



Esteban Arriola

Leadership Development

Education: Texas A&M University-Commerce (B.S., M.S.)

Esteban Arriola is a native of Texas City, Texas and grew up in south Texas in Edinburg. The oldest of three kids, he graduated from Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMUC) with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and sport studies. One year later, Esteban earned a Master of Science in health, kinesiology and sports studies concentrating on athletic administration. During his time at TAMUC, he was a member of the Lions men's basketball team, a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) member, served as president of the Sigma Chi fraternity and earned a teacher's certification.

Shortly after college, his professional career began as a sixth-grade science teacher and a middle and high school basketball coach. In the past year, he started a speaking engagement business, "Stay Away From Easy" with a mission to promote personal/team/employee development through informative, uplifting and motivating presentations and engagements.



Lauren Battista

Championships

Education: Bentley University (B.S.)

Lauren Battista graduated summa cum laude from Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts where she earned a Bachelor of Science in marketing and liberal Studies and minored in finance. A four-year starter and two-year captain of the nationally ranked women's basketball team, Lauren led the Falcons to a 124-11 record in her four years, capped off by a perfect 35-0 season and NCAA Division II national championship. Lauren was nationally recognized for her accomplishments on the court and in the classroom by several organizations, including the NCAA: she was a three-time All-American and Academic All-American, and during her senior season, was named the WBCA National Player of the Year and the Capital One Academic All-America of the Year for all Division II

sports. After graduation, Lauren earned several additional honors, including the CWSA/Honda Division II Athlete of the Year, NCAA Woman of the Year Honoree, and most recently, one of the NCAA Today's Top 10 Honorees, which recognizes 10 graduating student-athletes across all three NCAA divisions based upon athletic achievement, academic success, leadership and community involvement.

Prior to joining the NCAA, Lauren served as the associate program director for Evolution Sports Performance, a privately owned company near her hometown of Easton, Massachusetts. In that role, Lauren was responsible for the sales, marketing initiatives, and the day-to-day operations of the business. Lauren also enjoys coaching youth basketball and offering private basketball training sessions. She is involved with several non-profit organizations such as her local Habitat for Humanity office and Team IMPACT, an organization that matches children with life-threatening illnesses with college teams.



Katherine Burger

Championships

Education: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (B.A.)

Katherine Burger is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a double major in interpersonal communications and exercise and sports science with a concentration in sports administration. While at North Carolina, she was a four-year member of the women's varsity rowing team. Katherine held an active role on the rowing team's Leadership Council, as well as roles as both a trainee and mentor in the Baddour Carolina Leadership Academy. She served as one of the rowing team's representatives on the University of North Carolina's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).

Katherine garnered several academic accolades during her career, including four years on the North Carolina and the Atlantic Coast Conference Academic honor rolls, two years on the University of Carolina's Dean's List, and was named a two-time Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Scholar-Athlete.

During her time at North Carolina, Katie interned with the United States Rowing Association in Princeton, New Jersey. She worked as the membership department assistant, helping to develop eight regional and national regattas, as well as interact with the membership on a daily basis. She also interned with the Elite Level Sports Marketing firm in Chapel Hill. As the director of creative communications, Katie worked primarily on the Best of Brand Awards — in conjunction with the National Wrestling Coaches Association — to help expand the fan base for collegiate and high school wrestling programs across the nation through social media marketing competitions. Upon graduating, Katie joined the Southern Conference staff as the operations assistant, working in the championships, multimedia, and compliance departments. Her duties in operations ranged from planning and executing 20 conference championship events, to creating video board graphics and short promotional videos, to developing compliance education programming.

Outside the professional world, Katie is close with her family, and loves animals, traveling, movies and classic rock music.

**Connor Bush***Enforcement*

Education: Michigan State University (B.S.), University of Mississippi (J.D.)

