



2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ATHLETICS



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RENU KHATOR

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, FROM DEMANDING ACADEMICS AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND UNCOMPROMISED STUDENT SUCCESS. OUR ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN ATTAINING THESE OBJECTIVES, ACHIEVING NATIONAL RECOGNITION WHILE DEVELOPING THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS OF COUNTLESS STUDENT-ATHLETES, ENERGIZING AND INSPIRING OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND EARNING ACCOLADES FOR OUR CITY.



RENU KHATOR

PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



A MESSAGE FROM OUR AD

AS THE HUSTLE OF THE 2016-17 SEASON CLOSES, I JOIN UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ATHLETICS FANS EVERYWHERE IN REFLECTING ON AN INCREDIBLE YEAR FOR OUR PROGRAM AND THINKING ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE.

IN 2016-17, HOUSTON ATHLETICS ENJOYED...

- » 12 OF 17 PROGRAMS RECORDING SEMESTER GRADE-POINT AVERAGES (GPA) OF 3.0 OR HIGHER
- » GRADUATION OF 75 STUDENT-ATHLETES
- » LEAGUE-LEADING FIVE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
- » 22 AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
- » 11 OF 17 PROGRAMS COMPETING IN POSTSEASON EVENTS
- » TWO VICTORIES OVER #3 OKLAHOMA AND #3 LOUISVILLE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD
- » SOLD OUT NCAA BASEBALL REGIONAL AT SCHROEDER PARK
- » MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- » START OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE FERTITTA CENTER, FOOTBALL INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY & WEIGHT ROOM AND BASEBALL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND CLUBHOUSE WITH MORE THAN \$85 MILLION OF PROJECTS, ALL PRIVATELY FUNDED

WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS RECORD-SETTING YEAR:

FIRST AND FOREMOST, OUR AMAZING **STUDENT-ATHLETES**, WHO TAKE THE ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO THEM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AND WORK SO HARD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO ACHIEVE AT SUCH A HIGH LEVEL.

OUR INCREDIBLE **COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS** AND **SUPPORT STAFF**, WHO WORK TIRELESSLY TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS AND IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION TO BUILD CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE.

OUR DYNAMIC **UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP**, BEGINNING WITH UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS **CHAIRMAN TILMAN J. FERTITTA**, OUR **BOARD OF REGENTS** AND OUR **CHANCELLOR, DR. RENU KHATOR**, WHO HAVE NOT ONLY SET A HIGH STANDARD FOR US BUT ALSO HAVE ESTABLISHED A PATH FOR US TO FOLLOW.

OUR GROWING **FAN, DONOR** AND **SPONSOR** BASES, WHICH HAVE ENERGIZED THE **#HTOWNTAKEOVER** BY COMING OUT TO SUPPORT OUR TEAMS AND AIDING IN OUR MISSION AS WE CONTINUE TO SET RECORDS IN FUNDRAISING, TICKET SALES AND MERCHANDISE SALES.

AND FINALLY, THOSE **UH STUDENTS** WHOSE "WHOSE HOUSE, COOGS HOUSE" CHANT CAN BE HEARD ECHOING THROUGH SO MANY OF OUR VENUES AS THEY SHOW THEIR SCHOOL PRIDE AND SUPPORT THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS.

COOG FANS, JOIN ME IN TAKING TIME TO REFLECT AND CHERISH OUR SUCCESSSES FROM 2016-17. AS YOU DO, PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED, AND **WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE SURE THE 2017-18 SEASON IS EVEN BETTER.**

GO COOGS!



HUNTER YURACHEK
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ATHLETICS





VISION

TO BE THE **BEST**

MISSION

BUILDING **CHAMPIONS** FOR LIFE

FOCUS

STUDENT-ATHLETE **SUCCESS**

GOALS

- » ACADEMIC SUCCESS
- » STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT
- » CONFERENCE POSITIONING
- » FOOTBALL & MEN'S BASKETBALL SUCCESS
- » REVENUE GENERATION & FAN ATTENDANCE
- » FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS
- » TRANSPARENCY & INTEGRITY

FINANCIAL SUCCESS

\$6.5 MILLION IN TICKETS REVENUE, SETTING A SCHOOL RECORD

FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE	2015	33,980
INCREASE	2016	38,953

4,973 AVERAGE INCREASE IN FOOTBALL HOME ATTENDANCE FROM 2015

12TH-LARGEST INCREASE IN THE NATION

ONLY TEAM IN THE NATION TO RANK IN THE TOP 30 FOR ATTENDANCE INCREASES IN EACH OF THE LAST THREE SEASONS.

COUGAR PRIDE

PRIOR TO END OF THE 2017 COUGAR PRIDE FISCAL YEAR, COUGAR PRIDE RAISED A RECORD \$6.5 MILLION WITH 3,983 TOTAL MEMBERS.



- » 233,716 IN PAID ATTENDANCE FOR FOOTBALL
- » FOURTH-LARGEST TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL HISTORY
- » TWO SELLOUTS, INCLUDING TDECU STADIUM RECORD 42,822 VS. #3 LOUISVILLE (NOV. 1, 2016)
- » 38,953 AVERAGE PER GAME
- » 60,287 IN PAID ATTENDANCE FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL
- » TWO SELLOUTS VS. #19/23 SMU (FEB. 18, 2017) AND EAST CAROLINA (MARCH 5, 2017)
- » FIRST TIME WITH TWO SELLOUT CROWDS IN HOFHEINZ PAVILION SINCE 2007-08 SEASON

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MEET OUR HEAD COACHES



MAJOR APPLEWHITE
FOOTBALL



DIEGO BOCANEGRA
SOCCER



LEROY BURRELL
TRACK & FIELD



GERROD CHADWELL
WOMEN'S GOLF



JONATHAN DISMUKE
MEN'S GOLF



RONALD HUGHEY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



STEVE MAGNESS
CROSS COUNTRY



KADDIE PLATT
VOLLEYBALL



KELVIN SAMPSON
MEN'S BASKETBALL



COURTNEY STEINBOCK
TENNIS



KRISTIN VESELY
SOFTBALL



TODD WHITTING
BASEBALL



RYAN WOCHOMURKA
SWIMMING & DIVING

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



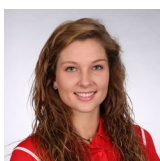
BAILEE LOGSDON
PRESIDENT
TRACK & FIELD



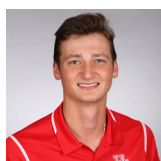
GEORGI DOLENCE
SECRETARY
SOCCER



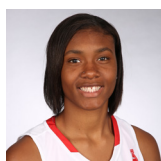
HANNAH DAUZAT
TREASURER
SOCCER



PRESLEY BELL
SOFTBALL



NOLAN BOND
BASEBALL



DORIAN BRANCH
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



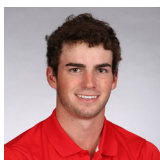
KATELYN BUB
SOCCER



KAILEY COLLIER
WOMEN'S GOLF



KAYLIN CRUMPTON
SOFTBALL



LOGAN DAVIS
MEN'S GOLF



AMANDA ELICH
WOMEN'S GOLF



JOSHUA GIBBONS
MEN'S GOLF



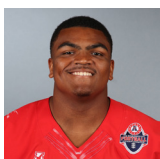
CONOR GLENN
SWIMMING & DIVING



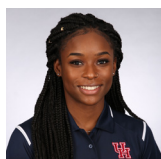
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VOLLEYBALL



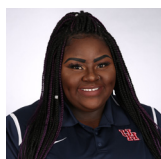
CONNOR HOLLIS
BASEBALL



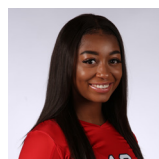
BRAYLON JONES
FOOTBALL



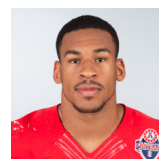
PAIGE LAWRENCE
TRACK & FIELD



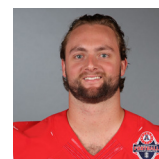
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TRACK & FIELD



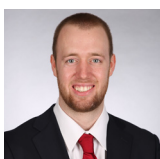
BRIANNA LYNCH
VOLLEYBALL



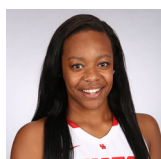
CAMERON MALVEAUX
FOOTBALL



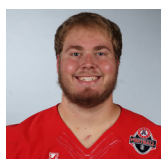
TYLER MCCLOSKEY
FOOTBALL



KYLE MEYER
MEN'S BASKETBALL



MARIAH MITCHELL
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



WILL NOBLE
FOOTBALL



NOLIN PACKER
SOCCER



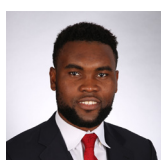
JENNY PENNECK
SWIMMING & DIVING



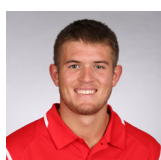
KELLI ROLLO
WOMEN'S GOLF



TINA RUPERT
TENNIS



VALENTINE SANGOYOMI
MEN'S BASKETBALL



NICK SLAUGHTER
BASEBALL



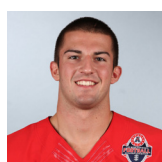
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VOLLEYBALL



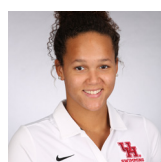
GREG WARD JR.
FOOTBALL



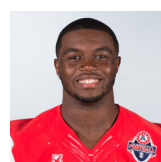
KAITLYN WILD
SOCCER



COLLIN WILDER
FOOTBALL



JASMINE WILLIAMS
SWIMMING & DIVING



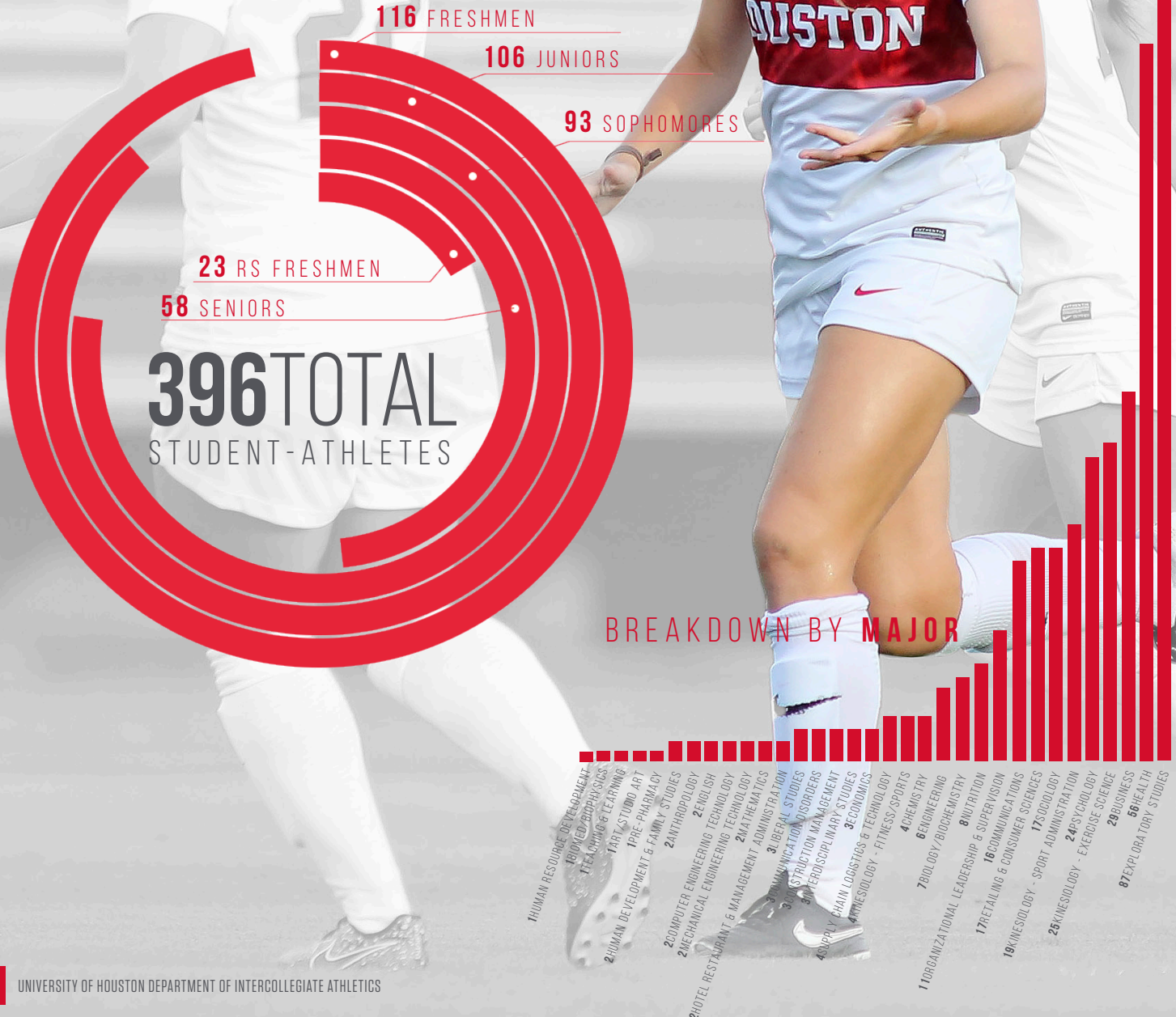
BRANDON WILSON
FOOTBALL



STUDENT-ATHLETE BREAKDOWN

29% OF HOUSTON STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE FRESHMEN.

