In centuries gone by, "liberty" was just a concept—an idea feared by tyrants and dreamed of by the oppressed. In more recent history, "liberty" became a cause and a deeply held belief worth fighting and dying for. Today, Liberty University has become a place where students call home ... where people dare to dream big dreams and then work to see those dreams come to pass ... where old-fashioned values and morality still survive and thrive in a world which appears to have forgotten the meaning of the word ... where the undeniable Truth of the Ages still reigns supreme ... where the whole person is educated—body, mind and soul ... a place where you can learn, grow and achieve wholeness as you become all God created you to be.

The Mission
To produce Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge and skills required to impact tomorrow’s world ... the mission is carried out for resident students, through both undergraduate and graduate programs, through a rigorous academic program and structured social environment ... also, it is carried out externally for students who can’t make the trek to the campus in a comparable academic program but without the structure of the resident community, through a distance learning program.

A Brief History
For more than 36 years, Liberty University has produced graduates with the values, knowledge and skills required to impact the world. Founded by Dr. Jerry Falwell and Dr. Elier Tows in 1971, Liberty University is a private, coeducational, undergraduate and graduate institution. The University offers over 60 programs of study that contribute to the University’s standing as the world’s largest distinctively Christian, academically excellent and spiritually vibrant institution. The 5,000-acre campus serves over 25,000 resident and external students with a diverse student body made up of individuals from all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and 81 nations.

Liberty is truly a representation of what God can do with a dream and a heart that desires to honor Him.

Location
Situated in Lynchburg, Va., Liberty University is nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and located on the south bank of the historic James River, in a region rich in history, culture and outdoor recreational opportunities.
Faculty
Liberty University's over 350 full-time and more than 300 part-time faculty are committed to engaging with students in the challenge of exploring vital links between faith and learning. There are over 450 institutions of higher learning represented among this impressive group. Liberty's commitment to personalized education also ensures that the student-to-professor ratio is nicely balanced at 25:1.

Degree Programs
In higher education, the principal means of ensuring quality is accreditation by a recognized accrediting body or agency. Liberty University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and nationally accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). Additionally, a number of specific programs are approved by accrediting and licensing bodies for specific disciplines (i.e. nursing, sport management and education programs). SACS and TRACS, in turn, are both recognized accrediting bodies by the United States Department of Education.

Spiritual Life
The Spiritual Life Department prepares students to make a global impact for the glory of God - wherever He leads them.

Life-changing campus church and convocation services connect students with their Creator through passionate worship and powerful Biblical messages custom designed for this collegiate generation. These services give Liberty students first-hand encounters with the most influential Christians on the planet.

Each semester the Campus Pastor’s Office personally trains over 1,000 student leaders who are the catalysts for the positive peer pressure and Biblical community which is the glue of Liberty University. Each year, these student leaders minister personally to their peers and commit to love, pray for, pray with and personally disciple every student on campus. Every student’s relationship with Christ is a priority.

Light Ministries facilitates Liberty’s global vision by providing dozens of opportunities each year for the Liberty community to participate in cross-cultural missions experiences. Already over 7,000 students have boarded planes to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to over three million people.

The Spiritual Life Department is radically committed to aligning the Liberty community with the Great Commandment and Great Commission of Jesus Christ. As the spiritual fires are sparked in hearts, Spiritual Life fans the flame.
Reflections on Liberty’s No. 1 fan - Dr. Jerry Falwell

May 15, 2007, will long be remembered as not only a day when the University lost its Founder and Chancellor, but the record books will show it was also the day the Athletics Department saw its No. 1 fan pass away when Dr. Jerry Falwell went home to be with the Lord.

Dr. Falwell, one of the greatest visionaries of the 20th century, often said there were two avenues by which he was going to grow a world-class University - music and athletics - knowing these two focal points speak the most to the youth of every generation.

From the moment Lynchburg Baptist College opened its doors in 1971, meeting with 154 students in class-rooms at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., Dr. Falwell quickly implemented plans to field athletics programs. In 1972, the Flames gained affiliation with the National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association and the University fielded its first team, men’s basketball, which posted a 7-1 record during its first season of competition. Shortly thereafter, the University began to add programs, starting with football in 1973.

During subsequent years, Liberty’s athletics programs began to move up the collegiate ladder, from NCCAA to NAIA until the Flames became a full-fledged NCAA Division I member on Sept. 1, 1986.

Liberty now fields 18 NCAA Division I athletics programs which compete at the highest level of intercollegiate competition, fulfilling Dr. Falwell’s vision of being “Champions for Christ” in whatever field of calling the Lord leads.