Connor lived in St. Louis, Cleveland, and Memphis, but claims Novi, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, as home. He graduated from Michigan State University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in human biology and a minor in Spanish. While at MSU, Connor played club lacrosse for four years. He served two years as team captain, led the Spartans to the program's first appearance in the MCLA national tournament, and received Scholar Athlete, as well as All-America, honors. Following graduation, Connor coached the varsity lacrosse team at his alma mater, Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Connor graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 2015. During law school, Connor served as the editor-in-chief of the Mississippi Sports Law Review as well as the associate cases editor for the Mississippi Law Journal. Connor interned with the athletics compliance office for two years, gaining a wide-range of experience working on various financial aid, recruiting, and eligibility projects. He also worked closely with the senior associate director of athletics for compliance to examine elite athlete programs and agent policies. Connor helped organize the annual Ole Miss Agent Day. In his final year of law school, he gained external relations experience as an intern with the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation. Connor assisted the Ole Miss Director of Athletics on football game days, secured donations from young alumni, and analyzed annual giving programs across the Southeastern Conference.

**Kaitlyn Cranshaw***Academic and Membership Services*

Education: Clemson University (B.A.), Florida State University (J.D.)

Kaitlyn Cranshaw graduated magna cum laude from Clemson University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in business and technical writing. Kaitlyn walked on to the Clemson women's basketball team where she was honored with the ROTC Air Force Award, given to the player who demonstrates the core values of the Air Force: integrity, service before self, and excellence in all endeavors. Kaitlyn chose to forgo her senior year as a basketball player to graduate early and intern with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

In 2015, Kaitlyn received her Juris Doctor degree at Florida State University College of Law, where she remained active in athletics by serving as secretary for the Entertainment, Art, and Sports Law Society, and by volunteering for the Florida State women's basketball team. Kaitlyn has also completed a compliance internship at High Point University and also had exposure to conference operations at the Atlantic Coast Conference. Kaitlyn is a native of Ormond Beach, Florida. When Kaitlyn is not spending time with her family and friends, she enjoys her passion of strength training and conditioning.



Chelsea Crawford

Academic and Membership Affairs

Education: University of South Florida (B.A.), Florida Coastal School of Law (J.D.)

Chelsea Crawford was born in Jacksonville, Arkansas where her mother and father were members of the Air Force. Eventually, she moved to Miami and attended the University of South Florida located in Tampa, Florida where she received a Bachelor of Arts in political science. While at South Florida, Chelsea was involved in student government, where she was the senior justice for two years and co-founded Relentless Dance Troupe.

Chelsea attended Florida Coastal School of Law where her focus was sports law and she graduated in 2015. She has interned in the Florida International University athletics department in Miami, specifically with compliance. During her last semester at Florida Coastal, she also interned with athletics in the compliance department at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. Furthermore, she was a legal intern for the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) and the Miami-Dade Police Department Legal Bureau. While at Florida Coastal, Chelsea was involved with pre-professional organizations on campus. She was a member of the Florida Coastal Mock Trial Team, Sports Law Society and Black Law Students Association. She was also the Justice of the Bedell Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International for two years.



Tyler Crebar

Communications

Education: Western Washington University (B.A.)

Tyler Crebar is from the small town of Ridgefield, Washington, north of Portland, Oregon. Tyler was an Eagle Scout and four-year letterman in track & field in high school. He was a walk-on to Western Washington University's track team freshman and sophomore years as a javelin and discus thrower before leaving the sport due to injury. Tyler graduated from Western Washington with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism with a concentration in public relations, and a minor in sociology. During his time there, he completed public relations, marketing and journalism internships with multiple nonprofits and Western's office of communications and marketing. He also served as the communications coordinator for the Associated Students of Western Washington University and was a

founding member of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter.

In his free time, Tyler enjoys spending time with his wife Jennifer, volunteering, watching sports and exercising. He is an avid fan of the Portland Trail Blazers and Seattle Seahawks.



Jaime Dicks

Inclusion

Education: South Carolina State University (B.S.), Southern University (J.D.)

Jaime D. Dicks is a 2009 cum laude graduate of South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in secondary education and a minor in sport communication. During her time at South Carolina State, she was the recipient of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Emerging Leaders Award and also served as the president of the Health and Physical Education Majors Club. Prior to graduation, her peers and professors named her a Top Ten Student in the Class of 2009. After graduation, Jaime went on to work as a Congressional Affairs intern at the Library of Congress.

Shortly after this experience, Jaime went back to South Carolina State to enroll in the MAT English program. During her time as a student, she served as a graduate assistant for the Disabilities Enhancement Project, a grant funded by the Department of Education, which sought to enhance disabilities services at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Jaime went on to graduate from Southern University Law Center in 2014, and during her time held several leadership positions including being named the Lieutenant Governor of Diversity for the American Bar Association's 13th Circuit Law Student Division, a student attorney at the East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court and a Volunteer Court

Appointed special advocate. In addition, Jaime served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Capital City Alliance and has been inducted into the American Inns of Court.

