

# Blazer Football



Neil Callaway, who himself has been a part of successful programs throughout his coaching career, has assembled a talented staff of coaches. The Blazer staff is an outstanding mix of seasoned veterans as well as rising young assistants.

## ***Eric Schumann***

*Defensive Coordinator/Safeties*

The much-respected and third-year UAB coordinator has also served in that role at Tulane, SMU and East Tennessee State. Played for Alabama's 1973 national championship team.

## ***Corey Barlow***

*Cornerbacks*

The former Auburn All-American was selected in the fifth round of the 1992 NFL Draft and went on to play three seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles.

## ***Lorenzo Costantini***

*Defensive Line*

A former member of a UTEP team that won a school record 10 games, he has previous coaching experience at three other Conference USA schools.

## ***Tyson Summers***

*Linebackers*

Former standout collegiate player came to UAB from Georgia Southern where he coached in 2006. Also was a graduate assistant at Georgia in 2005 when the Bulldogs won the SEC title.



**Eric Schumann**



**Corey Bartow**



**Tyson Summers**



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# ***Defensive Coaches***

# Coaching Staff



**Kim Helton**

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*Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends*

A former collegiate player at Florida, he has attained a vast amount of experience at the NFL and collegiate levels. He also was the head coach at the University of Houston for six seasons.

**Tim Bowens**

*Wide Receivers*

Former Alabama wide receiver who was member of Tide teams who played in a pair of SEC championship games and three bowl games.

**Steve Davenport**

*Running Backs*

A four-year letterwinner as a receiver at Georgia Tech in the late 1980s, he has put together an impressive resume as a coach at both the collegiate and high school levels.

**Will Friend**

*Offensive Line*

Before coming to UAB, the former Alabama four-year starter at offensive guard coached at Gardner-Webb where he saw three of his offensive linemen earn all-conference honors.

**Tyson Helton**

*Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator*

Spent three seasons at Conference USA member Memphis before coming to UAB in January of 2007. Served as tight ends and special teams coach with the Tigers.



**Tim Bowens**



**Will Friend**



**Tyson Helton**



**Steve Davenport**

## Offensive Coaches

# UAB in the Community

The Blazer football team is just one example of the UAB Athletic Department's commitment to helping, serving and donating to the Birmingham community. UAB takes great pride in giving back to a community that gives so much to it.

UAB football has stepped up as one of the leaders in community outreach, participating in a wide variety of projects and activities throughout the year.

One of the Blazers' continuing efforts is weekly visits to the Children's

Hospital during the spring. Every week, several players and coaches spend quality time with patients and families at the Children's Hospital.

Other community service ventures recently had included UAB's Classroom Connection, volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and joining with local radio station 95.7 to help clean up a Birmingham-area elementary school.





**U**AB's Strength and Conditioning program, the Blazers' staff and student-athletes can now boast of having one of the finest facilities around.

The new center opened in January of 2008 and houses a 10,000 square-foot weight room that features more than 40,000 pounds of free weights.

Strength and conditioning coach Steve Martin and his staff work with members of the Blazer football team to develop training programs

and enhance each athlete's performance.

Martin, who has more than 20 years experience in the area of strength and conditioning, joined the UAB staff in January, 2007. His vast amount of experience covers time spent at four Division I universities. In addition to his current role at UAB, Martin has also spent time at Alabama, TCU and Auburn.

Martin and the Blazers moved into their new strength and conditioning area in Bell Gymnasium, more than tripling the size of

the area they had utilized previously in Bartow Arena. The bright and spacious weight room area includes state-of-the-art equipment for weight training, stretching and conditioning workouts.

Martin and the staff use a variety of techniques to assist the Blazers in achieving maximum performance and potential. With a heavy emphasis on Olympic style weightlifting, the program concentrates on speed, power, and strength.

# Strength & Conditioning



**Steve Martin**  
*Football Strength &  
Conditioning Coach*



# Academics

**A**ssociate Athletic Director for Student Services Danez Marrable oversees a staff of seven full-time advisors, a learning specialist and five assistants in the Don M. & Marsha Hoke Hire Student-Athlete Academic Center. Their mission is to provide the highest quality of academic support, counseling and guidance to UAB student-athletes by promoting academic excellence, self-responsibility, personal and professional growth.

Marrable and her staff act as a liaison between the student-athlete, coaches and UAB's academic communities and ensures that student-athletes comply with academic rules established by the university, the NCAA and Conference USA. The staff also coordinates academic programs designed to assist the student-athletes in acquiring a quality education as well as programs to promote personal and career development.

