



**SAMFORD**  
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# PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE GUIDE





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**SAMFORD IS  
RANKED**

**3RD  
IN THE  
SOUTH**

by *U.S. News & World  
Report*



***U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT***  
**RANKED SAMFORD UNIVERSITY**

**NO. 3** in the South  
for Best Undergraduate  
Teaching.

**SAMFORD IS  
ALSO NATIONALLY  
RANKED BY**

- ***Kiplinger's  
Personal Finance***
- ***Forbes***
- ***The Princeton  
Review***





**SAMFORD IS RANKED 31ST NATIONALLY FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN STUDY ABROAD BY THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.**

**98%**

of Samford's May 2013 graduates were employed or enrolled in graduate school within seven months of graduation.

Samford students put their faith into action by completing

**150,000 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE LAST YEAR.**

**SAMFORD IS HOME TO:**

**105**

student organizations

**28**

residence halls

**13**

intramural sports

**6**

mainstage theatre productions per year

**15**

Greek-letter organizations

**200**

arts events presented and hosted on campus each year





# SOCON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Since joining the Southern Conference in 2008, Samford teams have won 18 Southern Conference championships.



## SAMFORD'S SOCON TEAM CHAMPIONS

**2014** Women's Outdoor Track and Field Champions

**2014** Men's Outdoor Track and Field Champions

**2013** Football Champions

**2013** Men's Tennis Tournament Champions

**2012** Women's Basketball Tournament Champions

**2012** Men's Tennis Regular-Season Champions

**2012** Baseball Tournament Champions

**2012** Volleyball North Division Regular-Season Champions

**2011** Women's Basketball Tournament Champions

**2011** Men's Tennis Tournament Champions

**2011** Soccer Regular-Season Champions

**2011** Soccer Tournament Champions

**2011** Volleyball North Division Regular-Season Champions

**2011** Volleyball Tournament Champions

**2010** Women's Cross Country Champions

**2009** Volleyball North Division Regular-Season Champions

**2009** Women's Cross Country Champions

**2008** Volleyball North Division Regular-Season Champions



### 2014 Track Champs

The 2014 men's and women's outdoor track and field teams become the first private school in SoCon history to sweep the two championships.



### 2011 Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team react to its seeding in the NCAA Tournament after winning its first SoCon title by defeating Appalachian State in the 2011 SoCon Tournament championship game.





### 2012 WBB Champs

The women's basketball team won its second-straight SoCon championship with a 54-43 win over Appalachian State in 2012.



### 2013 Men's Tennis Champs

The 2013 men's tennis team defeats Elon, 4-3, winning its second SoCon championship in three years.



### 2012 Baseball Champs

The 2012 baseball team wins the SoCon Tournament trophy and the program's first SoCon title after defeating Georgia Southern, 9-6, in 10 innings.

### 2013 Football Champs

The 2013 football team celebrates after winning the 2013 SoCon championship with a 33-32, last-second win over Elon.



### 2011 Men's Tennis Champs

The men's tennis team defeats College of Charleston, 4-0, to win its first SoCon championship in 2011.





## SAMFORD HEAD COACH PAT SULLIVAN

- 1971 Heisman Trophy Winner
- College Football Hall of Fame
- National Football Hall of Fame
- Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
- Senior Bowl Hall of Fame
- Gator Bowl Hall of Fame
- Sugar Bowl Hall of Fame
- National High School Hall of Fame
- Two-time Consensus All-American and SEC Player of the Year
- 1971 Walter Camp Player of the Year
- 1971 Academic All-American
- Played five seasons in the NFL for the Atlanta Falcons, Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers
- 2013 Southern Conference Champion
- 2012 Southern Conference Coach of the Year
- 1994 Southwest Conference Coach of the Year
- 1994 Southwest Conference Champion



Coach Sullivan won the 1971 Heisman Trophy.



A statue outside Auburn's Jordan-Hare Stadium honors Coach Sullivan.