Originally from Rock Hill, South Carolina, Jaime is the founder and chief executive officer of Golden Minds, a South Carolina non-profit organization dedicated to service, scholarship and advocacy for socio-economically disadvantaged children and youth. Outside of her professional interests she enjoys playing basketball, mentoring and traveling.



Jessica Duff

Governance

Education: Wellesley College (B.A.), Tufts University, (M.A.)

Jessica Duff attended high school in Michigan and in 2009, graduated from Wellesley College with a Bachelor of Arts in women's studies. Jessica was a four-year basketball and volleyball student-athlete. A two-time captain and an All-Conference recipient for the basketball team, Jessica also served as a volleyball captain and garnered All-Conference, All-Region and National All-America Honorable Mention honors. Jessica was also a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Jessica went on to serve as a graduate assistant for the women's basketball team at Tufts University, and in 2012, Jessica earned her master's in education. She wrote her master's thesis on the FAIR Education Act, a California law that mandates LGBT curriculum in schools, and how it both supported and negated Queer Theory.

For the past two years, Jessica has served as the assistant to the athletics director and assistant basketball coach at Mount Holyoke College. Jessica was involved in all aspects of the department, including event management, compliance, student-athlete development and department administration. She also served as the interim fitness center director.

In her free time, Jessica enjoys playing in sports leagues, watching Netflix, and pretending she is the owner of a dog (dog-sitting extraordinaire).



Mary Kate Etling

Championships

Education: DePauw University (B.A.)

Mary Kate Etling graduated from DePauw University in 2015 where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in communication. Mary Kate was a four-year volleyball student-athlete, president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), a member of Alpha Phi fraternity, an intern in the DePauw athletics department and spent much of her time volunteering, including a three-week in-service trip to El Salvador.

As a student-athlete, Mary Kate was a four-year letter winner and served as captain her senior season. She was named to numerous all-tournament teams, including two NCAC All-Conference teams. She is currently ranked third in school history for career hitting percentage. Mary Kate led her team to the NCAA Division III volleyball championships in both 2013 and 2014. In 2014, she assisted the DePauw Tigers in their first NCAA tournament win in school history. Originally from Terre Haute, Indiana, Mary Kate enjoys spending time with family and friends, staying active and traveling.



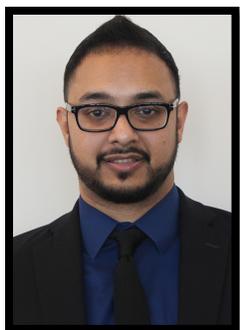
Miranda Giddens

Academic and Membership Affairs

Education: Georgia State University (B.A., M.S.)

Miranda Giddens is a native of Kennesaw, Georgia. In 2013, she completed her bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in sociology from Georgia State University in Atlanta. While in undergraduate, Miranda served as a recruiting intern for the GSU Panthers football team, and vice president of membership of the Georgia State Student Alumni Association (SAA). As a member of SAA, Miranda helped recruit over 2,000 members, making it the largest student organization on campus in its first year. She has given presentations on membership recruitment at the Counsel for Advancement and Support of Education-Affiliated Student Advancement Programs (CASE ASAP) National Convention, and participated on the planning committee for the 2013 CASE ASAP District III Conference.

As a graduate student, Miranda majored in sports administration and worked in student-athlete development at Georgia State. She was an academic mentor for at-risk student-athletes, mainly working with football and men's basketball. She has worked several events for the Southeastern and Sun Belt conferences, including football and basketball championships for both conferences. Miranda is also member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and continues to be a conduit for change in her community through sisterhood and service.



Ayaz Hafeez

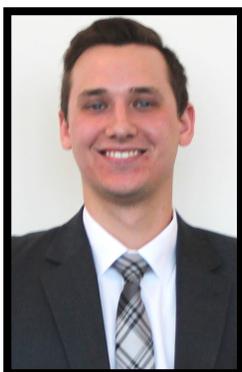
Enforcement

Education: University of New Orleans (B.S.), Loyola University New Orleans (J.D.)