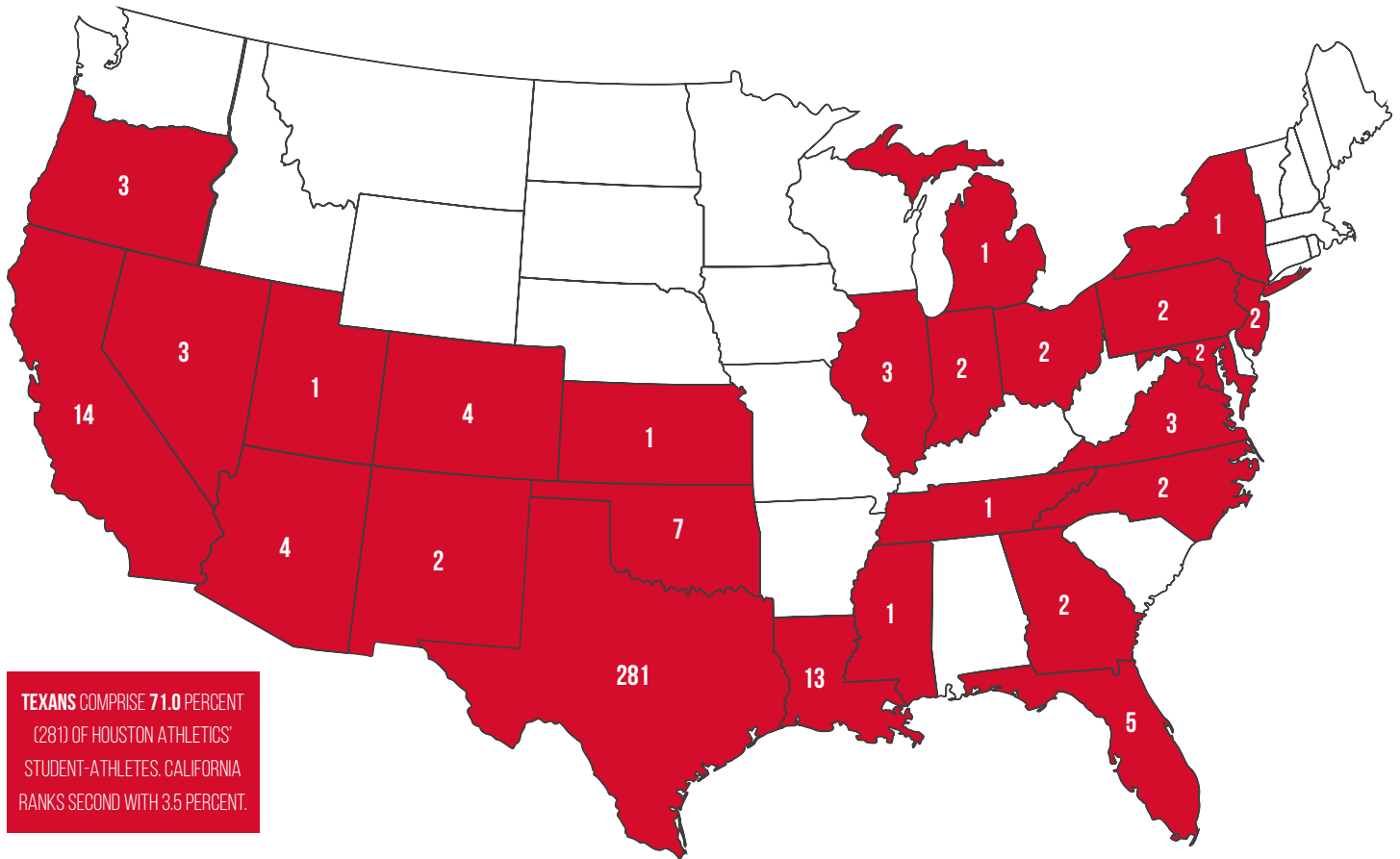
UPPERCLASSMEN COMPRISE 41% OF HOUSTON'S STUDENT-ATHLETE POPULATION.



WHERE THEY'RE FROM

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ATHLETICS IS REPRESENTED BY NEARLY **400 STUDENT-ATHLETES**. THIS GROUP HAILS FROM **25 OF THE UNITED STATES** AS WELL AS **22 DIFFERENT NATIONS**.

BY STATE

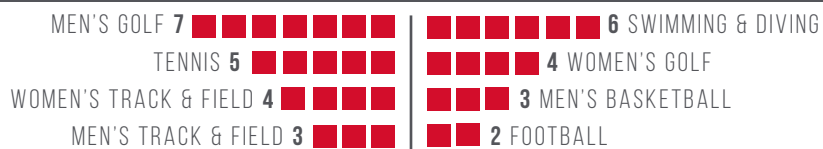


TEXANS COMPRISE 71.0 PERCENT
(281) OF HOUSTON ATHLETICS'
STUDENT-ATHLETES. CALIFORNIA
RANKS SECOND WITH 3.5 PERCENT.

BY NATION

AUSTRALIA	1	CAMEROON	1	GREECE	1	MEXICO	2	SCOTLAND	1
BAHAMAS	4	CANADA	8	ITALY	1	NEW ZEALAND	1	SOUTH AFRICA	1
BARBADOS	1	COLOMBIA	1	JAPAN	1	NIGERIA	1	SWEDEN	1
BELGIUM	1	ENGLAND	1	MALAYSIA	1	RUSSIA	2	SPAIN	1
BULGARIA	1	GERMANY	1						

FOREIGN STUDENTS BY TEAM





ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

4.0 FALL & SPRING GPAS IN 2016-17



LANDON ETZEL
BASEBALL



MEGAN GOH
SOCCER



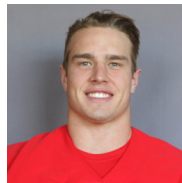
CAIT HORNER
SWIMMING & DIVING



MARGO MCENTIRE
SOCCER



MEGAN THOTHONG
WOMEN'S GOLF



MASON TOBOLA
FOOTBALL



HANNAH WOLFE
SOFTBALL

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY, WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY AND WOMEN'S GOLF EARNED THE NCAA'S PUBLIC RECOGNITION AWARD AFTER RECORDING ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR) SCORES AMONG THE TOP 10 PERCENT IN THE NATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS. THIS MARKED THE FOURTH STRAIGHT SEASON THAT MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY RECEIVED THIS HONOR AND THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR FOR WOMEN'S GOLF.

	MEN'S SPORTS	WOMEN'S SPORTS
HIGHEST FALL SEMESTER GPA	CROSS COUNTRY (3.09)	SOFTBALL (3.59)
HIGHEST SPRING SEMESTER GPA	GOLF (3.16)	SOFTBALL (3.48)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

KATELYN ABERNATHY
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

ALLIE ANDERSEN
WOMEN'S GOLF
WGCA ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

CAMERON BALKOM
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

BRIAN BARRAZA
MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
SPORT EXCELLENCE AWARD

MICHAELA BOUTER
SWIMMING & DIVING
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FEMALE
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
ARTHUR ASHE JR. SPORTS SCHOLAR SWIMMING
AND DIVING FIRST TEAM

ZARENA BROWN
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

LAUREN BURRELL
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

MEGAN GOH
SOCCER
INDUCTED INTO PHI BETA KAPPA

LEONIE HARM
WOMEN'S GOLF
WGCA ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

CAIT HORNER
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

PEYTON KONDIS
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

LAURA LADEROUTE
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

MICHAEL PERRAS
MEN'S GOLF
ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR

VICTORIA ROUBIQUE
SWIMMING AND DIVING
CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

MEGAN THOTHONG
WOMEN'S GOLF
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
SPORT EXCELLENCE AWARD
WGCA ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR

SWIMMING & DIVING WAS RECOGNIZED AS A SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM BY THE COLLEGE SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. THE COUGARS POSTED A RECORD 3.45 TEAM GPA DURING THE SPRING 2017 SEMESTER.

	FALL	SPRING
TEAMS WITH 3.0 SEMESTER GPA	11	12
CUMULATIVE DEPARTMENT GPA	2.89	2.93

ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

BASEBALL

TYLER BIELAMOWICZ
NOLAN BOND
WENDELL CHAMPION
HUNTER EDWARDS
LONDON ETZEL
REY FUENTES
BRETT HARRIS
CONNOR HOLLIS
BRAYSON HURDSMAN
DAVID KANADA
DYLAN LESTER
JORDAN MONACY
GRAYSON PADGETT
JOEY PULIDO
JAKE SCHEINER
NICK SLAUGHTER
JARED TRIOLO
CORY VANALLEN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

KAILA CHIZER
ANGELA HARRIS
MARIAH MITCHELL

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD

KODY ANDERSON
JAMES ARNETT
LUKE BARKSDALE
BRIAN BARRAZA
JUSTIN BARRETT
CALEB BEACHAM
BLAKE CONTRERARAS
LIAM GALLAGHER
GUILLERMO GALVAN
COLIN GEORGE
NICHOLAS HAMILTON
JOSE HERRERA
AARON HURD
CHRIS IBARRA
JARED KERR
GABE LARA
JOHN LEWIS III
NATHANIEL MECHLER
JOE MEYER
ISAAC PEARCE
JOSE RODRIGUEZ
KENNETH SESSUMS
ZACHARY STEWART
JACK THOMAS
EDWARD TREVINO

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD

BRITNI BETHEL
JANAE BOTTOMS
MCKENZIE CHAPA
JENNIFER DUNLAP
PHEDENIA GEORGE-MOSBEY
BRITANI GONZALES
MARIA GONZALES
KELLY GOUDEAU
MACKENZIE ILARI
KRISTINA KNOWLES
ANNA LARSSON
CASSIE LEAL
BAILEE LOGSDON
NORA MONIE
MANDY NOLAN
KRISTIN POWELL
NIKITA PRASAD
KAMILLE ROBINZINE
CLAUDIA SANTOS
JAHNAVI SCHNEIDER
MACEY SIMS
SIERRA SMITH
MEREDITH SORENSEN
JESSICA THURMAN
CHRISTINA TILLET
KYNDALL TYLER
EBONY WHITE

FOOTBALL

MATTHEW ADAMS
KYLE ALLEN
LINELL BONNER
D'JUAN HINES
CHRIS JOHNSON
MASON MCCLENDON
COLE MILLER
PAYTON PARDEE
DANE ROY
MASON TOBOLA
ZACH VAUGHAN

MEN'S GOLF

MATT DUNN
GEORGE GARDNER
JOSHUA GIBBONS
PAPITO GONZALEZ
EMMETT OH
MICHAEL PERRAS
JACOB VEERMAN
MATTHEW WILLIAMS

WOMEN'S GOLF

ALLIE ANDERSEN
KAILEY COLLIER
AMANDA ELICH
EMILY GILBRETH
LEONIE HARM
YUKA KAJIKI
TATIANA PINEDA
KELLI ROLLO
MEGAN THOTHONG

SOCCER

VANESSA ALMAGUER
KATELYN BUB
SHAYNE CLEWETT
HANNAH DAUZAT
GEORGI DOLENCE
TIFFANI ECHEVERRIA
MORGAN FORD
MEGAN GOH
LAUREN HOLTZCLAW
MARGO MCENTIRE
NOLIN PACKER
CLAIRE SALAZAR
ALEX SLOMCHECK
KELSEY THEIN
KATELYN WILD

SOFTBALL

JAYLIN BALDRIDGE
PRESLEY BELL
BREEZY BURTON
KAYLIN CRUMPTON
SAVANNAH HEEBNER
RACHEL HILL
ARIELLE JAMES
ELISE LEBEOUF
SAVANNAH MARTIN
TRYSTAN MELANCON
SHELBY MILLER
KELLI MONTGOMERY
SARAH QUEEN
DE'ZHA SCOTT
BREELYN THAMES
MAYA THOMAS
BROOKE VANNOY
HANNAH WOLFE

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MICAELA BOUTER
ZARENA BROWN
LAUREN BURRELL
JULIE GIBSON
CONOR GLENN
MICHAELA HAMRICK
RACHEL HOBBS
CAIT HORNER
GABY JIMENEZ
PEYTON KONDIS
ELEANNA KOUTSOVLEI
LAURA LADEROUTE
CLAIRE LIPTAK
EMILY LONGFELLOW
HANNAH MIDDLETON
TAYLOR OLANSKI
VICTORIA PADIAL
JENNY PENNECK
VICTORIA ROUBIQUE
HANNAH SCHMITT
ISABEL TANK
KSENIA YUSKOVA

TENNIS

LAUREN ALTER
TSVETA DIMITROVA
ANA GLUMAC
ROCCIO MARTIN
SVEVA MAZZARI
DESPOINA VOGASARI

VOLLEYBALL

MEGAN DUNCAN
BRIANNA GARDNER
ABBY GILES
SHELBY HARPER
ABBY IRVINE
KENDALL MONTGOMERY
KYLIE NAPOLEON
MAKAYLA RANDLE
FAITH SQUIER
CHENELLE WALKER

IN 2016-17, THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON HAD 174 STUDENT-ATHLETES
ON THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM.