Although individuals from the outside world will remember Dr. Jerry Falwell as a conservative televangelist who energized the nation and the world to return to God, the thousands of student-athletes who have donned a Flames uniform over the three decades will remember him as their top supporter.

Dr. Falwell rarely missed a home football or basketball game, overlooking the Flames’ gridiron battles from the press box at Williams Stadium or in the first row opposite the team benches at the Vines Center.

It wasn’t strange to catch a glimpse of Dr. Falwell sitting in the dugout at home softball games or on the benches while Liberty was on the pitch playing soccer.

And those trying to reach Dr. Falwell during a sunny spring Central Virginia afternoon had to walk down the hill from his office at the “Mansion,” as he would normally be at Worthington Stadium, with a hot dog and drink in hand, cheering his baseball boys to victory.

Dr. Falwell’s attendance at an athletic event spurred numerous Liberty teams to victory and quickly energized a crowd, who responded with the infamous “JERR-EE” chant. During the late 90s, the daring and larger-than-life character would regularly walk across the Vines Center floor, climbing atop a packed student section, where Flames fanatics would “crowd surf” their heroic leader.

But a Dr. Falwell sighting at a Flames athletic event was not just limited to Liberty Mountain, as he could also be seen following the Flames’ athletic teams around the country.

Dr. Falwell was one of the last people to grab a piece of the cherished net when the men’s basketball team claimed the Big South title down in Charleston, S.C., in 1994, followed by Liberty pushing No. 1 North Carolina to the brink in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

He was also the proudest of the Flames’ faithful sitting courtside in Coliseum Park, Md., when the Lady Flames basketball program made their Cinderella Run to the Sweet 16 in 2005, arguably the most notable achievement in athletics department history.

During 2006, Dr. Falwell saw the revival of his precious Flames football program when Liberty posted the nation’s No. 1 turnaround, shattering program attendance records in the process.

In light of his unwavering support over the years, the Athletics-Department ceremonially retired a No. 71 football jersey at Liberty University’s annual homecoming game on Oct. 14, 2006 - bringing the Williams Stadium record-setting crowd of 15,631 to their feet with a roar of approval.

And although he no longer physically will roam the sidelines at Flames athletics events, Dr. Falwell’s presence will never be forgotten. His legacy and charge to be a ‘Champion for Christ’ will live on as long as Liberty student-athletes take to the field of competition.
Jerry Falwell, Jr. was born in Lynchburg, Va., on Father’s Day, June 17, 1962. He attended Lynchburg Christian Academy and Liberty University, graduating with a B.A. in religious studies in 1984. He obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1987. Falwell, Jr. is licensed to practice in all Virginia state courts, U.S. District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Virginia, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He married Becki Tilley of Chapel Hill, N.C., in 1987. They have three children: Jerry Falwell, III (Trey), born 1989, Charles Wesley, born 1993, and Caroline Grace, born 2000, and have lived on a farm in Bedford County, Va., since 1987.

Falwell, Jr. has engaged in the private practice of law in Lynchburg since 1987 and has served as General Counsel of Liberty University, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Liberty Broadcasting Network and Jerry Falwell Ministries since 1988. Falwell, Jr. and his father worked together closely since 1988 in the management and oversight of the University and all the Falwell ministries. In recent years, he has assumed more and more of the responsibility for the day-to-day management of the organization from his father who, along with the Liberty University Board of Trustees, named him Vice-Chancellor of the University in 2003. He has served on Liberty’s Board of Trustees since 2000.

Falwell, Jr. has also played a key role in the development of the real estate in the vicinity of Liberty University through the recruitment of many national retail and restaurant chains to the area. These developments have greatly enriched the lifestyle of the University community. Falwell, Jr. is a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and was named as the 2006 Business Person of the Year for western Virginia by the Blue Ridge Business Journal.

Dr. Ronald Godwin serves as Vice Chancellor for Liberty University.

However, for a total of more than 15 years, Dr. Godwin has worked directly for the Chancellor of Liberty University via many of Liberty’s affiliated ministries.

During a long administrative career he has held a variety of leadership positions including two presidential terms. Though perhaps better known outside Lynchburg for political activism, Jerry Falwell’s personal schedule confirmed his passion for being a pastor and a Christian educator. He often stated his heartbeat was for training young people for every walk of life. Falwell, who went home to be with the Lord at the age of 73 on May 15, 2007, was married to Macel for 49 years and they have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

In 1971, Liberty University was founded. Today, over 41,000 students from 50 states and 80 nations attend this accredited, liberal arts Christian university. Falwell’s dream has become a reality. A pre-school child can now enter the school system at age three, and 20 or more years later, leave the same campus with a Ph.D., without ever sitting in a classroom where the teacher was not a committed follower of Jesus Christ.