## COACHING STAFF



**BILL D'OTTAVIO**  
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator



**BOBBY BLICK**  
Assistant Coach/Tight Ends/Slot Receivers



**BRANDON HERRING**  
Associate Head Coach/Offensive Line



**CHRIS BOONE**  
Assistant Coach/Defensive Line



**JAY CHAPMAN**  
Director of Football Operations



**KODI BURNS**  
Assistant Coach/Running Backs



**ROSS NEWTON**  
Recruiting Coordinator/Linebackers



**SAM SHADE**  
Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs



**TRAVIS TRICKETT**  
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks



**TRENT MCKNIGHT**  
Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers





## FOOTBALL SUCCESS



1 Bobby Bowden



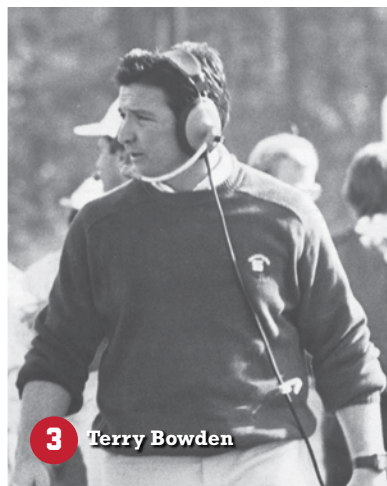
2 Jimbo Fisher

1. **Bobby Bowden** coached at Samford from 1959 to 1962. His .838 winning percentage is the highest in school history.

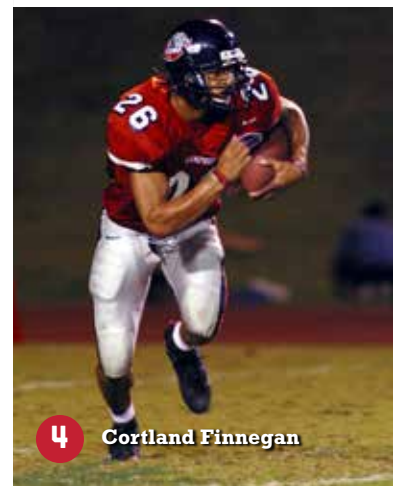
2. **Jimbo Fisher** was Samford's quarterback in 1987. He set a Division III record for touchdown passes with 34 while leading the Bulldogs to a 9-1 record.

3. **Terry Bowden** led Samford to back-to-back NCAA Division I-FCS Playoff appearances in 1991 and 1992. The 1991 team reached the semifinals of the playoffs. His 45 wins are the most in school history.

4. **Cortland Finnegan** is a three-time All-American and the 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He led Samford in tackles for three straight seasons and was drafted by the Tennessee Titans in the seventh round of the 2006 NFL Draft.



3 Terry Bowden



4 Cortland Finnegan

## RECENT FOOTBALL SUCCESS



### ANDY SUMMERLIN

Quarterback Andy Summerlin was named the SoCon Offensive Player of the Year after leading Samford to a conference title in 2013. Summerlin broke Samford records for passing yards in a game and in a season 2013.



### CEPHUS GAME WINNING TD

Wide receiver Chris Cephus catches the game-winning touchdown against Elon to give Samford a share of the 2013 Southern Conference championship.



### JUSTIN SHADE

Justin Shade was named the So-Con Defensive Player of the Year in 2013.



### SOCON CHAMPIONSHIP

The team celebrates its 33-32 last-second win over Elon to clinch the Southern Conference championship.





## GAME DAYS



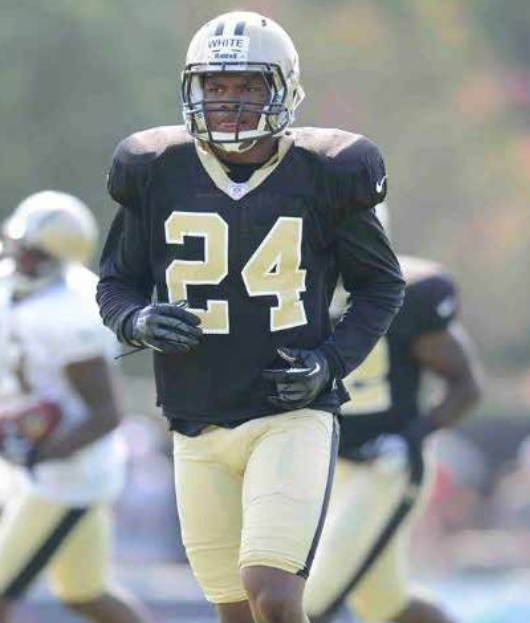


## **BULLDOGS IN THE NFL**



### **Pittsburgh Steeler Nick Williams**

Nicholas Williams was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the seventh round of the 2013 NFL Draft.



