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LETTER FROM THE AD

DR. CHRIS RATCLIFF | RSU VICE PRESIDENT, INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Greetings from the Hill,



In 2022-23 we continued to uphold the standard of excellence we strive to build Hillcat Athletics on as we wrapped up our fourth season in the MIAA, one of the top conference in all of NCAA Division II athletics.

That success begins in the classroom, which is why I am very proud of our student-athletes' performance in the classroom. The Hillcats had one of the best academic years in the history of our athletic program as 77 percent (131) of our student-athletes earned at least a 3.0 GPA and 47 posting a perfect 3.0 GPA. The department also logged a 3.27 total GPA.

We had 141 student-athletes named to MIAA Academic Honor Rolls in their respective sports. We also had 10 All-American scholars as well as 19 Academic All-District selections.

In just our 18th year of existence, it is a blessing to see how far our athletic program has come in such a short time on College Hill. The footprint of Hillcat Nation continues to expand every year, with current and former student-athletes coming from 39 different states and 40 countries. Our Hillcat Family is continuing to grow, and we are excited about the future.

Our athletic department saw great success this year, starting with men's soccer who fought their way back to the GAC/MIAA Tournament Championship for the third time in four seasons. Head Coach Derek Larkin was named GAC/MIAA Coach of the Year after guiding a team that featured 10 All-GAC/MIAA performers with eight named All-Region region.

Looking to defend their 2022 National Championship, softball continued to claim their title as one of the best team in Division II, spending five weeks as the No. 1 ranked team in the country and the entire season inside the Top 25. After notching their second-straight 45+ win season, the Hillcats finished their campaign with their second-straight appearance in the Central Regional Championship game.

Women's golf continued to make great strides with their third-straight appearance in the NCAA Division II Central Regional Championship. Head Coach Whitney Hocutt guided a team headlined by All-Region and First Team All-MIAA selection Lydia Sitorus and All-MIAA selections to a second place finish in the MIAA Championships, their best finish since joining the league. Ellen Loving and the Hillcats also broke the individual and team 36-hole scoring record during the Spring.

Several other teams also saw great success this past year. Men's golf's earned their third-straight bid to the NCAA Midwest/Central Regional Championship with at least one individual. Men's and women's cross country registered several top times, while men's and women's track and field saw multiple school records fall several times over this season. Baseball also reached the MIAA Tournament for the second-straight season.

The 2022-23 athletic and academic year saw the Hillcats continue break new ground. We are excited about the success we have shown, and we look forward to building on that success for an even better year in 2023-24, one we hope makes you proud to be a supporter of the Hillcat Nation.



ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY

Students First

Since being established as a four-year regional university in 1999, Rogers State University has quickly developed into a dynamic university widely recognized for its high-quality academic programs, distance learning options, and high-technology learning environment.

RSU stands as the only public, four-year, residential university in the Tulsa metropolitan area, which allows students the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the college experience while living in one of its three on campus student apartment communities. Students also may live at home while enjoying the flexibility of taking classes at RSU's three physical campuses (Claremore, Bartlesville and Pryor) or through the nationally recognized RSU Online program.

Whatever a student's path, RSU provides rigorous educational preparation coupled with personalized attention attained through small class sizes and faculty committed to student success. RSU offers a wide variety of bachelor's and associate degrees, and it most recently added its first graduate program featuring a Master of Business Administration.

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Academic quality has long been a hallmark of the RSU experience, with highly regarded programs in health care, biological sciences, social sciences, criminal justice and business. RSU's nursing program is considered one of the most rigorous in the state with graduates consistently exceeding state and national averages for nursing exams.

The university has quickly established itself as an institution of choice in the Tulsa metro for students who plan to study biology and apply to medical school, dental school or other related medical-

professional graduate programs. In the past few years, more than 100 RSU students have been accepted into health-related graduate programs.

RSU students work closely with faculty members, many of whom hold doctoral degrees or the highest degrees available in their fields from esteemed institutions across the nation. The RSU Honors Program provides an atmosphere where scholars can challenge themselves academically through specialized courses, student/faculty joint research projects and a strong emphasis on service learning in the community. The President's Leadership Class (PLC), a four-year scholarship program that fosters personal and professional development, was designed for RSU students who have demonstrated leadership abilities.

Students are able to participate in a broad selection of internships, including The Washington Center Internship Program, a nationally recognized program placing students with private, public and nonprofit organizations in Washington, D.C. The university offers international study-at-large programs to provide students with opportunities to see the world, learn about other cultures and enrich their educational experience in locations that have included Italy, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Korea.

GROWTH IN LEARNING FACILITIES

Visitors to RSU's main Claremore campus are quick to praise its attractive, collegiate appearance that blends remodeled historic buildings alongside newly constructed facilities.

The Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center, which opened in 2009, has become the centerpiece of the main campus in Claremore. This two-level, 50,000-square-foot facility combines student services programs under one roof, serves as a central location for students to study



and socialize, and provides a focal point for the RSU campus in Claremore. The facility also offers ballrooms, conference centers, and meeting rooms for the community.

A major expansion and renovation of Baird Hall on the Claremore campus was completed in 2010. The new Baird Hall has doubled in size and contains many of the leading-edge features associated with higher learning today, including modern classrooms, a performance studio, a television production studio, an art gallery, and an outdoor classroom for learning outdoors on sunny days.

Opened in 2004, the Stratton Taylor Library features extensive printed and digital informational resources, electronic databases, multimedia collections, study areas, reading rooms, computer stations, and classrooms. Additional academic facilities include a full-powered public television station, a student-run radio station, a 100-acre conservation reserve, advanced nursing facilities, an EMS classroom featuring a full-sized ambulance, art facilities, and the historic Will Rogers Auditorium.

The Claremore campus houses RSU's residential community with capacity for more than 800 students in three student apartment communities (constructed in 2001, 2011 and 2015) and family housing. Residents can choose from several floor plans within the housing communities, which are adjacent to Chapman Dining Hall (opened in 2014). Chapman Dining Hall features a dedicated emergency generator for food preparation during long-term power outages and a basement storm shelter large enough to hold all campus residents.

The RSU campus in Bartlesville is located in a nine-story building in the heart of downtown and serves as the educational anchor for the revitalized business district. The Pryor campus is located in a two-story, 38,000-square-foot facility (opened in 2014) in the MidAmerica Industrial Park, which donated the facility to address the region's workforce needs. The largest single gift in the university's history, the approximately \$10 million project included site development and construction on the 83-acre property.

A STORIED HISTORY

RSU holds a unique position as Oklahoma's newest four-year regional university, but with roots that extend back to the earliest days of statehood RSU was founded in 1909 as Eastern University Preparatory School in Claremore. The school prepared the daughters and sons of area residents to attend college. Historic Preparatory Hall, known for its iconic gold dome, was the first building on the school's campus.

However, the school closed only a few years after it opened. Taking its place was the storied Oklahoma Military Academy (OMA), which operated on the Hill from 1919 to 1971. Known as the "West Point of the Southwest," OMA has an extensive register of graduates who became great leaders, both in military and civilian life. More than 2,500 OMA graduates served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. More than 100 graduates gave their lives in service to their country.

In 1971, OMA closed and Claremore Junior College opened on the Hill, serving more than 400 students. The junior college grew rapidly in the 1970s, and by the time it was renamed Rogers State College in 1982, the institution boasted a variety of associate degree programs, distance learning capabilities, a new radio and television station and intercollegiate athletics.

In 1999, the Oklahoma Legislature renamed the institution Rogers State University and charged it with seeking accreditation as a four-year university offering bachelor's and associate degrees. Its first graduate program, a Master of Business Administration, launched in 2014 and graduated its first class in May 2016.



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



KATIE BYRD | SO.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Matt Kennedy
Years (First): 3 (2020)
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Assistant Coach: Jamen Helton (1st)

2022 SEASON IN REVIEW

Best Finish: 1st
MIAA: 4th
NCAA Regional: 10th

HISTORY

First Year (Total): 2010 (13)
Individual Conference Titles: 1
Brenda Felipe (2011)
NAIA National Championship App.: 1
Brenda Felipe (2011)
5k Record: 17:32.3
by Madison Bradshaw on 9/17/2022
6k Record: 21:22.5
by Katie Byrd on 11/19/2022

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

- 1 - Conference Runner of the Year
- 1 - Conference Freshman of the Year
- 1 - USTFCCCA All-Region Selection
- 5 - All-MIAA Selections
- 8 - All-Heartland Conference Selections
- 4 - All-Sooner Athletic Conference Selection
- 4 - Conference Runner of the Week Selections

Academic Awards

- 8 - USTFCCCA All-Academic Athletes
- 73 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll Selections
- 7 - CSC Academic All-District®
- 1 - Capital One Academic All-District®
- 5 - USTFCCCA All-Academic Team
- 20 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees

SEASON REVIEW

Head coach Matt Kennedy led the Hillcats to a successful season in his third full season at the helm. Rogers State broke into the USTFCCCA National Rankings for the first time in school history, climbing as high as No. 25 and finished the season at No. 28 after six weeks in the rankings.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Hunter Briggs, Sydney Krehbiel, Katie Byrd, Elena Fries, Madison Bradshaw, Cadence Schockemoehl, Elizabeth Ostermaier, Jillian Skalicky, Ronnie Jones, Matt Kennedy. **Row 2:** Sara Crosley, Tori Wood, Gloria Butts, Riley Coleman, Ashley Rigenbach, Brianna DeAngelis, Annabel White.

The Hillcats opened the season hosting and winning the inaugural RSU Invitational at Mohawk Sports Park in Tulsa. RSU finished with 20 team points, ahead of Missouri Southern and John Brown University. Madison Bradshaw paced the squad as she finished second with a time of 14:28.96. Gloria Butts was next in third with a time of 14:33.29. Jillian Skalicky was right behind in fourth with a time of 14:34.76. Katie Byrd finished fifth with a time of 14:37.82. Brianna DeAngelis finished sixth with a time of 14:41.29. Riley Coleman finished 11th with a time of 15:14.61. Elena Fries rounded out the scoring group with a time of 15:14.61.

In the next race, the Hillcats broke the school record for average 5k time at the Southern Stampede finishing with an average time of 17:54.89. Bradshaw also shattered the school 5k record with a time of 17:32.27. In total, four of the five scoring runner finished with new personal best times in the meet, running five of the six best times in school history.

RSU closed out the regular season finishing in the Top 5 as team in the remaining four meets.

At the MIAA Championships, finished in fourth place as a team in the 6k race, their best finish since joining the league in 2019. Katie Byrd led the squad with a ninth place finish and broke the school 6k record with a time of 21:35.75, earning a spot on the All-MIAA team for her performance. Brianna DeAngelis and Madison Bradshaw were also named All-MIAA Honorable Mention.

At the NCAA Central Regionals, Byrd made headlines again as she led RSU to a eighth place finish, their best ever, and broke the 6k school record again. She improved her record by finishing in 21:22.5, nearly 13 seconds faster than her time the meet before. For her performance, she was named to the USTFCCCA All-Region team.

In the classroom, 11 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Honor Roll with four being named CSC Academic All-District®. In addition to the team earning USTFCCCA All-Academic Team honors, Madison Bradshaw, Gloria Butts, Riley Coleman, Brianna DeAngelis and Tori Wood earned All-Academic Athlete honors which is the second-straight year with at least three honorees.





MATT KENNEDY

HEAD COACH

Matt Kennedy wrapped up his third full season on the Hill in 2022-23.

This season, Kennedy guided the women's cross country team to a fourth place finish in the MIAA Championships and the men to a ninth place finish. Additionally, he also coached sophomore Madison Bradshaw to new school record time in the 5k and sophomore Katie Byrd to a new school record in the 6k. This all culminated with Byrd earning All-Region and All-MIAA honors. Bradshaw and Brianna DeAngelis also earned All-MIAA Honorable mention honors.

In 2021, he guided the women's cross country team to a fifth place finish in the MIAA Championships and the men to a ninth place finish. He helped coach freshman Jillian Skalicky to new school records in both the 5k and 6k with her earning All-MIAA Honorable Mention honors.

Kennedy joined Rogers State in December of 2019 from Oklahoma Baptist, where he had served as Head Coach for the cross country programs and Assistant Coach for the Bison track & field programs.

Kennedy, who coached the track & field program in the winter and spring of 2020 before the pandemic, entered his first year as the Hillcat cross country coach in the fall of 2020.

In a limited season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Kennedy guided the women's cross country program to a victory in his first race as the head coach, as the Hillcats claimed the title at the Lions Club Bucks Overland Classic in Mena, Arkansas.

Under Kennedy, the Hillcats also claimed a top five finish in an unofficial conference team championship event and the Hillcats also earned an invitation to the D2 Cross Country National Invitational. Rogers State women's cross country placed eighth overall in the unofficial national championship event.

Kennedy, a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, came to College Hill after spending eight and a half years with the Oklahoma Baptist program. Kennedy had been the head coach of the women's cross country program since 2014 and took over the men's cross country program in 2018.

Kennedy guided the Bison to four Great American Conference Cross Country Championships and two NCAA National Championship appearances. Kennedy's teams swept the Great American Conference Team Championships in late October of 2019, with the Women's and Men's programs winning their respective conference titles in his final season with the program. Overall, Kennedy was named Great American Conference Coach of the Year four times and swept the honors in 2019.



MADISON BRADSHAW

Sophomore Madison Bradshaw was a critical part of the Hillcats success during the 2023 season. The Pryor, Okla. native set new personal best times in the 4k, 5k and 6k during the season.

Bradshaw started the campaign off with a bang as she led the Hillcats to victory in the inaugural RSU Invitational with a second place finish.

She carried that momentum into the Southern Stampede where she shattered the 5k school record with a time of 17:32.3 with a 10th place finish and helped the Hillcats to a 4th place team finish.

At the MIAA Championships, Bradshaw earned All-MIAA Honorable Mention honors with a time of 21:56.6 in the 6k. She capped off her season with a new personal best time of 21:39.5 in the 6k at the NCAA Central Regional Championships.





MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



BLAKE FERON | FR.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Matt Kennedy
Years (First): 3 (2020)
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Assistant Coach: Jamen Helton (1st)

2022 SEASON IN REVIEW

Best Finish: 1st
MIAA: 9th
NCAA Regional: 17th

HISTORY

First Year (Total): 2010 (13)
NCAA Division II All-Americans: 2
Baylor Harvey (2016 & 2017)
Team Conference Titles: 1 (2017)
Individual Conference Titles: 3
Baylor Harvey (2014, 2016 & 2017)
NCAA National Championship App.: 3
2 – Baylor Harvey (2016 & 2017)
1 – Team Appearance (2017)
NAIA National Championship App.: 1
Caleb Clark (2010)
8k Record: 24:07.6
by Baylor Harvey on 9/30/2017
10k Record: 30:52.3
by Baylor Harvey on 11/19/2016

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

- 2 - NCAA Division II All-American
- 2 - NCAA Division II All-South Central Region
- 3 - Conference Runner of the Year
- 1 - Conference Coach of the Year
- 2 - Conference Freshman of the Year
- 15 - All-Heartland Conference Selections
- 1 - All-Sooner Athletic Conference Selection
- 11 - Conference Runner of the Week Selections

Academic Awards

- 2 - CoSIDA Academic All-American®
- 64 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll Selections
- 3 - CSC Academic All-District®
- 1 - Capital One Academic All-District®
- 4 - USTFCCCA All-Academic Team
- 6 - USTFCCCA All-Academic Individuals
- 1 - Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete
- 8 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honoree

SEASON REVIEW

Head coach Matt Kennedy led the Hillcats to a successful season in his third full season at the helm. Rogers State faced stiff competition in their five regular season races, putting up a strong showing in the MIAA Championships and qualified for the NCAA Regionals to cap off the season.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) **Row 1:** Tyler Melton, Jackson Stinnett, Hunter Hart, Collin McHugh, Caden Goss, Kyle Ginn, Ian Conder **Row 2:** Hunter Briggs, Jon Biersdorfer, Julius Oheim, Nathan Hernandez, Joseph White, Kory Wilson, Ian Busking, Colton Storm, Matt Kennedy **Row 3:** Ty Rupert, Morne Scharnick, Blaine Phillipi, Blake Phillipi, Eric Ragan, Blake Feron, Carlos Vallejo.

The Hillcats opened the season hosting and winning the inaugural RSU Invitational at Mohawk Sports Park in Tulsa. Freshman Blake Feron led RSU to a second place finish placing third with a time of 18:48.03. Julius Oheim was next in sixth place with a time of 18:56.73. Carlos Vallejo finished 10th with a time of 19:19.67. Caden Goss was right behind in 11th with a time of 19:20.42. Eric Ragan finished 12th with a time of 19:21.24. Hunter Hart finished in 17th with a time of 19:37.29. Morne Scharnick rounded out the scoring group with a time of 19:42.92.

In the Southern Stampede, Feron once again led the Hillcats as he ran the seventh-best 8k time with a finish in 25:32.6. Kory Wilson, Eric Ragan, Hunter Hart and Caden Goss rounded out the scoring group for RSU.