Falwell was also publisher of the National Liberty Journal, a monthly newspaper which is read by over 200,000 pastors and Christian workers, and the Falwell Confidential, a weekly e-mail newsletter to over 500,000 pastors and Christian activists. In June 1979, Falwell organized the Moral Majority, a conservative political lobbying movement which the press soon dubbed the “Religious Right.” During the first two years of its existence, the Moral Majority attracted over 100,000 pastors, priests and rabbis and nearly seven million religious conservatives who mobilized as a pro-life, pro-family, pro-Israel, and pro-Strong national defense lobbying organization. The Moral Majority chose California Governor Ronald Reagan as “their candidate” for President in 1980, registered millions of new voters, and set about to inform and activate a sleeping giant - 80 million Americans committed to faith, family and Judeo-Christian values.

With the impetus of the newly organized Moral Majority, millions of people of faith voted for the first time in 1980 and helped elect Ronald Reagan and many conservative congressmen and senators. Since 1979, about 30% of the American electorate has been identified by media polls as the “Religious Right”. Most recent major media surveys have acknowledged these “faith and values” voters re-elected George W. Bush in November 2004.
ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

JEFF BARBER
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Jeff Barber was named the Director of Athletics at Liberty University on Jan. 23, 2006, becoming the 10th Director of Athletics in the history of the University.

The University has charged Barber with the future leadership of the athletics department and the building of a strong financial basis for the department which will guide Liberty University athletics into the ranks of the elite NCAA Division I athletic programs in the nation.

Barber wasted little time making an impact at Liberty, as in three years he has been instrumental in guiding Liberty on a path to the next level of collegiate athletics.

He has spearheaded athletics facility improvement projects in every athletics venue, highlighted by changes to Williams Stadium, the Vines Center, Worthington Stadium and new Osborne Stadium. During the summer of 2006, the football program's on-campus playing facility received the latest in playing surfaces as FieldTurf was installed, while numerous other smaller projects were initiated to aesthetically improve the appearance of the facility. Barber has also engineered the addition of the brand new Daktronics video scoreboard located in the North end zone and the first expansion in seating capacity at Williams Stadium, bringing permanent seating to 15,052 just prior to the 2009 football season.

However, Barber's chief faculty accomplishment since joining the Flames in 2006 was overseeing the completion of the Williams Football Operations Center.

The 48,000-square foot state-of-the-art home base for the football program is one of the most outstanding FCS (formerly I-AA) football-only facilities in the nation. In addition to Barber's athletics facility achievements, the Director of Athletics has spurred a dramatic recording-setting increase in Flames Club memberships and season ticket sales for football and basketball.

In 2007-08 the athletics booster club set new records, pulling in $351,000 in annual membership contributions. The same year saw Liberty Athletics surpass the $1 million mark in giving, as the Flames Club brought in $1.3 million in total capital gifts. It was another banner year for the athletics booster club in 2008-09 as member growth has ballooned to 1,537 members contributing $382,000, with $2.2 million in capital gifts to construct new or improve existing facilities. Also under Barber marketing/sponsorship revenue has increased at 150 percent each of the past three years.

Barber has also guided the Flames to success on the athletics field of competition, highlighted by the back-to-back Big South Sasser Cup championships, bringing Liberty's total to seven. Liberty won 10 team championships during the 2007-08 campaign, including eight Big South titles, an NCAA East Regional championship in wrestling and an NCAA outdoor title in men's track and field. Liberty followed up capturing seven team championships during the 2008-09 year, including six Big South titles and its third straight NCAA East Regional wrestling championship.

Besides the Sasser Cup championships, Barber also saw Liberty bring home the Big South's Men's All-Sport and Women's All-Sport trophies, along with its third straight NCAA Cross Country national championship. Barber also repeated in capturing the Big South's Men's All-Sport trophy in 2009.

Liberty is only the second athletics department in Big South history to win the Sasser Cup, Men's All-Sport and Women's All-Sport trophies in the same year. The Flames' success has garnered national attention on several levels, earning Barber a four-year appointment to the NCAA's Recruiting Cabinet, beginning with the 2008-09 academic year. Barber is also on numerous other committees, including a four-year appointment on the NCAA Division I FCS ADA Executive Committee, Big South Conference chair for the league's Television Development Committee and the liaison for the Men's Basketball Committee. Barber also sits on the Big South committees for football, volleyball, publicity and promotion, while he also took part in the Big South Conference 25th Anniversary celebration committee.

