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**DILLARD UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS  
15-YEAR REPORT**

## MISSION

The mission of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is to produce scholar-athletes who will demonstrate excellence in the classroom, career, competition, and civic engagement. Scholar-athletes will develop critical leadership skills through emphasis on the five core values of the NAIA Champions of Character Program: Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Servant Leadership, and Sportsmanship.

## VISION

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics aspires to regain national prominence in academic excellence and competitive excellence.

## QUICK FACTS

**Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**Founded:** 1869

**Enrollment:** 1180

**Nickname:** Bleu Devils and Lady Bleu Devils

**Colors:** Royal Blue & White

**National Affiliation:** National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)

**Conference Affiliation:** Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC)

**President:** Dr. Walter Kimbrough

**Athletic Director:** Dr. Kiki Baker Barnes

**Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Media Relations:** Joe Prisco

**Assistant to the Athletic Director:** Kyra Washington

**Athletics Website:** [www.dillardbleudevils.com](http://www.dillardbleudevils.com)

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# Message From the Athletic Director

## Dear Supporter:

Fifteen years of success does not happen magically. It takes the commitment and hard work of a lot of people. When I became Dillard University's athletic director in 2006, the program had been practically shuttered by Hurricane Katrina a year earlier, leaving the program with only three of the six sports needed to maintain membership within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). My charge was to revive a program with limited resources. What we lacked in money, we more than compensated with dedicated people. I want to thank all of the coaches, staff, and students who played a role in Dillard's athletic department over the past 15 years. It is because of them I am able to report the accomplishments herein.

Since 2006, Dillard athletics has won 9 conference championships in 5 sports. We can also boast of a national championship in the 4x100m relay race. During this same time, 55 student-athletes have been named All-American and 135 All-conference. The student athletes have not only performed well in their respective sports, but they have also performed well academically. Our student-athletes boast a 55% graduation rate with an average student-athlete GPA of 2.83. In all 15 years, the average student-athlete average GPA has exceeded the average student GPA. I am proud of what they accomplished and even more proud that they are in communities across the nation making a difference.

Our success was not only made possible by our internal constituents. My outreach to the community also played a role in our success. With the support of alumni, friends, and corporations, the first athletics endowed scholarship was established. The Billy Ray Hobley Scholarship has been funded from proceeds from the Billy Ray Hobley gala, the longest-running fundraising event at Dillard. We have also raised money to augment our budget so that we could provide the best student-athlete experience possible. I am also forever grateful for everyone who has supported Dillard athletics.

There is no way to acknowledge people for our success without including the amazing contributions of alumni. From the beginning, alumni have spent countless hours working with me to strategize and create sporting events that would be exciting for everyone. From the Bleu Devil Classic to the Hall of Fame, alumni were very involved and I am so appreciative of our partnership. In particular, I want to thank the Bleu Devil Advocates for all of their work with me.

This report summarizes the accomplishments of the past 15 years, but it could never capture all of the love, hard work, and sacrifices that were poured into the athletics program. I hope you enjoy learning more about Dillard athletics and continue to support this outstanding program for years to come.

Sincerely,

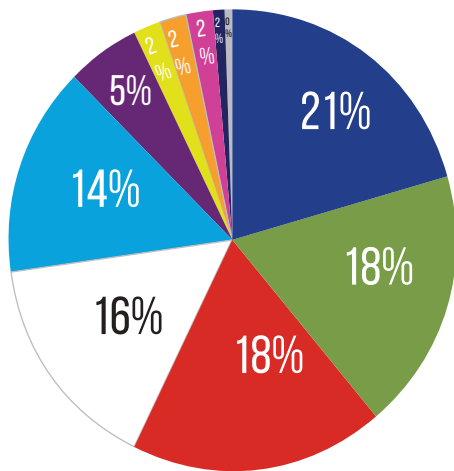


Kiki Baker Barnes, Ph.D.



# EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM & CAREER

## TOTAL GRADUATES BY SPORT



- Volleyball
- Dance
- Team Managers
- Softball
- Cheer
- Multisport
- Women's Basketball
- Tennis
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Cross Country/Track
- Men's Cross Country/Track

260

Graduates\*

55%

Student-Athlete Graduation Rate

### Top 5 Majors for Student-Athletes\*

1. Biology
2. Public Health
- (T) 3. Psychology
- (T) 3. Sociology
5. Business Administration

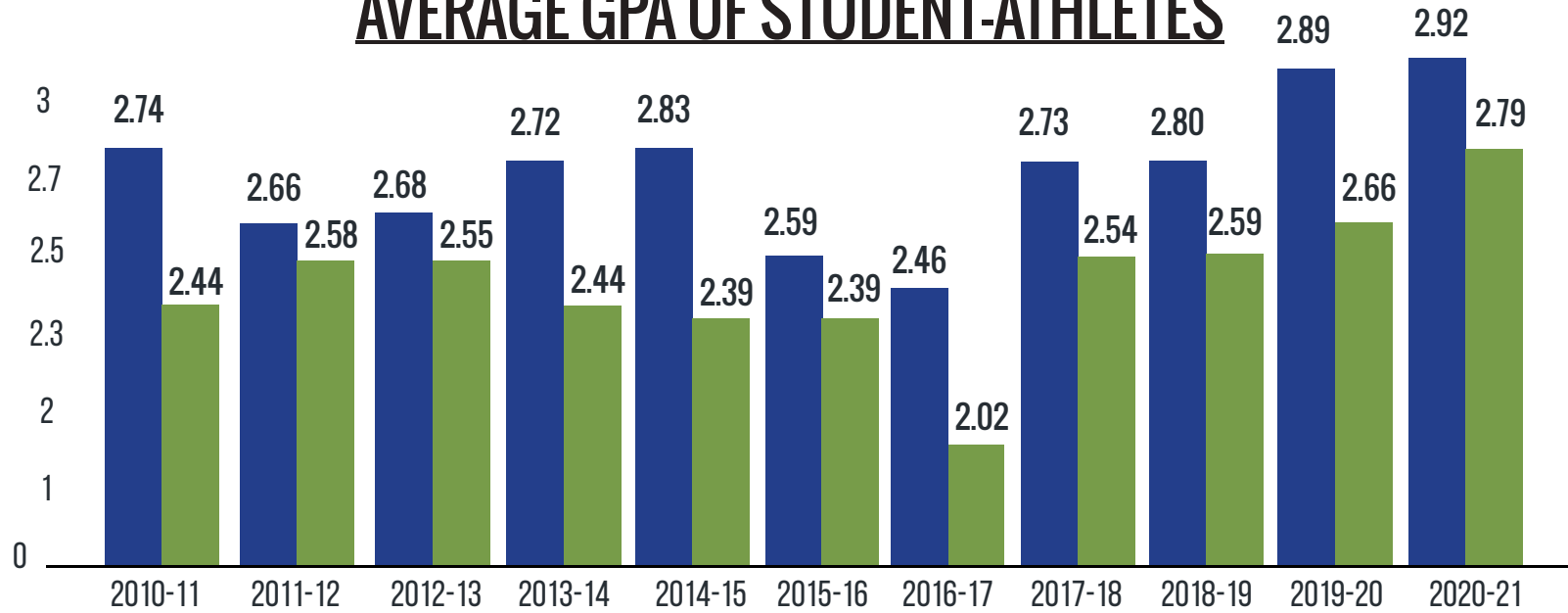
The retention and graduation rates of the student-athletes consistently exceed the rates of the general student body\*

## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

- 1 WBCA Academic Honor Roll
- 15 NAIA Scholar Team Titles
- 55 Arthur Ashe Jr. Award Recipients
- 59 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes
- 188 GCAC Honor Roll Awards