The Hillcats finished ninth at the MIAA Championships with an average time of 25:41.06 in the 8k race. Oheim led RSU with a time of 25:18.64, which is the fifth best time in school history. Ragan, Wilson, Feron and Hart rounded out the scoring team for the Hillcats.

At the NCAA Central Regionals, RSU finished as the best team from Oklahoma in 17th place out of 30 teams. Oheim again led the Hillcats with a new personal best time of 30:53.1 in the 10k, which is the second-best time in school history. Feron, Ragan, Wilson and Goss all finished with personal best times and ran the third, fourth and seventh best times in school history, respectively.

In the classroom, 16 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Jon Biersdorfer, Collin McHugh, Carlos Vallejo and Kory Wilson were all named CSC Academic All-Region. Additionally, RSU earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Team honors.





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HEAD COACH

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In 2021, Kennedy guided the women's cross country team to a fifth place finish in the MIAA Championships and the men to a ninth place finish. He also coached Garrison Blanton to the fourth-best 10k time school history and Julius Oheim to the seventh best 8k time in school history.

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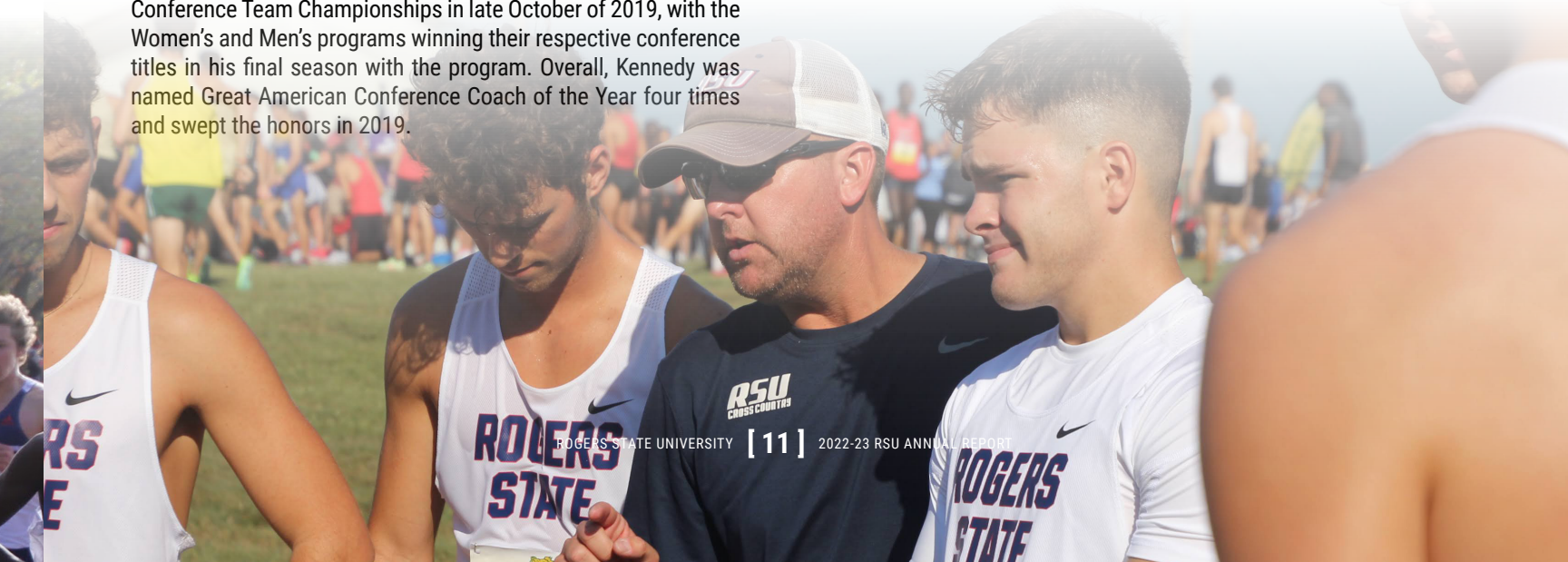
HUNTER HART

Senior Hunter Hart capped off his RSU career with a strong finish to his time with the Hillcats. The Oklahoma City, Okla. native was a part of the scoring team in three of four meets he ran.

Hart started the season off with a new personal best 6k time in the inaugural RSU Invite, and helped the team to a second place finish overall.

Hart went on to set a new personal best 8k time of 25:53.8 at the MIAA Championships. He closed out his collegiate career with another personal best in the NCAA Central Regional with a time of 32:36.5 in the 10k race.

A nursing major, Hart was awarded the prestigious Hillcat Award at the 2023 OMAs. This award is a career achievement award given to a senior who is exhausting their eligibility or is not returning for a 5th year.





WOMEN'S SOCCER



MAGGIE BROWN | GR.

WOMEN'S SOCCER QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Chris Jones
Years (First):	1 (2021)
Office Phone:	(918) 343-7996
Email:	cjones@rsu.edu
Assistant (Year):	Elliot Cockrum (1st) Kirk Emerine (3rd)

2022 SEASON IN REVIEW

Record:	5-7-6
Home:	4-2-3
Away:	1-5-3
Neutral:	0-0
MIAA (Finish):	2-5-4 (9th)

HISTORY

First Year (Yrs):	2007 (16)
All Time Record:	141-120-28 (.536)
Home:	81-60-16 (.567)
Away:	55-68-3 (.448)
Neutral:	5-2-1 (.688)
Conference:	70-71-16 (.497)
- MIAA:	10-20-3 (.368)
- Heartland:	24-36-7 (.410)
- Sooner Athletic:	36-19-4 (.644)
Postseason:	8-5-2 (.600)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

- 2 - NAIA All-Americans
- 3 - United Soccer Coaches All-Region
- 2 - NSCAA NAIA All-Southwest Region
- 3 - NAIA All-Region VI
- 1 - Conference Offensive Player of the Year
- 1 - Conference Newcomer of the Year
- 1 - Conference Goalkeeper of the Year
- 1 - Conference Coach of the Year
- 17 - All-MIAA Selections
- 9 - All-Heartland Selections
- 18 - All-Sooner Athletic Selections
- 3 - NAIA National Players of the Week
- 9 - Conference Offensive Player of the Week
- 19 - Conference Defensive Player of the Week
- 3 - Conference Goalkeeper of the Week

Academic Awards

- 71 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll
- 4 - CSC Academic All-Americans
- 9 - CSC Academic All-District
- 5 - NSCAA Scholar All-South Region
- 8 - Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- 34 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees
- 1 - NSCAA Academic Team Award
- 1 - NAIA Scholar Team Award

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State women's soccer completed its first season under new head coach Chris Jones. The new look Hillcats season was marked by tough, bend don't break defense that saw them finish with a 4-2-3 record at Soldier Field.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Ashton Shepperson, Sarah Ovalle, Karina Gonzalez, Karsen Lynch, Iris Seamster, Delana King, Jada Lopez, Libby Doyle Row 2: Chris Jones, Elliot Cockrum, Hailey Gunn, Andrea Egerer, Hope Jensen, Reagan King, Elysee TenBrink, Zoey Johnston, Sophia Wickenden, Amber Arnold Row 3: Zette Erwin, Morgan Martucci, Maggie Brown, Mackenzie Smith, Alison Day, Cambree Towle, Tiffany Brittan, Vanessa Gonzalez, Amaris Jasso, Courtney Castleberry, Hannah Schulze

RSU started the Jones Era off with a bang as they went 2-0 in the season-opening homestand. In the first game of the year, the Hillcats rolled to a 4-0 victory over William Jewell in non-conference action with goals from four different players. They followed that up with a thrilling 2-0 win over Sioux Falls with Maggie Brown scoring just five minutes into the match. Andrea Egerer was named MIAA Defender of the Week after anchoring the defense that only allowed five total shots in the two games.

They went on to finish the non-conference slate 3-2-2 with a win over Newman as well as a draws against Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma and held leads in the 2-1 losses to No. 3 DBU and UT Tyler.

In the MIAA opener, RSU battled Newman on the road for all 90 minutes but were able to come away with the 1-0 win thanks to a goal from Hannah Schulze in the 80th minute and smothering defensive effort that only allowed the Jets two total shots. After a spell of three straight draws during the middle of the season, RSU was still in contention for the postseason, but three close loses in the final four weeks of the regular season kept them out of the MIAA Tournament.

Maggie Brown, Andrea Egerer, Vanessa Gonzalez, Hailey Gunn and Sarah Ovalle were all named All-MIAA Honorable Mention for their performances during the season.

In the classroom, 19 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Tiffany Brittan, Vanessa Gonzalez, Hailey Gunn and Iris Seamster all earned CSC Academic All-District honors.



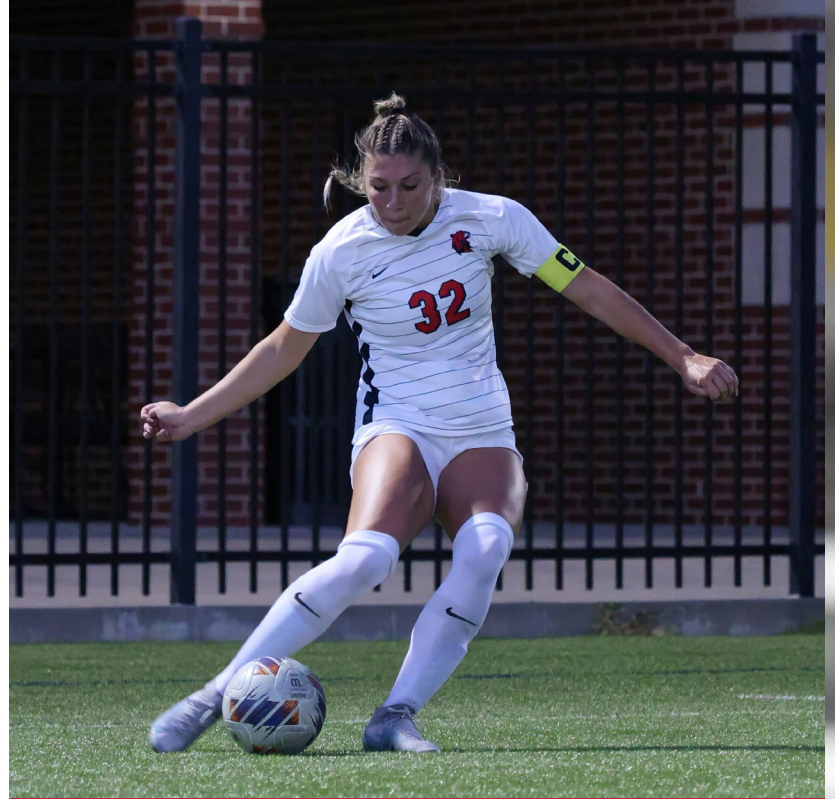
CHRIS JONES
HEAD COACH

Chris Jones wrapped up his first full season in 2022.

In his first year, Jones led the Hillcats to a 4-2-3 record a Soldier Field. He led RSU to wins over William Jewell, Sioux Falls, Newman and Central Oklahoma. Additionally, he helped coached four Hillcats to All-MIAA honors.

The Tulsa native joined the Hillcats in December 2021 after spending the previous five years as the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Jones was involved with all facets of the NCAA Division I program, spearheading the recruiting for the Islanders as the recruiting coordinator and working primarily with the goalkeepers on a day-to-day basis. In 2019, he coached the Southland Conference Goalkeeper of the Year. That same year, the Islanders tallied the most wins and best winning percentage in program history. The team earned United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award in 2017 and 2018.

Prior to his time with the Islanders, Chris was the Head Women's Soccer Coach at Washburn for two seasons where he coached 11 MIAA All-Conference players. The Ichabods tallied a cumulative team GPA of 3.51 in the spring of 2015 and an overall GPA of 3.46. Under Jones, the Ichabods saw 22 players named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll, two students named to the MIAA Scholar-Athlete list, and two student-athletes received the MIAA Academic Excellence Award after recording 4.00 GPAs.



ANDREA EGERER

Sophomore Andrea Egerer had a strong showing in her second full season as she anchored one of the toughest defenses in the MIAA. The redshirt sophomore saw action and started in all 18 games during the season.

The Washington, N.J. native led the Hillcats to six shutouts on the year and only allowed the opponent more two goals once. Additionally, Egerer also contributed two goals including a critical penalty goal in the 1-1 draw with Missouri Southern.

Egerer earned All-MIAA Honorable Mention honors for her performance on the season. The sophomore also earned the MIAA Scholar-Athlete Award and was named to the MIAA Honor Roll.





MEN'S SOCCER



GRANT KING | SR.

MEN'S SOCCER QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Derek Larkin
Years (First): 16 (2007)
School Record (Pct.): 144-94-31 (.593)
Office Phone: (918) 343-7995
Email: dlarkin@rsu.edu
Assistant Coaches (Year): Jake Simpson (3rd)
 Jordan Watson (1st)
 Bryan Weygand (14th)
 Brandon Stone (3rd)

2022 SEASON IN REVIEW

Record: 10-4-6
Home: 5-1-3
Away: 4-3-3
Neutral: 1-0
GAC/MIAA (Finish): 7-1-4 (2nd)
GAC/MIAA Tournament Runner-Up

HISTORY

First Year (Yrs): 2007 (16)
All Time Record: 154-98-37 (.597)
Home: 93-39-17 (.681)
Away: 57-57-20 (.500)
Neutral: 4-2-0 (.667)
Conference: 91-61-25 (.585)
- GAC/MIAA: 27-9-8 (.705)
- Heartland: 29-29-9 (.500)
- Sooner Athletic: 26-18-8 (.577)
Postseason: 7-9-1 (.441)
Conference Championships: 2 (2019, 2020)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

2 - United Soccer Coaches/D2CCA All-Americans
20 - United Soccer Coaches All-Region
23 - D2CAA All-Region
2 - NSCAA NAIA All-Region
1 - Regional Coaching Staff of the Year
3 - Conference Coach of the Year
2 - Conference Players of the Year
1 - Conference Newcomer of the Year
32 - All-GAC/MIAA Conference
13 - All-GAC/MIAA All-Tournament Team
17 - All-Heartland Conference
1 - Heartland All-Tournament Team
19 - All-Sooner Athletic Conference
1 - NAIA National Player of the Week
54 - Conference Players of the Week

Academic Awards

113 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll
2 - CSC Academic All-Americans
7 - CSC Academic All-District
3 - NSCAA/USC Scholar All-Americans
15 - NSCAA/USC Scholar All-Region
27 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees
4 - Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes

SEASON REVIEW

After making their third straight appearance in the conference tournament, Rogers State men's soccer continued to uphold the standard of success they set since beginning competition in the GAC/MIAA. The Hillcats put together their 10th 10-win season and spent three weeks ranked in the USC Top 25, climbing as high as No. 17.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Ethan Koepke, Kolby Bauer, Alex Laing, Artur Carvalho, Ulisses Costeira, Kyle Easley, Haydn Price, Harry Outterside, Matthew O'Reilly, Sebastian Hernandez, Edgar Nino **Row 2:** Derek Larkin, Brian Weygand, Santiago Serrano, Erik Hjertsson, Marcos Vasallo, Donal Rahill, Joe Wainwright, Callum Marriott, Michael Lennon, Luke Morgan, Matthew Sweetman, Owen Alack, Grant King, Trindon Turner, Jake Simpson, Jordan Watson, Keith Stone **Row 3:** Brandon Stone, D'Waylan McIntosh, Cin Mang, Josh Milla, Hugo Martin, Rodrigo Silva, Declan Viljoen, Blake Classen, Samuel Kong, Elijah Bustamante, Ruben Carrasco, George Robinson

In the season opener, RSU came back from a 2-1 deficit against Eastern New Mexico to claim the 4-2 win. The three second half goals from Josh Milla, D'Waylan McIntosh and Grant King put the Hillcats on top. Declan Viljoen also had a strong showing in goal to start the year as he only allowed two goals with nine saves.

The RSU closed out the non-conference schedule with a 2-3-2 record, with a 2-1 win over Missouri S&T on the road and 1-1 and scoreless draws over Drury and rival Oklahoma Christian, respectively.

After starting GAC/MIAA play with three-straight draws, RSU roared to life they went on a 6-1 run in their next seven games, including a thrilling 2-1 win over rival Northeastern State and finished out the regular season with 0-0 draw against Fort Hays State and a 5-0 rout of Newman.

The Hillcats earned the No. 2-seed in the GAC/MIAA Tournament took down Fort Hays State with a 2-1 win in the semifinal round to advance to the Championship. Unfortunately, they came up short against Southern Nazarene in a hard-fought 1-0 match to close out the season.

RSU hauled in the accolades in the postseason as Derek Larkin was named GAC/MIAA Coach of the Year with George Robinson, Luke Morgan, Sebastian Hernandez and Declan Viljoen named First Team All-GAC/MIAA. Marcos Vasallo, Josh Milla and Trindon Turner earned Second Team All-MIAA honors, with Grant King, Michael Lennon and Donal Rahill named All-GAC/MIAA Honorable Mention. Viljoen, Morgan and Robinson all earned USC All-Region honors.