INSIDE THE NUMBERS

\$60 MILLION

RENOVATION TO TRANSFORM HOFHEINZ PAVILION INTO THE FERTITTA CENTER

233,716

TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT TDECU STADIUM IN 2016
FOURTH-HIGHEST HOME ATTENDANCE TOTAL IN SCHOOL HISTORY

58,840

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT SCHROEDER PARK IN 32 HOME GAMES

42,822

FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE VS. #3 LOUISVILLE INSIDE TDECU STADIUM
(NOV. 17, 2016) - STADIUM RECORD CROWD

8,479

MEN'S BASKETBALL ATTENDANCE VS. #19/23 SMU (FEB. 18, 2017) & EAST CAROLINA
(MARCH 5, 2017)... FIRST TIME WITH 2+ SELLOUTS IN A SEASON SINCE 2007-08

4,973

CHANGE IN AVERAGE FOOTBALL ATTENDANCE INCREASE FROM 2015
TOTAL RANKED 12TH NATIONALLY IN 2016

139

TOTAL TEAM WINS

92

ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PERFORMERS

75

STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON IN 2016-17

22

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL & RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

15

ALL-AMERICANS

12

TEAMS POSTING 3.0 SEMESTER GPAS OR HIGHER

11

TEAM NCAA POSTSEASON APPEARANCES

5

LEAGUE-LEADING AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
MOST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A SEASON SINCE 2003-04

4

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE COACH/COACHING STAFFS OF THE YEAR

1

NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN 4X100-METER RELAY TEAM OF JOHN LEWIS III, MARIO BURKE, JACARIAS MARTIN AND CAMERON BURRELL



POSTSEASON QUALIFIERS

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS **NATIONAL RUNNER-UP** (CAMERON BURRELL, 60 METERS)
- AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE **CHAMPIONS**
- **NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** (16TH-PLACE FINISH NATIONALLY)
- **SEVEN** AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE **INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SWIMMING & DIVING

- AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE **CHAMPIONS**
- **NCAA ZONE D** DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
- THREE** AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE **INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- **NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS** 4X100 METER RELAY
JOHN LEWIS III, MARIO BURKE, JACARIAS MARTIN & CAMERON BURRELL
- NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS **NATIONAL RUNNER-UP** (CAMERON BURRELL, 100 METERS)
- **NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** (12TH-PLACE FINISH NATIONALLY)
- AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE **CHAMPIONS**
- **SIX** AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE **INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
& **TWO** RELAY TITLES



POSTSEASON QUALIFIERS

BASEBALL

- NCAA HOUSTON REGIONAL HOST
- AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
- AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-CHAMPIONS

FOOTBALL

- LAS VEGAS BOWL

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- NCAA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- NCAA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL (INDIVIDUALS)

POSTSEASON QUALIFIERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

• NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT (NIT)

WOMEN'S GOLF

• NCAA COLUMBUS REGIONAL

MEN'S GOLF

• NCAA STANFORD REGIONAL

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

• NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
• TWO AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



AWARD WINNERS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

JOHN LEWIS III, MARIO BURKE, JACARIAS MARTIN & CAMERON BURRELL

4X100-METER RELAY



ALL-AMERICANS

BRIAN BARRAZA

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
3,000-METERS FIRST TEAM

MARIO BURKE

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
60-METERS FIRST TEAM
OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
4X100-METER RELAY FIRST TEAM
100-METERS SECOND TEAM

CAMERON BURRELL

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
60-METERS FIRST TEAM
OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
100-METERS FIRST TEAM
4X100-METER RELAY FIRST TEAM

TREY CUMBIE

BASEBALL
FIRST TEAM

AMERE LATTIN

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
60-METER HURDLES SECOND TEAM
OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
110-METER HURDLES HONORABLE MENTION

JOHN LEWIS III

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
4X100-METER RELAY FIRST TEAM

JACARIAS MARTIN

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
4X100-METER RELAY FIRST TEAM
200-METERS SECOND TEAM

ED OLIVER

FOOTBALL
FIRST TEAM

JAKE SCHEINER

BASEBALL
SECOND TEAM

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

FOOTBALL

ED OLIVER

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



SWIMMING & DIVING

RYAN WOCHOMURKA

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
COACH OF THE YEAR

BOB GUNTER

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
DIVING COACH OF THE YEAR

MICAELA BOUTER

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
MOST OUTSTANDING DIVER

TENNIS

TSVETA DIMITROVA

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR

SOFTBALL

SHELBY MILLER

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ARIELLE JAMES

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR

ELI HALL

MOST OUTSTANDING TRACK PERFORMER

BASEBALL

JAKE SCHEINER

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR

TREY CUMBIE

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-PITCHER OF THE YEAR



ALL-CONFERENCE

SWIMMING & DIVING

KATELYN ABERNATHY
3-METER DIVING
PLATFORM DIVING

MICAELA BOUTER
3-METER DIVING
PLATFORM DIVING

ZARENA BROWN
500-YARD FREESTYLE

PEYTON KONDIS
100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

ELEANNA KOUTSOVELI
100-YARD BACKSTROKE
200-YARD BACKSTROKE

LAURA LADEROUTE
200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
100-YARD BACKSTROKE

VICTORIA ROUBIQUE
100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
200-YARD BREASTSTROKE

KSENIA YUSKOVA
100-YARD FREESTYLE
200-YARD FREESTYLE

**ELEANNA KOUTSOVELI, PEYTON KONDIS,
LAURA LADEROUTE, CAIT HORNER**
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

**CAIT HORNER, LAURA LADEROUTE,
ZARENA BROWN, KSENIA YUSKOVA**
200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

**ZARENA BROWN, LAURA LADEROUTE,
KSENIA YUSKOVA, CAIT HORNER**
400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

**LAURA LADEROUTE, PEYTON KONDIS,
SHARO RODRIGUEZ, KSENIA YUSKOV**
400-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

MARIO BURKE
100-METER (THIRD TEAM)
200-METER (SECOND TEAM)

CAMERON BURRELL
100-METER (SECOND TEAM)

CAMERON CORNELIUS
SHOT PUT (SECOND TEAM)

ANTWAN DICKERSON
LONG JUMP (SECOND TEAM)

COLIN GEORGE
HIGH JUMP (THIRD TEAM)

ELI HALL
100-METER (FIRST TEAM)
200-METER (FIRST TEAM)

TRUMAINE JEFFERSON
LONG JUMP (FIRST TEAM)

JARED KERR
TRIPLE JUMP (FIRST TEAM)

AMERE LATTIN
110-METER HURDLES (FIRST TEAM)
400-METER HURDLES (FIRST TEAM)

JACARIAS MARTIN
200-METER (SECOND TEAM)

NATHANIEL MECHLER
DECATHLON (SECOND TEAM)

DAMON THOMPSON
HAMMER THROW (THIRD TEAM)

**MARIO BURKE, CAMERON BURRELL,
JACARIAS MARTIN, ELI HALL**
4X100-METER RELAY (FIRST TEAM)

**ELI HALL, NATHANIEL MECHLER,
MARIO BURKE, TRUMAINE JEFFERSON**
4X400-METER RELAY (FIRST TEAM)

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

BRIAN BARRAZA
3,000-METER (SECOND TEAM)

MARIO BURKE
60-METER (FIRST TEAM)
200-METER (SECOND TEAM)

CAMERON BURRELL
60-METER (SECOND TEAM)
200-METER (FIRST TEAM)

CAMERON CORNELIUS
SHOT PUT (FIRST TEAM)

ANTWAN DICKERSON
LONG JUMP (THIRD TEAM)

CHRIS IBARRA
800-METER (FIRST TEAM)

TRUMAINE JEFFERSON
LONG JUMP (FIRST TEAM)

JARED KERR
LONG JUMP (SECOND TEAM)

AMERE LATTIN
60-METER HURDLES (FIRST TEAM)
200-METER (THIRD TEAM)

NATHANIEL MECHLER
HEPTATHLON (FIRST TEAM)

**G.J. REYNA, JOHN ISOM III, CAMERON
LAVERY, BRIAN BARRAZA**
DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY (SECOND TEAM)

**AMERE LATTIN, LUKE DORROUGH,
CHRIS IBARRA, RAYMUND CLARKE**
4X400-METER RELAY (THIRD TEAM)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

TONYE' CIA BURKS
TRIPLE JUMP (FIRST TEAM)

BIREXUS HAWKINS
400-METER (THIRD TEAM)

SAMIYAH SAMUELS
LONG JUMP (SECOND TEAM)

TAYLOR SCAIFE
WEIGHT THROW (THIRD TEAM)

SIERRA SMITH
60-METER (SECOND TEAM)
200-METER (SECOND TEAM)

TORI WILLIAMS
200-METER (FIRST TEAM)

**JENNIFER DUNLAP, NIKESHA KEITH,
BRITANI GONZALES, JAHNAVI SCHNEIDER**
DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY (SECOND TEAM)

**MANDY NOLAN, TORI WILLIAMS,
BRIANNE BETHEL, SIERRA SMITH**
4X400-METER RELAY (SECOND TEAM)

FOOTBALL

LINELL BONNER
WIDE RECEIVER (HONORABLE MENTION)

TYUS BOWSER
LINEBACKER (SECOND TEAM)

GARRETT DAVIS
SAFETY (SECOND TEAM)

ED OLIVER
DEFENSIVE LINE (FIRST TEAM)

STEVEN TAYLOR
LINEBACKER (FIRST TEAM)

GREG WARD JR.
QUARTERBACK (SECOND TEAM)

BRANDON WILSON
CORNERBACK (SECOND TEAM)

HOWARD WILSON
CORNERBACK (FIRST TEAM)

BASEBALL

TREY CUMBIE
PITCHER (FIRST TEAM)

JOE DAVIS
DH (SECOND TEAM)

COREY JULKS
OUTFIELD (FIRST TEAM)

JAKE SCHEINER
UTILITY (FIRST TEAM)

MITCH ULLOM
PITCHER (SECOND TEAM)

CONNOR WONG
CATCHER (SECOND TEAM)

SOFTBALL

SAVANNAH HEEBNER
UTILITY/PITCHER (FIRST TEAM)

ARIELLE JAMES
SECOND BASE (FIRST TEAM)
ALL-ROOKIE

TRYSTAN MELANCON
PITCHER (ALL-ROOKIE)

SHELBY MILLER
FIRST BASE (FIRST TEAM)

MAYA THOMAS
OUTFIELD (FIRST TEAM)

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

BRIANNE BETHEL
100-METER (FIRST TEAM)
200-METER (SECOND TEAM)

MIKAILA MARTIN
HAMMER THROW (THIRD TEAM)

SAMIYAH SAMUELS
LONG JUMP (FIRST TEAM)

**BRIANNE BETHEL, JUSTICE HENDERSON,
SIERRA SMITH, SAMIYAH SAMUELS**
4X100 METER RELAY (SECOND TEAM)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

DAMYEAN DOTSON
GUARD (FIRST TEAM)

ROB GRAY
GUARD (FIRST TEAM)

MEN'S GOLF

**PAPITO GONZALEZ
MICHAEL PERRAS**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**ANGELA HARRIS (ALL-FRESHMAN)
JASMYNE HARRIS (ALL-FRESHMAN)**

WOMEN'S GOLF

LEONIE HARM

TENNIS

TSVETA DIMITROVA



2016-17 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 3

FOOTBALL

THE #HTOWNTAKEOVER OPENED THE SEASON IN ROYAL FASHION BY TAKING DOWN #3 OKLAHOMA, 33-23, IN THE ADVOCARE KICKOFF CLASSIC. SENIOR QUARTERBACK GREG WARD JR. TOTALED 322 OF HOUSTON'S 410 OFFENSIVE YARDS AS THE COUGAR DEFENSE HELD OU TO A SEASON-LOW 23 POINTS, WHILE SENIOR CORNERBACK BRANDON WILSON RETURNED A MISSED FIELD GOAL 109 YARDS FOR A DECISIVE TOUCHDOWN.



OCTOBER 4

TENNIS

FRESHMAN TSVETA DIMITROVA WAS NAMED AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE MONTH AFTER WINNING HER FLIGHT FINALS AT THE RICE INVITATIONAL.

