According to the 2004 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, Baylor led the Big 12 Conference in overall student-athlete graduation rates for the fifth time in the league’s nine-year history. Baylor graduated 78 percent of its student-athletes in the most-recent NCAA survey, which was eight points higher than Baylor’s general student population and 16 points better than the NCAA Division I average. BU also graduated a Big 12-best 76 percent of its male student-athletes and a league-high 82 percent of its female student-athletes. The Baylor football program produced a Big 12-leading 88-percent graduation rate, marking the fifth time in the league’s history it set the standard for classroom excellence.

Five Baylor teams — women’s basketball, women’s golf, softball, men’s tennis and women’s tennis, recorded 100 percent graduation marks. Five other programs produced a 75 percent or higher graduation rate.

81 student-athletes graduated during the 2004-05 academic year, the school’s fourth-highest one-year mark since joining the Big 12 Conference.

Steffanie Blackmon became the first player in Lady Bear basketball history to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, as she was a 2004-05 third-team honoree. Softball’s Kim Wilmoth was a first-team 2005 CoSIDA Academic All-American and in the process became only the fourth three-time selection in school history.

334 student-athletes were named to the 2004-05 Big 12 Commissioner’s Honor Roll. For the 2005 spring semester, 160 Baylor student-athletes posted a grade-point average greater than 3.0, including 18 with perfect 4.0 marks. Both of those figures were school records.

55 Baylor student-athletes earned Academic All-Big 12 honors during the 2004-05 school year, 37 of which were first-team selections.

Football’s Stephen Sepulveda and soccer’s Lori Viggiano received 2005 Dr. Prentice Gatt Big 12 Post Graduate Scholarships. Both received $6,900 scholarships in Dr. Gatt’s memory.

Each year Baylor student-athletes give back to Waco and surrounding communities by making numerous appearances at local schools, hospitals, and participating in special events such as the Compassion Ministries Adopt an Angel program.

In 2005, Baylor Athletics sponsored the first annual Baylor Day for over 1,000 Waco ISD sixth graders from seven different schools at the Ferrell Center. The event featured coaches and student-athletes from all Baylor teams who encouraged students to stay in school and attend college.

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Sept. 26, 2004 - Betty Lou Mays Field
Anna Schuch's goal 18 seconds into overtime lifted Baylor's women's soccer team to a 2-1 victory over 22nd-ranked Texas. It was Baylor's first win over Texas since 1999.

Oct. 2, 2004 - Ferrell Center
Behind double-doubles from Adeline Meira and Nicole LeBlanc, Baylor's volleyball team upset 25th-ranked Kansas in four games. Meira was the difference, hitting .500 with 13 kills and 10 blocks.

Oct. 30, 2004 - Floyd Casey Stadium
Shawn Bell and Dominique Zeigler connected first for a touchdown and then for a game-winning two-point conversion as Baylor's football team stunned 16th-ranked Texas A&M. It marked Baylor's first win over the Aggies since 1985 and sparked a massive celebration at Floyd Casey Stadium and throughout Waco.

November 13, 2004 - Cottonwood Creek G.C.
Brittany Brockman finished third in a field of 127, leading Baylor's women's cross country team to a third-place finish at the NCAA South Central Regional. That same day, Bo Price of Baylor's men's cross country team finished 12th in the men's event.

Tim Bush scored 23 points as Baylor's under-manned men's basketball team shocked Purdue 73-72 in front of an ESPN+ television audience. After Purdue hit a game-tying three-pointer with four seconds remaining, Aaron Bruce hit one of two free throws with 2.4 seconds left to give the Bears the improbable road win.

April 5, 2005 - Indianapolis, Ind.
Sophia Young scored 26 points and Steffanie Blackmon added 22 as Baylor's women's basketball team pounded Michigan State 84-62 in the NCAA National Championship Game. The Lady Bears dominated the NCAA Central Regional. It was Baylor's eighth straight NCAA appearance.

