Mustang Club Generates Record Year of Fundraising

SMU Athletics and the Mustang Club are thrilled to announce another record year for Athletics giving. SMU Athletics reported $10.7 million in annual giving for Fiscal Year 2014, which ended on May 31st. This smashed the previous year's record of $8.3 million in annual giving.

The Mustang Club announced a total of $3.3 million at the conclusion of this year’s annual campaign. This marks a 10% increase from last year’s $3 million-dollar effort. Mustang Club gifts provide crucial funding for academic support, operational expenses, facility enhancement, and more, allowing SMU student-athletes to compete at the highest level. Thank you to all who donated; your contributions are truly making an impact on the lives of young men and women both on and off the field.

The success of this year’s annual campaign would not have been possible without a dedicated corps of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our goal by contributing your time and effort.

Congratulations to this year's top-performing volunteers:

**Top Five Individuals: New Money**
Pete Chilian, Jeri Jessee, Patrick McEvoy, Scott Sealy, Allen Shank

**Top Individual: All Donations**
Paul Grindstaff

**Top Individual: Number of New Donors**
Darleene DeLee

**Top Team: New Money**

**Top Team: Number of New Donors**
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*Team Captains

Recent SMU graduate Nina Rangelova, a women’s swimming alum, turned in an outstanding performance at the 2014 Bulgarian National Championships. Rangelova took home 10 gold medals in as many tries, capping off the four-day competition with victories in the 50-meter freestyle and 400-meter relay. As the relay team anchor, Rangelova made up a five-second deficit and brought them the gold with a 54.98 split.

Follow the women’s swimming & diving team on Facebook (/SMUSwimDiveW) or on Twitter (@SMUSwimmingW) for updates throughout the summer.

**Congratulations, Nina!**
Mustangs, it seems 2014 is flying by. We are gearing up for another school year and are confident that this year will surpass the excitement of 2013-14, both on and off the field. In a matter of days, students will be returning to campus, many of them to live in five new Residential Commons just steps from Ford Stadium, Moody Coliseum, Westcott Field, and the new SMU Tennis Complex which will open later this fall! SMU Athletics looks forward to welcoming the Class of 2018 to the Hilltop and having them at Mustangs football, soccer and volleyball matches on campus.

I’d also like to take the opportunity to welcome another new Mustang to our team. Matt Peters has just joined the athletic development staff as Assistant Athletic Director for Development. Matt will lead our Mustang Club effort as well as other operational fundraising on behalf of the department. He joins us from Texas State University in San Marcos, where he led fundraising for the Bobcat Club Annual Fund. We are pleased to have him on our team and I hope you will take the opportunity to meet Matt and welcome him to the Hilltop.

Our second year in the American Athletic Conference is shaping up to be an exciting one for the Mustangs as we celebrate “100 Years of SMU Athletics.” Season ticket sales for football are nearing an all-time record with familiar foes like Texas A&M and TCU coming to town. To our long standing and new season ticket holders, THANK YOU for your support.

If you are still interested in tickets or have friends and family who want to get in on the action at Ford Stadium, please call the ticket office at (214) 768-GAME to purchase season tickets, mini-plans, or single game tickets. You can also join us on the Boulevard and on the road this year for pre-game food and fun. The Mustang Club will partner with SMU Athletics on the Boulevard this year to bring you the Good Sport Patio on the Northeast corner of Bishop and Binkley. See below for more details on registering for Boulevard and tailgate events.

Thank you once again for your faithful support of SMU Athletics. Your contributions made last year’s campaign an historic one, and we look forward to partnering with you again in 2014-15 to achieve excellence in support of SMU’s 400 student-athletes. Go Mustangs!

### Join the Mustang Club for SMU Football this Season!

This year, join us on the Boulevard for pre-game food and fun at the Good Sport Patio, presented by the Mustang Club and SMU Athletics. The Good Sport Patio is located at the northeast corner of Bishop and Binkley. **Donors at the Mustang level and above receive free admission for themselves and their immediate family as a benefit of their donation. All others may register in advance for $10 [here](#).** All walk-ups are $15. Children 8 and under are free.

