially announced KSU as a member on Sept. 4, 2013.



**SIGNING DAY** saw 29 players commit to the KSU football program including Griffin High quarterback Jaquez Parks, who was named the Georgia All-Classification Player of the Year. The Owls also inked quarterback Jake McKenzie who was named the Alabama Independent School Association Back of the Year and Alcoa High defensive lineman Braylon Young, who was named the Tennessee 4A Defensive Player of the Year.

**3,000 SEASON TICKETS** have been sold for the inaugural 2015 football season as of June 30, 2014. At the conclusion of the 2013-14 year, less than 600 tickets remain available to the public before kickoff against ETSU. "The excitement and response from the campus, surrounding communities and Owl Nation has been tremendous," said Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams of reaching the 3,000 ticket plateau.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KENNESAW STATE



# STURGIS

KSU officially welcomed the newest member of the Athletics family on October 19, 2013, as Sturgis became the university's first live mascot during an unveiling at "Flight Night" in the Convocation Center.



The Owls received more exposure than ever before during the 2013-14 season, making over 50 appearances on the ESPN family of networks. KSU also made a splash in local television, radio and newspapers along with in-house productions like "Inside the Owl's Nest" and KSU All-Access.

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