In the classroom, King, Hernandez, Rahill, Robinson, Turner and Matthew Sweetman were all named CSC Academic All-Region. Robinson also earned USC Scholar All-American honors.





DEREK LARKIN
HEAD COACH

Derek Larkin wrapped up his 16th season leading the Rogers State men's soccer team after creating the program in 2007. Larkin has established a winning tradition on the Hill, leading the Hillcats to a 154-98-37 record

in 16 seasons, including an undefeated season sweeping the GAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships in Spring 2021. The double came in defense of the program's first conference championship in 2019.

In 2022, Larkin guided the Hillcats back to the GAC/MIAA Tournament Championship for the third time in four years and was named GAC/MIAA Coach of the Year for this performance. RSU ranked in the Top 25 for three weeks, climbing as high as No. 17. They finished the year ranked second in the GAC/MIAA with a record of 10-4-6 (7-1-4).

Over the last four seasons, Larkin has coached the program's first two NCAA All-America selections, forward Jake Simpson and goalkeeper Dillon Dean. Simpson was also named an Academic All-American. Hillcats have also earned 31 athlete of the week honors, 33 all-conference awards, two conference players of the year, and had 26 academic honor roll recipients.

During his 16 seasons with the men's soccer program, Larkin has amassed 14 seasons of .500 or better, including eight-straight after this year. He also has guided the Hillcats to 10 10+ win seasons.

During his 16 years with Rogers State, Larkin has coached and guided four All-Americans, seven Conference Players of the Year (two Players, two Goalkeepers, two Newcomer, and one defender), 45 All-Region/District selections and 69 All-Conference selections. His athletes have also succeeded on the academic side, as he has coached nine Academic All-American selections, 41 Academic All-Region/District and Scholar-Athlete honorees, and had two teams earn an Academic Team distinction.

Larkin joined RSU in January 2007, tasked with being the University's first head soccer coach. Before coming to the Hill, Larkin enjoyed success as the head boys soccer coach at Bishop Kelley High School from 2004-06. He led the Comets to back-to-back state championships in 2005 and 2006.



GEORGE ROBINSON

George Robinson has been a key part of the Hillcats and helped win conference championships in two of the last four seasons, playing a critical roll in the forward position.

This season, Robinson was named to both the USC and D2CCA All-Region teams and was First Team All-GAC/MIAA as he led the Hillcats to a second place finish in the conference and the championship GAC/MIAA Tournament for the third time in four seasons.

The Maidstone, England native netted five goals and six assists on the season, leading the Hillcats with 16 points. He earned GAC/MIAA Offensive Player of the Week honors after scoring game winners against Ouachita Baptist and Harding.

Robinson also put in the work in the classroom as he earned CSC Academic All-Region honors and was named a USC Scholar All-American.





WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



CHLOE MARTIN | SO.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Kyle Bent
 Years (First): 5 (2018-19)
 School Record (Pct.): 40-94 (.299)
 Office Phone: (918) 343-7883
 Email: kbent@rsu.edu
 Assistant Coaches (Year): Ashlee Pitts (6th)
 Tysia Manuel (2nd)

2022-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

Record: 5-23
 Home: 4-9
 Away: 1-12
 Neutral: 0-2
 MIAA (Finish): 3-19 (14th)

HISTORY

First Year (Yrs): 2007-08 (16)
 All Time Record: 210-253 (.454)
 Home: 123-102 (.547)
 Away: 74-134 (.339)
 Neutral: 14-20 (.412)
 Conference: 129-201 (.391)
 - MIAA: 18-67 (.212)
 - Heartland: 36-64 (.360)
 - Sooner Athletic: 73-53 (.579)
 Postseason: 8-12 (.400)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

6 - NAIA All-Americans
 3 - Conference Defensive Player of the Year
 1 - Conference Newcomer of the Year
 1 - NAIA National Championship All-Tournament
 30 - All Conference Selections
 4 - Conference All-Tournament Selections
 9 - Conference Players of the Week

Academic Awards

63 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll
 8 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honoree
 1 - Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete
 3 - CSC Academic All-District

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State women's basketball team continued to improve in their fourth year competing in the MIAA. Head coach Kyle Bent found success with a lineup that was a mixture of veteran players and newcomers.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Kyle Bent, Tangee Gagau, Mariana Minotto, Kamryn Estell, Trinity Jackson, Kylee Day, Bailey Kliewer, Chloe Martin, Tysia Manuel, Ashlee Pitts Row 2: Cayden Mershon, Fredionna Adams, Briana Baker-Bruce, Kaya Goldsby, Sydney Ellis, Jordan Lewis, Alyche Brown

After opening on a rough 0-4 road start, the Hillcats were able to rebuild their confidence with home wins against Randall and Oklahoma Wesleyan. In the 78-30 rout of Randall, three Hillcats finished in double figures with senior Bailey Kliewer leading the way with 15 points. Freshman Tangee Gagau and Sophomore Chloe Martin added 12 and 11 points respectively. In the 77-39 win over Oklahoma Wesleyan to close out the non-conference schedule, it was the freshman duo of Gagau and Kaya Goldsby who powered RSU to victory with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

RSU got their first MIAA win of the season in a 54-45 victory over rival Northeastern State. Goldsby set a career-high of 18 points. After trailing by a point at half time, the Hillcats turned it on in the second half and out scored the RiverHawks 41-31.

Kyle Bent earned his 200th career win in a thrilling 78-68 overtime win over Newman in the second game of 2023. After a back and forth game that saw the Hillcat up 30-21 at the half, the Jets bounced back to claim a 49-47 lead with under a minute left, only for RSU to force over time with a 49-49 tie. The Hillcats put the game away in the extra period outscoring Newman 19-9.

On February 4, Bailey Kliewer reached rarified air as she back only the fourth player in school history join the 1,000 career point club as she scored 13 points against rival Northeastern State. She went on to earn All-MIAA Honorable Mention honors and closed out her career with 1,065 points, the fourth-most in school history.

In the classroom, 12 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Kliewer and Jordan Lewis were also named CSC Academic All-District.





KYLE BENT
HEAD COACH

Kyle Bent wrapped up his fifth season with the Hillcats in 2022-23. His fourth season with the Hillcats in the new league saw the influx of a large recruiting class and the development of a couple freshman and newcomers into the rotation. Over the last four seasons, Bent has developed young talent to play a key role in his rebuilding effort.

During the 2022-23 season, Bent earned his 200th career win in a thrilling 78-68 double-overtime win over Newman. He also guided Bailey Kliewer to become the fourth Hillcat to join the 1,000 career points club, finishing her time on the Hill with 1,065 points (fourth most in school history).

In 2021-22, Bent led RSU to its best season in his tenure with an 11-17 record (7-15 MIAA). The Hillcats have increased their win total in each of the first three seasons since joining the MIAA. The season 2021-22 season was highlighted by two three-game win streaks in conference play, with upset wins over Pittsburg State, Emporia State and Washburn.

Under the guidance of Bent, 2020-21 freshman Shay Stone set the freshman block record at Rogers State with 40, despite playing just a 22 game season. She also fell one block shy of the school record with six in a game against Central Oklahoma.

2019-20 freshman Bailey Kliewer became just the third Hillcat to make at least eight shots and shoot 100 percent from the field, as she went 8-for-8 in the program's first MIAA win against Lincoln.

After taking over the women's basketball program in August before the 2018-19 season, Bent and Rogers State reached the Heartland Conference Tournament as the No. 4 seed, the highest regular-season finish in the program's Heartland and NCAA history. Under Bent's guidance, the Hillcats finished the season 14-14 with a 7-7 record in conference play. Lauren Schuldt, who set multiple school records during her senior season, was also named the Heartland Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Bent became Rogers State's fourth women's basketball head coach after spending four seasons as the head coach at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee. In his four seasons at MMC, Bent guided the RedHawks to four straight NAIA National Tournament appearances. Bent, with an overall record of 95-38, left Pulaski as the all-time winningest coach in MMC history. In four years at Martin Methodist, Bent coached five NAIA All-Americans and ten all-conference selections.

Bent started his coaching career by leading the University of Illinois Women's Club Basketball Team to the 2009-10 National Collegiate Club Basketball Championship, going 36-8 to lift the title.



JORDAN LEWIS

Senior Jordan Lewis has been a vital offensive key for the Hillcats in each of the last two seasons, finishing as one of the top scorers each year.

This past season, the Detroit, Mich. native finished second on the team with 182 points and 67 rebounds, averaging 9.1 points and 3.4 rebounds per game. Her season-high came on the road against Central Oklahoma as she dropped 19 points, shooting 5-for-8 from beyond the arc and 2-for-2 from the free throw line.

Lewis also put in the work in the classroom as she earned a spot on the MIAA Honor Roll and was named CSC Academic All-District.





MEN'S BASKETBALL



JOEY SARACCO | SR.

MEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Justin Barkley
Years (First):	13 (2010-11)
School Record (Pct.):	250-123 (.670)
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Email:	jbarkley@rsu.edu
Assistant Coaches (Yr):	Tyrone Brazelton (1st) Cody Johnson (1st) Jimmie Flores (1st) Cole Kinnamon (2nd)

2022-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

Record:	16-13
Home:	13-3
Away:	3-9
Neutral:	0-1
MIAA (Finish):	12-10(6th)
MIAA Tournament Quarterfinals	

HISTORY

First Year (Yrs):	2007-08 (16)
All Time Record:	323-156 (.674)
Home:	183-44 (.806)
Away:	104-93 (.523)
Neutral:	36-19 (.655)
Conference:	202-107 (.654)
- MIAA:	47-38 (.553)
- Heartland:	69-39 (.639)
- Sooner Athletic:	86-40 (.683)
Postseason:	16-15 (.516)
NCAA Tournament Apps:	1 (2020)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

- 6 - NAIA All-Americans
- 3 - NABC All-District
- 2 - D2CCA All-Region
- 3 - Conference Player of the Year
- 1 - Conference Defensive Player of the Year
- 1 - Conference Newcomer of the Year
- 1 - Conference Coach of the Year
- 48 - All-Conference
- 1 - NAIA National Championship All-Tournament
- 1 - Conference Tournament MVP
- 5 - Conference All-Tournament
- 12 - Conference Player of the Week

Academic Awards

- 40 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll
- 1 - CSC Academic All-America
- 4 - CSC Academic All-District
- 4 - NABC Honors Court Selections
- 5 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees
- 2 - NAIA Champions of Character Scholarship Honorees

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State men's basketball returned to form in 2021-22, as head coach Justin Barkley guided the Hillcats back to the MIAA Tournament and to the 12th winning season in his 13-year tenure.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Jacob Paxson, Cody Johnson, Justin Barkley, Kofi Hamilton, Caden Fry, Joey Saracco, Ugo Obineke, Griffon Rogers, Tyler Wayman, Cole Kinnamon, Jimmie Flores Row 2: Isaac Johnson, Marlo Fox, Azarien Stephens, Grant Gessert, Sherwyn Devonish-Prince Jr., Chris Whitaker, Josh Price, Gerren Jackson, Sam Davidson, Preston Lawrence

RSU got off to a strong start as they went 4-2 in the non-conference portion of the schedule to start the season. That stretch included wins over Concordia St. Paul, Drury and East Central.

The Hillcats were nearly untouchable at home as they posted an 13-3 record inside the Claremore Expo Center, including an 78-58 MIAA home opener win over Nebraska-Kearney. Four players finished in double figures in the win with Sherwyn Devonish-Prince Jr. putting up 19 points and nine assists while Joey Saracco dropped 12 points with seven rebounds.

RSU claimed major upset wins at home against No. 16 Emporia State and Missouri Southern during the season. In the 75-68 win over Emporia State, Chris Whitaker scored a career-high 23 points with Saracco posting a double-double of 19 points and 11 rebounds. In the 71-68 comeback win against MSSU, the Hillcats erased a 40-31 halftime deficit outscoring the lions 40-28 in the final 20 minutes. Whitaker led the way with 17 points, while Kofi Hamilton and Saracco added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

In the regular season finale against Lincoln, Justin Barkley earned his 250th career win in the 80-68 victory. With this win, the Hillcats clinched the No. 6-seed in the MIAA Tournament and earned a first-round bye in the tournament.

In the MIAA Tournament, the Hillcats saw their season end as they came up short in a hard-fought 73-56 game against No. 3-seed Fort Hays State in the quarterfinals.

Chris Whitaker and Joey Saracco earned Third Team All-MIAA honors with Sherwyn Devonish-Prince Jr. earning All-MIAA Honorable Mention honors.

In the classroom, six Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Sherwyn Devonish-Prince Jr. was also named CSC Academic All-District.





JUSTIN BARKLEY

HEAD COACH

Justin Barkley has been at the helm of the Rogers State men's basketball program for more than a decade, wrapping up his 13th season as the head coach in 2022-23.

Barkley's tenure with the Hillcats has been measured with excellence, leading the program to 12 winning seasons and the Hillcats first-ever NCAA Tournament in 2019-20. The Hillcats earned an at-large bid after finishing second in RSU's debut season in the MIAA.

Rogers State has hit several milestones during the MIAA era, including the highest-ranked victory in the NCAA era for the program, as the Hillcats snapped No. 11 Missouri Southern's 26-game home win streak. The win helped propel the Hillcats to their first-ever NCAA-era top 25 ranking at No. 23 two weeks later. The Hillcats have climbed as high as No. 15 in the NCAA-era under Barkley.

Under Barkley's guidance, the Hillcats finished second in the regular season standings in their first season in the MIAA in 2019-20, often referred to as the toughest league in Division II, behind only No. 1 and defending national champion Northwest Missouri State.

The Hillcats have advanced to the postseason in all seven eligible years since moving to Division II, including four seasons in the MIAA and three-straight seasons in the Heartland Conference.

Barkley coached three-straight Heartland Conference Player of the Year recipients: Jeylyn Sharpe (2016-17), JC Hartzler (2015-16), and Frederico Santos (2014-15). Overall, he has also coached three All-Americans, five all-region/district honorees, three players of the year, one newcomer of the year, 48 all-conference selections and 12 conference player of the week selections.

As a player, Barkley led Inola High School to a state championship under the direction of his father in 1998. He continued his playing career at NSU, where he spurred the Redmen to a Division II National Championship in 2003.



CHRIS WHITAKER

Chris Whitaker made a impact in his only season on the Hill. The Harrisburg, Pa. native was the offensive driver that catapulted the Hillcats to the No. 6-seed in the MIAA Tournament.

Whitaker finished the season leading RSU with an average of 14.6 points per game to go with 3.3 rebounds per game, 71 assists, 38 steals and seven blocks.

One of only two Hillcats to average 10+ points per game during the year, he finished the regular season ranked seventh in the MIAA in steals and 10th in free throw percentage, shooting 79.3 percent from the charity stripe.

For his performance, Whitaker earned Third Team All-MIAA honors.





SOFTBALL



CALLIE YELLIN | JR.

SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Andrea Vaughan
Years (First): 8 (2016)
Record (Pct.): 275-149-1 (.648)
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Assistant Coaches (Year): Malori Moss (7th)
 Taillee Reding (1st)
 Brent Payne (2nd)
 Steve Scott (2nd)

2023 SEASON IN REVIEW

Record: 45-14
Home: 16-4
Away: 12-7
Neutral: 18-4
MIAA (Finish): 18-8 (3rd)
NCAA Division II Central Regional Final

HISTORY

First Year (Yrs): 2006 (18)
All-Time Record: 584-384-1 (.603)
Home: 262-126-1 (.675)
Away: 150-179 (.456)
Neutral: 172-49 (.778)
Conference: 193-204 (.486)
- MIAA: 60-26 (.698)
- Heartland: 62-88 (.413)
- Sooner Athletic: 71-92 (.436)
Postseason: 27-25 (.519)
NCAA DII National Championships: 1 (2022)
NCAA DII Regional Championships: 1 (2022)
NCAA DII Tournament Apps: 3 (2018, 2022, 2023)
NAIA National Tournament Apps: 1 (2013)
MIAA Tournament Championships: 1 (2022)
Heartland Tournament Championships: 1 (2018)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

5 - NCAA All-American
 1 - NAIA All-American
 1 - NFCA National Pitcher of the Year
 1 - NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year
 1 - Hero Sports Division II Coach of the Year
 2 - Region Pitcher of the Year
 12 - NCAA All-Region
 5 - NAIA All-Region
 4 - Conference Pitcher of the Year
 1 - Conference Newcomer of the Year
 2 - Conference Freshman of the Year
 1 - Conference Coach of the Year
 68 - All-Conference
 10 - MIAA All-Tournament Team
 1 - MIAA Tournament MVP
 5 - Heartland All-Tournament Team
 1 - Heartland Tournament MVP
 4 - Sooner Athletic Gold Gloves
 1 - National Pitcher of the Week
 26 - Conference Pitcher of the Week
 10 - Conference Hitter/Player of the Week

Academic Awards

117 - Academic All-Conference
 2 - CSC Academic All-Americans®
 10 - CSC One Academic All-District®
 22 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees
 4 - Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes
 1 - NAIA Scholar-Team Award

SEASON REVIEW

After a historic run in 2022, Rogers State Softball went back to work upholding the new standard they set as one of the premier softball programs in NCAA Division II. Starting the season as they nation's No. 1 ranked team, the Hillcats spent five weeks in the top spot.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Jackie Zaferes, Ashtyn Barrett, Makayla Jackson, Callie Yellin, Jade Sanders, Natalie Gonzalez, Nicole Price, Chelsea Spain, Marissa Smith, Jaylan Gibson, D'Asisa Davenport, Paxton Donaldson **Row 2:** Samantha Farris, Bobbi Leitha, Beth Denney, Courtney Hill, Kaci Phelps, Lana Gass, Bridget Morales, Harley Culie, Sara Llamas-Howell, Abbey Rogers **Row 3:** Steve Scott, Taillee Reding, Andrea Vaughan, Malori Moss, Brent Payne

Looking to defend their national championship, RSU dashed out to a 19-2 record in non-conference play to start the season. The Hillcats began the campaign 10-0 before suffering their first loss.