The Mustang Club will also be on the road this season cheering on the Mustangs along with the Office of Alumni Relations. **Registration for all six away games is open and may be accessed [here](#).** Away game tailgate events are $15 per person. Children 8 and under are free.

For information about tickets to home or away games, please contact the SMU ticket office at 214-768-GAME or visit [our website](#).

The full 2014 SMU Football schedule follows:

- Aug. 31: at Baylor (Waco, TX)
- Sept. 6: at UNT (Denton, TX)
- Sept. 20: vs. Texas A&M
- Sept. 27: vs. TCU
- Oct. 4: at ECU (Greenville, NC)
- Oct. 18: vs. Cincinnati
- Oct. 25: vs. Memphis (Family Weekend)
- Nov. 8: at Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)
- Nov. 15: vs. USF (Homecoming)
- Nov. 22: at UCF (Orlando, FL)
- Nov. 28: vs. Houston
- Dec. 6: at UCONN (Storrs, CT)

**We’ll see you at a Mustang football game this season! Pony Up!**
Celebrate the achievements of SMU student-athletes this quarter!

Football:
Kenneth Acker—selected by the San Francisco 49ers in 2014 NFL Draft
Garrett Gilbert—selected by the St. Louis Rams in 2014 NFL Draft
Darius Joseph—named to Biletnikoff Award watch list
Randall Joyner—National Football Foundation Gridiron Club of Dallas-Scholar-Athlete; member of National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society membership class
Taylor Lasecki—named to Rimington Trophy watch list
Stephon Sanders—named to Butkus Award watch list
Ryan Walker—member of National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society membership class

Men’s Golf:
Bryson Dechambeau—PING All-Region honors; 2nd Team All-America selection; quarterfinalist at U.S. Amateur Public Links
Austin Smotherman—won U.S. Amateur Qualifying Event, joins Dechambeau and incoming freshman Ben Baxter in the U.S. Amateur field

Men’s Swimming & Diving:
Team—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Team; AAC Team Academic Excellence Award for Men’s Swimming & Diving
Devin Burnett—advanced to USA Diving Nationals in 1M, 3M, and platform dive
Nicolai Hansen—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention
Bryce Klein—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention; advanced to USA Diving Nationals in 1M, 3M, and 3M synchronized dive
Ryan Koops—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention
Parker Meinecke—advanced to USA Diving Nationals in the platform dive
Tyler Rauth—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention
Matt Roney—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention
Tucker Wells—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention

Men’s Tennis:
Arturs Kazijevs—AAC All-Conference Selection (singles)
Misha Nowicki—AAC All-Conference Selection (doubles)

Rowing:
Freshman 4+ crew—Winner Grand Final at Knecht Cup (4/13)
Savannah Moody—Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Division I All-Central Region 2nd Team
Miranda Zsigmond—1st All-American Athletic Conference

Track & Field:
Rayann Chin—AAC Outdoor Champion in discus
Lucija Cvitanovic—AAC Outdoor Champion in heptathlon & javelin; qualified for NCAA Championships in heptathlon; 5th place in heptathlon at the European Cup in Portugal, representing Croatia
Stephanie Kalu—AAC Outdoor Champion in 100M dash

Get to know… Matt Peters
Assistant Athletic Director of Development

The Mustang Club is pleased to welcome Matt Peters as the new Assistant Athletic Director of Development. Matt joins SMU from Texas State University in San Marcos, where he served as the Assistant Athletic Director for Development for the last four years.

Matt was born and raised in Michigan, and attended Michigan State University in East Lansing. He received his degree in Electrical Engineering and moved to Austin following graduation to take a position with Motorola. After several years in the engineering field, Matt decided to pursue a career that offered more heart and personal interaction. Ultimately his passion for higher education and athletics led him to the University of San Francisco, where he completed a master’s degree in Sport Management. He then returned to Austin to begin working for Texas State. Now as a Mustang, Matt looks forward to being a part of this exciting time at SMU, getting to know the Mustang Club donors, and experiencing life on the Hilltop.