## AVERAGE GPA OF STUDENT-ATHLETES



● Athletics

● Student Body

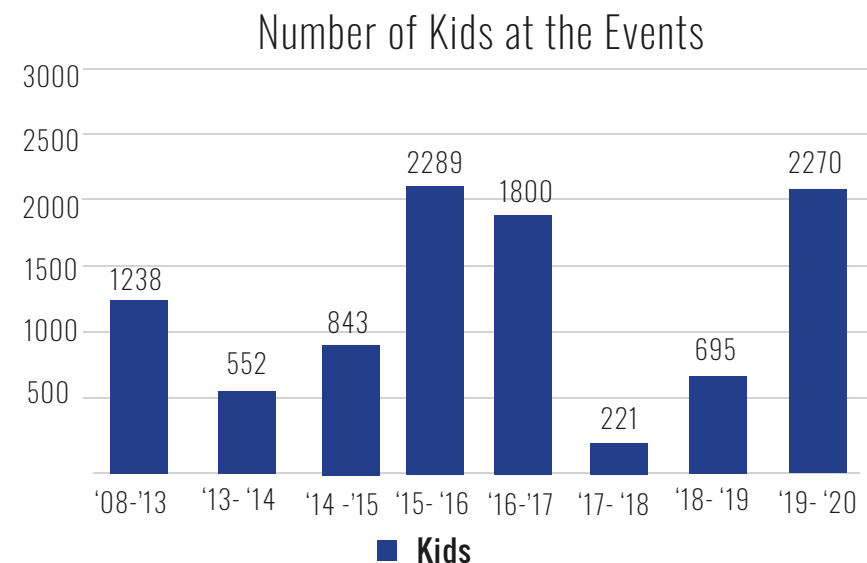
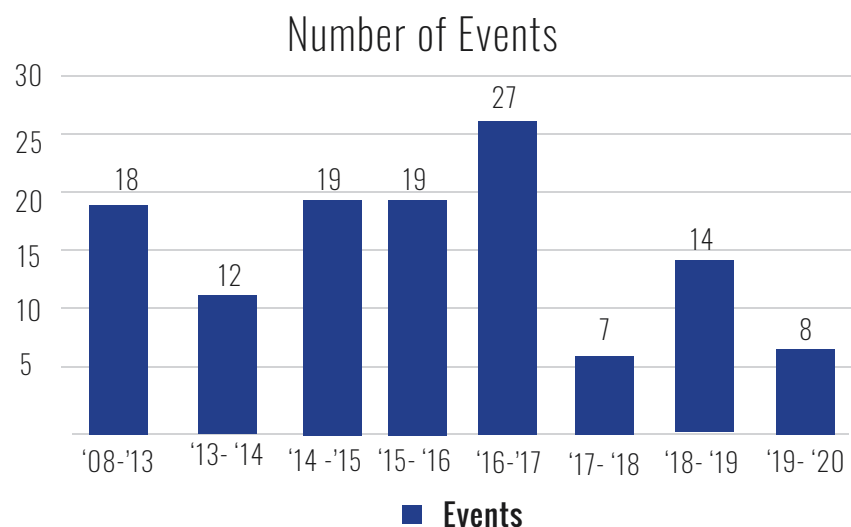
\*Data provided by Dillard University Office of Institutional Research



# EXCELLENCE IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Our student-athletes become servant leaders at Dillard University and within the surrounding community. We host several programs and events that cultivate our student-athletes' critical thinking and leadership skills. Over the past 15 years, the athletics program has conducted 124 community engagement events with a total reach of 9,908 kids impacted by our outreach efforts.

**\*\*No activities took place during 2020-2021 due to COVID-19.**



**Schools:** Dana Thomas Moton Charter School, Einstein Charter School, Jefferson Elementary, Joseph A. Craig Elementary, Kipp Renaissance School, Langston Hughes Academy, Medard Nelson Charter, McDonough #42, Phyllis Wheatley, Sarah T. Reed High School, Schaumburg Elementary, St. Mary's Academy, St. Rita Middle School, Terrebone High School, and Ursuline Academy.

**Colleges:** Baton Rouge Community College, LSU - Eunice, and Southwestern Christian Community College

**Organizations:** Bethany United Methodist Church, City Park New Orleans, Crescent City Park New Orleans, East St. John Parish Schools, Gentilly Park, Harrell Park, Joe Brown Park, Little Farms Group, Milne Recreation Center, New Orleans Pelicans, Read to Achieve, Shreveport Department of Recreation, Son of A Saint, Special Olympics of Louisiana, and Youth Run NOLA.



### AMBER TRAMEL

2013-2014 WBCA  
Good Works Team  
Women's Basketball  
Nominee

2013-2014 GCAC  
Dr. Leroy Walker  
Champions of  
Character  
Women's Basketball



### JONQUIL GRIFFIN

2014-2015 GCAC  
Dr. Leroy Walker  
Champions of  
Character  
Women's Track



### NAIA CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER INSTITUTION

2007-2008  
2008-2009  
2009-2010  
2010-2011  
2011-2012

2012-2013- Silver Level  
2013-2014- Silver Level  
2014-2015- Silver Level  
2015-2016- Bronze Level  
2016-2017- Silver Level  
2018-2019- Silver Level  
2019-2020- Gold Level  
2020-2021- Bronze Level