UAB's Student Services program wants to make certain that student-athletes succeed to their highest academic ability. Inherent in the program is the philosophy that student-athletes take responsibility for their own growth and development while receiving maximum support. The academic unit's goals are to prepare student-athletes for viable careers, to assist them in securing degrees and to produce responsible citizens.

The athletic advisors, in conjunction with specific major advisors, work with student-athletes on a regular basis on necessary requirements for

## 2008-09 C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll

*(Student-athletes achieving  
cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better)*

Nathan Allen  
Ugonna Amarikwa  
Roya Campbell  
Richard Carter  
Daniel Clements  
Chase Daniel  
Mike Davis  
Caleb Dyck  
Max Garcia  
Andre Hicks  
Taylor Klein  
Jared Koehnner  
Drew Luker  
Kyle Roget  
Terrell Springs  
B.J. Steed  
Lamanski Ware  
Jarrell Watters  
Katrell Watters

their chosen degree. The advisors also help plan class schedules, keeping in mind academic standing, practice, travel and competition schedules. In addition, athletic advisors regularly review the performance and class attendance of all student-athletes to help them keep on pace toward graduation.

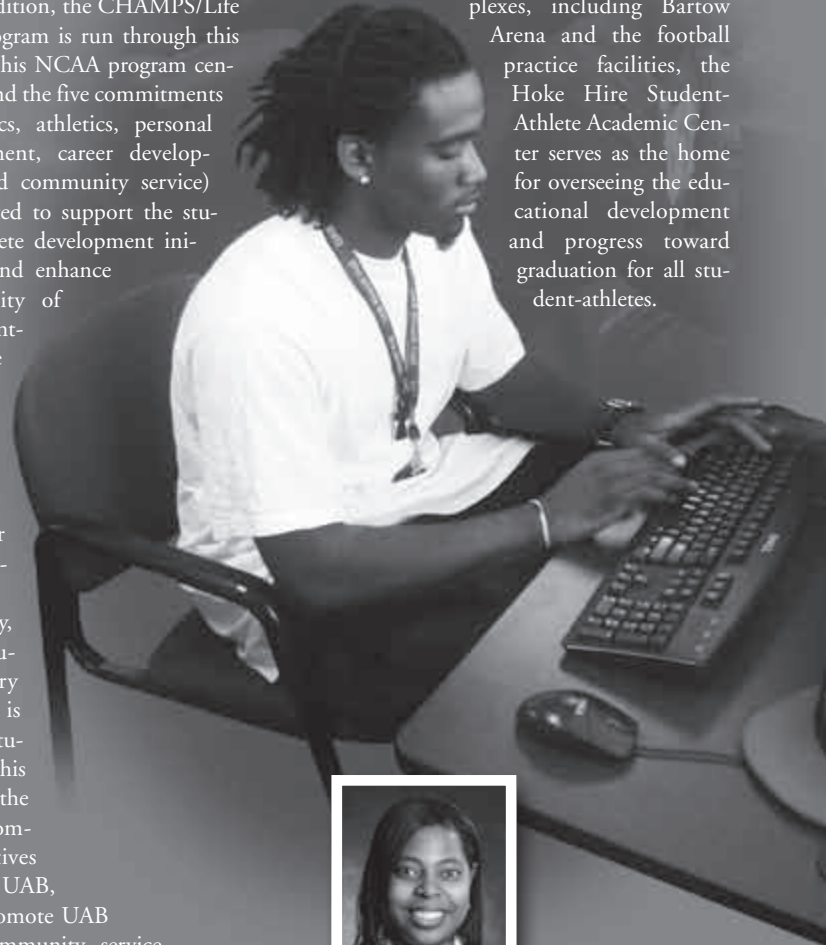
In addition, the CHAMPS/Life Skills program is run through this office. This NCAA program centers around the five commitments (academics, athletics, personal development, career development and community service) was created to support the student-athlete development initiatives and enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience within the context of higher education.

Finally, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is advised through the student services offices. This group, the 'voice' of the student-athletes, is composed of representatives from each team. At UAB, this group works to promote UAB athletics, organizes community service efforts, provides administration with the voice of the student-athletes and works to ensure student-athlete welfare and success in the Birmingham community.

UAB's commitment to academic excellence got

a boost in the summer of 2008 with the completion of the Don M. & Marsha Hoke Hire Student-Athlete Academic Center. Under the direction of athletics director Brian Mackin, and with a generous donation from Don M. & Marsha Hoke Hire, UAB was able to completely renovate the academic center and provide first-class facilities to the Blazers' student-athletes.

Sitting in the middle of UAB's athletic complexes, including Bartow Arena and the football practice facilities, the Hoke Hire Student-Athlete Academic Center serves as the home for overseeing the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes.