NOVEMBER 17

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON BECAME THE ONLY PROGRAM IN THE NATION TO DEFEAT TWO TOP-FIVE OPPONENTS IN THE REGULAR SEASON AS THEY TOOK DOWN #3 LOUISVILLE, 36-10, IN FRONT OF A SOLD-OUT TDECU STADIUM. THE #HTOWNTAKEOVER DEFENSE SACKED EVENTUAL HEISMAN WINNER LAMAR JACKSON AN AMERICAN CONFERENCE RECORD 11 TIMES AND HELD LOUISVILLE TO ITS LOWEST SCORING OUTPUT IN OVER FIVE YEARS.

NOVEMBER 20

SWIMMING & DIVING

THE COUGARS WON THEIR FIRST TEAM TITLE AT THE PHILL HANSEL INVITATIONAL WITH 1,392.5 POINTS. HOUSTON ENDED THE WEEKEND WITH SIX EVENT WINS AND BROKE THREE PROGRAM RECORDS.

DECEMBER 5

SOCCER

FORMER NOTRE DAME ASSISTANT COACH DIEGO BOCANEGRA WAS NAMED THE FIFTH HEAD COACH IN PROGRAM HISTORY.



JANUARY 21

TENNIS

HOUSTON OPENED THE NEW BARBARA WALLACE WINSTON TENNIS FACILITY.

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

2016 | 2017

JANUARY

SEPTEMBER 3

VOLLEYBALL

SARAH AFFLERBAUGH AND CHENELLE WALKER WERE NAMED TO THE HOUSTON COUGAR CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM. AFFLERBAUGH LED HOUSTON WITH 46 TOTAL KILLS ACROSS THE TEAM'S THREE MATCHES, WHILE WALKER ACCUMULATED 27 KILLS. FOR HER EFFORTS, AFFLERBAUGH WAS NAMED TO THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WEEKLY HONOR ROLL.

OCTOBER 6

SOCCER

SOPHOMORE DESIREE BOWEN AND JUNIOR SELENA PETERS EACH SCORED A GOAL TO HELP THE COUGARS TO A 3-0 WIN OVER TEMPLE IN AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PLAY.

OCTOBER 7

CROSS COUNTRY

MADDIE BROWN WON THE HBU INVITATIONAL TO EARN HOUSTON ITS FIRST INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF 2016.

NOVEMBER 23

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SENIOR GUARD DAMYEAN DOTSON FED JUNIOR FORWARD DEVIN DAVIS, WHO BANKED IN A LAYUP AS TIME EXPIRED, TO LEAD THE COUGARS TO A 72-71 WIN OVER VERMONT IN THE GULF COAST SHOWCASE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT GERMAIN ARENA IN ESTERO, FLA. IT WAS THE COUGARS' FIRST REGULAR-SEASON TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 1991.



DECEMBER 9

FOOTBALL

MAJOR APPLEWHITE WAS NAMED HOUSTON'S 14TH HEAD COACH IN PROGRAM HISTORY. PRIOR TO HIS NAMING, APPLEWHITE HAD SPENT 11 OF HIS 13 PROFESSIONAL YEARS COACHING IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SEVEN YEARS AS AN OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR BEGINNING IN 2006 AT RICE, WHERE HE WAS THE YOUNGEST COORDINATOR ON THE FBS LEVEL AT THE TIME.



JANUARY 24

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SENIOR GUARD DAMYEAN DOTSON SCORED 20 POINTS AND GRABBED NINE REBOUNDS IN A 65-51 WIN OVER TULANE INSIDE HOFHEINZ PAVILION TO START A SEASON-BEST 5-GAME WINNING STREAK IN AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PLAY.





FEBRUARY 9

CROSS COUNTRY

BOTH THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS EARNED USTFCCA ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS.

FEBRUARY 17

SOFTBALL

FRESHMAN TRYSTAN MELANCON TOSSED THE PROGRAM'S 16TH NO-HITTER IN A 5-INNING, 12-0 VICTORY OVER RHODE ISLAND FOR HER FIRST CAREER WIN.

FEBRUARY 19

SWIMMING & DIVING

HOUSTON EARNED 772 POINTS TO CLAIM THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP, THE FIRST CONFERENCE TITLE IN PROGRAM HISTORY. IN HIS SECOND SEASON, RYAN WOCHOMURKA WAS NAMED WOMEN'S COACH OF THE YEAR, WHILE BOB GUNTER WAS NAMED THE DIVING COACH OF THE YEAR. SENIOR MICAELA BOUTER WAS NAMED THE CHAMPIONSHIPS' MOST OUTSTANDING DIVER AFTER WINNING THE 3-METER, NABBING A SECOND PLACE FINISH IN THE PLATFORM AND FINISHING FOURTH IN THE 1-METER.

MARCH 1

SWIMMING & DIVING

MICAELA BOUTER WAS NAMED THE 2016-17 AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. SHE WAS THE SECOND WINNER FROM HOUSTON IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, JOINING FORMER VOLLEYBALL STANDOUT KADI KULLERKANN, WHO WON IN 2015.

SOFTBALL

SOPHOMORE SAVANNAH HEEBNER THREW A SHUTOUT AS THE COUGARS UPSET #5 TEXAS A&M, 1-0, TO HAND THE EVENTUAL WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES PARTICIPANT ITS FIRST LOSS OF SEASON.

MARCH 2

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

JASMYNE HARRIS AND ANGELA HARRIS WERE NAMED TO THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM, MARKING THREE SELECTIONS FOR THE PROGRAM IN THE PAST TWO SEASONS.

MARCH 3

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

THE COUGARS UPSET NO. 7 SEED CINCINNATI, 74-61, TO ADVANCE TO THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS.

MARCH 5

MEN'S BASKETBALL

THE COUGARS CLOSED OUT HOFHEINZ PAVILION IN FRONT OF A SELLOUT CROWD OF 8,479 WITH A 73-51 WIN OVER EAST CAROLINA. JUNIOR GUARD ROB GRAY LED ALL PLAYERS WITH 24 POINTS.

APRIL 22

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

ALUM LESHON COLLINS LED TEAM USA TO A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 4X100-METER RELAY AT THE IAAF WORLD RELAYS WHILE SOPHOMORE MARIO BURKE HELPED BARBADOS CLAIM A SILVER MEDAL IN THE EVENT. THE FINISHES BOOKED EACH ATHLETE A TRIP TO THE IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AUGUST.

APRIL 23

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

FRESHMAN BRIANNE BETHEL PUNCHED HER TICKET TO THE IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AFTER HELPING LEAD THE BAHAMAS TO A SIXTH-PLACE FINISH IN THE 4X100-METER RELAY AT THE IAAF WORLD RELAYS.



APRIL 25

MEN'S GOLF

JUNIOR MICHAEL PERRAS DEFEATED USF'S CRISTIAN DIMARCO ON THE FIRST HOLE OF A PLAYOFF TO WIN THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL TITLE ON THE CONSERVATORY COURSE AT INNISBROOK GOLF CLUB. HE BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER IN PROGRAM HISTORY TO WIN NCAA REGIONAL AND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS TITLES DURING HIS CAREER.

MAY 4

TENNIS

TSVETA DIMITROVA WAS NAMED AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR.

MEN'S GOLF

THE COUGARS WERE SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THE NCAA POSTSEASON FOR THE SIXTH STRAIGHT SEASON UNDER DIRECTOR OF GOLF JONATHAN DISMUKE.

MAY 10

SOFTBALL

SENIOR SHELBY MILLER WAS NAMED THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR, WHILE FRESHMAN ARIELLE JAMES WAS RECOGNIZED AS FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR.

MAY 11

SOFTBALL

THE SECOND-SEEDED COUGARS DEFEATED EAST CAROLINA, 6-0, TO MAKE THEIR FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE TITLE GAME OF THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

MAY 12

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

SOPHOMORES MIKAILA MARTIN AND TAYLOR SCAIFE BROKE THE WOMEN'S HAMMER THROW RECORD IN THE SAME EVENT, WITH MARTIN TAKING THE EDGE AND CLAIMING THE RECORD.

MAY 15

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

HOUSTON CLAIMED THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE SEASON, WINNING THE CROWN IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME FANS. THE VICTORY FOR HOUSTON MARKED THE 15TH OUTDOOR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP IN PROGRAM HISTORY AND WAS THE 10TH TIME IT SWEEP BOTH THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CROWNS.

JUNE 9

TRACK & FIELD

HOUSTON'S TEAM OF JOHN LEWIS III, MARIO BURKE, JACARIAS MARTIN AND CAMERON BURRELL CLAIMED THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE 4X100-METER RELAY. THE COUGARS BROKE THE SCHOOL RECORD AFTER RUNNING 38.34 AND CLAIMED THEIR SECOND 4X100 NATIONAL TITLE IN PROGRAM HISTORY AND FIRST SINCE 1982.



FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

FEBRUARY 21

VOLLEYBALL

RITA BUCK-CROCKETT AND FLO HYMAN (ALONG WITH UH FOOTBALL ALUM WADE PHILLIPS) WERE INDUCTED INTO THE TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME AS PART OF ITS 2017 CLASS.



FEBRUARY 25

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

HOUSTON WON ITS THIRD CONSECUTIVE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP. THE COUGARS SCORED 174 POINTS AND PICKED UP SEVEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HOUSTON CLOSED OUT THE HOFHEINZ PAVILION ERA WITH AN 81-65 WIN OVER EAST CAROLINA.



MARCH 7

MEN'S BASKETBALL

JUNIOR GUARD ROB GRAY AND SENIOR GUARD DAMYCAN DOTSON WERE NAMED TO THE ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM. IT IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE 1999-00 SEASON THAT THE COUGARS HAD TWO ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST-TEAM HONOREES.

MARCH 10

WOMEN'S GOLF

SOPHOMORE LEONIE HARM DRAINED SIX BIRDIES ON THE WAY TO A BOGEY-FREE 66 TO SET A SCHOOL RECORD IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE MOUNTAINVIEW COLLEGIATE IN TUCSON, ARIZ. SHE WENT ON TO TIE THAT MARK IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON APRIL 16.

MARCH 17

WOMEN'S GOLF

JUNIOR COURTNEY TIBILETTI SANK 10 BIRDIES ON THE WAY TO A SCHOOL-RECORD-TYING 66 IN THE FIRST ROUND AT THE CLOVER CUP AT LONGBOW GOLF CLUB IN MESA, ARIZ.

MARCH 25

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

JUNIOR TONYE'CIA BURKS SHATTERED THE OUTDOOR TRIPLE JUMP RECORD BY LEAPING 44-4.75 (13.53M) AT THE MT. SAC RELAYS IN CALIFORNIA. BURKS NOW OWNS BOTH THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRIPLE JUMP PROGRAM RECORDS.

MARCH 30

SOCCER

SENIOR MIDFIELDER MEGAN GOH BECAME THE FIRST HOUSTON STUDENT-ATHLETE TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE PRESTIGIOUS PHI BETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY.

APRIL 27

WOMEN'S GOLF

FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON, THE COUGARS WERE CHOSEN TO COMPETE IN NCAA POSTSEASON PLAY AFTER BEING SELECTED AS THE NO. 11 SEED AT THE NCAA COLUMBUS REGIONAL. HOUSTON HAS COMPETED IN NCAA REGIONAL PLAY IN EVERY SEASON IN WHICH IT WAS ELIGIBLE FOR TEAM COMPETITION UNDER HEAD COACH GERROD CHADWELL.



APRIL 29

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

HOUSTON WON ITS FIRST SPRINT RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE PENN RELAYS SINCE 1989 AFTER THE 4X200-METER RELAY CAPTURED THE PENN WHEEL, WHILE ELI HALL WON HOUSTON'S SECOND-CONSECUTIVE 100-METER DASH CHAMPIONSHIP AT PENN.

MAY 20

BASEBALL

THE COUGARS EARNED A 7-6 WIN OVER CINCINNATI AT SCHROEDER PARK TO CAPTURE ITS NINTH REGULAR-SEASON CONFERENCE TITLE IN PROGRAM HISTORY AND SECOND AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TITLE IN THE LAST THREE YEARS UNDER HEAD COACH TODD WHITTING.

MAY 22

BASEBALL

JAKE SCHEINER WAS NAMED THE AMERICAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR, AND TREY CUMBIE WAS TABBED THE CONFERENCE'S PITCHER OF THE YEAR. IT MARKED THE FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY THAT HOUSTON EARNED BOTH TOP INDIVIDUAL HONORS IN THE SAME SEASON.