After sluggish 2-4 start to MIAA play, the RSU righted the ship went on a 10-game win streak with series sweeps of Lincoln, Central Missouri, Missouri Western, Northwest Missouri and Newman. In that stretch, the Hillcats overpowered their opponents outscoring them 89-13 with five wins coming because of run rules.

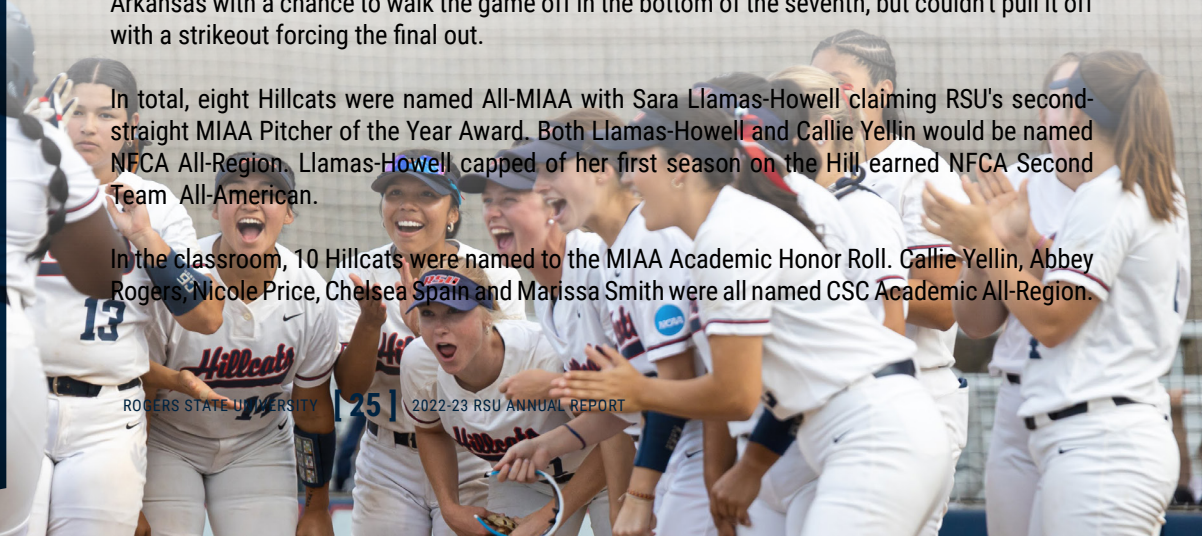
They closed out MIAA play going 6-4 down the stretch with wins over Emporia State, Washburn, Fort Hays State and Nebraska-Kearney. This performance afforded them the No. 3-seed headed into the MIAA Tournament.

In the postseason, the RSU went 2-2 in the MIAA Tournament. On the first day of the tournament, the Hillcats faced off against Missouri Western in an 11-inning marathon that saw them come out on top 6-5. They followed that up with a 4-1 upset of No. 2-seed Missouri Southern to stay in the winner's bracket. Unfortunately, they ran up against regular season and eventual tournament champion, rival Central Oklahoma in 9-5 loss. They were eliminated from the tournament by Missouri Southern later that day in a 4-3 loss.

The Hillcats punched their ticket to the NCAA Tournament as the No. 3-seed and were sent to the Joplin Regional. In a loaded regional, RSU had their worked cut out for them as they were shutout 5-0 by a stout Southern Arkansas pitching staff in the first game. They bounced back eliminating Minnesota Duluth and host Missouri Southern 4-3 and 4-0, respectively, to earn a berth in their second-straight regional championship. RSU battled back from a 3-0 deficit against Southern Arkansas with a chance to walk the game off in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't pull it off with a strikeout forcing the final out.

In total, eight Hillcats were named All-MIAA with Sara Llamas-Howell claiming RSU's second-straight MIAA Pitcher of the Year Award. Both Llamas-Howell and Callie Yellin would be named NFCA All-Region. Llamas-Howell capped off her first season on the Hill earned NFCA Second Team All-American.

In the classroom, 10 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Callie Yellin, Abbey Rogers, Nicole Price, Chelsea Spain and Marissa Smith were all named CSC Academic All-Region.





ANDREA VAUGHAN
HEAD COACH

Andrea Vaughan wrapped up her eighth season as the head coach of the Rogers State softball team after being named the interim head coach a week before the 2016 season. Vaughan was officially named the fourth head coach in program history on April 25, 2016.

This season, Vaughan managed to guide the Hillcats to their second-straight 40+ win season, culminating with Sara Llamas-Howell being named NFCA Second Team All-American and MIAA Pitcher of the Year.

In 2022, Vaughan accomplished a feat no other coach in RSU history has done by guiding the Hillcats to the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championship. She and her staff were recognized as the NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year for leading the Hillcats to a 58-10 record.

Vaughan helmed one of the most decorated rosters in school history, headlined by Andrea Morales as the unanimous NFCA National Pitcher of the Year and First Team All-American. Abbey Rogers was named MIAA Freshman of the Year and Second Team All-MIAA. Five other Hillcats were also named All-MIAA, including Elexis Watson, Bridgett Morales, M'Kayla Hillman, Makayla Bowman and Lana Gass.

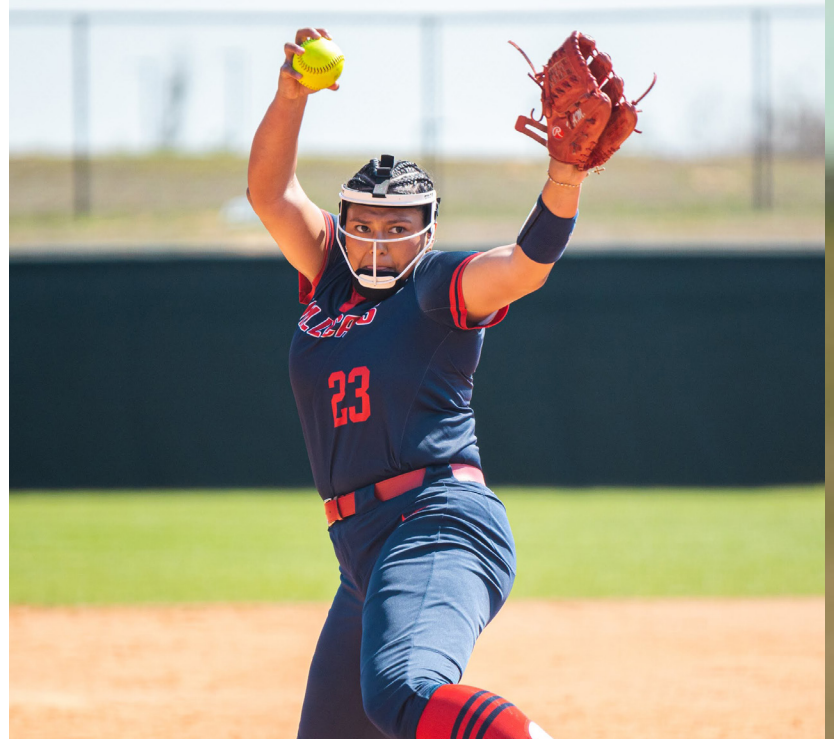
Vaughan has guided the Hillcats to new heights, leading a growth in the softball program that has taken the navy and red to the national stage. Following a 2020 season that went down as one of the best in program history, only to be abruptly stopped by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hillcats raised the bar even further in 2021.

Vaughan guided RSU to its first NFCA top-25 ranking in the NCAA era with the first poll of the season in 2020. The Hillcats remained in the top 25 all season and closed the year at No. 17 before beginning 2021 at No. 18.

The Hillcats would go on to record a 5-3 record against top 25 opponents in 2021, including a win at No. 4 Texas-Tyler and then a doubleheader sweep of No. 2 Texas A&M-Commerce in arguably two of the three biggest wins in the program's NCAA-era history.

Under the guidance of Vaughan, the Hillcat offense has added plate presence to a powerful lineup, creating a mix that was unmatched in the NCAA in 2020. The Hillcats led all levels of the NCAA with 141 walks, with the next closest being Arizona State (NCAA D1) with 133. The Hillcats also set records for runs in an inning (14 at Newman) and runs in a game (21 vs Arkansas-Monticello) in 2020.

Vaughan guided the Hillcats to their first-ever Heartland Conference Tournament Championship and first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 2018. She was named the Heartland Conference Coach of the Year and voted the NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year by Hero Sports. Vaughan led the Hillcats to their best-ever record since transitioning to NCAA Division II with a 39-20 record, including an 18-game winning streak.

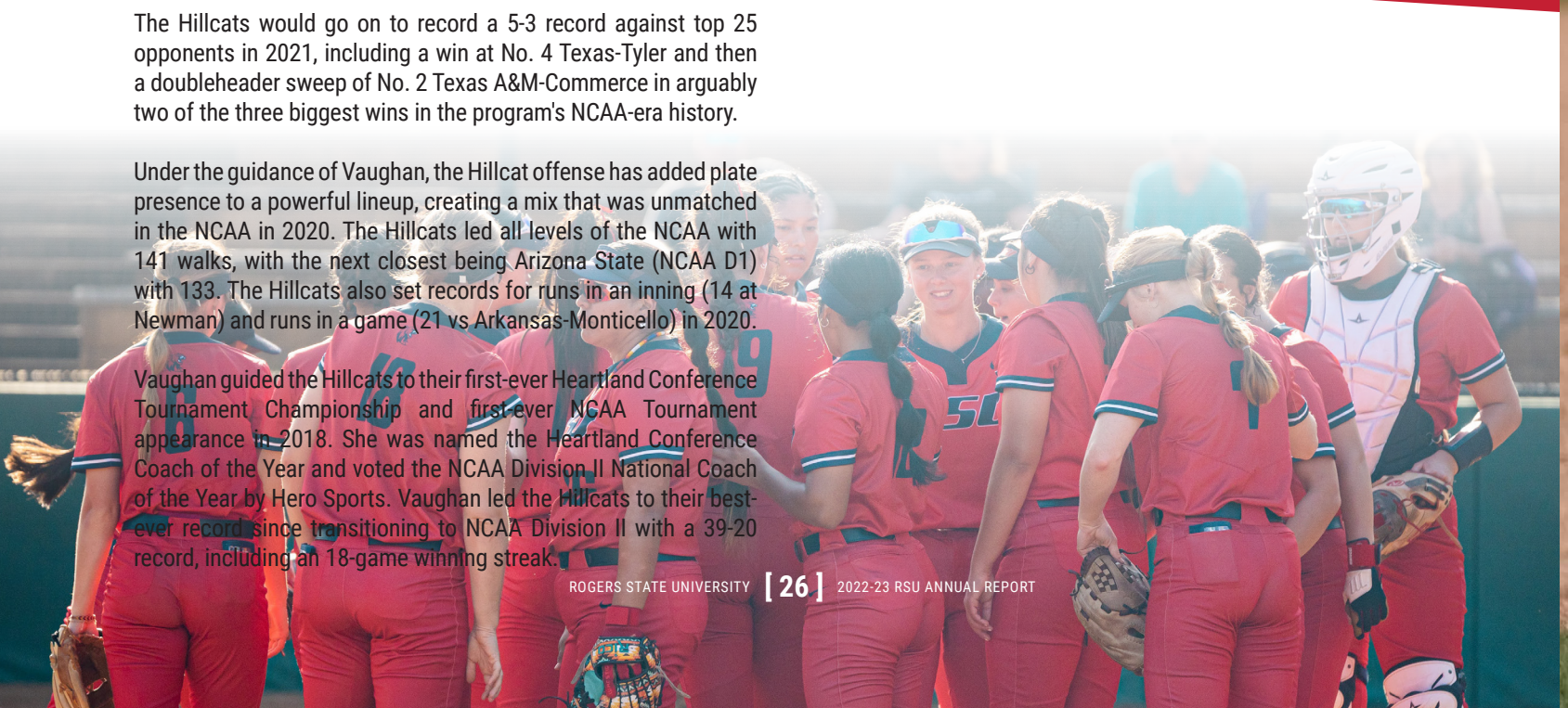


SARA LLAMAS-HOWELL

Continuing in the tradition of dominant pitchers, Sara Llamas-Howell made her presence felt in her first season on the Hill after transferring from Division I Tulsa.

The Pawnee, Okla. native finished the season with a 22-2 record in 161.1 innings with 121 strikeouts. Her 1.21 ERA led the MIAA, only allowing batters a league-low .195 average at the plate.

With a league-leading eighth shutouts, the junior was earned RSU's second-straight Pitcher of the Year Award. She was earned D2CCA and NFCA First Team All-Region en route to being named a NFCA Second Team and D2CCA Third Team All-American.





BASEBALL



GAVIN MESTAS | SR.

BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Chris Klimas
Years (First):	9 (2015)
Record (Pct.):	221-190 (.538)
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Assistant Coaches (Yr):	Bob Fannin (3rd)
	Jeff Losornio (3rd)
	Zeke Dougan (1st)

2023 SEASON IN REVIEW

Record:	26-22
Home:	15-9
Away:	10-12
Neutral:	1-1
MIAA (Finish):	14-19 (8th)
MIAA Tournament	

HISTORY

First Year (Yrs):	2006 (17)
All-Time Record:	502-378 (.571)
Home:	275-162 (.628)
Away:	187-186 (.501)
Neutral:	40-30 (.571)
Conference:	215-224 (.490)
- MIAA:	45-60 (.429)
- Heartland:	69-88 (.439)
- Sooner Athletic:	101-76 (.571)
Postseason:	24-24 (.500)
NCAA DII Tournament Apps:	1 (2019)
NAIA World Series Apps:	2 (2012, 2013)
Heartland Tournament Championships:	1 (2019)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

- 2 - MLB First-Year Draft Picks
- 8 - All-Americans
- 20 - All-Region Selections
- 1 - Conference Player of the Year
- 1 - Conference Newcomer of the Year
- 1 - Conference Coach of the Year
- 56 - All-Conference Honors
- 15 - Conference Gold Gloves
- 3 - NAIA World Series All-Tournament
- 1 - NAIA World Series Gold Glove
- 2 - NCBWA Region Pitcher of the Week
- 1 - Conference Tournament MVP
- 6 - Conference Tournament Team
- 20 - Conference Hitter of the Week
- 16 - Conference Pitcher of the Week

Academic Awards

- 138 - Academic All-Conference
- 1 - Capital One Academic All-District
- 1 - CSC Academic All-American
- 3 - CSC Academic All-District
- 16 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees
- 4 - Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes
- 6 - NABC Team Academic Excellence Award

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State baseball continued to succeed in the third full season in the MIAA as head coach Chris Klimas led the Hillcats to their sixth-straight 25-plus win season and third-straight appearance in the MIAA Tournament despite being plagued with injuries all season.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Bennett Henderson, Kole Seeley, AJ Folds, Andres De Leon, Ramon Torres, Geovanni Blackshaw, Conner Womack, Prescott Horn, Darren Daniels, Dean Grisham, Giancarlo Cortez Row 2: Chris Klimas, Jeff Losornio, Carson Cheatwood, Rece Parker, Quinn Tocheniuk, Octavia Sanchez, Jake Mitchell, Tyler Hankins, Connor Hall, Matt Lintz, Andrew McGlynn, Colton Anderson, Bob Fanin, Zeke Dougan Row 3: Nate Wohlgeomuth, Adler Isbell, Mitchell Smith, Major Due, Noah Anderson, Andrew Howard, Joel Escalante, Jorge Martinez, Ethan Rivera, Gavin Mestas, Marco Barrera, Jess Holguin, Matthew Herron

The Hillcats open the season with a bang starting on a 9-1 run including an impressive 4-2 upset over preseason No. 2 Southern Arkansas on the opening weekend of the season, which was the highest ranked win in the Division II era of RSU baseball. This stretch also saw them start 7-0 at home with series sweeps of Rockhurst and Missouri-St. Louis.

Because of this early success, the Hillcats broke in to the NCBWA Top 25 for the first time in school history, climbing as high as No. 21. They appeared in the NCBWA Central Region Poll for three weeks climbing as high No. 3.