Barber is a member of NACDA and NAAD and serves on the Board of Directors for the Child Evangelism Fellowship for Central Virginia, and also on the Board of Directors for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Barber brought a wealth of experience in the areas of athletic fundraising and administration to Liberty University, including 25 previous years in the athletic industry.

Barber came to Liberty after spending 11 years at South Carolina, including his last three years as Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development/Gamecock Club Executive Director.

Barber served on the senior management team at South Carolina for nine years, helping raise more than $14 million annually, while working closely with legendary football coaches Lou Holtz and Steve Spurrier.

Barber supervised the solicitation and receipt of over $85 million during his tenure at South Carolina, setting records each year in annual gifts to the Gamecock Club, which was at 16,500 members when he finished. He was also responsible for all major gifts to the Gamecock Club which exceeded $15,000 annually and developed that level of giving from 21 members to 137 at his time of departure.

Barber joined the athletics department at South Carolina in 1996 as an Assistant Athletic Director for Development and was promoted to Associate Athletic Director/Gamecock Club Executive Director in 1999. Prior to his days at South Carolina, Barber served five years at Furman in Greenville, S.C., starting as Executive Director of the Paladin Club in 1991, before being promoted to Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs in 1994.

ATHLETICS SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

MICKEY GURIDY
SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR - INTERNAL OPERATIONS

MERRITT EAKER
ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/SERIAL WOMAN ADMINISTRATOR

KRISTIE BEITZ
ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

KEVIN KEYS
ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR - EXTERNAL OPERATIONS

DR. WILLIAM GRIFFEN
NCAAC FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

BOB GOOD
ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT AND FLAMES CLUB DIRECTOR

MIKE HAGEN
ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR COMPLAINCE

TODD WETMORE
ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS

ANNA WHITEHURST
ASSISTANT ATHLETICS DIRECTOR FOR TICKET OPERATIONS
Academic Affairs for Athletics

Liberty student-athletes continue to score high marks in the classroom, as well as on the playing field due to the efforts of the Liberty University Office of Academic Affairs for Athletics.
Equipped with facilities at the Vines Center, Williams Football Operations Center and the Hancock Athletic Center, student-athletes have convenient locations to utilize the staff and resources.
Student-athletes receive everything from computer use and tutorial services to lessons on study skills, time management and organizational skills.

LIBERTY’S NCAA DIVISION I COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Jason Benham
Third Team (Baseball) 1998

Jay Cline
Second Team (Football) 2005

Kristin Colson
Second Team (Volleyball) 2005

Holly Deem
Third Team (Track) 1998

Jarrod Everson
First Team (Football) 1998

Second Team (Football) 1997

Megan Frazee
Second Team - 2008 (Women's Basketball)

First Team - 2009

Mike Gelatt
First Team (Men's Soccer)

2007 and 2008

Clendon Henderson
First Team (Track) 2008

Jennifer Hodges
Third Team (Women's Soccer) 1999

Danielle McNaney
First Team (Track) 2005

Second Team (Track) 2004

Daniel Newell
Third Team (Track) 2009

Heather Sagan
First Team (Track/Cross Country) 2002

Kristal Tharp
Second Team (Women's Basketball) 2005

Cathy Williams
Third Team (Track/Cross Country) - 1998

Arlene Zelinskas
Second Team (Track) 2007

Meredith Baisden
Beth Bennett
Amber DePasquale
Jenna Eatmon
Sarah Ellis
Cassie Hendrix
Allyson Hudson
J'nae Jefferson
Brittany Keene
Jenny Law
Keely McMillon
Tiffani Smith
Kaylee West
Dana Wheeler

2008-09
BIG SOUTH PRESIDENTIAL HONOR ROLL - SOFTBALL MEMBERS

Beth Bennett was one of 14 members of the Liberty softball team to be named to the 2008-09 Big South Presidential Honor Roll, up from six in 2007-08.
CHAMPS/Life Skills

The mission of the NCAA is to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the campus educational program and the student-athlete as an integral part of the student body. With this in mind, the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program was created to support the student development initiatives of its member institutions and to enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience within the university setting.