May 28, 2005 - Atlanta, Ga.
Zuzana Zemenova became Baylor's first women's singles national champion with a straight-set victory over Audra Cohen of Northwestern. Just a freshman, Zemenova also led the women's team to a round-of-16 finish in the NCAA Tournament.

May 30, 2005 - College Station, Texas
Benedikt Dorsch added an explanation point to an already stellar collegiate career by claiming the NCAA men's tennis singles championship with a straight-set victory over San Diego's Pierrick Ysern. Dorsch, the second consecutive singles champion from Baylor, also led the men's team to a national runner-up finish.

June 11, 2005 - Sacramento, Calif.
One day after clocking the world's fastest 400-meter time of the year to date, Darold Williamson posted a time of 44.51 seconds to claim the national title in the event. Williamson, who anchored the USA's gold-medal-winning 4x400-meter relay team at the 2004 Olympics, finished .24 seconds ahead of the field.

June 13, 2005 - Baylor Ballpark
After dropping the first game of the NCAA Waco Super Regional, Baylor's baseball team rebounded to win the next two games against 13th-ranked Clemson and advanced to the College World Series for the first time since 1978. The Bears went on to reach the national semifinals, the program's best finish ever.

May 2, 2004 - Austin, Texas
Baylor's men's indoor track & field team placed fourth at the NCAA Championship.

Baylor's women's tennis team upset 21st-ranked Arkansas in the NCAA Championship.

May 4, 2004 - Austin, Texas
Baylor's men's tennis team upset 27th-ranked Oklahoma State in the NCAA Championship.

May 5, 2004 - Austin, Texas
Baylor's women's indoor track & field team placed 12th at the NCAA Championship.

May 6, 2004 - Austin, Texas
Baylor's men's indoor track & field team placed 14th at the NCAA Championship.

May 7, 2004 - Lubbock, Texas
Sean Reddick tied for 26th as Baylor's women's golf team tied for 13th at the NCAA Central Regional. It was Baylor's sixth consecutive NCAA appearance.

Lakadron Ivery finished second in three different events at the Big 12 Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Ivery posted a long-jump mark of 6.61 meters, second in school history. She also finished second in the 100 meters and the 200 meters.

May 21, 2005 - South Bend, Ind.
Colton Turnquist carded a final-round 64 to finish 20th individually and guide Baylor's men's golf team to a 17th-place finish at the NCAA Central Regional. It was Baylor's eighth straight NCAA appearance.

May 22, 2005 - Auburn, Ala.
Chelsi Lake went 2-for-3 with two RBI as Baylor's softball team defeated Florida State 5-3 in the championship game of the NCAA Auburn Regional. The Lady Bears claimed the program's first NCAA regional title and advanced to the NCAA Waco Super Regional, where they eventually lost to second-seeded California in three games. Baylor won a school-record 51 games on the season.
In 2004-05, Baylor was the only Big 12 program and one of only six NCAA Division I-A institutions nationally to rank in both the top 10 of the most recent NCAA Graduation Rates Report for overall student-athlete graduation success and the Directors’ Cup top 25, joining Stanford, Duke, Virginia, Notre Dame and Penn State. Baylor’s school-record graduation rate of 78 percent for all student-athletes ranked 10th among I-A institutions according to the latest NCAA figures, while its 25th-place finish in the 2004-05 Directors’ Cup was its highest in school history.

Baylor, which bettered its previous best Directors’ finish of 39th-place during the 1998-99 academic year, totaled 570.5 points to place fourth among Big 12 institutions in the national all-sports rankings behind national runner-up Texas, No. 21 Nebraska and No. 24 Oklahoma. After No. 25 Baylor in the Directors’ Cup standings were No. 26 Texas A&M, No. 41 Missouri, No. 44 Oklahoma State, No. 45 Colorado, No. 56 Texas Tech, No. 60 Iowa State, No. 61 Kansas and No. 77 Kansas State.