MAY 28

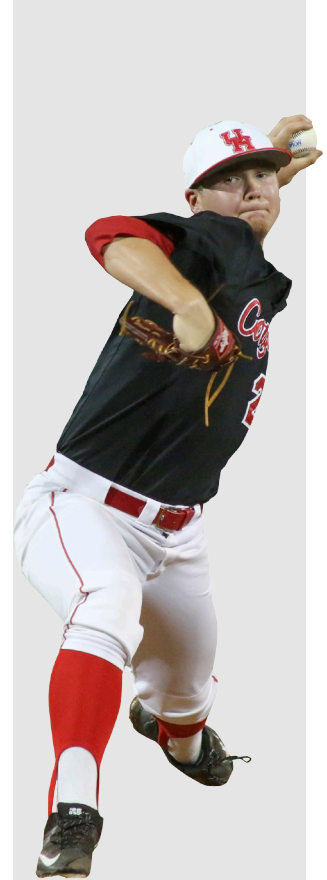
BASEBALL

THE COUGARS CAPPED A 4-0 WEEK IN CLEARWATER, FLA. AT THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP WITH WINS OVER MEMPHIS AND UCONN BEFORE SHUTTING OUT EAST CAROLINA IN THE TITLE GAME TO CAPTURE ITS SIXTH CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT TITLE IN PROGRAM HISTORY AND SECOND IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

MAY 29

BASEBALL

AFTER EARNING THE AUTOMATIC BID TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT, THE COUGARS WERE REWARDED EVEN MORE BY THE COMMITTEE, BEING NAMED ONE OF 16 SCHOOLS IN THE NATION TO HOST AN NCAA REGIONAL AT SCHROEDER PARK.





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COUGAR FANS!



COMMUNITY



FOOTBALL
NURSING HOME



VOLLEYBALL
WALK FOR VICTORY



MEN'S BASKETBALL
LIGHT THE NIGHT

TY SERVICE



SOFTBALL
SPECIAL OLYMPICS

FOOTBALL
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



FERTITTA CENTER RENOVATION

- » PROJECT BUDGET OF \$60 MILLION
- » TO BE COMPLETED FOR 2018-19 SEASON
- » AECOM AND PGAL (ARCHITECTS)
- » TURNER CONSTRUCTION



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER & CLUBHOUSE

- » 20,645 SQUARE FEET
- » TO BE COMPLETED FOR 2018 SEASON
- » METHOD ARCHITECTURE (ARCHITECTS)
- » LONE STAR CONSTRUCTION



FOOTBALL INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY

- » PROJECT BUDGET OF \$20 MILLION
- » TO BE COMPLETED IN FALL 2017
- » AECOM AND PBK (ARCHITECTS)
- » HARVEY CONSTRUCTION



TRACK & FIELD VIDEO BOARD

- » PROJECT BUDGET OF \$150,000
- » 30 FEET WIDE BY 17 FEET TALL
- » NAMED IN HONOR OF HEAD COACH LEROY BURRELL
- » INSTALLED BY DAKTRONICS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

BARBARA WALLACE WINSTON TENNIS FACILITY

- » PROJECT BUDGET OF \$250,000
- » SUPPORT FROM PATRIOT COURT SYSTEMS, ADVANTAGE FENCING AND SPECTRUM AND TENNIS PLANNING CONSULTANTS



SOFTBALL LOCKER ROOM

- » ADDITIONAL NEW LOCKERS
- » PROJECT BUDGET OF \$25,000



FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELD RESURFACING

- » \$300,000 PROJECT
- » COMPLETED BY RS3



FOOTBALL LOCKER ROOM

- » \$2 MILLION RENOVATION
- » OPENED IN AUGUST 2016
- » DESIGNED BY PBK
- » INSTALLED BY VAUGHN CONSTRUCTION





FOOTBALL

LAS VEGAS BOWL
9-4 | 5-3 AMERICAN WEST
TIED FOR THIRD IN THE AMERICAN WEST DIVISION

TOM HERMAN
HEAD COACH

MAJOR APPLEWHITE
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/
QUARTERBACKS

TODD ORLANDO
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/
LINEBACKERS

CRAIG NAIVAR
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/
CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/
SAFETIES

OSCAR GILES
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/
OFFENSIVE LINE

JASON WASHINGTON
ASSISTANT COACH/SPECIAL
TEAMS COORDINATOR/
CORNERBACKS

DARRELL WYATT
ASSISTANT COACH/RECRUITING
COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS

KENITH POPE
ASSISTANT COACH/RUNNING BACKS

CORBY MEEKINS
ASSISTANT COACH/TIGHT
ENDS/FULLBACKS

DEREK WAREHIME
ASSISTANT COACH/OFFENSIVE LINE



HOUSTON STARTED 5-0 IN BACK-TO-BACK SEASONS IN 2015 AND 2016 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY.

HOUSTON AND ALABAMA WERE THE ONLY TWO TEAMS TO CLAIM DOUBLE-DIGIT WINS OVER TWO TOP-10 TEAMS IN 2016.

OVER THE PAST TWO SEASONS, HOUSTON HAS 22 WINS, THE FOURTH-BEST TOTAL IN THE NATION BEHIND THE 28 WINS OF ALABAMA AND CLEMSON, AND 23 OF OHIO STATE.

HOUSTON'S 22 WINS OVER THE LAST TWO SEASONS MARK THE BEST TWO-SEASON TOTAL IN PROGRAM HISTORY, TOPPING THE 21 WINS FROM 2014-15.

ON DEC. 9, 2016, HOUSTON OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR **MAJOR APPLEWHITE** WAS NAMED THE PROGRAM'S HEAD COACH AFTER FORMER HOUSTON HEAD COACH **TOM HERMAN** ACCEPTED THE SAME POSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. THE FIRST-TIME HEAD COACH BOASTS 11 YEARS OF COACHING EXPERIENCE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND HAD SPENT SEVEN SEASONS AS AN OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR ON THE FBS LEVEL BEFORE RECEIVING HIS LATEST PROMOTION.

WITH ITS WIN OVER #3 LOUISVILLE, HOUSTON HAS A PROGRAM-RECORD SIX STRAIGHT WINS OVER TOP-25 OPPONENTS, A NUMBER THAT LEADS THE NATION AMONG ACTIVE STREAKS AGAINST RANKED OPPONENTS. IT ALSO MARKED HOUSTON'S FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN OVER AN AP TOP-10 TEAM (THREE OF WHICH HAVE COME IN THE LAST 13 GAMES), WHICH ALSO LEADS THE NATION.

TRUE FRESHMAN DEFENSIVE TACKLE **ED OLIVER** BECAME ONE OF HOUSTON'S MOST DECORATED PLAYERS IN HIS FIRST SEASON ON CULLEN BOULEVARD. THE HOUSTON NATIVE EARNED FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICA HONORS FROM SEVEN OUTLETS ALONG WITH FWAA FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA HONORS AND BEING NAMED THE AMERICAN'S ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AFTER FINISHING SECOND NATIONALLY WITH 23 TACKLES FOR LOSS. HE WAS ALSO SECOND NATIONALLY AMONG ALL DEFENSIVE LINEMEN WITH 47 SOLO TACKLES AND 13TH AMONG ALL DEFENSIVE LINEMEN NATIONALLY WITH 66 TOTAL TACKLES. OLIVER ALSO LED ALL DEFENSIVE LINEMEN NATIONALLY WITH NINE PASS BREAKUPS.

OLIVER WAS ALSO NAMED TO THE AMERICAN'S FIRST TEAM WHERE HE WAS JOINED BY LINEBACKER **STEVEN TAYLOR** AND CORNERBACK **HOWARD WILSON**. THE AMERICAN'S SECOND TEAM FEATURED QUARTERBACK **GREG WARD JR.**, LINEBACKER **TYUS BOWSER**, CORNERBACK **BRANDON WILSON** AND SAFETY **GARRETT DAVIS**. WIDE RECEIVER **LINELL BONNER** RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION HONORS. HOUSTON WAS SECOND IN THE AMERICAN WITH SEVEN FIRST- AND SECOND-TEAM SELECTIONS.

THE 2016 HOUSTON SENIOR CLASS ENDED THEIR RESPECTIVE CAREERS AS THE ALL-TIME WINNINGEST CLASS IN PROGRAM HISTORY WITH 38 CAREER WINS. THE GROUP IS THE ONLY SENIOR CLASS IN THE AMERICAN WITH AT LEAST 20 CONFERENCE WINS WITH 23 SINCE 2013. THE CLASS ALSO MADE FOUR STRAIGHT BOWL TRIPS.

GREG WARD JR. CLOSED OUT HIS CAREER AS THE SECOND-WINNINGEST QUARTERBACK IN HOUSTON HISTORY IN WINNING PERCENTAGE AFTER FINISHING WITH A CAREER RECORD OF 27-6 FOR A WINNING PERCENTAGE OF .818.



VOLLEYBALL

5-26 | 0-20 AMERICAN
11TH IN THE AMERICAN



HOUSTON POSTED WINS OVER LOUISIANA (3-1), HOUSTON BAPTIST (3-0), TEXAS SOUTHERN (3-1), LAMAR (3-2) AND LOUISIANA-MONROE (3-2) AND TOOK RUNNER-UP FINISHES IN THE MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE INVITATIONAL, HOSTED BY HOUSTON BAPTIST, AND THE HOUSTON COUGAR CLASSIC.

SIX COUGARS GARNERED ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS DURING NON-CONFERENCE PLAY BETWEEN **SHELBY HARPER** (MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE INVITATIONAL), **BRIANNA LYNCH** (MARRIOTT HOUSTON WESTCHASE INVITATIONAL), **SARAH AFFLERBAUGH** (HOUSTON COUGAR CLASSIC), **CHENELLE WALKER** (HOUSTON COUGAR CLASSIC), **KEANDRA MCCARDELL** (FLO HYMAN COLLEGIATE CUP) AND **KATIE KARBO** (RICE ADIDAS INVITE II).

AFFLERBAUGH WAS NAMED TO THE AMERICAN WEEKLY HONOR ROLL ON SEPT. 5 AFTER LEADING HOUSTON WITH 3.54 KILLS AND 1.92 DIGS PER SET AGAINST TSU, IDAHO STATE AND LAMAR IN THE HOUSTON COUGAR CLASSIC.

MCCARDELL RANKS SEVENTH ALL-TIME IN THE HOUSTON RECORD BOOKS WITH 2,783 CAREER ASSISTS. SHE LED THE COUGARS WITH NINE DOUBLE-DOUBLES IN 2016 AND HAS 29 DOUBLE-DOUBLES IN HER CAREER.

KARBO RANKED SECOND AMONG ALL FRESHMEN AND FIFTH OVERALL IN THE CONFERENCE WITH 489 TOTAL DIGS AND A 4.37 AVERAGE PER SET.

THE COUGARS LED THE AMERICAN WITH 1.30 SERVICE ACES PER SET IN 2016.

FORMER HOUSTON STANDOUT **KADI KULLERKANN** SIGNED A PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT WITH EUROSPED TOPVOLLEYBAL IN TWENTE (TVT) OF THE NATIONAL CUP AND CEV CUP IN DECEMBER. A 6-4 OUTSIDE HITTER, KULLERKANN PLAYED FOR THE COUGARS FROM 2011-2014. A NATIVE OF KEILA, ESTONIA, SHE TOTALED 1,047 KILLS, 156 BLOCKS AND 143 DIGS AT HOUSTON.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FALL SEMESTER, SENIORS **HUNTER WISE** AND **MARISA GUZMAN** EACH GRADUATED WITH KINESIOLOGY DEGREES.

WALKER WAS HONORED WITH THE SPIRIT AWARD AT THE 7TH ANNUAL COUGAR CHOICE AWARDS. RECOGNIZED FOR BOTH HER WORK ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM, SHE WAS NAMED TO DIVERSE MAGAZINE'S 2017 ARTHUR ASHE JR. SPORTS SCHOLAR FOURTH TEAM.

HOUSTON ALL-TIME GREATS **RITA BUCK-CROCKETT** AND **FLO HYMAN** WERE NAMED AMONG THE EIGHT-MEMBER CLASS OF 2017 INDUCTEES FOR THE TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

KADDIE PLATT
HEAD COACH

JASON ALLEN
ASSISTANT COACH

RON ARENZ
ASSISTANT COACH





CROSS COUNTRY

WOMEN - NCAA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL | NINTH AT THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
MEN - NCAA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL (INDIVIDUALS) | NINTH AT THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

STEVE MAGNESS
HEAD COACH



FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE SEASON, THE HOUSTON CROSS COUNTRY MEN'S TEAM EARNED THE NCAA PUBLIC RECOGNITION AWARD FOR HAVING AN ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR) WITHIN THE TOP-10 PERCENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS. THE WOMEN'S TEAM ALSO CLAIMED THE AWARD IN 2017.

HOUSTON'S WOMEN OPENED UP THE SEASON WITH A SECOND-PLACE FINISH AT THE SFA LUMBERJACK PREVIEW IN NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS. THE COUGARS WERE LED INDIVIDUALLY IN THE 2-MILE RACE BY SENIOR **SELENA SIERRA**, WHO RAN 11:13.98 TO FINISH SECOND.