During the 2006-07 academic year, Liberty University’s Academic Affairs for Athletics Department launched the Flames ALL Teams Competition. In this challenge, athletic teams competed against one another and earned points based on participation as well as accomplishment in Academic Excellence, Athletic Performance, Personal & Team Enhancement and SAAC Communication.

Additionally, CHAMPS/Life Skills designs workshops and seminars each year for student-athletes, which focus on academics, personal awareness, career planning, diversity training and financial responsibility.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is a body of student-athletes (two representatives from each athletic team), cheerleaders and student trainers who have been selected by the Liberty University Athletics Administration, coaches and athletes. SAAC provides its members an environment to express opinions, concerns and new ideas that would enhance the student-athletes’ experience at Liberty. The committee also offers the student-athletes an opportunity to have a more personal relationship with members of the athletics department administration and the community by assisting local charities and community programs. The committee spearheads Liberty’s effort as part of the Big South Conference’s community service initiative as they race for the Kallander Cup, an annual award bestowed upon the conference institution that best exemplifies service within the community. Awarded each summer, Liberty won the inaugural cup in 2007.

RACHEL WISEHART of the Liberty women’s soccer team was selected for the 2009-09 academic year as the President of Liberty’s SAAC organization. She will represent Liberty as its spokesperson for business regarding the Big South Conference and the league’s SAAC organization.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FOR ATHLETICS STAFF

KRISTIE BEITZ
Associate Athletics Director for Academic Affairs

MATT ANTHONY
Academic Coordinator

ANDY COLEMAN
Director of Athletics for Football

JENI COLEMAN
Academic Coordinator

BUCK ROMERO
Director of Athletics for Men’s Basketball
MISSION:
The mission of the Liberty University Athletics Compliance Office is to uphold the rules and regulations set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Big South Conference, and Liberty University. The Compliance Office shall serve to advance the uncompromising integrity and commitment to the highest standards of ethical behavior at Liberty University in order to strictly adhere to the letter and spirit of NCAA principles of institutional control. As a vital component to the success of LU Athletics, the compliance office is committed to the education of the Athletics family on the complexities of NCAA rules in order to ensure a continued tradition of athletic excellence at Liberty University.

VISION:
Athletics Compliance aspires to become a nationwide example for excellence and integrity in compliance among all other NCAA institutions.

VALUES:
Athletics Compliance is committed to the values of:
• Excellence
• Integrity
• Accountability
• Service

WHAT ARE EXTRA BENEFITS?
An extra benefit is any special arrangement from the institution, its staff or its boosters to provide a benefit to student-athletes or their friends or family unless that benefit is (1) provided to the institution’s students generally or (2) specifically permitted by NCAA rules.

EXAMPLES OF IMPERMISSIBLE EXTRA BENEFITS:
The use of an automobile
Giving a loan or helping to secure a loan
Discounts on services, like dry cleaning or car repair
Discounts on purchases, such as clothing or airline tickets
The use of a cell phone or phone card
Receipt of services from businesses, like movie tickets or dinner

EXAMPLES OF PERMISSIBLE BENEFITS THE INSTITUTION MAY PROVIDE:
Athletics scholarships
Appropriate equipment for practice and competition
Travel expenses for competition
Complimentary admissions to their contests for family and friends
Awards to recognize their participation and achievement
Medical treatment
Academic support services

KEY WORDS THAT ANY ALUMNI OR FRIEND SHOULD KNOW
REPRESENTATIVE OF ATHLETICS INTEREST - (BYLAW 13.02.12)
Representatives of athletics interest - Casual conversation frequently uses the term "booster" to refer to these individuals. Under NCAA rules, a "representative of the institution’s athletics interest, is any individual that has ever:
A) contributed to the athletics department or its booster club.
B) joined the institution’s booster club.
C) assisted in recruiting prospective student-athletes.
D) provided benefits (e.g. summer job) to enrolled student-athletes.
E) promoted the institution’s athletics program.

Please note three important points regarding this definition:
1. It is very easy to meet one of these criteria, thus each institution has thousands of athletics representatives.
2. Once an individual becomes a representative of the institutions athletics interest, he or she retains that identity forever.
3. Under NCAA rules, the institution is responsible for all actions of its athletic representatives.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETE - (BYLAW 13.02.10)
A prospective student-athlete (“prospect”) is a person who has started classes for the ninth grade. A student-athlete who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the individual receives any benefits from an institution or representative of an institution’s athletics interest. Actions taken by athletic staff members that cause a student-athlete to become a prospective student-athlete include:
1. Providing a prospect an expense paid visit to a collegiate institution.
2. Having an arranged in-person encounter with the student-athlete.
3. Initiating or arranging telephone contact with a prospect or family member.