### DU FIT SUMMER CAMP

2013-2018  
Collaboration  
with NORDC



### SYWACIA™

2017-2020  
Collaboration with  
So You Want A  
Career in Athletics™



# EXCELLENCE IN COMPETITION



**2010 GCAC Volleyball  
Regular Season Champion  
and Tournament Champions**



**2014 GCAC Men's Track  
and Field Champions**



**2016 GCAC Men's Basketball  
Tournament Champions**



**2016 GCAC Women's Track  
and Field Champions**



**2017 GCAC Men's Basketball  
Regular Season and  
Tournament Champions**



**2018 GCAC Men's Basketball  
Regular Season and  
Tournament Champions**



**2018 GCAC Women's  
Basketball Regular Season  
and Tournament Champions**



**2019 GCAC Women's  
Basketball Tournament  
Champions**



**2021 GCAC Men's Track  
& Field Tournament  
Champions**

# BY THE NUMBERS



**Malik Amos**  
2019-2020  
National Player  
of the Week  
Men's Basketball



**Tyrell Alcorn**  
2019-2020  
NAIA  
All-Star Game  
Men's Basketball



**Jessica Good Morris**  
2009-2010  
AVCA All-Region



**Demetric Austin**  
2015-2016  
Newcomer of the Year  
Men's Basketball  
2015-2016  
Second Team  
All-American  
Men's Basketball



**Jalen McGaughy**  
2016-2017  
NABC-NAIA Shoot  
and Slam Contestant  
Men's Basketball,  
3-pt shooting  
contestant/Placed  
Second



**Adriiana Jackson**  
2018-2019  
HBCU Top 30  
Under 30  
Women's Basketball

Thomas Howell Cup **1**

GCAC Tournament MVP **5**

GCAC Freshman of the Year **5**

Conference Tournament Championships **6**

Conference Championships **9**

National Championship Appearances **14**

GCAC All-Tournament Team **20**

NAIA All-Americans **55**

GCAC Players of the Week **102**

GCAC All-Conference Honors **135**

# THE REVIVAL OF DILLARD UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

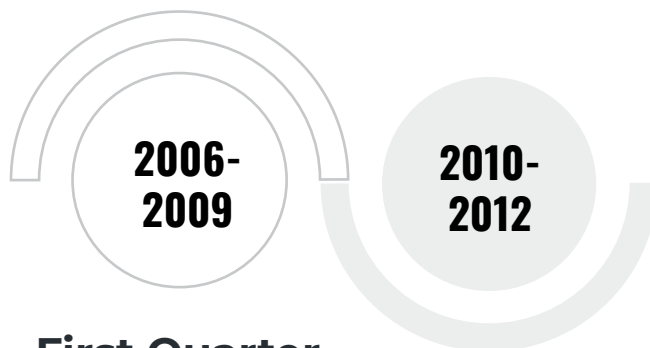
Dr. Baker Barnes was named Interim Athletic Director and Head Coach of the Women's Basketball Team, one year after Hurricane Katrina devastated the campus. She has worked diligently to revitalize the Dillard Athletics program, becoming well-known in the sports world for breaking countless barriers. Dr. Baker Barnes has served as a constant example of leadership and civic services for countless student-athletes over the last 15 years.

## Second Quarter

- August 5, 2009 Dillard announces addition of three new sports (Men's cross country/track, women's cross country/track and softball).
- February 2011 Completed the facility restoration project that included the redesign of the lobby, lobby walls, entrance to the facility, gym walls, and premium seating for the athletics facility
- Ariel "Mighty" Mitchell becomes 2nd Dillard alumna and first female women's basketball player in the NAIA to sign with the Harlem Globetrotters.



Hobley Family presents to Ariel Mitchell with a pair of BR Hobley shorts



## First Quarter

- NAIA and GCAC grants Dillard Athletics an exception to NAIA minimum sport sponsorship limits required for membership through 2009.
- February 24, 2007 Athletics program officially return to use of Dent Hall.
- February 1, 2008 Dillard athletic department Unit Strategic Plan approved by President Hughes.



Before (2005)

# THE REVIVAL OF DILLARD UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS



After (2012)

## Fourth Quarter

- January 23, 2016 Dillard men's basketball featured in first NAIA Men's Basketball Game of the Week in school history.
- February 17, 2018 Dillard Women's Basketball clinches 1st regular-season conference championship since 2001.
- February 28, 2018 Shaelynn Moore becomes the first Dillard student-athlete to be named an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sport scholar -semi-finalist.
- March 23, 2018 Signed Active Network contract moving all summer camp registration online.

2013-  
2015

2016-  
2018

2019-  
2021

## Third Quarter

- February 27, 2014 Implemented online ticketing system for online ticket sales and merchandise sales.
- January 14, 2014 Launched DUFIT summer fitness camp .
- January 31, 2015 Launched new logo, web design for [www.dillardbleudevils.com](http://www.dillardbleudevils.com), and the Dillard Bleu Devil Network for live streaming athletic events online.
- February 6, 2015 First school in the GCAC to launch a mobile app for athletics.