After cooling off after the first two weeks of the MIAA season, RSU rallied to claim series wins over Fort Hays State, Missouri Western, Emporia State and Northwest Missouri. This performance along with only being swept once in league play earned them the No. 8 seed in the MIAA Tournament.

As the No. 8-seed, the Hillcats were forced to travel to Warrensburg, Mo. and face off against regular season champion and No. 1-seed Central Missouri in a best-of-three series in the first round of the MIAA Tournament. Unfortunately, the season came to an end as they fell to the Mules in the first two games of the series.

Prescott Horn was named to both the NCBWA and ABCA All-Region teams and earned First Team All-MIAA and Gold Glove honors as well as breaking the school single season record with 22 doubles. Jesse Holguin was named to the ABCA All-Central Region Defensive team as well as earning MIAA Gold Glove and All-MIAA Honorable Mention honors. Four other Hillcats earned All-MIAA honors including Gavin Mestas, AJ Folds, Rece Parker and Octavio Sanchez.

In the classroom, 19 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Horn and Dean Grisham were also named CSC Academic All-District.





CHRIS KLIMAS HEAD COACH

Chris Klimas wrapped up his ninth season as the head coach of the Rogers State baseball team in 2023.

Under his guidance, the Hillcats returned to the MIAA Tournament for the third-straight season with six players earning All-MIAA honors. Both Prescott Horn and Jesse Holguin were named ABCA All-Region.

In their second year in the league, Klimas led the RSU to its second-straight appearance in the MIAA Tournament as the No. 7 seed this season.

After his first season in the MIAA came to an abrupt end due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Klimas guided the Hillcats into the MIAA postseason in his first chance, as the Hillcats went 2-2 to advance into the final four in 2021.

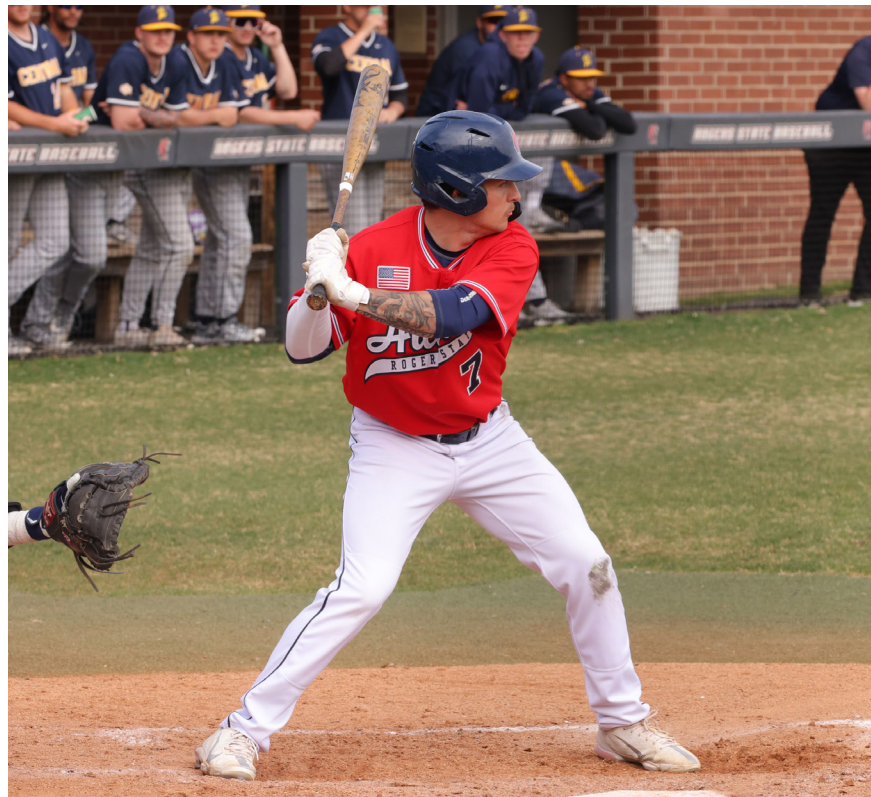
In 2019, Klimas guided the Hillcats to the Heartland Conference Tournament Championship and an NCAA National Tournament berth, advancing within one win of the NCAA Super Regional.

Klimas has overseen a steady rise of the baseball program back to regional and national prominence after being hired as the second head coach in program history in July 2014. Klimas has guided the Hillcats to five-consecutive 25-plus win seasons, which culminated with an NCAA-era best 36 wins in 2019 as the Hillcats claimed the Heartland Conference title in the final year of the league.

Klimas was named the Heartland Conference Coach of the Year as he led the Hillcats to their first NCAA-era postseason appearance. The Hillcats swept the Heartland Conference Tournament, including a pair of wins over the six-time defending champions of St. Edward's to win the title. In the NCAA Tournament, Klimas led the Hillcats to wins over #22 Lubbock Christian and #4 Angelo State in the opening two games, coming one win shy of the NCAA Super Regional.

The Hillcats have garnered 28 all-conference award winners, 18 all-region honors, and six All-American selections since Klimas took over the program.

A native of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Klimas was a two-year starting catcher for Oklahoma Baptist from 1999-2001 and graduated from OBU in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. Before his time with the Bison, Klimas earned an Associate of Arts from Collin County CC (Texas), where he was a two-year starter, earning all-conference and all-region honors in 1999. Klimas earned a Master of Science in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Sports Administration from East Central in 2012.



PRESCOTT HORN

In his senior season, Prescott Horn definitely left his mark on Hillcat Baseball. His slugging ability and defensive prowess was the driving force behind RSU's third-straight appearance in the MIAA Tournament.

The Apache Junction, Ariz. native was one of the best offensive players in the MIAA during the regular season ranking fifth with a .394 average and leading the MIAA in on base percentage (.493) and doubles (22), a mark which broke the single season school record. He also led the Hillcats with 52 RBI, 30 walks and a 1.076 OPS average.

Horn also earned MIAA Gold Glove honors in the outfield after he finished the regular season with a .956 fielding percentage only making three errors with 74 putouts and nine assists in 86 chances.

As one of the most prolific hitters and defenders in the MIAA, Horn earned ABCA and D2CCA All-Region honors and was named First Team All-MIAA. He also earned a spot on the MIAA Honor Roll and was named CSC Academic All-District.





WOMEN'S GOLF



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2022-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

Head-to-Head Record: 105-37 (.739)
Individual Victories: 1
Team Victories: 2
MIAA Championship: 2nd
NCAA Regional Championship: 6th

HISTORY

First Year: 2009-10 (.14)
All Time Record: 1127-574 (.663)
Tulsa Cup: 30-3 (.909)
Hillcat Classic: 51-11 (.823)
Conference Championships: 44-34 (.564)
- MIAA: 25-6 (.806)
- Heartland: 16-9 (.640)
- Sooner Athletic: 4-19 (.174)
Individual Tournament Victories: 12
Tournament Victories: 17
Low Round (Team): -1 (287)
on 9/25/2019
Low Round (Individual): -7 (65)
by Jessica Green (5/3/2021) & Ellen Loving (4/2/23)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

2 - WGCA All-American
 6 - WGCA All-Region Selection
 1 - Region Coach of the Year
 8 - Tournament Individual Champions
 12 - All-Conference Honors
 2 - Conference Coach of the Year
 1 - Conference Player of the Year
 2 - Conference Freshman of the Year
 15 - Conference Golfers of the Week

Academic Awards

55 - Academic All-Conference Selections
 7 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honoree
 20 - WGCA All-American Scholars

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State women's golf continued to raise the bar for the program in 2022-23, as head coach Whitney Hocutt guided a mix of veterans and newcomers to the team's third-straight appearance in the NCAA Central Regional Championships.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Whitney Hocutt, Jessica Osden, Brianna Maddux, Jaelynn Unger, Raquel Flores, Ellen Loving Row 2: Paulina Flores, Marelda Ayal, Lydia Sitorus, Kristin Gudmundsdottir

The Hillcats started the season with a third place finish in the NSU Women's Classic. They proceeded to rack up two more top five finishes in the next two tournaments including a fifth place finish in the Golfweek Division II Fall Classic. In all three tournaments, three different individuals finish in the top four.

RSU closed out the fall portion of the schedule hosting the Tulsa Cup at Forest Ridge Country Club. The Hillcats would eventually finish third in the tournament, behind powerhouses Henderson State and Central Missouri.

The Hillcats continued their strong play in the spring as they finished in the top four in all five tournaments. The highlight of this stretch came as Lydia Sitorus won the individual title and finished one-two with teammate Raquel Flores at the Hillcat Classic, with the team combining to win the tournament for the first time since 2021.

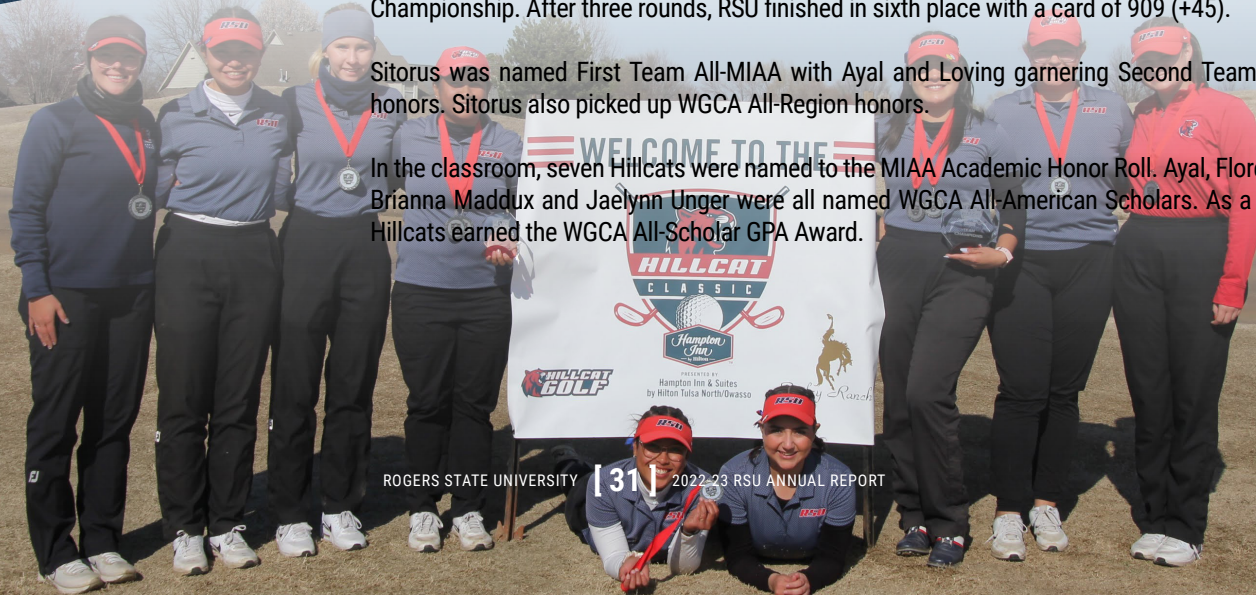
The high point of the season came at the Newman Spring Invitational in April as Ellen Loving shattered the school record for a 36-hole tournament performance shooting 132 (-12), winning the individual title. The Hillcats also broke the team 36-hole record shooting 593 (+8).

RSU pulled off their best performance in the MIAA Tournament finishing in second. Marelda Ayal, Raquel Flores and Lydia Sitorus all finishing in the top 10, with Ayal earning All-Tournament honors for her fifth place finish.

The Hillcats capped off the season with their third-straight appearance in the NCAA Central Region Championship. After three rounds, RSU finished in sixth place with a card of 909 (+45).

Sitorus was named First Team All-MIAA with Ayal and Loving garnering Second Team All-MIAA honors. Sitorus also picked up WGCA All-Region honors.

In the classroom, seven Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. Ayal, Flores, Loving, Brianna Maddux and Jaelynn Unger were all named WGCA All-American Scholars. As a team, the Hillcats earned the WGCA All-Scholar GPA Award.





WHITNEY HOCUTT

HEAD COACH

Whitney Hocutt wrapped up her sixth season as the head women's golf coach for her alma mater at Rogers State in 2022-23. Hocutt was a student-athlete and assistant coach previously for the RSU golf program.

Under Hocutt's direction, the Hillcats have set program and individual records over the last five seasons.

In addition to earning their third-straight berth in the NCAA Central Region Championship in 2022-23, Hocutt guided her team to a new 36-hole school record at the Newman Spring Invitational this season. Ellen Loving also broke the individual school 36-hole record, shooting 132 (-12) in the same tournament.

The Hillcats continued to set new standards in 2021-22, with Hocutt leading RSU back to the NCAA National Championships for the second-straight year.

That season saw the Hillcats capture six team victories, including a pair of individual victories. Hocutt coached Jessica Green to All-Region honors and her second MIAA Golfer of the Year award. Additionally, she helped guide Lydia Sitorus to All-Region and MIAA Freshman of the Year honors.

During the 2020-21 season, Hocutt guided the Hillcats to their first trip to the NCAA Regionals, where they finished in the top three to earn a spot in the NCAA National Championships in Dearborn, Michigan.

In 2020-21, Hocutt led the Hillcats to a pair of team victories, as well as two individual titles. Junior Jessica Green was named an All-American and also won the NCAA Regional Individual Championship.

Under Hocutt, the Hillcats were on a roll in 2019-20 as well, with a pair of victories, a second, and a third-place finish to lead the results in seven tournaments. The Hillcats finished in the top half of the field in every event.

Hocutt was recognized off the golf course in 2019 as well, named to the Claremore Progress 40 Under Forty list in August for her work with RSU and in the Claremore community.

Hocutt joined the coaching staff after a four-year career with the Hillcats. She was a three-time selection as the most valuable player for the women's golf team and the Hillcat Award recipient from the athletic department as a senior.

Hocutt earned a bachelor's degree from Rogers State in medical/molecular biology in 2014. She completed her master's degree in education/sports administration from East Central in 2015.



LYDIA SITORUS

Sophomore Lydia Sitorus continued to set the standard in second year on the Hill, leading RSU back to the NCAA Central Region Championship for the third-straight season.

The Bitung, Indonesia product racked up four top five finishes, including a runner-up finish at the UCO Spring Invitational. She won the Hillcat Classic in March after shooting 150 (+6) with individual rounds of 73 and 77, finishing one stroke ahead of teammate Raquel Flores.

Sitorus was one of six MIAA golfers named to the 12-member WGCA All-Central Region team, after picking up a unanimous First Team All-MIAA selection as well. She finished the regular season ranked No. 86 in the nation according to Golfstat with a 75.6 scoring average.





MEN'S GOLF



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2022-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

Head-to-Head Record: 80-68 (.541)
 Individual Victories: 1
 Team Victories: 1
 MIAA Championship: 6th
 NCAA Regional: 71st (Daniel Robles)

HISTORY

First Year: 2009-10 (13)
 All Time Record: 997-718 (.581)
 Tulsa Cup: 28-6 (.824)
 Hillcat Classic: 33-2 (.943)
 Conference Championships: 47-38 (.553)
 - MIAA: 20-7 (.741)
 - Heartland: 11-14 (.440)
 - Sooner Athletic: 16-17 (.485)
 Conference Championships: 2 (2018, 2022)
 Individual Tournament Victories: 14
 Team Tournament Victories: 23
 Low Round (Team): -10 (278)
 on 4/22/2018
 Low Round (Individual): -7 (65)
 by Luke Palmowski (4/19/2021)

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

3 - GCAA PING All-American
 6 - GCAA PING All-Region Selections
 3 - Conference Golfer of the Year
 2 - Conference Coach of the Year
 3 - Conference Freshman of the Year
 13 - All-Conference Selections
 10 - Conference All-Tournament Team
 17 - Conference Golfers of the Week

Academic Awards

60 - Academic All-Conference Selections
 4 - GCAA All-America Scholars
 3 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State men's golf continued to build on the standard of excellence set under head coach Steve Brown with the third-straight season with an individual berth to the NCAA Central Regional Championship.



(From Left to Right, Back to Front) Row 1: Steve Brown, Elliot-Han Monteremal, Ty Nicar, Tyler Collier, Jack Roche, Pedro Benjumea Row 2: Traden Karch, Daniel Robles, Tyler Cornwell, Kaden Armstrong, Maddox Bullen

The new look Hillcats started the season with sophomore Daniel Robles leading RSU at the NCAA Midwest/Central Regional Preview with a third place individual finish and a eighth place team finish in the field of 14 teams.

The Hillcats began to find their stride at the Newman Jet Classic as they combined to finish fourth with Robles again leading the pack with a fourth place after shooting a 221 (+5) across three rounds.

They closed out the Fall hosting the Tulsa Cup at the Club at Indian Springs. Freshman Jack Roche carried the RSU to a seventh place finish in a loaded field of 16 teams. The Sydney, Australia native carded a 149 (+5) over the 36 holes.

The Highlight of the Spring came as RSU claimed the title in the Eighth Annual Hillcat Classic after shooting 869 (+5) and finishing 10 strokes ahead of second place. Elliot-Han Monteremal had his season-best tournament finishing with a card of 212 (-4) over the three rounds. Roche, Ty Nicar and Robles all finished in the top 10 as well.