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Associate Athletic Director  
Student Services



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Tutor Coordinator



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Pettaway Jr.**  
Academic Advisor



**Heidi  
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Learning Specialist/  
Mentor Coordinator



**Josh  
Watson**  
Academic Advisor

**Don M. & Marsha Hoke Hire  
Student-Athlete Academic Center**

- Completed in the Summer of 2008
- Houses a director, a learning specialist, seven full-time advisors and five assistants
- More than 50 tutors and mentors
- Over 40 computers available for student use
- Computer lab for general student use
- Learning lab
- Laptops for student-athlete checkout
- Mentor meeting room
- Nine small group and one-on-one tutor rooms
- Five large group study areas
- Staff conference room
- Tutor/mentor resource library



(L-R) Nick Haddad, Joe Henderson, Jo Arnold, Zach Britten, Richard Carter, Kevin Sanders, Blake Thackston, Jeff Hamby and Rodney Bivens Jr. received their diplomas in December 2008.

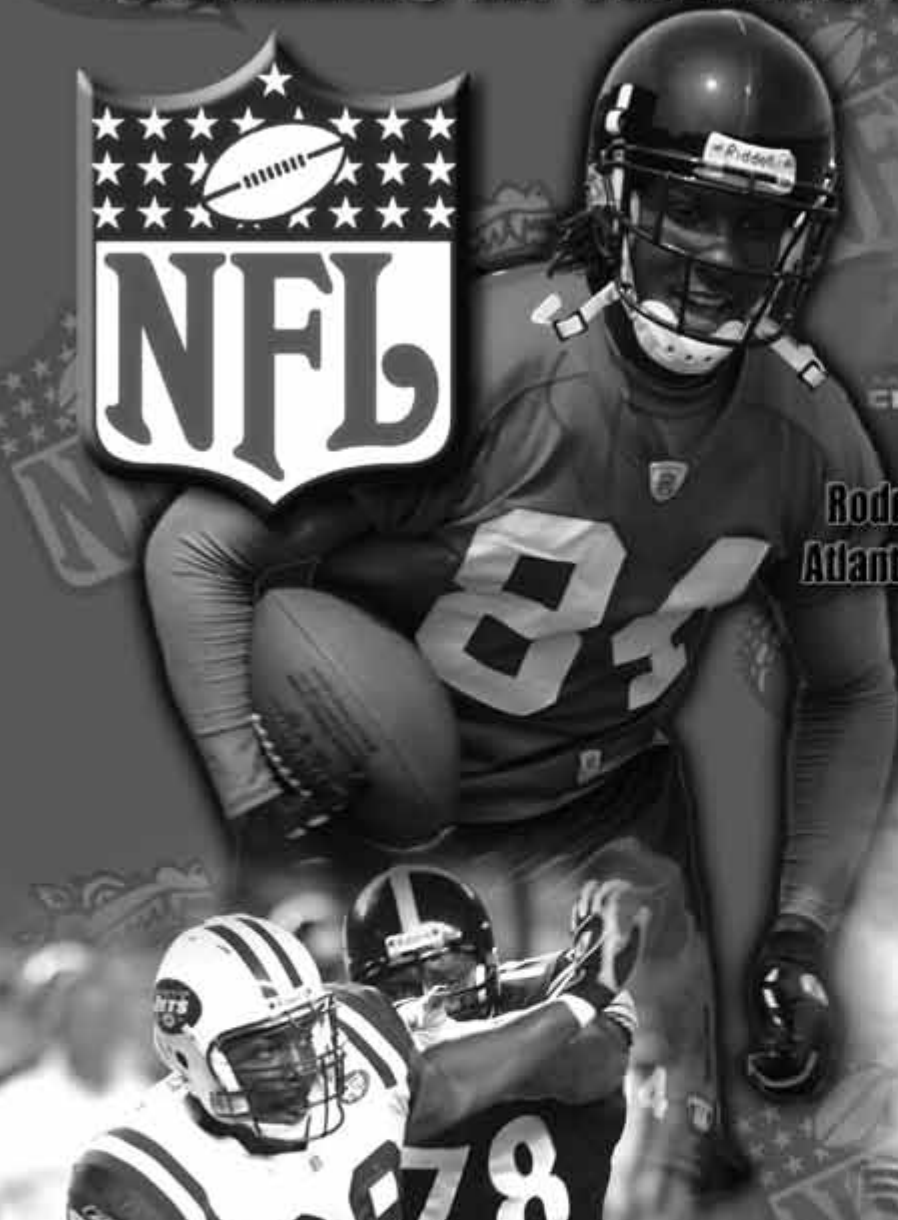


(L-R) Marsha and Don Hire, Mr. Charles J. Hoke and UAB Athletics Director Brian Mackin cut the ribbon on the new Academic Center in 2008.