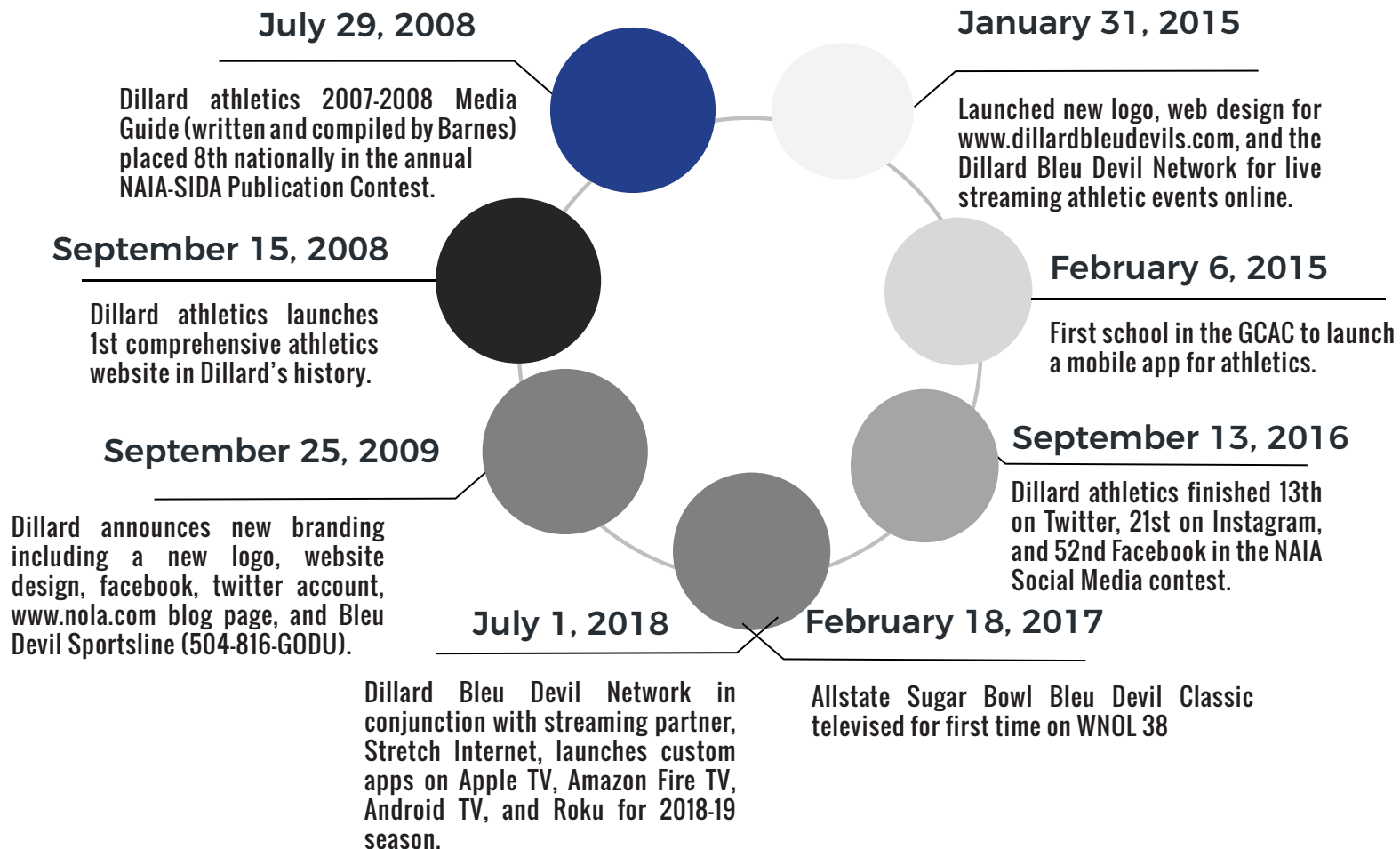
## Overtime

- July 1, 2018 Dillard Bleu Devil Network in conjunction with streaming partner, Stretch Internet, launches custom apps on Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, and Roku for 2018-19 season.
- Dillard Women's Basketball clinches 1st regular-season conference championship since 2001.
- March 3, 2019 Dillard Women's Basketball wins back-to-back GCAC Tournament titles.
- May 28, 2021 Men's 4 x 100 m wins National Championship.

# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

As a part of the revival of the athletics program, we embraced social media to help us tell our story. Some of our key accomplishments include:



# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## FUNDRAISING

### BLEU DEVIL CLASSIC WEEKEND & BILLY RAY HOBLEY SCHOLARSHIP GALA (ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 27-28, 2009)

Dillard men and women basketball teams defeat Xavier in the 1st Bleu Devil Classic. The win marks the first time Dillard beat Xavier since Hurricane Katrina. The last time both teams won was in 2001 when Billy Ray Hobley was the head men's basketball coach.

### DILLARD UNIVERSITY SPORT HALL OF FAME (ESTABLISHED 2018)

The mission of the Dillard University Sports Hall of Fame (DUSHOF) is to recognize and honor student participation in intercollegiate athletics and to document and preserve their accomplishments as an integral part of Dillard University's Athletics history.

### BILLY RAY HOBLEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Billy Ray Hobley Endowed scholarship is awarded each year to a Dillard University student-athlete who has at least a 2.5 grade point average and embodies the spirit of Billy Ray Hobley. This award has been presented annually since 2010.

### DUFIT SUMMER CAMP (SUMMER 2014 - SUMMER 2019)

Dillard University Fitness Camp (DUFIT) is to promote healthy lifestyle and character development through sport that will reduce youth obesity and enhance the moral consciousness of our youth.

### THE RACHEL WASHINGTON MERCADEL SPIRIT OF COMMITMENT AWARD (ESTABLISHED 2020)

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### LEGACY AWARD

The Legacy Award was created to honor former Dillard University athletes or administrators who have demonstrated excellence in their career and community. This award has been presented annually since 2011.

### BLEU FLAME OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

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# ANNUAL FUNDRAISING

THE SUCCESS OF THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR MANY SUPPORTERS.

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Game Guarantees	\$6,300	\$26,500	\$16,000	\$21,000	\$20,500	\$24,500	\$5,000	\$15,500
Corporate Sponsorships	n/a	\$15,500	\$8,500	\$5,500	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$9,000	\$8,636
Corporate Sponsorships (In Kind)	n/a	\$0	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Ticket Sales	\$6,903	\$10,082	\$9,492	\$6,909	\$17,566	\$13,625	\$8,652	\$7,146
Hobley Endowed Scholarship	\$1,000	\$0	\$14,940	\$5,720	\$11,440	\$6,550	\$16,130	\$8,010
Bleu Devil Advocate Scholarship Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,840	\$1,450	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dr. AC Harris Scholarship Fund	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gifts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Concession	n/a	n/a	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,000
Bleu Devil Athletics Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Summer Camp Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,750
Summer Camp A/B Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
So You Want A Career in Athletics	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total (net) Revenue Generated</b>	<b>\$14,203</b>	<b>\$52,082</b>	<b>\$54,932</b>	<b>\$65,969</b>	<b>\$57,456</b>	<b>\$52,675</b>	<b>\$42,782</b>	<b>\$80,042</b>

# ANNUAL FUNDRAISING

OUR SOURCES OF EXTERNAL REVENUE ARE LISTED BELOW.

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	Total
Game Guarantees	\$11,500	\$14,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$8,500	\$0	\$0	\$173,300
Corporate Sponsorships	\$18,178	\$79,142	\$37,301	\$41,256	\$31,785	\$66,753	\$4,000	\$332,051
Corporate Sponsorships (In Kind)	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$54,000
Ticket Sales	\$10,414	\$13,193	\$11,743	\$13,543	\$14,830	\$26,969	\$0	\$171,067
Hobley Endowed Scholarship	\$18,420	\$15,767	\$12,655	\$17,526	\$23,220	\$17,000	\$0	\$168,378
Bleu Devil Advocate Scholarship Fund	\$12,406	\$1,992	\$2,850	\$150	\$671	\$650	\$0	\$43,009
Dr. AC Harris Scholarship Fund	n/a	n/a	\$6,000	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,200
Gifts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$19,406.28	\$19,406.28
Concession	\$1,757	\$1,957	\$1,386	\$550	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,650
Grants	\$23,991	\$29,700	\$42,120	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$133,811
Bleu Devil Athletics Fund	\$0	\$5,767	\$4,095	\$0	\$1,155	\$3,389	\$7,963.88	\$22,370
Summer Camp Revenue	\$25,750	\$29,875	\$42,120	\$24,470	\$26,605	\$0	\$0	\$167,570
Summer Camp A/B Care	\$928	\$6,523	\$9,227	\$2,115	\$1,615	\$0	\$0	\$20,408
So You Want A Career in Athletics	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$670	\$1,375	\$0	\$0	\$2,045
<b>Total (net) Revenue Generated</b>	<b>\$127,344</b>	<b>\$203,916</b>	<b>\$177,497</b>	<b>\$106,480</b>	<b>\$113,756</b>	<b>\$118,761</b>	<b>\$51,370</b>	<b>\$1,319,265</b>