Ayaz Hafeez was born and raised in New Orleans. He received his law degree from Loyola University of New Orleans School of Law in 2009. In 2005, Ayaz earned a Bachelor of Science in marketing from the University of New Orleans. He is a passionate LSU fan, as well as supporter of the New Orleans Saints and Pelicans.

Prior to joining the NCAA, Ayaz spent two years as an athletics compliance assistant with Eastern Michigan University. He assisted in the day-to-day operations of the compliance office while focusing on filing violation reports, evaluating initial eligibility of prospective student-athletes and providing interpretations of NCAA bylaws to coaches and administrators. He also spent time as an athletics compliance intern at Texas Southern University where he helped the compliance office adhere to regulations and NCAA penalties during the school's five-year probationary period.

Before starting his athletics career, Ayaz worked as a contracts administrator at Flow-Tek, Inc. in Houston. He was responsible for managing any contractual issues that represented any financial risk to the company. He also reviewed and prepared any specified contract documents dealing with Flow-Tek. and their customers. Prior to Flow-Tek, Ayaz worked as a regulatory/compliance specialist at Verizon Wireless in Georgia. He was responsible for reviewing, analyzing, and filing F.C.C. applications for wireless transmission sites in order for Verizon Wireless to remain in compliance with the governing regulatory body.



John "Tyler" Harris

Eligibility Center

Education: Lindenwood University (B.S., M.B.A.)

Tyler Harris grew up in Barry, a small town in central Illinois. Tyler attended Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri, where he received a bachelor's degree in exercise Science, played for the men's basketball team for four years, and was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Shortly after graduation, Tyler went on to receive his master's in business administration at Lindenwood University while also serving as a graduate assistant in the athletics department's compliance office.

Tyler enjoys slow pitch softball and basketball, and is an avid Red Sox and Duke fan.

**Alessandra Hemminger***Academic and Membership Affairs*Education: Syracuse University (B.S.), University of Virginia (M.Ed.)

Alessandra Hemminger is originally from Rochester, New York. She graduated summa cum laude from Syracuse University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in education. She was a member of the Syracuse cheerleading team for three years and volunteered in numerous departments around campus including admissions, football recruiting, and residence life. As an active member of Alpha Phi, Order of Omega, Phi Kappa Phi and Future Leaders of Student Affairs, she held leadership positions throughout her undergraduate career.

Alessandra earned her master's in higher education administration from the University of Virginia in 2015 where she focused her studies in intercollegiate athletic administration.

While at Virginia, she served as the graduate assistant in the athletics academic affairs office where she was responsible for managing a caseload of first-year student-athletes on various teams in addition to collaborating with her department to plan multiple study skills workshops and career development programming to meet a wide spectrum of student-athletes' needs.

**Audrey Hester***Academic and Membership Affairs*Education: Randolph-Macon College (B.A.)

Audrey Hester graduated cum laude from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and Anthropology with a concentration in social order and control, and a minor in studio art. Audrey was a four-year lacrosse student-athlete, president of the campus Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and member of the Division III National SAAC executive board serving as a representative to the Division III Management Council.

Audrey is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Alpha Kappa Delta honor societies. She was also part of the R-MC honors program and made the Dean's List each semester. As a student-athlete, she was a team captain and all-conference player in her senior season. She was also selected to be on her conference's Sportsmanship

Team, All-Academic Team, and she was a recipient of the R-MC Doggett Award – given to the graduating student-athlete with the highest grade point average. Prior to joining the NCAA, Audrey was working as the athletics operations coordinator for Randolph-Macon College.

**Michael Hupf***Governance*Education: University of Nebraska Omaha (B.A.), University of Nebraska, Lincoln (J.D.)

Michael Hupf comes to the NCAA after serving as a compliance intern at the University of Nebraska Omaha for two years. He assisted with all aspects of the compliance office but was primarily responsible for coordinating athletically related financial aid, evaluating initial and transfer eligibility of prospective student-athletes, and providing rules education to coaches and student-athletes. Additionally, he approved official and unofficial visits and monitored playing and practice seasons.

Michael received his law degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln College of Law in 2015. While attending Nebraska, Michael was the secretary for the Nebraska Entertainment and Sports Law Association and was a member of the Environmental Law Society. Prior to law school, Michael received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nebraska Omaha. Michael was a member of the tennis team where he was a four-year letter winner and team captain his junior and senior years. Additionally, he was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for three years. Michael served as president of SAAC for one year and also served on the community outreach committee.