In the MIAA Tournament, the Hillcats wrapped up their team season with a six place finish after shooting 904 (+40) over the three rounds. Daniel Robles had a strong showing finishing in a tie for third place with a card of 219 (+3) and finished with the low round of the final day of the tournament shooting two under par with a 70.

For his performance throughout the season, Robles earned an at-large individual bid to the NCAA Division II Central/Midwest Region Championship in Winona, Minn. He closed out his sophomore season shooting 227 (+14) over three rounds in the tournament.

Robles earned First Team MIAA honors for the second-straight season.

In the classroom, six Hillcats were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll.





STEVE BROWN

HEAD COACH

Steve Brown wrapped up his sixth season as the Rogers State head men's golf coach in 2022-23.

This season, Brown guided his team to the third-straight season with at least one individual earning a bid to the NCAA Central/Midwest Regional Championships with Daniel Robles making his second-straight appearance in the postseason.

In 2021-22, Brown guided the Hillcats to their first MIAA Regular Season and Tournament Championships after winning a record-breaking eight-straight tournaments, including the MIAA Tournament. They capped of the season with their first-team appearance in the NCAA Regionals since 2017-18.

Brown coached an award-winning team headlined by Luke Palmowski, who took home his second All-American honor and MIAA Player of the Year. Daniel Robles earned MIAA Freshman of the Year and First Team All-MIAA Honors. Aidan Gavey was named All-Region and First Team All-MIAA. Gonzalo Chaves also earned First Team All-MIAA honors.

In 2020-21, Brown led RSU to five finishes in the top three, as well as leading individual Luke Palmowski to a MIAA Championships Individual title and a trip to the NCAA National Championships.

Palmowski went on to claim two individual victories en route to an All-American season for the navy and red.

In 2020, Brown guided the Hillcats to a victory and two runner-up finishes in three tournaments before the season ended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In early February, the Hillcats claimed a team victory at the Jack Brown Memorial in Laredo, Texas. Rogers State took second at the Battle at Hilton Head and finished as runners up at the LCU Chap Classic in Lubbock, Texas. The Hillcats were averaging 1.1 strokes over par per round in 2020, one of the top-scoring averages in Division II.

Brown made an immediate splash with the Hillcats, guiding the men's golf program to its first-ever Heartland Conference championship in 2018 and an appearance in the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship.

The Hillcats captured the league title with a school-record 54-hole tournament score of 845 to win by one shot. RSU advanced to the 2018 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Regional Championship for the first time since becoming full members of NCAA Division II.

Brown earned a bachelor's degree in social science from Chico State and played one season for the Wildcats. Brown also played two seasons of collegiate golf at Butte College before his move to Chico State.



DANIEL ROBLES

Sophomore Daniel Robles put up a strong second season for the Hillcats after breaking on to the scene as the MIAA Freshman of the Year last season.

The Albacete, Spain product strung together five top 10 finishes, including four inside the top five. Robles won the NSIC Preview after shooting 138 (-6) over the two rounds, leading RSU to a second place team finish. He sank nine total birdies and an eagle in the tournament, with three birdies in the final round.

Robles capped off his season with a third place in the MIAA Tournament before making his second-straight appearance in the NCAA Division II Central/Midwest Regional Championship.

Robles was named First Team All-MIAA for the second-straight year.





WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD



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2022-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

MIAA Indoor: 9th
MIAA Outdoor: 12th
New School Records: 8 (5 indoor, 3 outdoor)

HISTORY

First Year: 2014-15 (9th)
Individual Outdoor Conference Titles: 10

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards

51 - All-Great American Conference
 1 - Conference Runner of the Week

Academic Awards

81 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll
 8 - CoSIDA Academic All-District
 2 - USTFCCCA All-Academic Team
 13 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State women's track and field continued to make great strides in Matt Kennedy's fourth season at the helm. In total, the Hillcats broke eight different records, four records apiece in the indoor and outdoor season.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Hunter Briggs, Sydney Krehbiel, Hannah Anello, Katie Byrd, Elena Fries, Makenna Stutzman, Madison Bradshaw, Jocelyn Turney, Cadence Schockemoehl, Elizabeth Ostermaier, Jillian Skalicky, Ronnie Jones, Matt Kennedy **Row 2:** Sara Crosley, Tori Wood, Lilli Joseph, Madison Lemons, Gloria Butts, Riley Coleman, Ashley Rigggenbach, Rita Ojene, Brianna DeAngelis, Annabel White, Jayden Lazzari

The Hillcats started the season off with a bang as Madison Bradshaw broke her first two records as she finished the 5,000 meter with a new top time of 17:41.09, surpassing the previous mark set by Brianna DeAngelis last season.

At the Wendy's/Pitts State Invitational, Katie Byrd continued her assault on the record book breaking her top time in the mile, finishing in 4:57.10. This time was a NCAA Division II provisional mark and at the time was the second fastest time in the MIAA.

RSU saw great success at the MIAA Indoor Championships, as two records fell. The team of Tori Wood, Hannah Anello, Madison Bradshaw and Katie Byrd combined to take second place in the distance medley relay with a NCAA Division II Provisional Qualifying time and new school record of 11:59.50. This time shatters the previous record of 12:22.41 set by Byrd, Jayden Lazzari, Jocelyn Turney and Wood last season. In the 3,000 meter, Brianna DeAngelis broke the school record with a time of 10:09.47, surpassing the previous record of 10:10.74 set earlier in the season by Tori Wood.

In the outdoor season, RSU saw three records fall at the KT Woodman Classic. In the 1,500 meter, Katie Byrd broke her own school record with a new best time of 4:39.20. Tori Wood broke the 5,000m record finishing in 17:28.91, which topped Brianna DeAngelis' record of 17:33.68 set earlier this season. In the 10,000 meter, DeAngelis bested her own top time with a new record of 36:39.28

At the Sooner Invitational, Byrd broke her third record of the season with a new top time of 2:14.66 in the 800 meter.

In the classroom, 14 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Indoor and Outdoor Academic Honor Rolls. Additionally, Madison Bradshaw, Gloria Butts, Riley Coleman, Brianna DeAngelis and Tori Wood were named CSC Academic All- District. RSU also earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Team honors.





MATT KENNEDY
HEAD COACH

Matt Kennedy wrapped up his fourth full season on the Hill in 2022-23.

This season, the Hillcats continued to break records with eight new top times, four apiece in the indoor and outdoor seasons.

In 2021-22, Kennedy guided the women's track and field program to a record-breaking season with nine individual records falling and three relay top times being set. Kennedy coached freshman Katie Byrd to setting five of those new individual records and two of the relay records.

Kennedy joined Rogers State in December of 2019 from Oklahoma Baptist, where he had served as Head Coach for the cross country programs and Assistant Coach for the Bison track & field programs.

Taking over the Track program immediately before the indoor season, Kennedy guided the Hillcat Women to three different school records, including the 600-meter run, the 3k, and the 5k. Both Katelyn Alexander and Brianna DeAngelis broke the 5k record, with DeAngelis setting it first before Alexander topped the mark at the conference championships.

The 2020 outdoor season was canceled for the women before they could compete, due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the NCAA to cancel the season.

In 2020-21, Kennedy completed his first full track season at the helm of the Hillcats and his development of the navy and red continued to show as three indoor school records were set, along with four outdoor school records on the women's side. Six different Hillcats contributed to the seven women's school records on the year.

Kennedy, a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, came to College Hill after spending eight and a half years with the Oklahoma Baptist program. Kennedy had been the head coach of the women's cross country program since 2014 and took over the men's cross country program in 2018.

Kennedy guided the Bison to four Great American Conference Cross Country Championships and two NCAA National Championship appearances. Kennedy's teams swept the Great American Conference Team Championships in late October of 2019, with the Women's and Men's programs winning their respective conference titles in his final season with the program. He was named the GAC Coach of the Year in 2019.



TORI WOOD

Sophomore Tori Wood had a breakout season in her second season on the Hill. She broke schools in both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

At the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Wood was a part of the that finished second in the distance medley relay and shattered the school record with a time of 11:59.50.

The Sequoyah , Okla. native continued her strong season breaking the 5,000 meter record. At the KT Woodman Classic, Wood finished second with a new top time of 17:28.91.

Wood also set several new personal best times throughout the season including in the mile, 3,000 meter, 800 meter, 1,500 meter and 5,000 meter.





MEN'S TRACK & FIELD



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2022-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

MIAA Indoor: 11th
MIAA Outdoor: 11th
New School Records: 4 (3 Indoor, 1 outdoor)

HISTORY

First Year: 2014-15 (9th)
NCAA Division II All-Americans: 7
Alfred Thomas - 2019, 200 meters (indoor)
Alfred Thomas - 2019, 100 meters
Alfred Thomas - 2019, 200 meters
Ricky Bell - 2018, 60 meters (indoor)
Baylor Harvey - 2017, 5,000 meters
Quintin Powell - 2017, 400 meters
Quintin Powell, Ricky Bell, JaQuan Johnson and DJ Lilley - 2017, 4x100 meter relay
Individual Indoor Conference Titles: 3
Individual Outdoor Conference Titles: 10

HIGHLIGHTS

Individual Awards
 7 - NCAA Division II All-Americans
 56 - All-Great American Conference
 10 - USTFCCA All-South Central Region
 4 - Conference Track Athlete of the Week
 1 - Conference Field Athlete of the Week

Academic Awards

2 - CSC Academic All-Americans
 7 - CSC Academic All-District
 77 - Academic All-Conference/Honor Roll
 8 - D2ADA Academic Achievement Honorees

SEASON REVIEW

Rogers State men's track and field continued to make great strides in 2022-2023, the fourth season under head coach Matt Kennedy. In total, the Hillcats broke five records during the season, three indoor and two outdoor.



(From Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Row 1: Jon Biersdorfer, Tyler Melton, Jackson Stinnett, Hunter Hart, Aaron Shiever, Collin McHugh, Caden Goss, Kyle Ginn, Ian Conder, Colton Storm **Row 2:** Hunter Briggs, Julius Oheim, Nathan Hernandez, Dawson Crawley, Jayden Newkirk, Joseph White, Kory Wilson, Ian Busking, Mikehl Marion, Phillip Owens, Matt Kennedy **Row 3:** Ty Rupert, Morne Scharnick, Blaine Phillipi, Blake Phillipi, Eric Ragan, Blake Feron, Carlos Vallejo

At the Rumble in the Jungle during the indoor season, Phillip Owens won the 600 yard with a new school record time of 1:15.48, besting Jon Biersdorfer's time of 1:15.76 from last season.

Julius Oheim would break the 5,000 meter record with a new top of time of 14:15.96 at the 8th Annual Indoor Gorilla Classic, besting his own previous record of 14:56.62.

At the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Ian Conder just missed the finals by 0.27 seconds with a new school record time of 1:53.30 in the 800 meter, surpassing his own record of 1:54.60 set earlier this season.

During the outdoor season, Conder would break his second record of the season in 800 meter at the Sooner Invitational with a time of 1:52.95, passing his own record that he set the previous week at the KT Woodman Invitational.

At the prestigious Drake Relays, the team of Jon Biersdorfer, Carlos Vallejo, Nathanael Gibson and Blake Feron obliterated the school record with a time of 7:39.13 in the 4x800, which was also the second fastest Division II team in the event. This time surpasses the previous best mark of 7:55.41 set by Biersdorfer, Jackson Stinnett, Preston Turner and Vallejo last year at the Drake Relays.

In the classroom, 18 Hillcats were named to the MIAA Indoor and Outdoor Academic Honor Rolls. Jon Biersdorfer, Collin McHugh, Carlos Vallejo and Kory Wilson were all named to the CSC Academic All-District team. Additionally, RSU also earned USTFCCA All-Academic Team honors.





MATT KENNEDY

HEAD COACH

Matt Kennedy wrapped up his fourth full season on the Hill in 2022-23.

With Kennedy at the helm, the Hillcats broke five school records, three indoor and two outdoor. Ian Conder was responsible for two of the individual records.

In 2021-22, Kennedy guided the men's track and field program to a record-breaking season with five individual records falling and two relay top times being set. Kennedy coached Jon Biersdorfer and Carlos Vallejo to setting two of those new individual records apiece with both combining for the new relay records.

Kennedy joined Rogers State in December of 2019 from Oklahoma Baptist, where he had served as Head Coach for the cross country programs and Assistant Coach for the Bison track & field programs.

Taking over the Track program immediately before the indoor season, Kennedy guided the Hillcats to five indoor school records, including the 600 and 800-meter runs, the mile, the 5k, and the distance medley relay.

Under Kennedy's guidance, Nick Williams ran the fifth-fastest time in Division II in the 3000-meter Steeplechase before the COVID-19 pandemic canceled the outdoor season.

In 2020-21, Kennedy completed his first full track season at the helm of the Hillcat men and his development of the navy and red continued to show as two indoor school records were set, along with four outdoor school records. Five different Hillcats contributed to the six men's school records on the year.

Kennedy, a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, came to College Hill after spending eight and a half years with the Oklahoma Baptist program. Kennedy had been the head coach of the women's cross country program since 2014 and took over the men's cross country program in 2018.

Kennedy guided the Bison to four Great American Conference Cross Country Championships and two NCAA National Championship appearances. Kennedy's teams swept the Great American Conference Team Championships in late October of 2019, with the Women's and Men's programs winning their respective conference titles in his final season with the program. He was named the GAC Coach of the Year in 2019.



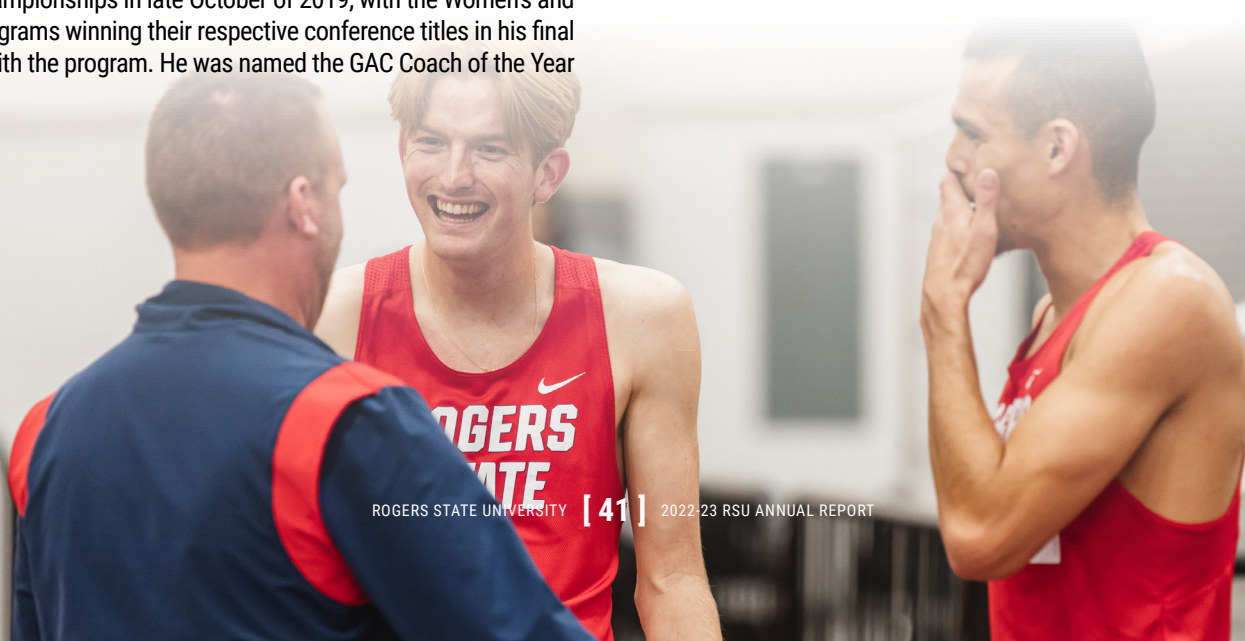
IAN CONDER

Freshman Ian Conder made an instant impact in his first season on the Hill. He etched his name in the record twice, producing new top times in both the indoor and outdoor season.

At the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, the Owasso, Okla. native just missed the finals in the 800 meter by 0.27 seconds with a new school record time of 1:53.30, surpassing his own record of 1:54.60 set at the Rumble In The Jungle earlier in the season.

In the outdoor season, Conder again broke the 800 meter record with a time of 1:52.95 at the Sooner Invitational, besting his time from the KT Woodman Invitational the meet prior.

Conder also set personal best times in the 1,500 meter at the Hendrix Invitational finishing in 4:08.45.





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ROGERS STATE INDUCTS INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME CLASS

After the announcement of its creation in April of 2022, Rogers State Athletics is proud to announce the induction of four acclaimed individuals into the inaugural class of the Athletics Hall of Fame. These individuals all made substantial contributions to the foundation of the athletics program at RSU.