# HONORS AND AWARDS

## DILLARD UNIVERSITY SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The University established the Sports Hall of Fame as a way to honor former school administrators, coaches, and athletes who epitomize the Athletics Department's mission of being excellent in competition, career, and civic engagement. In addition, the Sports Hall of Fame will promote the rich legacy of Dillard alumni student-athletes. Inductions have been presented annually since 2018.

Dillard University athletics would like to thank members of the Dillard University Sport Hall of Fame (DUSHOF) Board members for their service.

Mr. Ronald Henderson, '63, Chair

Dr. Warren Jones, '71, Vice Chair & Nomination Committee Chair

Mr. Eugene Lamb, '71, Nomination Committee

Ms. Janet Eaton, '94, Nomination Committee

Ms. Kelia Whittington, '89, Member

Ms. Barbara Weary, '92, Member

Mr. Everett Jones, '07, Member

Mr. Karl Gardner, '79, Member

Mr. Walter Tillman, '67, Member

Mr. Ronald Ayler, '68, Member

Mr. Ronald Gearing, '70, Member



**Inaugural Hall of Fame  
Class 2018**

### 2018 INAUGURAL HALL OF FAME CLASS

#### ATHLETE CATEGORY

Melanie Davis | 1978-80 | Women's Basketball  
 Ronald Henderson '63 | Men's Track & Field  
 Charles Hightower '80 | Men's Basketball  
 Billy Ray Hobley '77\* | Men's Basketball  
 Pamlea Jiles | 1973-78 | Women's Track & Field  
 George Johnson '70 | Men's Basketball  
 Jackie Franklin McKinney | 1981-85 | Women's Basketball  
 Ariel "Mighty" Mitchell '12 | Women's Basketball  
 Alfredo Oit '05 | Men's Basketball  
 Malbert Pradd '80 \* | Men's Basketball

### 2019 HALL OF FAME CLASS

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY ENSHRINEMENT CATEGORY

1935 Football Team  
 1964 Football Team  
 1970 Men's Basketball Senior Class – Magnificent Seven  
 Plus One  
 Milton Andrews, Johnny Chaney, Eugene Clem,  
 George Johnson, Bobby Smith, Joe Taylor, Johnny  
 Traylor and Erol Ware  
 1971 Men's Swim Team  
 1975 Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship Mile  
 Relay  
 Ronald Cojoe, Anthony Johnson, Clarence Jones and  
 Marlon White  
 1984 NAIA Women's Basketball Championship  
 Semifinalist

#### ATHLETE CATEGORY

Dennis Detiege '69 | Men's Golf  
 John Glapion '64 | Football  
 Johnny Shelwood '64 | Football  
 Eugene Thomas '93 | Men's Basketball  
 Zachary Winfield '73 | Men's Track & Field



**2nd Hall of Fame  
Class of 2019**

#### TEAM CATEGORY

2000-01 Men's Basketball Team  
 2001-02 Men's Basketball Team

#### COACH CATEGORY

Dr. Jimmy Singleton\*, Men's Basketball

### 2020 HALL OF FAME CLASS

#### ATHLETE CATEGORY

Glenn Cobb '71 | Men's Track & Field  
 Bertram du Pont '74 | Men's Basketball  
 John Kelley '75 | Men's Basketball  
 Lancelot Loncke '02 | Men's Basketball  
 Irvin Overton '63 | Football  
 Ebony Owens '05 | Women's Basketball  
 Theresa Samuels '04 | Women's Basketball



**3rd Hall of Fame Class 2020**



**2012 Legacy Award Recipients with Mrs. Hobley -President Lyons and AD Barnes**

## BILLY RAY HOBLEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- 2010, Mico Sjekloca |Men's Basketball
- 2011, Lawrence Etah '12 | Men's Basketball
- 2012, Monique Waiters '14 |Women's Basketball
- 2013, Jordan Kilson '14 | Men's Basketball
- 2014, Brittany Smith '15 | Women's Basketball
- 2015, Jevonte' Ezzard '18 | Men's Cross Country/Track
- 2015, Shantrell Lumar '17 | Women's Basketball
- 2016, Houston Chatman '16 |Men's Basketball
- 2017, Keona Favis '17 | Women's Basketball
- 2018, Adriana Jackson '19 | Women's Basketball
- 2018, Daniel Reid '19 | Men's Track
- 2018, Shelby Stewart '18 | Volleyball
- 2019, Jasmine Elliott '20 | Track & Field
- 2019, Kia Smith '20 | Women's Basketball
- 2020 Cody Branch '21 | Men's Track & Field
- 2020 Amara Edwards '20 |Volleyball and Track & Field
- 2020 Elisabeth Gallon '21 |Volleyball