THE WOMEN FOLLOWED THAT PERFORMANCE WITH ANOTHER TOP-THREE TEAM FINISH THE FOLLOWING WEEK AT THE RICE INVITATIONAL. SIERRA AGAIN PACED THE COUGARS, FINISHING THE 4,000-METER RACE IN 14:56.61 TO PLACE 11TH OVERALL.

JUNIOR **MADDIE BROWN** PICKED UP HOUSTON'S FIRST INDIVIDUAL VICTORY OF THE 2016 SEASON AFTER WINNING THE HBU INVITATIONAL ON OCT. 7. COMPETING IN A 5,000-METER RACE, BROWN CROSSED THE LINE IN 18:06.04 TO CLAIM THE GOLD.

SOPHOMORE **G.J. REYNA** WAS THE HOUSTON MEN'S TOP FINISHER IN SIX OF ITS SEVEN COMPETITIONS DURING THE 2017 SEASON. REYNA POSTED A PAIR OF TOP-10 FINISHES INCLUDING AN EIGHTH PLACE MARK IN THE 5K AT THE SFA LUMBERJACK PREVIEW BEFORE FOLLOWING THAT WITH A NINTH PLACE FINISH IN THE 6K AT THE RICE INVITATIONAL.

THE HOUSTON WOMEN COMPETED AS A TEAM AT THE NCAA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL, WHERE THEY WERE ONCE AGAIN PACED BY SIERRA. THE SENIOR RAN THE 6,000-METER RACE IN 21:52.2 TO PLACE 40TH AND PACE THE COUGARS FOR THE SIXTH TIME IN SEVEN MEETS. THE HOUSTON MEN SENT THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES TO THE REGIONAL, WHERE THEY WERE LED BY REYNA WHO RAN 32:01.7 TO PLACE 61ST IN THE 10K.



SOCCER

6-7-3 | 1-6-2 AMERICAN
EIGHTH IN THE AMERICAN



UHCOUGARSOCCER

AFTER HER FIRST SEASON AT HOUSTON, ARIZONA TRANSFER **RACHEL ESTOPARE** RANKS AMONG THE COUGARS' TOP 10 IN SIX CAREER CATEGORIES. THE GOALKEEPER RANKS SECOND IN BOTH SAVE PERCENTAGE (.815) AND GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (1.26). ESTOPARE ALSO RANKS SIXTH IN SHUTOUTS (5.1) AND EIGHTH IN WINS (4) AND GOALKEEPER GAMES STARTED (13).

THE COUGARS NOTCHED SIX SHUTOUTS, INCLUDING FOUR IN NON-CONFERENCE PLAY, TO TIE THE PROGRAM RECORD FOR MOST NON-CONFERENCE SHUTOUTS (2005 & 2010). THE COUGARS OPENED THE SEASON NOT ALLOWING A GOAL IN 298 CONSECUTIVE MINUTES PLAYED.

HOUSTON WAS THE FIRST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE TO HAVE TWO GOALKEEPERS EARN GOALKEEPER OF THE WEEK HONORS. ESTOPARE EARNED THE FIRST HONOR ON AUG. 29 AFTER NABBING A WIN AND DRAW WHILE COLLECTING EIGHT SAVES WITHOUT ALLOWING A GOAL IN 200 MINUTES PLAYED. THE BEND, ORE., NATIVE CAPTURED HER SECOND HONOR ON OCT. 17 FOR COLLECTING TWO DRAWS WITH 22 SAVES AND ALLOWING ONLY ONE GOAL IN 220 MINUTES PLAYED. FRESHMAN **NICOLE YOUNG** ALSO EARNED LEAGUE LAURELS ON SEPT. 18 AFTER DRAWING A WIN WHILE COLLECTING NINE SAVES WITHOUT ALLOWING A GOAL IN 79 MINUTES PLAYED IN HER IMPRESSIVE COLLEGIATE DEBUT.

ON OCT. 6 THE COUGARS EARNED AN AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WIN WITH A 3-0 SHUTOUT OF TEMPLE.

SOPHOMORE **DESIREE BOWEN** AND JUNIOR **HANNAH DAUZAT** EACH NABBED HAT TRICKS DURING THE SEASON. BOWEN SCORED THREE GOALS AGAINST NEW MEXICO STATE ON SEPT. 23, WHILE DAUZAT OPENED THE SEASON AGAINST TEXAS SOUTHERN ON AUG. 19 WITH A TRIO AS WELL. ONLY SIX PLAYERS HAD ACCOMPLISHED THIS FEAT ENTERING THE 2016 SEASON.

FOLLOWING THE SEASON, THE COUGARS ENTERED THE **DIEGO BOCANEGRA** ERA, AS HE WAS NAMED THE FIFTH HEAD COACH IN PROGRAM HISTORY. BOCANEGRA SPENT THE PREVIOUS THREE SEASONS AS AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR THE 2016 ACC REGULAR-SEASON CHAMPIONS AND HELPED LEAD NOTRE DAME TO A NO. 9 NATIONAL RANKING HEADING INTO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT.

CHRIS PFAU
HEAD COACH

SUZIE GRECH
ASSISTANT COACH

BRANDON BONILLA
ASSISTANT COACH





MEN'S BASKETBALL

NIT FIRST ROUND
21-11 | 12-6 AMERICAN
THIRD IN THE AMERICAN

KELVIN SAMPSON
HEAD COACH

ALVIN BROOKS
ASSISTANT COACH

KELLEN SAMPSON
ASSISTANT COACH

TALVIN HESTER
ASSISTANT COACH



THE COUGARS FINISHED AMONG THE TOP-THREE LEADERS IN THE COMPETITIVE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE AND ADVANCED TO THE NIT FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON.

AVERAGING 20.6 POINTS PER GAME, JUNIOR GUARD **ROB GRAY** LED THE COUGARS AND THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE IN SCORING. HE BECAME THE FIRST COUGAR SINCE GUARD AUBREY COLEMAN LED HOUSTON, CONFERENCE USA AND THE NATION WITH 25.6 POINTS PER CONTEST.

GRAY AND SENIOR GUARD **DAMYEAN DOTSON** WERE NAMED TO THE ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM. IT MARKED THE FIRST TIME HOUSTON ENJOYED TWO ALL-CONFERENCE FIRST-TEAM SELECTIONS SINCE CARL HERRERA AND CRAIG UPCHURCH WERE NAMED TO THE 1990 ALL-SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE TEAM.

HOUSTON POSTED THREE STRAIGHT VICTORIES OVER GEORGE MASON, SOUTH DAKOTA AND VERMONT ON NOV. 21-23, 2016, TO WIN THE GULF COAST SHOWCASE CHAMPIONSHIP IN ESTERO, FLA. WITH THE CLOCKING WINDING DOWN, DOTSON DROVE THE LANE AND DISHED TO JUNIOR FORWARD **DEVIN DAVIS**, WHO BANKED IN A LAYUP AS TIME EXPIRED TO GIVE THE COUGARS A 72-71 WIN OVER EVENTUAL NCAA TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT VERMONT IN THE SHOWCASE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. DOTSON WAS NAMED THE TOURNAMENT'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, WHILE GRAY EARNED A PLACE ON THE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM.

WITH A 73-51 WIN OVER EAST CAROLINA ON SENIOR NIGHT IN FRONT OF A SELLOUT CROWD OF 8,479 FANS, THE COUGARS CLOSED HISTORIC HOFHEINZ PAVILION AS A \$60 MILLION RENOVATION BEGINS TO TRANSFORM THE FACILITY INTO THE FERTITTA CENTER. THE NEW ARENA WILL BE READY FOR THE 2018-19 SEASON AND WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A \$20 MILLION GIFT FROM UH SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS CHAIRMAN **TILMAN J. FERTITTA** AND HIS FAMILY.

DOTSON DRAINED AT LEAST ONE 3-POINTER IN ALL 32 GAMES IN 2016-17, SETTING A SCHOOL SINGLE-SEASON RECORD. HE TOPPED THE OLD MARK OF 28, SET BY GUARD **ROBERT MCKIVER** IN 2007-08.

GRAY AND DOTSON BECAME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE COUGARS' 1,000-POINT CLUB DURING THEIR CAREERS. DOTSON REACHED THAT MILESTONE IN THE LAST GAME OF HIS COLLEGIATE CAREER IN THE NIT FIRST ROUND, WHILE GRAY HIT QUADRUPLE DIGITS IN 55 GAMES, THE 12TH-FATEST MARK IN SCHOOL HISTORY.

FOLLOWING THE SEASON, DOTSON WAS ONE OF 64 SENIORS FROM ACROSS THE NATION TO BE INVITED TO THE PORTSMOUTH INVITATIONAL, A PRE-NBA DRAFT COMBINE. AFTER AVERAGING 14.7 POINTS, 8.5 REBOUNDS AND 6.0 ASSISTS PER GAME AND LEADING HIS TEAM TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP, DOTSON WAS HONORED AS THE TOURNAMENT'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.

DOTSON WAS SELECTED BY THE NEW YORK KNICKS WITH THE NO. 44 OVERALL PICK IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE NBA DRAFT. HE BECAME THE FIRST COUGAR SINCE 2001 TO BE TAKEN IN THE NBA DRAFT AND WAS THE FIRST COUGAR CHOSEN BY THE KNICKS.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

12-19 | 4-12 AMERICAN
10TH IN THE AMERICAN



HOUSTON DOUBLED ITS WIN TOTAL FROM THE 2015-16 SEASON IN HEAD COACH **RONALD HUGHEY**'S THIRD SEASON. THE COUGARS WON 12 GAMES, INCLUDING FIVE AGAINST AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE OPPONENTS.

THE COUGARS SAW A PAIR OF FRESHMEN EARN AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-FRESHMAN HONORS FOLLOWING THE 2016-17 SEASON. **JASMYNE HARRIS** LED THE COUGARS IN SCORING WITH 11.3 POINTS PER GAME, WHILE FINISHING SECOND ON THE SQUAD WITH 5.4 REBOUNDS PER CONTEST. **ANGELA HARRIS** AVERAGED 10.0 POINTS PER GAME AND MADE A TEAM-HIGH 52 3-POINTERS. HOUSTON HAS NOW HAD THREE STUDENT-ATHLETES IN TWO SEASONS NAMED TO THE AMERICAN ALL-FRESHMEN TEAM.

HUGHEY MADE A HUGE SPLASH ON THE RECRUITING FRONT WHEN HE SIGNED TOP-100 PROSPECT **JULIA BLACKSHELL-FAIR** TO A NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT. BLACKSHELL-FAIR ENTERED HER SENIOR SEASON AS THE NO. 92 RATED PLAYER ACCORDING TO ESPN HOOPGURLZ AND IS HUGHEY'S SECOND TOP-100 RECRUIT TO JOIN THE PROGRAM. BLACKSHELL-FAIR AVERAGED 14.3 POINTS AND 4.6 ASSISTS PER GAME AND LED THE VANDEN (CALIF.) VIKINGS TO THEIR FIRST CALIFORNIA STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

2016-17 MARKED THE FINAL SEASON FOR THE COUGARS INSIDE HISTORIC HOFHEINZ PAVILION AND THE TEAM CLOSED THE DOORS IN IMPRESSIVE FASHION. HOUSTON HAD FOUR SCORERS REACH DOUBLE-FIGURES, INCLUDING 27 FROM JASMYNE HARRIS, AS THE COUGARS DEFEATED EAST CAROLINA 81-65.

HOUSTON CARRIED THE MOMENTUM INTO THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP WHERE THEY STUNNED THE NO. 7 SEED CINCINNATI IN THE FIRST ROUND. ALL FIVE HOUSTON STARTERS REACHED DOUBLE FIGURES INCLUDING 17 FROM ANGELA HARRIS AND 16 FROM JASMYNE HARRIS IN A 74-61 WIN OVER THE BEARCATS. HUGHEY REACHED THE AMERICAN QUARTERFINALS FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE SEASONS WITH THE VICTORY.

FOLLOWING THE 2016-17 SEASON, THE COUGARS WERE AWARDED WITH A TREMENDOUS HONOR WHEN THEY RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO COMPETE IN THE 2017 PRESEASON WNIT. HOUSTON IS ONE OF 16 TEAMS THAT WILL COMPETE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS SEASON-OPENING TOURNAMENT, WHERE HALF OF THE FIELD PARTICIPATED IN POSTSEASON PLAY LAST SEASON.

RONALD HUGHEY
HEAD COACH

TAI DILLARD
ASSISTANT COACH/
RECRUITING COORDINATOR

VICTORIA PICOTT
ASSISTANT COACH

JAMILA GANTER
ASSISTANT COACH





SWIMMING & DIVING

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
NCAA ZONE D DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

RYAN WOCHOMURKA
HEAD COACH

BOB GUNTER
DIVING COACH

HANNAH BURANDT
ASSISTANT COACH FOR
SWIMMING



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY, THE COUGAR SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM WON A CONFERENCE TITLE. HOUSTON CAPTURED 772 POINTS TO WIN THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP – THE SECOND-MOST POINTS IN PROGRAM HISTORY IN NCAA COMPETITION.