This first class features four honorees who all played major roles in the history of Rogers State both in their time on College Hill and after. The members of the Inaugural Class of the Rogers State Athletics Hall of Fame are: Wren Baker (Athletic Director, 2006-10), Ron Bradley (Baseball, 2004-2014), Robin Sutherland (Women's Soccer, 2007-08), Steve Crawford (Baseball, Claremore Junior College, 1977-78).

"We are extremely proud to be inducting these four incredibly deserving individuals as the inaugural class of the Rogers State Athletics Hall of Fame," said Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. Chris Ratcliff. "When the Hall of Fame committee sat down to discuss who to include in this first class, all four of these individuals were no-brainers. Without their contributions, Hillcat Athletics would not be what it is today. All four of our honorees laid an incredibly strong foundation that we have continued to build on to this day."

Wren Baker was named the first Director of Athletics and Men's Basketball Head Coach in 2006 and is one of the individuals who is largely responsible for creating the foundation that Hillcat Athletics is built on today. In his four years in the AD chair, Baker grew the athletic department from scratch to include 11 sports. Under his watch, Rogers State formed a

special task force to explore seeking application for NCAA membership in 2010, which eventually came to fruition in 2013 after his time on the Hill.

Ron Bradley was named the first head coach of Hillcat Baseball and would become the architect of the program over a nine-year span beginning with the program's first season in the NAIA in the spring of 2006. With a career record of 281-188, he remains the all-time winningest coach in school history. In his nine years, Bradley was named a two-time Rawlings-NAIA Regional Coach of the Year and coached 19 all-conference selections, 11 conference gold glove award winners, four Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes, two NAIA All-Americans, one ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American and had three players selected to the NAIA World Series All-Tournament Team in 2012.

Robin Sutherland was a key part of the first women's soccer program at Rogers State in 2007. In her only season on the Hill as a player, she set the standard for excellence leading the Hillcats to their first Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament Championship and an appearance in the NAIA Region VI Tournament finals with a 20-3 record.

Steve Crawford is one of the former student-athletes whose time on College Hill predates the university's current incarnation as Rogers State as he was a stand-out baseball player at what was then known as Claremore Junior College. In his two years in Claremore, the Salina, Okla. native made significant contributions on the field as a pitcher and first baseman. With the Thunderbirds, Crawford pitched to a 5-2 record with a 1.37 ERA during the 1978 season and was named NJCAA Region 2 Pitcher of the Year and was named to the Regional All-Star team.



LLAMAS-HOWELL NAMED NFCA & D2CCA ALL-AMERICAN



LLAMAS-HOWELL NAMED NFCA AND D2CCA ALL-AMERICAN

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. – Rogers State softball's Sara Llamas-Howell has been named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-

American team, the organization announced on Wednesday.

A product of Pawnee, Okla., Llamas-Howell was named a Second Team All-American after finishing the regular season with 1.08 ERA, the lowest in the MIAA. The junior was responsible for 21 of the Hillcats 41 wins during the regular season with opposing hitters batting a league-low .191 against her. In 142.2 innings pitched, she struck out 106 batters (33 looking) and allowed the fewest earned runs of any starting pitcher in the MIAA. She was also named D2CCA Third Team All-American, D2CCA and NFCA First Team All-Region, MIAA Pitcher of the Year and First Team All-MIAA.

In the postseason, Llamas-Howell posted a 2.25 ERA in 18.2 innings allowing seven earned runs on 16 hits with 17 strikeouts. In the NCAA Central Regional, she guided the RSU to their second-straight appearance in the Regional Championship Game after tossing a complete game shutout against Missouri Southern in an de-facto semifinal matchup, scattering six hits with 10 strikeouts.

This marks the fourth-straight season that a Hillcat pitcher has earned All-American honors.





ELLEN LOVING BREAKS 36-HOLE SCHOOL RECORD

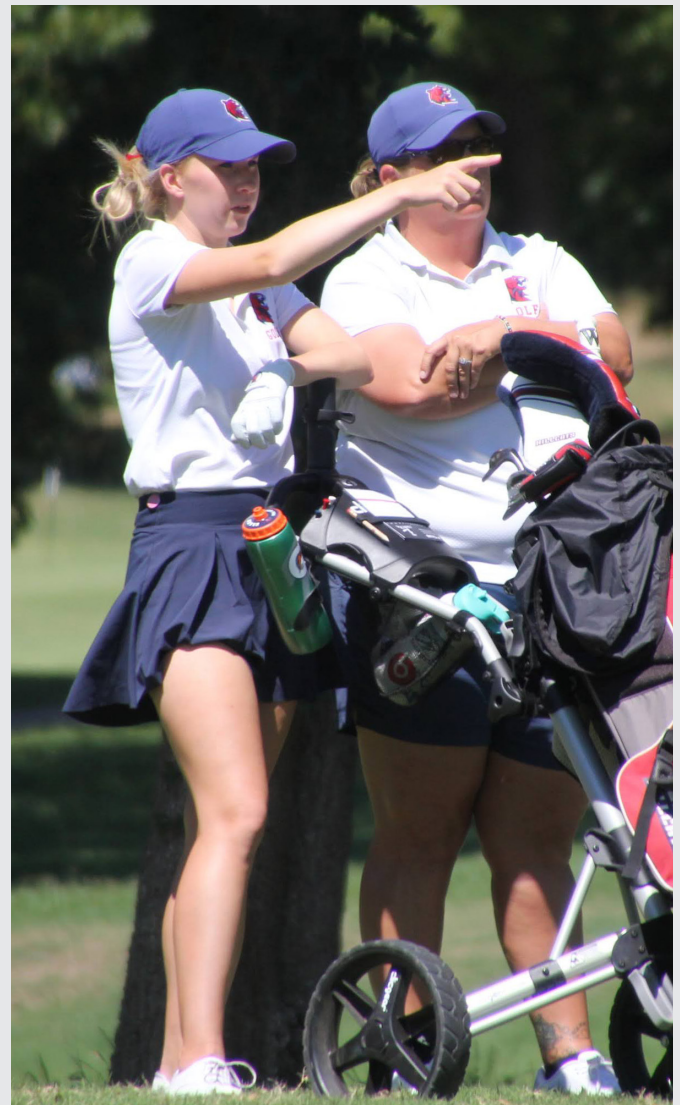


LOVING BREAKS 36-HOLE SCHOOL RECORD, WINS NEWMAN SPRING INVITE

Rogers State women's golf's had a banner day as they saw multiple school records fall or be tied at the Newman Spring Invitational.

After two rounds at the Par 72, 5,974 yard Sand Creek Station Golf Course, the Hillcats finished in fourth place with a card of 593 (+8), breaking the school record for best 36-hole team score.

Ellen Loving won the individual title, her first career tournament win, and shattered the school record for a 36-hole tournament performance shooting 132 (-12). The sophomore from Stockholm, Sweden shot an eye-popping 65 (-7) in the first round with seven birdies, tying the school record for a single round. She then turned around a carded a 67 (-5) with seven more birdies in the final round.





LARKIN NAMED GAC/MIAA COACH OF THE YEAR

DEREK LARKIN NAMED GAC/MIAA COACH OF THE YEAR FOR SECOND TIME



Rogers State Head Men's Soccer Coach Derek Larkin has been named the GAC/MIAA Men's Soccer Coach of the Year the league announced. This is his second such honor since joining the league in 2019.

In his 16th season at the helm, Derek Larkin earned Coach of the Year honors after guiding the Hillcats to a

9-3-6 (7-1-4 GAC/MIAA) record in the 2022 campaign.

Under his leadership, RSU has climbed as high as No. 17 in the most recent United Soccer Coaches Poll and No. 12 in the most recent NCAA Division II Regional Rankings.

Earning the No. 2-seed in this season's GAC/MIAA Tournament, the Hillcats have not missed the tournament in four seasons since joining the league.

In the quarterfinals of the tournament, RSU smothered No. 3-seed Fort Hays State, only allowing the Tigers only nine total shot, four goal. George Robinson would go on to knock in the game winner in the 58th minute to hand the Hillcats the 2-1 win and their third appearance in four years in the conference championship game.

Larkin finished the season with eight players earning All-Region honors and 10 earning All-GAC/MIAA honors.



2022-2023



ACADEMIC REPORT

3.27

OVERALL GPA

***HIGHEST IN
DIVISION II
ERA**

77%

of Student-Athletes have a
3.0 GPA
or above

TOP TEAM GPAS

3.66 - WOMEN'S GOLF

3.58 - WOMEN'S SOCCER

3.58 - WOMEN'S XC & TRACK

3.45 - MEN'S SOCCER

47

**STUDENT-ATHLETES
WITH 4.0 GPA**

64

**STUDENT-ATHLETES
WITH 3.5-3.99 GPA**

67

**STUDENT-ATHLETES
WITH 3.0-3.49 GPA**



ROBINSON EARNS UNITED SOCCER COACHES SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Rogers State men's soccer's George Robinson has been named a United Soccer Coaches First Team Scholar All-American, the organization announced.

Hailing from Maidstone, England, this is Robinson's first such honor of his career. Earlier this season, the junior was named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-Region team. Robinson is working toward his bachelor's degree in business administration and management.

A United Soccer Coaches and D2CCA All-Region selection, Robinson played in all 20 games with 10 starts this season and scored five goals, three of which were game winners, with six assists for 16 points. The First Team All-GAC/MIAA and GAC/MIAA All-Tournament team selection led the Hillcats to their third GAC/MIAA Tournament Championship appearance in four tries with a 10-4-6 record in the 2022 campaign.

FIVE HILLCATS NAMED WGCA ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLARS

Five Rogers State women's golf student-athletes have been named Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholars, the organization announced on Thursday.

Marelda Ayal, Raquel Flores, Ellen Loving, Brianna Maddux and Jaelynn Unger all received the honor after their excellent work in the classroom during the 2022-23 season. The criteria for selection to the All-American Scholar team are some of the most stringent in all of college athletics. Recipients must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 and played in 50% of the team's regularly scheduled competitive rounds during the year through the team's conference championship.

These five were among 23 total MIAA student-athletes to earn

this honor. The Hillcats tied with Northwest Missouri for the most student-athletes featured on the list. All five were also named to the MIAA Honor Roll this year, with Flores, Loving and Maddux all earning the MIAA Academic Excellence Award with sterling 4.00 GPAs. Ayal and Loving also earned MIAA Scholar-Athlete awards.

RSU MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY EARN USTFCCCA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM HONORS

Both Rogers State men's and women's cross country earned U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team honors along with six individuals earning All-Academic Athlete honors, the organization announced.

Five women's cross country runners earned All-Academic Athlete honors, the most in program history in a single season and the second-straight year with at least three honorees. Madison Bradshaw, Gloria Butts, Riley Coleman, Brianna DeAngelis and Tori Wood all were recognized for their work in the classroom. The award is given to student-athletes who hold a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale and finish in the top 30 percent of their respective regional championship meet, among other qualifiers.

On the men's side, Julius Oheim received the award. He is the sixth individual in program history to earn the accolade.

The Hillcat men's and women's teams were both named an All-Academic Team. This award is given to teams that have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, including the most recent grading period and compile a team score at their respective regional championship meet, among other qualifiers.

SIX MEN'S SOCCER HILLCATS NAMED TO CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM®

Six Rogers State men's soccer student-athletes were selected for the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team, the organization announced on Tuesday. Grant King, Sebastian Hernandez, Donal Rahill, George Robinson, Matthew Sweetman and Trindon Turner represented the Hillcats on the list.

The CSC Academic All-District Team recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom. Academic All-District honorees advance to the CSC Academic All-America ballot. First-, second- and third-team Academic All-America honorees will be announced in early December.

To be nominated for the award, student-athletes must be a starter or an important reserve, hold a GPA of at least 3.30 after completing one full calendar year at their current institution. Student-athletes must also have competed in at least 50 percent of the team's games during the season.

FOUR WOMEN'S SOCCER HILLCATS NAMED TO CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT TEAM®

Four Rogers State women's soccer student-athletes were selected for the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District

Team, the organization announced on Tuesday. Tiffany Brittan, Vanessa Gonzalez, Hailey Gunn and Iris Seamster represented the Hillcats on the list.

DEVONISH-PRINCE JR., KLIEWER AND LEWIS NAMED CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT®

Sherwyn Devonish-Prince Jr., Bailey Kliewer and Jordan Lewis were named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District teams, representing Rogers State men's and women's basketball.

HORN AND GRISHAM EARN CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT® HONORS

Rogers State baseball's Prescott Horn and Dean Grisham named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District® team, the organization announced.

FIVE SOFTBALL HILLCATS EARNED CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT® HONORS

Rogers State softball's Callie Yellin, Abbey Rogers, Nicole Price, Chelsea Spain and Marissa Smith named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District® team, the organization announced.

NINE HILLCATS EARN CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT® HONORS

Rogers State men's and women's cross country and track and field had nine student-athletes named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District® team, the organization announced.

On the women's side, Madison Bradshaw, Gloria Butts, Riley Coleman, Brianna DeAngelis and Tori Wood all earned Academic All-District honors. On the men's side, Jon Biersdorfer, Collin McHugh, Carlos Vallejo and Kory Wilson all earned Academic All-District Honors.

THREE RSU MEN'S GOLF STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN MIAA ACADEMIC HONORS

Rogers State men's and women's golf student-athletes were recognized for their work in the classroom with MIAA academic honors, the league announced.

Tyler Cornwell, Elliot-Han Monteremal and Ty Nicar all were named to the Academic Honor Roll. To be recognized, a student-athlete must have a grade point average used by the institution for purposes of NCAA academic certification of 3.00 or above at the certifying member institution. The individual must also have at least two terms of attendance at the certifying member institution, excluding summer terms.

RSU WOMEN'S GOLF EARNS WGCA ALL-SCHOLAR TEAM GPA AWARD

Rogers State women's golf was named one of the Women's Golf Coaches Association All-Scholar Team GPA Award winners, the organization announced on Tuesday.

With the award, the Hillcats were recognized as earning one of the top 25 team GPAs in all of NCAA Division II. They finished the 2022-23 academic year with a team GPA of 3.708 which was good enough to rank them at No. 15. They were one of only three MIAA teams featured on the list with Northwest Missouri (3.850 GPA) ranking No. 4 and Central Missouri (3.627 GPA) ranking No. 21.

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 700 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

43 HILLCAT STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO MIAA NEWCOMER ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Forty-three Rogers State student-athletes were named to the MIAA Newcomer Academic Honor Roll, the league announced on Thursday. This list consists of true freshman and first-year transfer student-athletes.

Hillcat women's soccer's Amber Arnold, Zette Erwin and Hannah Schulze along with softball's Beth Denney and Bobbi Leitha and women's golf's Brianna Maddux all earned the prestigious MIAA Academic Excellence Award for their work in the classroom. A MIAA Academic Excellence Award recipient must have a grade point average used by the institution for purposes of NCAA academic certification of at least 4.00 at the certifying member institution. The honoree also must have at least two terms of grades reported at the certifying member institution, excluding summer terms.

Softball's Sara Llamas-Howell and Jade Sanders earned MIAA Scholar-Athlete honors. To qualify as a Scholar-Athlete, an individual must have a grade point average used by the institution for purposes of NCAA academic certification of 3.50 at the certifying member institution and earn All-MIAA honors in their respective sport.

In total, 43 Hillcat student-athletes were named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. To be recognized on the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have a grade point average used by the institution for purposes of NCAA academic certification of 3.00 at the certifying member institution.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



SAAC LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello!

At Rogers State University, our student-athlete community is made up of strong dedicated individuals. Being a student-athlete, I have learned the importance of speaking up and using your voice. Our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) allows us to accomplish this. SAAC is made up of leaders from every single RSU team. These leaders represent their teams and give them a voice. Together, we unite and create the student-athlete voice!

It has been amazing to be a part of this committee and seeing how our voices impact the entire community. SAAC has taken part in various activities within the community. We have helped better the lives of two individuals by making their wishes come true. Working with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, every team did a workout dedicated to two individuals. People then donated on our social media pages. That money was collected to make those kid's dreams true.

SAAC also organized a Trunk-or-Treat. Here, the kids and families of our community came dressed up in their Halloween costumes. There was a costume contest and candy was given out. This was a great activity for our entire community to get together. Additionally, it was held during the halftime of one of our women's soccer games, so it was good way for the community to enjoy the game and support our athletes!

Another activity where SAAC participated was the Claremore Christmas Parade. Our SAAC representatives organized a Hillcat float and wished the community a happy holiday! We gave out balloons and candy to the kids and you could see how this put everyone be in the holiday spirit!

During Random Act of Kindness Day, the SAAC representatives invited all RSU students and faculty to join them and write letters to residents of Brookdale Senior Living in Claremore and Claremore Skilled Nursing & Therapy. This was a success and together we wrote more than 200 letters!

Our Student-Athlete Advisory Committee had a very successful school year. Our goal was to be the change within athletics and our community, and we believe that we accomplished it. This upcoming year, we have a lot of activities planned, and our community will be able to be a part of them as well. SAAC believes that our student-athletes are strong minded and have the opportunity to a force for change in our community! Being the president of this committee has been an amazing opportunity, and I cannot wait for this upcoming year. I hope that together we can continue to grow and impact the lives of those in our community!