**2018 Legacy Award Recipients  
Mattie Hobley '77 and Lewis Anderson '80**

## LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Legacy Award was created to honor former Dillard University athletes or administrators who have demonstrated excellence in their career and community. This award has been presented annually since 2011.

- 2011, Coach Mary D. Teamer \*
- 2011, Coach John Brown \*
- 2012, Dr. William Sutton '53
- 2012, Herman Williams '67
- 2013, Doug Evans '66
- 2013, Victor Vavasseur '57\*
- 2014, Dr. Joseph Davis '48\*
- 2015, Dr. Charles Teamer
- 2015, Eugene Lamb '71
- 2016, Dr. Robin Martin
- 2016, George Johnson '70
- 2017, Walter Tillman '67
- 2017, Ronald Henderson '63
- 2018, Lewis Anderson '80
- 2018, Mattie Johnson Hobley '75

\*Deceased

## BLEU FLAME OF EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Bleu Flame of Excellence award was created to honor members in the community and nation who have demonstrated excellence in community service and athletics. This award has been presented annually since 2016.

- 2016, Laverne Saulny
- 2017, Alvin Gentry
- 2018, Sweet Lou Dunbar
- 2019, Ronald V. Burns Sr. '73
- 2019, Paul Valteau '69

## RACHEL WASHINGTON MERCADEL SPIRIT OF COMMITMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

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- Rachel Washington Mercadel '75| Staff
- Aaron Dutton '30 | Faculty
- Margaret Washington '68 | Faculty
- Rhonda Blache '76 | Cheerleader
- Cheryl Gabriel '78 | Cheerleader
- Agnes Moore Hollins '78 | Cheerleader
- Yvonne Jenkins '78| Cheerleader
- Hermine Jones '73 | Cheerleader
- Elaine Kensey '78 | Cheerleader
- Andrea Lazo-Rice '75 | Cheerleader
- Dawn Saberre '79 | Cheerleader



**2020 Rachel Washing Mercadel  
Spirit of Commitment**

# EXCELLENCE IN STAFF SUCCESS



**Dr. Kiki Baker Barnes**

## AWARDS

- 2021 Nike Nell Jackson Executive of the Year (Women Leaders in College Sports - WLCS)
- GCAC Athletic Director of the Year 2020-2021, 2014-2015, 2013-2014, 2010-2011
- 2019 Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year (National Association of College Directors of Athletics - NACDA)
- 2018 New Orleans CityBusiness Woman of the Year
- 2018 New Orleans Pelicans Black History Month Honoree
- 2017 American Cancer Society Belle
- 2015 Women Leaders in College Sports (formerly known as NACWAA) Administrator of the Year
- 2014 Girl Scout Woman of Distinction Honoree
- Named to New Orleans Magazine People to Watch Class of 2014
- Selected to the Gambit's Top 40 under 40 New Orleanians making a positive impact on their community
- Named 1 of 6 Women of Empowerment by New Orleans Minority Report, 2012-2013
- Selected to the 2008 Black Coaches and Administrators "Achieving Coaching Excellence(ACE)" program

## POSITIONS HELD

- Interim Commissioner Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (2019 - current)
- Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation Board Member (2016-current)
- NAIA Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors (2014- current)
- NAIA Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors President (2019- 2020)
- NAIA National Administrative Council Member (2018-2020; 2007-2013)
- NAIA National Administrative Council Rules, Awards & Statistics Committee Member (2018-2020)
- NAIA Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors 1st Vice President (2018- 2019)
- NAIA Conduct and Ethics Committee Chair (2014-2019)
- NAIA Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors 2nd Vice President (2017- 2018)
- Gulf Coast Athletic Conference 17th President (2009-2018)
- NAIA National Administrative Council Experience & Enhancement Committee Member (2007-2013)
- NAIA Committee on Conduct in Competition Member (2006-2011)
- BCA Member-at-large Board of Directors Strategic Planning Committee (2011-2013)
- NCAA 2013 Women's Basketball Final Four Local Organizing Committee (2013)
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