IN HIS SECOND SEASON, HEAD COACH **RYAN WOCHOMURKA** WAS NAMED WOMEN'S COACH OF THE YEAR TO END THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP. WITH **BOB GUNTER**'S CONFERENCE LAUREL, A HOUSTON DIVING COACH WAS NAMED DIVING COACH OF THE YEAR FOR THE 15TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR. JOHANNESBURG NATIVE **MICHAELA BOUTER** WAS NAMED THE CONFERENCE MEET'S MOST OUTSTANDING DIVER AFTER WINNING THE 3-METER, NABBING A SECOND-PLACE FINISH IN THE PLATFORM AND FINISHING FOURTH IN THE 1-METER.

TEN COUGARS RECEIVED HONORS IN 14 EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS, IMPROVING FROM SEVEN STUDENT-ATHLETES IN NINE EVENTS IN 2016 AND FIVE IN FOUR EVENTS IN 2015. FRESHMEN **PEYTON KONDIS** (100 BREASTSTROKE) AND **LAURA LADEROUTE** (200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY) WON THEIR FIRST INDIVIDUAL CROWNS, WHILE BOUTER EARNED HER SECOND CROWN IN THE 3-METER SPRINGBOARD. BOUTER AND LADEROUTE ALSO RECEIVED HONORS IN THE PLATFORM DIVE AND 100-YARD BACKSTROKE, RESPECTIVELY. IN THEIR FIRST CONFERENCE MEET, FRESHMAN **KATELYN ABERNATHY** (3-METER AND PLATFORM), **ZARENA BROWN** (500 FREESTYLE) AND **VICTORIA ROUBIQUE** (100 AND 200 BREASTSTROKE) NABBED CONFERENCE HONORS. MIAMI (FLA.) TRANSFER **KSENIA YUSKOVA** CAPTURED TWO ACCOLADES IN THE 100- AND 200-YARD FREESTYLE EVENTS.

BOUTER WAS NAMED THE 2016-17 AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. BOUTER HOLDS A 3.71 GRADE-POINT AVERAGE AND IS PURSUING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOLOGY WITH A MINOR IN MEDICINE AND SOCIETY. SHE WAS CHOSEN AS THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE'S DIVER OF THE WEEK THREE TIMES DURING THE 2016-17 SEASON AFTER REGISTERING 12 EVENT WINS DURING THE SEASON. BOUTER IS THE SECOND FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WINNER FROM HOUSTON IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, JOINING FORMER VOLLEYBALL STANDOUT **KADI KULLERKANN**, WHO WON IN 2015.

THE COUGARS REWROTE PROGRAM RECORDS, BREAKING 11 SCHOOL RECORDS DURING THE 2016-17 SEASON. BROWN BROKE THE 100-YARD FREESTYLE RECORD WITH A TIME OF 49.80 ON FEB. 18 AT THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS. SOPHOMORE **ELEANNA KOUTSOUEVELI** HOLDS BOTH RECORDS AFTER SETTING PROGRAM BEST IN THE 100- AND 200-YARD BACKSTROKE DURING THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS. WITH A TIME OF 1:00.56, FRESHMEN PEYTON KONDIS SET THE 100-YARD BREASTSTROKE RECORD ON FEB. 17 WHILE ROUBIQUE ADDED HER NAME TO THE RECORDS BOOK IN THE 200-YARD BREASTSTROKE AFTER NETTING A TIME OF 2:12.50 AT THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON FEB. 18. LADEROUTE ALSO ETCHED HERSELF INTO THE PROGRAM'S BESTS WITH A TIME OF 2:00.02 IN THE 200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY.

THE COUGARS BROKE RECORDS IN EVERY RELAY EVENT. HOUSTON IMPROVED IN THE FREESTYLE RELAY EVENTS WITH A TIME OF 1:31.61 IN THE 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (**CAIT HORNER**, LADEROUTE, BROWN, YUSKOVA); A TIME OF 3:20.71 IN THE 400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (BROWN, LADEROUTE, YUSKOVA, HORNER); AND A TIME OF 7:13.35 IN THE 800-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (BROWN, YUSKOVA, **MICHAELA HAMRICK** AND **HANNAH HERBST**). THE TEAM OF KOUTSOUEVELI, KONDIS, LADEROUTE AND HORNER SET THE PROGRAM'S BEST IN THE 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY WITH A TIME OF 1:39.17 WHILE THE 400-YARD MEDLEY RELAY TEAM OF LADEROUTE, KONDIS, **SHARO RODRIGUEZ** AND YUSKOVA NETTED A TIME OF 3:38.35.



TENNIS

NINTH AT THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



UHCOUGARTENNIS

COURTNEY STEINBOCK
HEAD COACH

JASON POTTHOFF
ASSISTANT COACH

HOUSTON DEBUTED THE BEAUTIFUL, NEW **BARBARA WALLACE WINSTON** TENNIS FACILITY IN THE SPRING OF 2017. THE PROJECT INCLUDED A RESURFACING OF ALL SIX PLAYING COURTS. NEW FENCING AND SPECTATOR NETTING WAS ALSO INSTALLED AS WELL AS SCOREBOARDS FOR EACH COURT AND A STATE-OF-THE-ART SOUND SYSTEM. HOUSTON CHRISTENED THE NEW COURT WITH A 4-0 WIN OVER PRAIRIE VIEW A&M ON JAN. 21.

THE COUGARS SPORTED A NEW TEAM TO BEGIN THE 2016-17 SEASON WITH ALL SIX STUDENT-ATHLETES MAKING THEIR HOUSTON DEBUTS. THE NEW SQUAD FEATURED FOUR INCOMING FRESHMEN AS WELL AS TWO TRANSFERS.

TSVETA DIMITROVA WAS NAMED THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CO-FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR FOR HER PLAY DURING HER ROOKIE SEASON AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM. DIMITROVA PACED THE COUGARS THROUGHOUT THE 2016-17 SEASON BY COMPILING A 15-3 OVERALL RECORD AND AN 8-2 MARK DURING SPRING PLAY.

HOUSTON STARTED STRONG IN 2016-17, LED BY DIMITROVA AND JUNIOR **SVEVA MAZZARI**, WHO EACH POSTED 7-1 RECORDS DURING THE FALL SEASON. BOTH ADVANCED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FLIGHT FINALS IN THE RICE INVITATIONAL AND SMU INVITATIONAL, WHERE DIMITROVA CAME AWAY VICTORIOUS IN BOTH, WHILE MAZZARI WON HER FLIGHT AT SMU, AND THE RICE FINAL WAS CANCELED DUE TO RAIN.

DIMITROVA'S PLAY DURING THE FALL SEASON EARNED HER AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE MONTH HONORS FOR SEPTEMBER AFTER POSTING A 5-1 COMBINED RECORD IN SINGLES AND DOUBLES PLAY.

THE COUGARS WON 10 MATCHES DURING THE 2017 SPRING SEASON, INCLUDING A VICTORY OVER AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOE UCONN ON MARCH 10. ON THE ROAD IN CONNECTICUT, THE COUGARS BATTLED THE HUSKIES TO A 5-2 VICTORY FOR THEIR FIRST CONFERENCE WIN OF THE SEASON.





BASEBALL

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS
NCAA HOUSTON REGIONAL HOST
42-21 | 15-9 THE AMERICAN

TODD WHITTING
HEAD COACH

TRIP COUCH
ASSISTANT COACH/
RECRUITING COORDINATOR

FRANK ANDERSON
ASSISTANT COACH

CALEB BARKER
ASSISTANT COACH



HOUSTON BASEBALL CAPTURED THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE REGULAR-SEASON TITLE WITH A 15-9 LEAGUE RECORD AND WON THE TOURNAMENT TITLE AFTER GOING 4-0 IN CLEARWATER, FLA., BECOMING THE FIRST TEAM SINCE 2000 TO WIN BOTH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE SAME YEAR.

THE COUGARS NOTCHED THEIR 14TH 40+ WIN SEASON IN PROGRAM HISTORY AND THIRD IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS UNDER HEAD COACH **TODD WHITTING** WITH A 42-21 OVERALL RECORD.

HOUSTON WAS REWARDED FOR ITS STRONG PLAY THROUGHOUT THE 2017 SEASON BY BEING NAMED ONE OF 16 SCHOOLS TO HOST AN NCAA REGIONAL AT SCHROEDER PARK. THE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY WAS THE FOURTH TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY AND SECOND IN THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR THE COUGARS.

WHITTING WAS NAMED ABCA/DIAMOND SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FOR THE SECOND TIME DURING HIS CAREER. HE BECAME THE FIRST HOUSTON COACH TO RECEIVE THE AWARD MULTIPLE TIMES.

JUNIOR **JAKE SCHEINER** (3B/SS) WAS A CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN, EARNING THE POSTSEASON HONOR BY ALL SIX PUBLICATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS. HE BECAME THE FIRST COUGAR TO BE NAMED A CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN SINCE **BRAD LINCOLN** IN 2006.

TREY CUMBIE WAS TABBED A FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN BY NCBWA AND EARNED ALL-AMERICA HONORS BY SEVERAL OTHER PUBLICATIONS EN ROUTE TO BEING THE FIRST FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICAN SINCE BRAD LINCOLN IN 2006.

SCHEINER WAS NAMED THE AMERICAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR, AND CUMBIE WAS TABBED THE AMERICAN PITCHER OF THE YEAR. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY, THE COUGARS EARNED CONFERENCE PLAYER AND PITCHER OF THE YEAR HONORS IN THE SAME SEASON.

SIX COUGARS WERE NAMED TO AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TEAMS AS **COREY JULKS** (OF) JOINED SCHEINER (UTL) AND CUMBIE (SP) ON THE FIRST TEAM AND **CONNOR WONG** (C), **JOE DAVIS** (DH) AND **MITCH ULLOM** (SP) EARNED SECOND-TEAM HONORS.

WONG BECAME THE FIRST COUGAR SINCE **JAKE STEWART** IN 2008 TO HIT 10+ HOME RUNS AND STEAL 20+ BASES IN A SINGLE SEASON, AND CUMBIE BECAME THE FIRST 10-GAME WINNER FOR HOUSTON SINCE **AUSTIN PRUITT** IN 2013.

HOUSTON WAS RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S TOP 25 EVERY WEEK DURING THE 2017 SEASON.

SIX COUGARS WERE SELECTED IN THE MLB DRAFT, LED BY FOUR BEING DRAFTED AMONG THE TOP 10 ROUNDS: WONG (3RD), SCHEINER (4TH), JULKS (8TH), **JOHN KING** (10TH), CUMBIE (38TH), **COOPER COLDIRON** (39TH). HOUSTON WRAPPED UP THE SEASON RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S TOP 25.

HOUSTON BASEBALL ESTABLISHED A NEW ATTENDANCE RECORD FOLLOWING THE 2017 SEASON AS THE PROGRAM WELCOMED A RECORD 58,840 FANS THROUGH THE GATES IN 32 HOME GAMES TO NOTCH A RECORD AVERAGE ATTENDANCE NUMBER OF 1,838 – THE MOST IN 23 SEASONS AT SCHROEDER PARK, FORMALLY COUGAR FIELD.



SOFTBALL

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT RUNNER-UP
30-25 | 12-6 THE AMERICAN
SECOND IN THE AMERICAN



KRISTIN VESELY
HEAD COACH

MEGAN GIBSON-LOFTIN
ASSISTANT COACH

JESSICA SHULTS
ASSISTANT COACH

THE COUGARS FINISHED IN SECOND PLACE IN THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOR THE REGULAR SEASON AND ADDED A RUNNER-UP FINISH AT THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP. THE TWO FINISHES UNDER FIRST-YEAR HEAD COACH **KRISTIN VESELY** ARE THE HIGHEST RESPECTIVE FINISHES AS A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE.

HOUSTON'S NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A 1-0 UPSET AT PREVIOUSLY UNBEATEN #5/5 TEXAS A&M ON MARCH 1. THE COUGARS PUSHED TWO-TIME DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPION OKLAHOMA TO A PAIR OF EXTRA-INNING CONTESTS ON FEB. 18. HOUSTON ALSO TIED THE PROGRAM RECORD OF FIVE STRAIGHT SHUTOUTS SET IN 2011.

THE COUGARS SET THE AMERICAN RECORD WITH 22 RUNS SCORED IN A 22-0, FIVE-INNING RUN RULE OF UCONN ON APRIL 9. THE 22 RUNS ARE ALSO THE SECOND MOST SCORED IN PROGRAM HISTORY. HOUSTON DEFEATED TEXAS SOUTHERN, 25-0, IN FIVE INNINGS ON APRIL 23, 2003.