(L-R) Brandon Carlisle, Swayze Waters, Matt Taylor and Cameron Cowart all graduated in May 2009.

# BLAZERS IN THE NFL...



**Roddy White**  
Atlanta Falcons



**Bryan Thomas**  
New York Jets



## UAB NFL ALL-TIME DRAFT SELECTIONS

Year	Round	Overall	Name	Position	Team
2005	1	27	Roddy White	WR	Atlanta Falcons
2002	1	22	Bryan Thomas	DE	New York Jets
	2	43	Eddie Freeman	DT	Kansas City Chiefs
2001	6	187	Otis Leverette	DE	Miami Dolphins
2000	7	238	Rodregis Brooks	DB	Indianapolis Colts
1999	7	251	Pernell Davis	DE	Philadelphia Eagles
1998	3	77	Dainon Sidney	DB	Houston Oilers
	6	188	Izell Reese	DB	Dallas Cowboys

## BLAZERS ON CURRENT OR RECENT NFL ROSTERS

Name	Position	Latest Team	Latest Year
Jake Ariens	K	Buffalo Bills	2001
Kyle Bissinger	LB	New England Patriots	2007
Rodregis Brooks	DB	Indianapolis Colts	2002
Chris Brown	DB	Jacksonville Jaguars	2004
Dan Burks	RB	Cincinnati Bengals	2007
Pernell Davis	DE	Cincinnati Bengals	2002
Josh Evans	DL	New York Jets	2004
Carl Fair	RB	Cleveland Browns	2002
Eddie Freeman	DT	Carolina Panthers	2005
Darrell Hackney	QB	Denver Broncos	2008
Carlos Hendricks	DB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2006
Otis Leverette	DE	Seattle Seahawks	2005
Jermaine McElveen	DL	Tennessee Titans	2007
Willie Quinnie	WR	San Diego Chargers	2005
Brandon Register	DB	Washington Redskins	2007
Izell Reese	DB	Buffalo Bills	2005
Cornelius Rogers	OL	Washington Redskins	2007
Dainon Sidney	DB	Detroit Lions	2005
Bryan Thomas	DE	New York Jets	2009
Swayze Waters	K	Detroit Lions	2009
Corey White	RB	Green Bay Packers	2007
Roddy White	WR	Atlanta Falcons	2009
Julius Wilson	OL	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2009
Zac Woodfin	LB	Houston Texans	2007

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Denver Broncos

**Zac Woodfin**  
Houston Texans

**Kyle Bissinger**  
New England Patriots

**Julius Wilson**  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**Carlos Hendricks**  
Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**Swayze Waters**  
Detroit Lions

# 2004 Hawai'i Bowl

HAWAIIAN FOOTBALL



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USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL



COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Sports Medicine

The sports medicine staff provides for all 16 varsity teams and 350 University of Alabama Birmingham student-athletes with high quality health care. Student-athletes have access to the leading sports medicine and health care professionals.

The sports medicine staff consists of team physicians, dentists, athletic trainers and a sports nutritionist. The daily care, prevention, evaluation and treatment of injuries is supervised by a staff of seven full-time and five graduate assistants that have been certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and licensed by the state of Alabama.

The Sports Medicine program is under the direction of Mike Jones, his full-time athletic trainers are Melissa Adams, Laurie Fincher, Bryan Koch, Pat Sawyer, two additional positions are open and will be filled by fall as well as graduate assistant trainers Matt Beauregard, Matt Griffin, Ai Kaechi, Emilee Stout and another graduate assistant will complete the staff.

Team physicians are affiliated with the acclaimed UAB Health System, health professional school and the UAB Sports Medicine. *U.S. News & World Report* and other national publications consistently rank UAB's innovative programs and expert spe-

cialists among the best in America. The Medical Director of UAB Sports Medicine is Dr. William Garth, an orthopedic surgeon, is responsible for all services provided to student-athletes. General medical care is provided by Dr. Brenda Baumann and Dr. Marshall Crowther.

In the fall of 2008, the Wallace Building Athletic Training Room opened. The 9,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility offers the finest therapeutic modalities and rehabilitative equipment. It has an extensive collection of therapeutic and rehabilitation equipment including a BTE isokinetic testing machine and Grimm Scientific Industries, Inc. CRYOTherm™ hydrotherapy tanks. The Wet Room features two free standing Dual-Tank Consoles that offer whole-body and extremity immersion in either warm or cold hydrotherapy. UAB has the largest Dual-Tank Console that has a stainless steel tank with a capacity of 1,450 gallons of water and can accommodate up to 25 football athletes at a time. In addition to the Wallace Building Facility, auxiliary athletic training rooms are located in Bartow Arena and in Young Memorial Field.