Sincerely,
Raquel Flores

KLIEWER BECOMES LATEST HILLCAT INVITED TO NCAA LEADERSHIP FORUM

Rogers State women's basketball player and 2022-23 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Community Engagement Liaison Bailey Kliewer was selected to participate in the 2023 NCAA Leadership Forum. She was joined by Mariana Flores, Graduate Assistant for Student-Athlete Development, who served as a facilitator representing the MIAA. The conference was held in Baltimore, Md. on April 13-16 2023.

The Harrisonville, Mo. native has been a member of the RSU's women's basketball team for five years and has also contributed heavily to SAAC during her time on the Hill. Kliewer joins a growing list of Hillcats invited to the event in a short time as members of the NCAA. She is one of eight representatives selected a total of nine times to take part in the NCAA Leadership Forum.

The NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum, created in 1997, has served as a life-changing experience for more than 5,000 student-athletes who have grown personally and professionally as a result of their attendance.

The goal of the leadership forum is to provide student-athletes with invaluable leadership skills, a refined understanding of the relationship among personal values, core beliefs and behavioral styles, and the support of a close personal network of like-minded peers to provide continued connection and dialogue after the program concludes. This best-in-class programming experience serves as a transformational opportunity for student-athletes and administrators to build a leadership toolkit and develop vital self-awareness that allows them to realize their potential.

RSU STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

The Rogers State University Hillcat Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's (SAAC) mission is to foster open communication between student-athletes and the athletic department administration, and to enhance the student-athlete experience by developing leadership skills, promoting a positive student-athlete image, and improving the day-to-day life of all student-athletes through activities, social events, and community service

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RSU HILLCAT COMPLIANCE

Rogers State University is responsible for the actions of its coaches, student-athletes and staff, as well as its alumni, boosters and fans. The following information is intended to help educate athletic boosters and organizations, so they can best support RSU athletes without putting the institution or the individual student-athletes at risk. If you have any questions or would like to seek clarification regarding your actions as a supporter of Hillcat athletics, please call the athletic compliance office at 918-343-7884 or email RSU's NCAA Compliance Coordinator, Dawn Tatro at dtatro@rsu.edu.

BOOSTERS

You are a Booster or Representative of Athletic Interests, if you:

- ▶ Have participated in, or ever have been, a member of a booster organization that supports RSU athletics;
- ▶ Have made any financial contribution to the RSU athletic department or any athletic organization of the University;
- ▶ Have been involved in the recruitment of a prospect or have been asked to assist in the recruitment of a prospective student-athlete;
- ▶ Have provided or are providing benefits to an enrolled student-athlete or his or her relatives or friends;
- ▶ Have otherwise been involved in promoting the RSU athletic program;
- ▶ Have helped arrange employment for student-athletes;
- ▶ Are a parent or guardian of an enrolled student-athlete;
- ▶ Are or have ever been a season-ticket holder.

NOTE: Once someone has been identified as a Booster, they will retain that identity forever.

RECRUITING

A prospective student-athlete is any person who has begun classes in the ninth grade. A prospective student-athlete remains so even after signing a National Letter of Intent or accepting financial aid and until they report for the first day of classes.

What are Boosters prohibited from doing?

- ▶ Contacting a prospect in person on or off campus
- ▶ Writing or telephoning a prospect or member of the prospect's family
- ▶ Making arrangements for the prospect or the prospect's relatives or friends to receive money or financial aid
- ▶ Providing transportation for a prospect or the prospect's family or friends to visit the campus
- ▶ Providing free tickets or reduced priced tickets to attend an athletic event to the prospect or the prospect's family or friends
- ▶ Entertaining coaches of prospects

What are Boosters permitted to do?

- ▶ Notify coaches about prospects in your area
- ▶ Attend athletic contests where prospects compete, but may not contact the prospect or the prospect's relatives
- ▶ Continue existing friendships with families of prospects, but not attempt to recruit
- ▶ Participate with prospects in organized institutional community engagement activities when prospects reside within 100-mile radius of location (Effective 8/1/07)
- ▶ Provide a student-athlete or the entire team in a sport an occasional meal, provided the meal is in the individuals home, on campus or at a facility that is regularly used for home competition and may be catered.

ENROLLED STUDENT-ATHLETES

A booster may not provide a student-athlete any benefit or special arrangement that would not be offered to the rest of the general student population. This would include:

- ▶ May not entertain student-athletes or their friends or family;
- ▶ May not use the name or picture of an enrolled student-athlete to advertise, recommend, or promote any product or service unless the required NLI (Name, Image & Likeness) Declaration is completed and submitted to the Compliance Office by the student-athlete;
- ▶ May not provide awards or gifts to student-athletes;
- ▶ May not allow a student-athlete to use a telephone to make free calls, or allow use of a free or discounted auto mobile;
- ▶ May not provide a student-athlete free or reduced cost goods or services;

EMPLOYMENT

A student-athlete may be employed so long as compensation is only for work actually performed, at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar work, and the student-athlete was not hired based on athletics ability.

NOTE: Employment may be arranged for a prospect provided the employment does not begin before the completion of the prospect's senior year of high school.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL

RSU is responsible for the actions of its boosters and booster support groups. Boosters are regulated by the same NCAA rules and regulations placed upon all institutional athletics staff members.

CONSEQUENCES

If a booster provides an impermissible benefit to a prospect, a student-athlete, or their relatives or friends, institutions may be subject to penalties, even if the student-athlete has completed his or her eligibility. A prospect or student-athlete who accepts an impermissible benefit faces the loss of eligibility.

ABOUT NCAA DIVISION II



Higher education has lasting importance on an NCAA individual's future success. For this reason, the emphasis on the student-athlete experience in Division II is a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. The Division II approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletics competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. The balance and integration of these different areas of learning opportunity provide Division II student-athletes a path to graduation, while cultivating a variety of skills and knowledge for life ahead.

NCAA Division II has 284 active member institutions, ranging in size from less than 2,500 to over 15,000, with the average enrollment being around 4,500. The division has almost 90,000 student-athletes competing and providing an intersection where athletically gifted students can compete at a high level, while maintaining much of a traditional student experience. Additionally, the athletics programs are properly aligned with the educational mission of the institution and higher education. This balance is what distinguishes Division II from the other divisions.

- Division II teams usually feature a number of local or in-state student-athletes.
- Many Division II student-athletes pay for school through a combination of scholarship money, grants, student loans and employment earnings.
- Division II athletics programs are fully integrated into the institution's operations and budget, like other academic departments on campus.
- The Division II membership is focused on an "academics first" philosophy and the division's commitment to academic excellence supports the primary mission for NCAA schools: We are preparing student-athletes to go pro in something other than sports.
- A regionalization philosophy is used to select teams for Division II national championships. This emphasis on being the best team in your geographic region helps schools prioritize scheduling of regional opponents, limit missed class time, and manage travel expenses.

DIVISION II ATTRIBUTES

- Learning – multiple opportunities to broaden knowledge and skills
- Service – positive societal attitude through contributions to community
- Passion – enthusiastic dedication and desire in effort
- Sportsmanship – respects for fairness, courtesy; ethical conduct toward others
- Resourcefulness – versatile skill set drawn from broad range of experiences
- Balance – emphasis on collective knowledge; integration of skills

WHAT IS NCAA DIVISION II

- NCAA Division II offers intercollegiate athletics in a fiscally responsible way and, in the process, offers all the student-athletes a positive intercollegiate athletics experience.
- In Division II, a "balance" exists that emphasizes both academic excellence and athletics achievement, and an environment is created that leads to the student-athlete's total personal development, emphasizing the integration of athletics into the learning environment in ways that allow institutional members to focus on the total and comprehensive co-curricular experience of their student-athletes.
- Student-athletes are valued for their athletics contribution and for being an important part of the overall student body.

Division II provides an intersection where athletically gifted students can compete at a high level, while maintaining much of a traditional collegiate undergraduate experience. This balance, where students are recognized for their academic success, athletics contributions and campus/community involvement, is at the heart of the Division II student-athlete experience.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The latest figures show a 73 percent Academic Success Rate (ASR) for Division II. This means that 73 percent of all Division II student-athletes (scholarship and non-scholarship) receive a degree within six years of initial full time collegiate enrollment.

The division's "comprehensive program of learning and development" and research-based initial- and continuing-eligibility standards result in Division II student-athletes consistently graduating 10 to 15 percentage points higher than the total student body.

The gap between the Division II student-athlete and the student body graduation rate is bigger than at both the Division I and Division III levels.

FINANCIAL AID

Nearly 50 percent of all Division II student-athletes receive some amount of athletically related financial aid. Many Division II student-athletes pay for school through a combination of scholarship money, grants, student loans and employment earnings.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Division II institutions have embraced a philosophy whereby athletics is positioned as the institution's front porch to community. By engaging community in this way, all programs, departments, and events that a campus has to offer can be showcased in a strategic way.

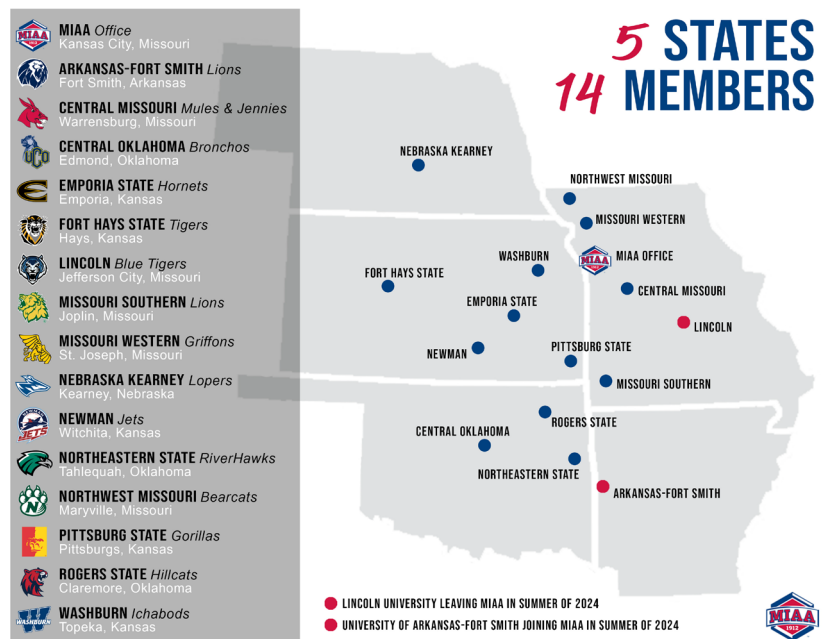
Division II institutions have intentionally focused on creating a civil, comfortable and entertaining game environment for its athletics events that are affordable, puts fans in close proximity to the action, and the environment is "fan friendly."

The Division II National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has committed its fundraising activities to the Make-A-Wish Foundation since 2003. The overall amount raised during this time frame is more than \$1.5 million. It is estimated that more than 150 wishes have been granted from these Division II dollars.

ABOUT THE MIAA

Rogers State begins its fifth season as a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) in 2023-24. The MIAA is a 14-school collegiate athletic conference headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. It is a member of the NCAA's Division II for all sports. The footprint of the conference reaches four states: Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma with schools in the metro area of Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Wichita.

Over the past 110 years, the MIAA has gained the reputation of being one of the best NCAA Division II conferences in the nation. Student-athletes have won 54 NCAA Division II team championships and well over 400 individual national titles. In the classroom, hundreds of student-athletes have earned Academic All-America and All-District honors. The MIAA has seen its members claim 27 NCAA team championships in the last 12 athletic years with at least one championship every year. Over the past three athletic years, MIAA teams have won eight NCAA team championships with two undefeated seasons.



The MIAA Identity:

An Historic Conference...The MIAA is one of the nation's oldest athletic conferences, founded in 1912. Seven of the 14 member schools were founded in the 1800's. Every institution was founded more than 80 years ago.

By the Numbers...The MIAA has more than 5,000 student-athletes competing on its 14 campuses every academic year. MIAA schools enroll more than 120,000 undergraduate students on its 14 campuses each year. There are more than 700,000 alumni throughout the world from MIAA member schools.

Student-Centered Athletics...The MIAA cares about its student-athletes. MIAA institutions are committed to helping student-athletes develop life skills and competencies, which prepare students to be successful in college and after graduation. MIAA institutions feature some of the nation's best facilities, most innovative teachers/coaches and most dedicated student-athletes in the country.

Higher Education Success...The MIAA is also one of the NCAA's most successful athletic conferences, winning 45 NCAA team championships and more than 300 individual national championships. The 14 institutions in the MIAA are consistently ranked among the top academic universities in the Midwest.

MIAA, We Care:

The MIAA cares about its student-athletes. Nothing illustrates this more than the WE CARE initiative the MIAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee oversees to provide a comprehensive program of learning and development, which is at the heart of the MIAA student-athlete experience. Each letter in **WE CARE** represents a "pillar," or focal area in which MIAA institutions commit to developing students who are prepared to be successful in college and after graduation:

Wellness: We care about student-athlete wellness, with a focus on health and well-being. The MIAA expects student-athletes to make informed decisions that protect and enhance their health and fitness. The MIAA promotes an environment in which student-athletes are open to seeking help or assistance when wellness issues need to be addressed.

Education: We care about providing student-athletes with educational opportunities in their chosen curricula and support their path to graduation. The MIAA expects student-athletes to be successful in their educational goals and be aware of campus resources to help them achieve these goals.

Compassion: We care about developing student-athletes who demonstrate a capacity for compassion, and we provide opportunities for them to serve others and engage in their community. The MIAA expects student-athletes to think beyond themselves, be good role-models and serve those with need.

Athletics: We care about student-athlete skill development, and opportunities to excel and achieve in their chosen sport. The MIAA provides outstanding coaches, state-of-the-art facilities and nationally competitive programs. The MIAA expects student-athletes to take advantage of these resources to achieve their athletics goals.

Respect: We care about promoting a culture in which student-athletes respect their teachers, students, coaches, administrators, teammates, opponents and officials. The MIAA expects student-athletes to demonstrate behavior that is appropriate as part of an activity sponsored by a higher education institution.

Engagement: We care about student-athlete engagement at their institution and in their community. Engagement and involvement are the keys to success for college students. The MIAA expects student-athletes to take advantage of the many activities, clubs, events and leadership programs offered on their campus and in their community. The MIAA SAAC takes a leadership role in working with institutional SAACs to ensure that these "pillars for success" are being discussed and enhanced on each campus.

HILLCAT FACILITIES

BUSHYHEAD FIELDHOUSE

Bushyhead Fieldhouse serves as the on-campus practice facility for RSU's basketball teams. The gym features six goals, digital scoreboards, and portable seating with a capacity of 300. Bushyhead is also the home of the athletic department offices as well as the RSU Wellness Center - a private weight training facility for student-athletes. Bushyhead houses both the men's and women's basketball locker rooms, an athletic training room, the Hillcat Academic Center for student-athletes, and public restrooms.



CLAREMORE EXPO CENTER

Claremore Expo Center serves as the home of Hillcat basketball on game nights and is utilized as a secondary practice facility for the basketball teams. The Expo Center features arena seating on all four sides of the court for up to 2,000 fans. A four-sided digital scoreboard adorns center court accompanied by professional playing goals with three-sided shot clocks on each end of the floor. A state-of-the-art sound system helps produce a fun atmosphere for fans and often creates a hostile environment for opponents.



DIAMOND SPORTS COMPLEX

The Diamond Sports Complex features a professional playing surface, lights, a large inning-by-inning scoreboard, batting cages, and grandstand seating for 1,200. A spacious locker room is located adjacent to the Hillcat dugout featuring individual lockers, coaches' offices, and an area for athletic training. The first floor of the centerpiece, two-story building, includes concessions, restrooms, and umpire dressing rooms. The second floor features separate baseball and softball press boxes, offices, and a donors' suite with indoor and outdoor seating.



SOLDIER FIELD

Soldier Field is located in the heart of the RSU campus with a new digital scoreboard added in the south end zone. It features a large press box, lights, a public address system, and stadium seating for a great view of the action capable of supporting 2,000 fans. The installation of artificial turf at Soldier Field was completed in May 2012, allowing RSU to maximize the availability and functionality of historic Soldier Field.



HILLCAT ATHLETICS CENTER

Located in the north end zone of Soldier Field, the 8,986 square-foot Hillcat Athletics Center was completed in the summer of 2012. The facility features spacious locker rooms for the men's and women's soccer teams as well as the men's and women's cross country and track teams. Coaches' offices and an athletic training room are located in the central area of the building. The facility also includes permanent concessions and restrooms for patrons and a paved concourse area with sightlines to the field.



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HILLCAT ATHLETIC FUND MISSION:

The mission of the Hillcat Club is to generate financial support for all Rogers State student-athletes by fostering the growth of philanthropy from RSU alumni and friends who share our passion for Hillcat Athletics. The Hillcat Club strives to provide every RSU student-athlete with the opportunity to have the best possible athletic and academic experience.

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