THE COUGARS LED THE AMERICAN IN BATTING AVERAGE (.302), ON BASE PERCENTAGE (.383), HITS (437), RUNS (286) AND RBIS (250) IN 2017. HOUSTON ALSO FINISHED SECOND IN SLUGGING PERCENTAGE (.424), HOME RUNS (34), WALKS (33) AND OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE (.260).

SOPHOMORE OUTFIELDER **MAYA THOMAS** FINISHED SECOND IN CONFERENCE IN BATTING AVERAGE (.435), A MARK THAT STOOD 14TH IN THE COUNTRY, AND ON BASE PERCENTAGE (.463). SENIOR UTILITY PLAYER **SHELBY MILLER** LED THE LEAGUE IN RBIS (51) AND WAS THIRD IN SLUGGING PERCENTAGE (.619), WHILE SECOND BASEMAN **ARIELLE JAMES** LED ALL FRESHMEN IN BATTING AVERAGE (.354), ON BASE PERCENTAGE (.424), HITS (43) AND RUNS (63).

THE COUGARS PICKED UP A PLETHORA OF CONFERENCE ACCOLADES AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE REGULAR SEASON. MILLER WAS NAMED CO-PLAYER OF THE YEAR, AND JAMES WAS TABBED ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. THE DUO WAS JOINED BY THOMAS AND SOPHOMORE UTILITY PLAYER/PITCHER **SAVANNAH HEEBNER** ON THE AMERICAN FIRST TEAM. JAMES AND PITCHER **TRYSTAN MELANCON** WERE ALSO ON THE LEAGUE'S ALL-ROOKIE TEAM.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, HEEBNER, **SARAH BARKER**, THOMAS AND **KAYLIN CRUMPTON** WERE NAMED TO THE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM.

HOUSTON ALSO HAD FOUR PLAYERS NAMED TO THE NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION DIVISION I ALL-REGION TEAMS. HEEBNER WAS NAMED TO THE FIRST TEAM AS JAMES AND MILLER WERE TABBED TO THE SECOND TEAM. THOMAS ROUNDED OUT THE HONORS WITH A THIRD-TEAM SELECTION.

DURING THE SUMMER, THE COUGARS WERE HONORED BY THE AMERICAN WITH THE 2016-17 TEAM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR POSTING THE HIGHEST GRADE-POINT AVERAGE (3.54) AMONG ALL SOFTBALL MEMBERS. THE TEAM ACADEMIC LAUREL IS THE SECOND FOR THE PROGRAM IN THE LEAGUE'S FOUR-YEAR HISTORY.





MEN'S GOLF

NCAA STANFORD REGIONAL
TIED FOR SECOND AT THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

JONATHAN DISMUKE
DIRECTOR OF GOLF

RYKE DISMUKE
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH



THE COUGARS WERE INVITED TO COMPETE IN THE NCAA POSTSEASON FOR THE SIXTH STRAIGHT SEASON UNDER DIRECTOR OF GOLF **JONATHAN DISMUKE**. IT MARKED THE FIRST TIME THE COUGARS ADVANCED AS A TEAM TO NCAA REGIONAL PLAY IN SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS SINCE 1997-02.

HOUSTON ENJOYED SIX TOP-THREE TEAM FINISHES DURING THE SEASON WITH SECOND-PLACE SHOWINGS AT THE BAYOU CITY INTERCOLLEGIATE (OCT. 10-11, 2016), ROYAL OAKS INTERCOLLEGIATE (OCT. 24-25, 2016), ALL-AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE PRESENTED BY COCA-COLA (FEB. 17-19), BORDER OLYMPICS (MARCH 10-11), UT LONGHORN SHOOTOUT (APRIL 15) AND THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (APRIL 23-25).

JUNIOR **MICHAEL PERRAS** DEFEATED USF'S CRISTIAN DIMARCO ON THE FIRST HOLE OF A PLAYOFF TO WIN THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL TITLE ON THE COPPERHEAD COURSE AT INNISBROOK GOLF CLUB. IT WAS THE THIRD TITLE OF PERRAS' COLLEGIATE CAREER BUT HIS FIRST CONFERENCE TITLE.

AFTER WINNING THE NCAA FRANKLIN REGIONAL TITLE IN 2016, PERRAS BECAME THE FIRST COUGAR IN PROGRAM HISTORY TO WIN NCAA REGIONAL AND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS CROWNS DURING HIS CAREER.

PERRAS WAS NAMED TO THE ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TEAM FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON. HE WAS JOINED ON THAT POSTSEASON SQUAD BY JUNIOR **PAPITO GONZALEZ**, WHO EARNED A CAREER-BEST FIFTH-PLACE FINISH IN POSTSEASON PLAY AT THE 2017 AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MAKING HIS COLLEGIATE DEBUT, REDSHIRT FRESHMAN **ZACH TRACY** BEGAN HIS COUGAR CAREER WITH THREE STRAIGHT ROUNDS OF PAR OR BETTER TO TIE FOR FIFTH AT THE BAYOU CITY INTERCOLLEGIATE AT GOLFCREST COUNTRY CLUB IN PEARLAND, TEXAS.

HOUSTON ALUMNI **WESLEY MCCLAIN** AND **ROMAN ROBLEDO** MADE THEIR PGA TOUR DEBUTS IN 2017. MCCLAIN DEBUTED AT THE SHELL HOUSTON OPEN AND LATER PLAYED AT THE VALERO TEXAS OPEN, WHILE ROBLEDO QUALIFIED TO COMPETE AT THE U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, WHERE HE WAS JOINED BY LETTERMAN **WADE ORMSBY**.



WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA COLUMBUS REGIONAL
THIRD AT THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



UHCOUGARWGOLF

GERROD CHADWELL
HEAD COACH

LUCY NUNN
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

THE COUGARS COMPETED IN THE NCAA POSTSEASON FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR UNDER HEAD COACH **GERROD CHADWELL**. HOUSTON HAS QUALIFIED FOR NCAA REGIONAL PLAY EVERY YEAR IN WHICH THE TEAM WAS ELIGIBLE TO DO SO AFTER THE PROGRAM OFFICIALLY BEGAN FOR THE 2013-14 SEASON.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER CAREER, JUNIOR **LEONIE HARM** WAS NAMED TO THE ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TEAM. THE GERLINGEN, GERMANY, NATIVE LED THE TEAM WITH A 72.70 AVERAGE AND 14 ROUNDS OF PAR OR BETTER.

HARM SET A SCHOOL RECORD BY TWO STROKES WHEN SHE POSTED A 66 DURING THE FIRST ROUND AT THE MOUNTAINVIEW COLLEGIATE ON MARCH 10, 2017. SHE WENT ON TO TIE HER MARK WITH 66S IN THE SECOND ROUND OF THE CLOVER CUP ON MARCH 20, 2017, AND IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON APRIL 16, 2017.

HARM ENJOYED THE FIRST INDIVIDUAL TITLE OF HER COLLEGIATE CAREER WHEN SHE EARNED MEDALIST HONORS AT THE TEXAS STATE INVITATIONAL ON FEB. 13-14, 2017. SHE POSTED A SCORE OF 217 AT THE BANDIT GOLF CLUB IN NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, AND BECAME THE FIFTH COUGAR IN PROGRAM HISTORY TO WIN A TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP.

JUNIOR **COURTNEY TIBILETTI** EQUALED HARM'S SCHOOL RECORD, SINKING 10 BIRDIES ON THE WAY TO A 66 OF HER OWN DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE CLOVER CUP ON MARCH 19, 2017.

JUNIOR **MEGAN THOTHONG** BECAME THE FIRST COUGAR TO COMPETE IN THREE NCAA REGIONALS DURING HER CAREER.

HARM AND THOTHONG FINISHED AMONG THE TOP-SIX LEADERS AT THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON APRIL 16-18 ON THE CONSERVATORY COURSE AT HAMMOCK BEACH GOLF & SPA RESORT IN PALM COAST, FLA. HARM FINISHED THIRD WITH A SCORE OF 4-UNDER 212, WHILE THOTHONG FINISHED SIXTH AT 214.

IN THE SUMMER, THOTHONG RECEIVED THE SPORT EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.





TRACK & FIELD

MEN – THE AMERICAN INDOOR CHAMPIONS | THE AMERICAN OUTDOOR CHAMPIONS
WOMEN – THIRD AT THE AMERICAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS | SEVENTH AT THE AMERICAN OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEROY BURRELL
HEAD COACH

WILL BLACKBURN
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

**DEBBIE
FERGUSON-MCKENZIE**
ASSISTANT COACH

CARL LEWIS
ASSISTANT COACH

STEVE MAGNESS
ASSISTANT COACH

KYLE TELLEZ
ASSISTANT COACH



THE COUGAR MEN'S 4X100-METER RELAY TEAM WON THE NCAA OUTDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WHEN IT RAN 38.34. **JOHN LEWIS III**, **MARIO BURKE**, **JACARIAS MARTIN** AND **CAMERON BURRELL** BROKE THE SCHOOL RECORD EN ROUTE TO WINNING THE TEAM'S FIRST OUTDOOR GOLD MEDAL AT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1994.

BURRELL CLAIMED SILVER MEDALS AT EACH OF THE NCAA INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS. BURRELL RAN 6.53 IN THE 60-METER DASH AT THE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MARCH BEFORE FINISHING AS THE RUNNER-UP IN THE 100-METER DASH AT THE OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 10.12.

HOUSTON TALLIED 11 NCAA ALL-AMERICANS DURING BOTH THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SEASONS IN 2017. BURRELL AND BURKE EACH EARNED THREE NCAA ALL-AMERICA HONORS (TWO OUTDOOR, ONE INDOOR) WHILE MARTIN EARNED TWO IN THE OUTDOOR SLATE, AND LEWIS EARNED AN HONOR FOR HIS ROLE IN THE 4X100-METER RELAY CHAMPIONSHIP. SENIOR **BRIAN BARRAZA** BECAME HOUSTON'S FIRST ALL-AMERICAN IN AN EVENT LONGER THAN 400-METERS WHEN HE EARNED FIRST TEAM HONORS IN THE 3,000-METER RUN, WHILE SOPHOMORE **AMERE LATTIN** TOOK INDOOR HONORS IN THE 60-METER HURDLES.

BURKE (BARBADOS) AND JUNIOR **ELI HALL** (USA) WILL REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRIES AT THE IAAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AFTER BURKE WON THE BARBADOS CHAMPIONSHIP AND HALL WAS THIRD AT THE USA NATIONALS IN THE 100-METER DASH. BURRELL (USA), LATTIN (USA), **BRIANNE BETHEL** (BAHAMAS), **JARED KERR** (CANADA) AND **NATE MECHLER** (CANADA) ALL COMPETED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES' NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE HOUSTON MEN SWEEPED THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE SEASON AND THE 10TH TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY.

THE HOUSTON WOMEN PICKED UP THREE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. **TORI WILLIAMS** (200-METER DASH) AND **TONYE' CIA BURKS** (TRIPLE JUMP) WON TITLES AT THE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS WHILE **SAMIYAH SAMUELS** (LONG JUMP) WON IN THE OUTDOOR SEASON.

THE HOUSTON MEN COMBINED FOR 15 INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS OVER THE COURSE OF THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SEASONS. BURKE (60-METER DASH), BURRELL (200-METER DASH), **CHRIS IBARRA** (800-METER RUN), LATTIN (60-METER HURDLES), **TRUMAINE JEFFERSON** (LONG JUMP), **CAMERON CORNELIUS** (SHOT PUT) AND MECHLER (HEPTATHLON) WON GOLD IN THE INDOOR SEASONS. WHILE LATTIN (110-METER HURDLES, 400-METER HURDLES) AND JEFFERSON (LONG JUMP) ALSO CLAIMED OUTDOOR TITLES ALONG WITH ELI HALL (100- AND 200-METER DASH), KERR (TRIPLE JUMP) AND THE MEN'S 4X100- AND 4X400-METER RELAYS.

BARRAZA BECAME THE 12TH COUGAR STUDENT-ATHLETE IN HISTORY TO BE NAMED TO THE COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN TEAM. BARRAZA EARNED SECOND-TEAM HONORS AND IS THE FIRST TRACK STUDENT-ATHLETE SINCE 1989 TO CLAIM THE HONOR.

HOUSTON SET 12 SCHOOL RECORDS THROUGHOUT THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SEASONS WITH BARRAZA (MILE, 3,000-METER RUN), HALL (200-METERS), **DAMON THOMPSON** (WEIGHT THROW), **SELENA SIERRA** (5,000-METERS), BURKS (TRIPLE JUMP) AND **TAYLOR SCAIFE** (WEIGHT THROW) IN THE INDOOR SLATE. BURKS ALSO BROKE THE OUTDOOR TRIPLE JUMP RECORD WHILE BURRELL (100-METER DASH), **MIKAILA MARTIN** (HAMMER THROW) AND THE MEN'S 4X100- AND 4X400-METER RELAYS ALSO SET PROGRAM BESTS.

IN THE SUMMER, BARRAZA RECEIVED THE SPORT EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.



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