In the fall semester, 2008, the Wallace Building Athletic Training Room opened its doors. UAB student-athletes began enjoying a brand-new, state of the art athletic training facility. The new 9,000 square foot center allows the athletic training staff to work more efficiently and gives the student-athletes a much more comfortable facility.



**Mike Jones**  
*Assistant AD  
Athletic Training*



**Bryan Koch**  
*Assistant  
Athletic Trainer*



**Pat Sawyer**  
*Assistant  
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**Melissa Adams**  
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**Laurie Fincher**  
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**Jen Wallace**  
*Assistant  
Athletic Trainer*

The state-of-the-art, \$25 million Campus Recreation Center has covered all the bases. It boasts 18,000 square feet of weight and fitness space outfitted with all-new equipment and a one-eighth-mile oval running track that juts out of the building, curving toward University Boulevard and 15th Street South to provide panoramic views of the campus. And just to make sure no one gets bored, planners added a five-story, rock-climbing wall.

The facility features four basketball courts, five racquetball courts, one of which converts to a squash court and a multi-purpose court that can be used for indoor soccer, volleyball, floor hockey or badminton. There are also four aerobic rooms and a swimming pool with four lap lanes and leisure and physical rehabilitation areas.

The handicap-accessible pool has many special features. A continuous current in the "lazy river" carries swimmers around the outer edge of the pool in inner tubes – the ride ends under a waterfall – or individuals can walk against the flow as a part of a physical rehabilitation program. For more intense resistance training, center members can use the "vortex," a circular area within the pool with forceful water jets.



One of the four aerobics rooms is dedicated to spinning; the others host Pilates, general aerobics, yoga, step, and kickboxing classes along with other specialty offerings.

The facility also includes the Kids Zone, a supervised area – equipped with toys, books, and movies – where parents can drop off children while they work out. The center also has

a juice bar, wireless internet access, and an Outdoor Pursuits Center that rents camping gear and leads backpacking, rafting, and skiing trips to destinations around the United States. The first floor houses a wellness center that coordinates with UAB groups to offer nutritional counseling, body-fat measurements, personal training, and general fitness assessments.

# Campus Recreation Center



# BIRMINGHAM

## *The Magic City*



**The statue of Vulcan — Roman God of Fire and Iron — is the symbol of the city of Birmingham.**

**W**ith a population of more than 230,000 (more than one million in the metropolitan area), Birmingham has a strong, diverse, service-oriented economy and is recognized as a Southeast leader.

Founded shortly after the Civil War, Birmingham rapidly became known as

“The Magic City” because of its phenomenal rate of industrial growth in its beginning. Its mountainous strata and forest surrounding the city are rich with ore deposits, and it was that natural wealth that quickly transformed young Birmingham into a bustling steel metropolis.

Today, Birmingham continues to earn the distinction, “The Magic City,” but this tribute is due to the city’s economic competitiveness, technological advancements and quality of life — offerings which are sought after by professionals with an eye toward the future.

Birmingham has been recognized as one of America’s “Most Livable Cities” by the U.S. Conference of Mayors — as recently as 1993. Birmingham’s strategic location and diverse economy position the city as one of tremendous opportunity and growth.

Centrally located and the largest municipality in Alabama, the city is home to a number of renowned individuals who have made an impression on the nation and the world in music and entertainment, education, medicine and sports, to name a few.

There is never a lack of cultural entertainment in “The Magic City”. Dozens of neighborhood and city-wide festivals, museums, parks, sports competitions and much more provide unlimited activity and amusement.

Residents and visitors to Birmingham enjoy the city’s recreational and historical attractions such

as the Birmingham Zoo, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Vulcan Park, Sloss Furnaces, Southern Museum of Flight and the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Sports enthusiasts will never be at a loss for activity at the heart of the “Football Capital of the South.” UAB plays all of its home football games at historic Legion Field, which also was the site of preliminary round soccer matches at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Professional athletic teams in the area include the Class-AA Birmingham Barons (baseball).

Several annual fests are held in Birmingham. The biggest is City Stages, held each spring in the downtown City Center. City Stages attracts nearly a quarter of a million people for a three-day weekend of unlimited music.

All of this and more makes Birmingham “The Magic City” to residents and visitors year-round.



**The Birmingham Civil Rights Museum stands as a reminder of the past and a beacon of hope for the future.**





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