CONTACT - (BYLAW 13.02.3)
A contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect’s parents, relatives or legal guardian(s) and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged or that takes place on the grounds of the prospect’s educational institution or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect or the prospect’s high school, preparatory school, two-year college or all-star team shall be considered a contact, regardless of the conversation that occurs.

EVALUATION - (BYLAW 13.02.6)
A visit to a prospect’s high school, preparatory school or two year college, or an evaluation at any site that occurs during a contact period shall constitute a contact for that particular week even if no contact is made with a prospect.

QUIET PERIOD - (BYLAW 13.02.4.3)
A period of time when it is permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts only on the member institution’s campus. No in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts or evaluations may be made during the quiet period.

DEAD PERIOD - (BYLAW 13.02.4.4)
A period of time when it is not permissible to make in-person recruiting contacts or evaluations on or off the member institution’s campus or to permit official or unofficial visits by prospects to the institution’s campus. The provision of complimentary admissions to a prospect during a dead period is prohibited, except as provided for a prospect who visits an institution as part of a group. During such a dead period, a coaching staff member may not serve as a speaker at or attend a meeting or banquet at which prospects are in attendance, and may not visit the prospect’s educational institutions. It remains permissible, however, for an institutional staff member to write or telephone prospects during such a dead period.

If you have a question about NCAA rules and your interaction with Liberty coaches, student-athletes or staff please contact:

Athletics Compliance Office
Liberty University
1971 University Blvd.
Lynchburg, VA 24502
(434) 582-2100
The student-athlete at Liberty University has the luxury of having one of the most dedicated sports medicine teams in the country. The staff is headed by Chris Casola, Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Medicine who oversees medical care for the Flames football team. Scott Lawrenson is the Associate Athletic Trainer and Insurance Coordinator. Barry Finke and Aaron Schreiner are Senior Assistant Athletic Trainers, while Assistant Athletic Trainers Megan Bishop, Madeline Bosek, Jesse Cops, Laura Hoskins and Dan Preusser round out the staff as Certified Athletic Trainers (ATC). Preusser serves as the athletic trainer for softball.

In conjunction with services available through Team Physicians Dr. Gregg Albers and Dr. Richard Lane at Light Medical, the Liberty University Athletic Training staff utilizes two hospitals, Lynchburg General Hospital and Virginia Baptist, for any emergency or general medical needs. Liberty is also fortunate to have team orthopaedic services from the Orthopaedic Center of Central Virginia along with assistance and consultation from Rehab Associates of Central Virginia.

Housed in the beautiful 3,200-square foot Football Training Room located in the Football Operations Center, the main athletic training room is a modern facility complete with the latest equipment. Satellite athletic training rooms are located in the Field House at Williams Stadium, located at the south end of the football complex, the Hancock Athletic Center, the Vines Center and the Crowder-Muckel Fieldhouse neighboring Worthington Stadium.
The 2008-09 academic year was another stellar campaign for Liberty Athletics, highlighted by the department’s second straight Big South Sasser Cup championship. Since joining the Big South Conference in 1991, Liberty has won 88 conference championships, averaging nearly five league titles per season.


Additionally, Liberty also won the Big South Men’s All-Sport Trophy for the second consecutive year and the fourth time since the award was established six years ago.

During the 2008-09 season, Liberty posted six Big South titles, an NCAA East Regional championship in wrestling and was represented in eight different sports in an NCAA Championship event, while men’s basketball earned a bid to the inaugural CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).

For fourth time in athletics department history and second straight year, Liberty had three CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honorees in the same year. Mike Gelatt was named to the men’s soccer first-team squad, Megan Frazee was named to the women’s basketball first-team listing and Daniel Newell was named to the track and field third-team national list of academic award winners.

With the trio of CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honorees last year, Liberty now has placed 15 student-athletes in athletics department history on the most prestigious collegiate academic team in the nation.

Among the athletes named Big South Scholar-Athlete for their respective sports during the 2008-09 season were Josh Edmonds for men’s cross country, Frazee for women’s basketball, Gelatt for men’s soccer, Newell for indoor track and field and Rebekah Ricksecker for women’s cross country.

Softball’s Beth Bennett capped off a stellar Liberty Athletics career last year by being named the recipient of the Mac Rivera/Rock Rover Award, an award given annually to honor Liberty’s top graduating senior student-athlete.