In his free time, Michael enjoys hiking and camping, playing sports (soccer, tennis, volleyball, disc golf, and golf), reading, and spending time with his family and dog.



Haley Jurich
Championships

Education: University of Louisville (B.S.), Northern Arizona University (M.S.)

Haley Jurich has spent the last two years at Northern Arizona University assisting in the NAU athletics department as a marketing graduate assistant. At NAU, she served as a marketing assistant for the women's soccer, women's basketball and volleyball teams while also coordinating pregame tailgate and FanFest festivities prior to home football games. As a graduate assistant, she was thrust into the post of interim director of the marketing department in the spring 2014 semester during a six-month candidate search. Her responsibilities included programming men's and women's basketball games, increasing attendance for both sports during the 2014 Big Sky season. NAU also underwent an athletics rebranding during the semester and Haley played an integral role in the rollout of a new identity system for Lumberjack athletics. She came to NAU after attending the University of Louisville where she played field hockey team for four years, competing at the Division I level, which prepared her first hand for working in college athletics.

At Louisville, Haley graduated with a bachelor's degree in sport administration and minored in communication in 2013, before earning a master's degree in communication from NAU in 2015.



Jacalyn Kelly
Leadership Development

Education: University of Hartford (B.S.)

Jacalyn Kelly was born and raised in Staten Island, New York and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Hartford where she earned a Bachelor of Science in management with a minor in marketing. Jacalyn was a four-year starter and two-year captain on the women's softball team. She was named to the America East Conference commissioner's honor roll and the University of Hartford All-Senior team. She completed an internship with the Staten Island Yankees, the Class-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, where she worked mostly in the ticket office. Jackie is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a national business honor society.

She was on the Dean's list every semester though out her undergraduate career. Outside of school and softball, Jacalyn loves to cook, fish, and spend time with family and friends.



Gina Knutson
Championships

Education: University of Delaware (B.S.) Georgia State University (M.S.)

Gina Knutson was born and raised in a west suburb of Chicago and was a softball student-athlete at the University of Delaware. She majored in sport management and minored in landscape horticulture. In addition to playing softball, Gina was a football operations intern at UD assisting with game-day operations, community service projects, protocols, and recruiting and day-to-day operations. She won the Operation Blue Hens Spirit Award at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Gina also was the recipient of the Myles Brand Memorial Award during her senior year.

After graduation, Gina became the graduate assistant for Georgia State athletics in operations, facilities and events. She served as game administrator for many of GSU's home varsity events as well as assisted with managing and organizing external event rentals throughout the year. Gina earned her master's degree in sports administration and became a member of the Sun Belt Conference RISE Program during her two years there. While in Atlanta, Gina volunteered with the Atlanta Falcons, SEC Football Championship, Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl Kickoff games and Georgia Tech basketball game operations.

In her free time, Gina enjoys spending time with friends and family, exercising, outdoor activities, and cheering on her Chicago sports teams.



Zachary Lange

Eligibility Center

Education: Transylvania University (B.A.), University of Cincinnati (J.D.)

Zachary was born and raised in Florence, Kentucky, outside of Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. He was a member of the Transylvania men's soccer teams that advanced to the Division III Sweet Sixteen his freshman year and the Elite Eight his junior year. In his final season, Zachary was named First Team All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and HCAC Defensive Player of the Year. He tutored freshmen soccer players during a study group he coordinated his final three years at Transylvania.

After graduating from Transylvania, Zachary lived in Columbia, South Carolina and fulfilled his dream of travelling the United States. Following a year in South Carolina, Zachary enrolled at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and received his Juris Doctor in May 2015. During law school, he externed with the compliance staff in the University of Cincinnati athletics department. He was also a member of the UC Sports and Entertainment Law Club. Zachary remained active in the community by volunteering in various ways each year with the law school's annual day of service. He also participated in the law school's Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic, which allows current law students the opportunity to provide legal representation to area businesses and non-profits. Zachary is a fan of the Cincinnati Bengals and Reds, Chicago Blackhawks and Liverpool FC. His younger sister, Torrie, played soccer at Western Kentucky University. Outside of his sports interests, Zachary enjoys spending time with friends and family.