### **New Orleans Saint Corey White**

Corey White was drafted by the New Orleans Saints in the fifth round of the 2012 NFL Draft. In 2013, he started six games in the Saints' secondary.



### **Miami Dolphin Cortland Finnegan**

Cortland Finnegan was taken in the seventh round of the 2006 NFL Draft by the Tennessee Titans. He was an All-Pro and played in the Pro Bowl in 2008. He has played for the Tennessee Titans and St. Louis Rams, and he will play his first season for the Miami Dolphins in 2014.

### **Kelsey Pope's 2014 Senior Banquet Speech**

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Lord above for binging me this far. I would also like to thank my parents for their immeasurable love and support. Lastly, I would like to thank Coach Sullivan and his entire staff for blessing me with the opportunity to play at Samford.

As for my teammates, it has been an amazing journey. To be able to end our season on top was special, but to do that with my brothers was something I will always cherish. The decision to come to Samford has changed my life. I can remember thinking to myself that the best thing that could happen to me would be to play in the NFL after my career at Samford. I now know that the best thing has already happened to me, and that is to have an intimate relationship with God.

I want to also give a special shout-out to John Millhouse and thank him for being a constant inspiration for me throughout my career at Samford.

To all the younger guys, my advice is just to never quit but at the same time learn to enjoy your own journey. There will always be peaks and valleys, but through those ups and downs, appreciating life is what will get you through.





## THE CITY

Birmingham offers a full spectrum of culture and entertainment. Symphonies, sporting events, concerts, art festivals—you'll find them all here. If you like the great outdoors, popular hiking trails and nature parks are scattered throughout the surrounding areas.



**Regions Field**



**The City**



**Alabama Theatre**



**Sloss Furnace**



**Railroad Park**





# ACADEMICS



Women's basketball student-athlete Hannah Dawson receives her nursing degree.



Samford student-athletes celebrate after the 2013 commencement ceremonies.

## SAMFORD HAD:

# 35

student-athletes on the SoCon's Spring Academic All-Conference team,

# 18

on the Winter Academic All-Conference team and

# 28

on the Fall Academic All-Conference team during the 2013-14 academic year.



Soccer student-athlete Sabbath McKiernan Allen receives Samford's Pittman Spirit Award at the 2014 commencement ceremonies.

**THREE SAMFORD STUDENT-ATHLETES EARNED GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.**

**JEREMY TOWNS, FOOTBALL**

**CHRISTY ROBINSON, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**OWEN WAGONER, TRACK AND FIELD**

Samford placed 162 student-athletes on the 2013-14 **SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL.**

**IN THE SPRING OF 2014,**

# 35

Samford student-athletes received their degrees, posting grade point averages of

# 3.25

**SAMFORD HAS LED THE STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE NCAA'S APR REPORT IN 9 OF THE 10 YEARS THE REPORT HAS BEEN RELEASED.**





Cooney Family Field House

## STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING/ PERFORMANCE NUTRITION

**PETE HANNA CENTER** and **COONEY FAMILY FIELD HOUSE** contain weight rooms that are nearly 5,000 square feet each. Both rooms have been equipped by Hammer Strength and Life Fitness.

Samford strength and conditioning staff, led by Director of Strength and Conditioning Ryan Davis, does a tremendous job of working with Samford's student-athletes to make sure they are in top physical condition. The staff also provides student-athletes with a Performance Nutrition program, led by Director of Performance Nutrition Pamela Bartz.