Liberty had 203 student-athletes named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll at the conclusion of the 2008-09 season. Over 38 percent of Liberty’s student-athletes recorded a 3.0 GPA or higher in the classroom during the academic year.

Football

The football program captured its second straight Big South championship, posting a perfect 5-0 record in league play and an overall 10-2 mark. The program’s first ever 10-win season was capped off with the highest year-end FCS national ranking in program history, No. 14.

For the third year in a row, head coach Danny Rocco was tabbed Big South Coach of the Year, becoming the first head coach in league history to garner the honor three times.

Liberty led the Big South with 16 all-conference honorees, while tying a program-best with eight players on the VaSID all-state squad for the second consecutive season. Four more players grabbed All-America distinctions, led by Rashad Jennings’ first-team AP All-American nod.

Jennings became the sixth player in program history to hear his name called in the NFL Draft after the Jacksonville Jaguars made him their seventh round selection during the 2009 event.

Volleyball

The volleyball squad captured its second consecutive Big South title, advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in program history.

Men’s Soccer

Defender Mike Gelatt became Liberty’s first two-time first-team CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American.

Joshua Boateng was selected by the L.A. Galaxy in the third round of the MLS SuperDraft, becoming the first Flame to be selected in the MLS SuperDraft and fifth overall drafted by an MLS franchise.

Women’s Soccer

Amy Ooberlin was named to the All-Big South women’s soccer roster for the fourth straight year in 2008.

Cross Country

Sophomore Sam Chelanga finished in second place at the NCAA Division I National Cross Country Championship.

The men’s cross country team captured their fourth straight Big South title and 10th all-time.

Men’s Basketball

Fielding the nation’s fourth-youngest team, the 2008-09 squad tied the program’s Division I record with 23 wins and defeated Rider in the CIT opening round, the program’s first Division I postseason win.

Four starters for the Flames garnered a total of 19 postseason awards, highlighted by CollegeInsider.com Freshman All-American Seth Curry, the nation’s leading scorer among freshmen (20.2 ppg) who grabbed 13 honors of his own.

Women’s Basketball

The women’s basketball team captured its 12th Big South title in 13 years after successfully defending a last-second attempt by Gardner-Webb in the Big South Championship game.

Megan Frazee won both the Big South Player of the Year and Richmond Times-Dispatch State Player of the Year awards for the second consecutive season.

Frazee became the second player in program history after Katie Feenstra to be selected in the WNBA Draft, as the San Antonio Silver Stars took the former Lady Flame with the first pick of the second round.

Wrestling

For the third-straight year, the wrestling program captured the NCAA East Regional title, winning the team championship Paul Porter Arena on the campus of Gardner-Webb, sending four wrestlers to the NCAA National Championships.

Track and Field

The men’s track & field team completed a Big South “Triple Crown” for the third year in succession, winning the conference cross country, indoor track and outdoor track championships.

Sam Chelanga broke the NCAA 10K all-time record, running a 27:28.48 on April 24, 2009 in Berkeley, Calif.

Only a sophomore, Chelanga won an All-American certificate, his third of the year and fifth of his career, when he placed third in the 10K at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Men’s Golf

Robert Karlsson became Liberty’s highest-ranked golfer ever in 2009, reaching No. 14 in GolfStat’s national rankings, helping the Big South Freshman Golfer of the Year to an individual at-large berth to the NCAA Championship.

Tennis

The men’s and women’s tennis program reached a double figure win total during the same year for the first time in athletics department history. The women’s squad bested last year’s program record by picking up two more wins (15s), while the men’s team won their second most in program history with 13 victories.

Baseball

For the first time in the 35-year history of the program, Liberty won 30 or more games in five consecutive seasons, claiming victory in 33 contests in 2009 under second-year head coach Jim Toman.

With pitcher Andrew Wilson being drafted in this year’s Major League Baseball Draft, Liberty has now had 39 players taken in the MLB draft and a player taken in each draft since 1999. Errol Hollinger joined Wilson in the professional ranks after signing a free agent deal with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Softball

The softball program advanced to its fifth Big South Softball Championship title game, as the squad sits now in third place on the league’s list of all-time title game participants.
MEDIA INFORMATION

Please assist us in providing you with the most accurate information possible by observing the media guidelines listed below when dealing with any Liberty University athletics program.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Working press credentials for Liberty home games can be obtained by contacting the Office of Athletics Communications. Please give ample notice if you intend to cover the Flames. Only requests from accredited print and electronic media outlets will be honored. Media and parking credentials are distributed on a season or match basis. Requests should be made at least two days prior to an event.