Hannah Meister

Communications

Education: University of Miami, Florida (B.S.)

Hannah Meister comes to the NCAA after spending four years at the University of Miami. Hannah graduated with a Bachelor of Science in communication with a triple minor in business, graphic design and sociology. She was a member of the varsity women's rowing team during all four years, after starting to row during her senior year of high school. She was one of her team's SACC representatives and photo editor of her school's award-winning yearbook during her junior and senior years. Hannah also served as a communications and graphic design intern in the athletics department during the summer before her senior year and continued through the year helping to design materials for the rowing team. She was named a CRCA National Scholar-Athlete and

appeared on both the Dean's List and the Provost Honor Roll. Outside of school and training, Hannah enjoys doing anything outside especially on the water, singing and reading one of the many books piling up on her bookshelf.



Gretchen Miron

Communications

Education: University of Wisconsin, Madison (B.A.)

Gretchen Miron is from Appleton, Wisconsin and attended Kimberly High School. She graduated as the class salutatorian and ran cross-country and track all four years, in addition to her extra-curricular leadership roles with the National Honor Society and Student Council. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2015 with a degree in history and journalism and a focus in strategic communications. She completed her senior honors thesis on the Roman philosopher Seneca's 47th Epistle in the fall of 2014, which won the Undergraduate Library Research Award and Hilldale Award for research. Outside of school, Gretchen is a member of the varsity lightweight women's rowing team where she serves as senior class captain. This past spring, she won an IRA National Championship in the lightweight coxless four and continued Wisconsin's legacy

of winning the event four years in a row.

Gretchen previously interned with Madison Magazine, the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities and the Wisconsin Historical Society Press in various marketing and communications positions. These internships allowed her to be an integral part of the Madison community especially in the nonprofit and small business sectors. Outside of school, rowing, and work, Gretchen enjoys spending time with her three sisters, parents and their stereotypical, yet adorable, yellow lab Max. She is also an avid ice cream eater and cheese lover in true Wisconsin fashion.

**Julie Rainey***Governance*

Education: University of Minnesota Duluth (B.S., M.Ed.)

Julie Rainey is from Stewartville, Minnesota. She played Division II volleyball at the University of Minnesota Duluth and received the All-American honors and Libero of the Year for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference her junior and senior seasons. She is school record holder for digs in a season and career digs, as well as a two-time team captain.

Julie graduated with a bachelor's degree in human resource management and a Master's in Education. Julie interned in the UMD athletics department after competing and was president of the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

**TaRonda Randall***Enforcement*

Education: University of Alabama at Birmingham (B.A.), University of Alabama (J.D.)

TaRonda Randall lettered four years under Coach Audra Smith as a member of the University of Alabama at Birmingham women's basketball team. During her time as a student athlete, TaRonda served as a team captain, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) vice president and was inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National Athlete Honor Society. She also received the Conference USA Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, C-USA Spirit of Service Award, C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal, and Jim Castaneda Postgraduate Scholarship.

TaRonda received a Bachelor of Arts in political science, graduating magna cum laude from UAB in 2012. Following her graduation from UAB, TaRonda attended University of Alabama School of Law. TaRonda competed as a member of the Alabama's National

Trial Advocacy Team and served as president of the Black Law Students Association, treasurer for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, a law student ambassador, and a member of the Public Interest Student Board. TaRonda also worked as a compliance intern and a tutor for student-athletes within the Alabama athletics department.

TaRonda received her law degree, certificate in public interest law, and the Order of Samaritan Award upon her graduation from the University of Alabama School of Law. She is a native of Pigeon Creek, Alabama. In her spare time, TaRonda enjoys exercising, reading and volunteering.

**Anthony Scherber***Championships*

Education: Minnesota State University, Mankato (B.S., M.A.)

Born in South Korea, Anthony Scherber grew up in New Hope, Minnesota, a suburb northwest of Minneapolis. Anthony received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts in sport management at Minnesota State University, Mankato. While attending Minnesota State, Anthony dedicated his time and effort interning with several professional sport organizations, as well as the college athletics department. Over the past few years, Anthony has held various athletics, operations, and marketing internships with the Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota United FC, Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota State University (Mankato), and other NCAA championship events.

After his undergraduate degree, Anthony later served as a graduate assistant as event management coordinator for the operations department while obtaining his master's.