The Baylor athletic program was ranked 32nd nationally in the most-recent National Collegiate Scouting Association’s (NCSA) power rankings, which are calculated for each school at the NCAA Division I, II and III levels by averaging the U.S. News & World Report ranking, the U.S. Sports Academy Directors’ Cup ranking and the Student-Athlete Graduation rate of each school. The Directors’ Cup ranking evaluates the strengths of NCAA athletic departments, while the U.S. News & World Report ranking recognizes institutions of academic excellence. The student-athlete graduation rates are based on those provided by the NCAA.

Baylor enjoyed the highest NCISA power ranking of any Big 12 institution (Kansas was the next Big 12 school listed, checking in at No. 50). Baylor placed second among all Division I schools in Texas, sixth among all BCS private schools, eighth among Division I-A private schools, 16th among all BCS institutions and 18th among all BCS schools.

Baylor won a record six Big 12 titles during the 2004-05 academic year and sent 12 of its 17 teams to postseason play. Baylor athletics produced one national team champion (the Lady Bears were the first Big 12 team to win an NCAA basketball championship, men’s or women’s), a national runner-up and a national third-place finisher among its record 12 postseason entries. In addition, three student-athletes claimed NCAA individual titles.

Baylor joined Michigan State, Tennessee and Texas as the only institutions to place a team in two of the four major sports championship venues during the 2004-05 academic year: a BCS bowl, the Men’s Final Four, the Women’s Final Four and the College World Series.

Baylor is one of only six Big 12 Conference institutions to have won at least two NCAA team championships since the league’s inception. The Lady Bears won the Big 12’s first-ever NCAA basketball title with their victory over Michigan State in the 2005 championship game following in the footsteps of men’s tennis’ 2004 NCAA title which was Baylor’s first-ever national team crown.

The $90 million Victory With Integrity fundraising campaign for Baylor athletics was launched in February, 2005.

Baylor signed a new seven-year multi-media rights agreement with ISP Sports of Winston Salem, N.C.

Baylor added women’s equestrian as the school’s 18th intercollegiate program beginning in the fall of 2005. Ellen White was hired as the team’s first head coach.

Baylor named Clyde Hart, Director of Track and Field, and announced the appointment of Todd Harbour as Head Track and Field Coach.

Baylor completed the department’s five-year strategic plan “Above and Beyond” in September, 2004.

A new and widely acclaimed Baylor Bear logo and identity system was unveiled.

Construction started on the final phases of Grant Teaff Plaza on the east and south sides of Floyd Casey Stadium.

Baylor hosted FCA Summer Sports Camps for the first time in a decade.

During the 2004-05 academic year, Baylor set single-season home attendance records in the sports of women’s basketball (95,686/8,835 per game) and baseball (109,621/3,045). The women’s basketball program recorded a pair of home sellouts, one of which was a single-game record crowd of 10,550 for the Big 12 title-clinching victory over Texas Tech.

The Baylor Athletic Media Relations Office received five citations for excellence in publications at the 2005 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Workshop held in Philadelphia, July 3-6. The Baylor softball guide, designed and written by assistant media relations director Michael Collins, was judged fifth nationally among 41 entries. The base ball guide, written and designed by associate media relations director/publications coordinator Larry Little, placed seventh out of 57 publications entered nationally. In addition, Little’s 2005 game-day program was selected as the nation’s best single-sport baseball program and the Bears’ baseball schedule poster earned a fourth-place finish in the district.

2004-05 also produced a record licensing year for officially-licensed Baylor merchandise according to figures compiled by the Collegiate Licensing Company (CLC). Baylor generated $189,303 in gross royalties on retail merchandise sales which topped $5,000,000. This represented a 35 percent increase over the previous year. The royalty payment received by Baylor was a school record while it also recorded the highest percentage royalty increase in the Big 12 Conference. CLC collected more than $76,000 during the second quarter for Baylor, which was also a school-record amount for one reporting period.