MEDIA PARKING

Liberty Softball Field parking is located in front of Dorm 32 on the west end of Liberty’s main campus. Please call the Office of Athletics Communications with any parking questions or concerns you may have.

GAME PRESS SERVICES

The staff of the Office of Athletics Communications will be at your service throughout the contest. All members of the media will be provided with lineup cards, any game notes, press guides, statistics and any other pertinent information before and after each game. Full statistics will be available at the end of the game. Telephones and a fax machine will also be available for the media’s use.

INTERVIEW POLICY

All interview requests must be coordinated by a member of the Office of Athletics Communications staff. Player interviews will not conflict with classes, meetings or practice times. Players are available after practice. Interviews are not permitted in the locker room or training room.

REACHING COACH WETMORE

To speak with Liberty Head Coach Paul Wetmore, please contact the Athletics Communications Office to make arrangements. The best time to reach Coach Wetmore on non-game days is in the morning. Interviews are generally not granted on game days.

DAILY PRACTICE SESSIONS

Practices are conducted mostly in the afternoon on the Liberty Softball Field. Practices are generally open to the media, unless otherwise announced. Please contact a member of the Athletics Communications if you plan to attend a workout.

POST-GAME POLICY

Contact a member of the Athletics Communications staff for specific information regarding the post-game policy. Liberty Head Coach Paul Wetmore and requested players are available for comment after a brief 10-minute cooling period after the game’s conclusion.

LIBERTYFLAMES.COM

LibertyFlames Online, located at LibertyFlames.com on the World Wide Web, is an interactive online site offering information for all Lady Flames softball fans. From updated statistics, player and coach profiles, to game notes and press releases, LibertyFlames.com is the first place to check for the latest news.

Online also provides comprehensive coverage of Liberty’s 19 intercollegiate athletic programs, as well as a compete look at the Liberty University Athletics Department.

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Construction on the Liberty Softball Field began as soon as the University announced during the spring of 1993 that the school was going to reinstate the softball program after a seven-year hiatus. The 1994 Liberty squad practiced at then Liberty University’s North Campus during the fall of 1993.

The Lady Flames moved from their temporary practice location to the Liberty Softball Field on March 4, 1994, as they played host to George Mason in the squad’s season opener. Fans in attendance that day saw the Lady Flames get off to an exciting start, scoring five runs in the first inning to take a 5-0 lead. However a more experienced George Mason team prevailed, eventually defeating Liberty, 9-5.

As the program continued to grow, so expansions to the facility continued. In 1995, dugouts were constructed and permanent metal fencing was added around the entire field. Each dugout contains an extension toward the backstop with the first base extension serving as an equipment/storage closet, while the third base extension serves as the softball press box.

During the summer of 1996, the finishing touches were placed on the dugouts, as player restroom facilities were completed. A scoreboard was installed as well, located above the first base dugout. The outfield also underwent several changes as a sprinkler system was installed, enabling around-the-clock care for the facility, while a permanent warning track was added around the entire field.

During the 1997 offseason, a new batting cage was added, located in the left field foul territory. The batting cage is used for both daily practices and pre-game warm-up sessions.

In 2005, a new 37’ netted backstop was installed with the new feature measuring the same height as the Boston Red Sox’s famed Green Monster at Fenway Park. A new plastic coated side line fence was installed down the left and right field fences and a new windscreen was installed on the outside fence, while a tarp was purchased to cover the field during times of inclement weather.

More upgrades to the Liberty Softball Field took place prior to the start of the 2007 season as two new batting cages and two pitching bullpens were installed on the center field scoreboard. The old batting cage area was converted into a large storage area for the program.

In 2009, a new scoreboard replaced the one that was installed in 2001, and measures at 18’ by 10’. The electronically-based unit features running score, inning totals and ball and strike counts. It is painted navy blue and is highlighted by a Liberty Flames logo.

### Lady Flames Records at Liberty Softball Field

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**LIBERTY SOFTBALL FIELD Quick Facts**

- **Name:** Liberty Softball Field
- **Site:** Adjacent to Liberty University’s Intramural Field off of Flames Way next to Senior Dorm 32
- **Capacity:** 500
- **Surface:** Natural Grass
- **Dimensions:**
  - Right - 200 feet
  - Center - 200 feet
  - Left - 200 feet
- **Height of Fence:** 6 feet
- **Opening Day:** March 4, 1994
- **First Game Result:**
  - George Mason 9, Liberty 5
- **First Liberty Win:** March 14, 1994 - Liberty 4, UMBC 3
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