In his free time, Anthony enjoys attending and watching sporting events, cooking, and hanging with his family and friends. He is also an avid Minnesota sports fan and will continue the wait for a championship to come to the Minnesota Timberwolves and Vikings.



Brianna Thomas

Administrative Services

Education: Barton College (B.A., B.S.)

Brianna Thomas graduated magna cum laude from Barton College in 2015 with her Bachelor of Arts in mathematics, Bachelor of Science in accounting, and Bachelor of Science in business management. She was a starter on the women's basketball team and captain for one year. She also served as a member of Sigma Beta Delta Business Honor society, vice president of Alpha Chi Honor Society, and co-chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Brianna was born in Tallahassee, Florida and raised in Ft. Lauderdale and Tampa. She graduated from Spoto High School as the leading scorer and rebounder in school history, as well as salutatorian with a perfect GPA. She is currently in the beginning stages of preparing for the certified public accountant (CPA) exam.



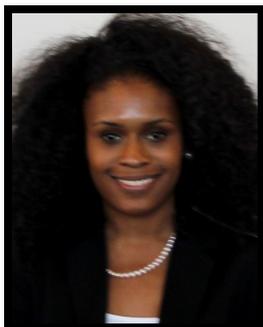
Lauren Tiernan

Championship

Education: University of Evansville (B.S.)

Lauren Tiernan is from Boise, Idaho and graduated from the University of Evansville in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in sport management. She was a member of the women's soccer team at Evansville for four years and served as team captain during her final year on the team. She interned in the Evansville athletics department during her four years and also interned with the Evansville Sports Corporation (ESC) during her senior year. While at the ESC, Lauren assisted in all aspects of running the Great Lakes Valley Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament and the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Elite Eight and National Championship, and helped bring these events to successful conclusions.

Lauren also held a summer internship with the Denver Outlaws Major League Lacrosse team, where she worked under the director of sales and marketing and was first exposed to working in professional sports. She came to the NCAA from the University of the Incarnate Word where she worked as a graduate assistant of game operations in the athletics department. In her free time, Lauren enjoys staying fit through exercise and hiking, as well as spending time with her friends and family.



Brittany Washington

Education and Community Engagement

Education: University of Oklahoma (B.S., M.Ed.)

Brittany Washington was born at Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Oklahoma and spent a great deal of her life growing up in Oceanside, California. After high school, she attended the University of Oklahoma. Brittany was very active on OU's campus and a member of the Theta Mu chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. As of member of her sorority, Brittany executed the roles of vice president, treasurer, and coordinator of special events. She gained a wealth of experience in developing, supervising, and implementing student-centered activities and programs for her fellow classmates on campus. Brittany received a Bachelor of Science in public health in 2011.

In 2014, Brittany earned a Master of Education in adult learning and higher education with a unique emphasis in intercollegiate athletics administration.

As a graduate student, Brittany served as one of the founding members of the Intercollegiate Athletics Student Association (IAASA). Brittany acquired valuable experience in student-athlete development by assisting with the coordination of several life skills events for many OU student-athletes.

Recently, Brittany has presented the premise of a potential dissertation as future Ph.D. regarding fostering innovative ways to maintain an effective balance between academics and athletics among college student-athletes at several conferences related to intercollegiate athletics.



Tom Yelich

Communications

Education: University of North Florida (B.S.)

Tom Yelich was born and raised in Williamsburg, Virginia where he played soccer and attended Lafayette High School. Thereafter, Tom enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in Jacksonville, Florida, where he was twice deployed during his lone enlistment. After honorably discharging, he remained in Jacksonville and attended the University of North Florida where he earned a Bachelor of Science in communication and a minor in political science, graduating magna cum laude.

Tom was a public relations/operations intern with the City of Jacksonville Sports & Entertainment Office. He assisted in facilitating, attracting and coordinating sporting and entertainment events for Jacksonville highlighted by the annual Georgia-Florida football game and the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team's final game of their Send-Off Series before World Cup 2014.

Additionally, he was a two-year student-worker in the athletics communications department at North Florida and has served on the media relations operations staff for two NCAA Men's Basketball Tournaments. He also spent time as a communications volunteer for Tom Coughlin's Jay Fund foundation. In his free time, Tom enjoys playing in soccer leagues, watching L O S T over and over, and supporting his beloved Green Bay Packers.