Pete Hanna Center





**ATHLETICS**  
**ADMINISTRATION**



**MARTIN NEWTON**  
Director of Athletics



**LARRY LONG**  
Deputy Director of Athletics



**MARVIN JULICH**  
Executive Director of Athletics



**MICHELLE DURBAN**  
Senior Associate Athletics  
Director for Student Services/  
SWA



**BO KERR**  
Senior Associate Athletics  
Director for External  
Operations



**WANDA LUCAS**  
Senior Associate Athletics  
Director for Business/  
Operations



**HAROLD GOSS**  
Assistant Athletics Director  
for Student Services and  
Academic Enhancement



**HAL LANGSTON**  
Assistant Athletics Director for  
Development/Bulldog Club



**MICHAEL  
MCGREEVEY**  
Assistant Athletics Director for  
Operations/Facilities



**JAMES CARLSON**  
Director of Equipment  
Services



**MIKE GRACE**  
Director of Multimedia  
Services



**PATRICK HATCHER**  
Director of Operations/  
Facilities



**JOEY MULLINS**  
Assistant Athletics Director of  
Communication



**ZAC SCHRIEBER**  
Director of Athletics  
Communication



**HERB BROOKS**  
Assistant Director of Athletics  
Communication



**TRACY FULLER**  
Financial Coordinator



**CHRISTINA HARRIS**  
Football Academic  
Coordinator



**CHRIS HICKS**  
Sponsorship Coordinator



**KEISHA HOWARD**  
Office Coordinator



**CODY JACKSON**  
Compliance Coordinator



**PAIGE MATHIS**  
Academic Coordinator



**JARRETT RICE**  
Operations and Facilities  
Coordinator



**KAYLA SHAFFER**  
Coordinator of Video Services



**ABBY TURNER**  
Marketing Coordinator



**KEVIN TROYER**  
Ticketing and Operations  
Coordinator



**SARAH-KATE MASTERS**  
Assistant Director of  
Development/Bulldog Club



**WES WILHOITE**  
Assistant Equipment Manager





**1** Seibert Stadium

## ATHLETIC FACILITIES

### **1. Seibert Stadium**

Seibert Stadium, home to the football team, opened in 1958. A press box and chair-back seating were added in 1989, and artificial turf was installed in 2005. The turf was replaced prior to the 2014 season.

### **2. Cooney Family Field House**

Cooney Family Field House opened prior to the 2009 football season. It houses the football team's locker room, weight room, training room, equipment room, meeting rooms and coaches offices.

### **3. Samford Track and Soccer Stadium**

The Samford Track and Soccer Stadium opened in 2011. It has already hosted SoCon Championships for soccer, and outdoor track and field.



**2** Cooney Family Field House



**3** Samford Track & Soccer Stadium





**4** Pete Hanna Center



**5** Pat M. Courington Tennis Center

#### **4. Pete Hanna Center**

Pete Hanna Center opened in November 2007. It seats 5,000 fans, and is home to volleyball, and men's and women's basketball.

#### **5. Pat M. Courington Tennis Center**

Pat M. Courington Tennis Center houses indoor and outdoor courts for the men's and women's tennis teams.

#### **6. Joe Lee Griffin Field**

Joe Lee Griffin Field is home to the baseball team. It opened in 1958, but was renovated and given its current name in 2000.

#### **7. The Samford Softball Stadium**

The Samford Softball Stadium opened in 2013 and is one of the finest softball facilities in the Southern Conference.

#### **8. J. T. Haywood Field House**

J. T. Haywood Field House officially opened in fall 2013. It houses indoor hitting facilities, locker rooms and meeting rooms for both baseball and softball, as well as offices for the softball coaches.



**6** Joe Lee Griffin Field



**8** J. T. Haywood Field House



**7** The Samford Softball Stadium





## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Each year, Samford student-athletes spend countless hours giving back to the community by volunteering in various community service projects. These student-athletes give selflessly to help those less fortunate. The world is better because Samford student-athletes have a giving spirit.

1. Members of the Samford volleyball team help with tornado relief efforts.
2. Samford student-athletes routinely visit patients at Children's Hospital in downtown Birmingham.
3. Samford student-athletes help with the Samaritan's Feet initiative.
4. Members of the Samford coaching staff also volunteer at various Samaritan's Feet events.
5. Members of the football team read to students at area elementary schools.
6. Samford student-athletes and coaches help in the aftermath of a tornado outbreak.





## NOTABLE SAMFORD ALUMNI

Among Samford's 48,000-plus alumni are more than 60 U.S. congressmen, seven state governors, two U.S. Supreme Court justices, four Rhodes Scholars, multiple Emmy and Grammy award-winning artists, and two national championship football coaches, as well as recipients of the Pulitzer and Nobel Peace prizes.



**Bobby Bowden**

All-time winningest coach in Division I-FBS history



**Don Cathy**

EVP, Chick-fil-A and President of Dwarf House, Inc.



**Elizabeth Futral**

International opera star



**Karen Fairchild and Kimberly Schlapman**

Grammy Award-winning vocalists for Little Big Town



**Tony Hale**

Emmy Award-winning actor



**William Stevens**

Chairman and CEO, Motion Industries





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