It goes without saying that Matt is a sports fan—his personal favorites are basketball and golf. Though not a native Texan, Matt is happy to have relocated to the Lone Star State. He’s looking forward to exploring a new city with his wife, two-year-old son, and their German Shepherd, and experiencing some of Dallas’ great barbeque and tex-mex restaurants.

Matt can be reached at mjpeters@smu.edu or (214) 768-7009. He offices in Loyd 305. Matt is eager to meet our donors this fall!

Tova Magnusson—AAC Outdoor Champion in 3,000M steeplechase; 12th place at NCAA Championships in 3,000M steeplechase; 2nd Team All-America
Helena Perez—AAC Outdoor Champion in hammer throw

Volleyball:
Team—NCAA Public Recognition Award for post APR scores in the top 10% of its sport

Women’s Basketball:
Keena Mays—Invited to Los Angeles Sparks training camp

Women’s Swimming & Diving:
Team—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Team; AAC Team Academic Excellence Award for Women’s Swimming & Diving
Isabella Aricia—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention
Ursa Bezan—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention
Rachel Nicol—Canadian Swimming Championship Gold medalist, 50-meter breaststroke; Silver medalist, 100— and 200— meter breaststroke; bronze medalist, 200-meter IM
Nathalie Lindborg—College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention
Nina Rangelova—set Bulgarian National Record in 50M freestyle; College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-American
Your donations maximize the potential of SMU Athletics by providing for each of these critical needs:

- Academic support
- Recruiting
- Facility enhancements
- Operational expenses

Founded in 1935, the Mustang Club, SMU’s official athletics fundraising organization, provides the foundation for annual support for each of the 17 sports at SMU.

Thank you for your support!

What better way to celebrate 100 Years of SMU Athletics than with the complete history of SMU Athletics? Purchase In Honor of the Mustangs: The Centennial History of SMU Athletics today! Available through SMU’s DeGolyer Library, this limited edition publication includes a comprehensive history of SMU Athletics, authored by official SMU centennial historian Darwin Payne. Purchases may be made online or by contacting the SMU Lettermen’s Association at lettermen@smu.edu or (214) 768-4000. Don’t miss out on this incredible history of the SMU Mustangs!

Mustangs Excel in Summer Competition

School may be out, but that doesn’t mean SMU’s student-athletes are taking a leisurely summer vacation. Several Mustang standouts are making headlines in national and international competitions this summer.

Women’s Swimming alumna Nina Rangelova completed a 10-for-10 gold medal stand at the Bulgarian National Championships this July. Isabella Arcila set a new Colombian record in the 50-meter freestyle and won the 200-meter backstroke and 100-meter freestyle at the Colombian National Championships. Sophomore Tara-Lynn Nicholas advanced to the finals in the 100-meter breaststroke at the Commonwealth Games, and SMU teammate Marne Erasmus reached the semifinals in the 50-meter butterfly representing South Africa. Rachel Nicol won the 50-meter breaststroke at Canadian Nationals in June.

Women’s Track & Field junior Lucija Cvitnovic captured 5th place in the European Cup of Combined Events, held in Madeira, Portugal this July. Cvitnovic represented Croatia at the event.

Men’s Golf junior Austin Smotherman joined teammates Bryson Dechambeau and incoming freshman Ben Baxter as the third Mustang to qualify for the US Amateur after winning a qualifying event at Tangle Ridge Golf Course in Grand Prairie. The 2014 US Amateur Championship takes place August 14-17 at the Atlanta Athletic Golf Club in Georgia. Dechambeau, a rising junior, represented the United States at the Palmer Cup in June and advanced to the quarterfinals at the US Amateur Public Links Championship in mid-July. Thus far, he has advanced to the round of 32 at the US Amateur.

Women’s golfers Jennifer Park and Alex Rossi both advanced to the US Women’s Amateur Championships following strong play at Prestonwood Country Club on July 1st. The event is set for Aug 4-10 in Glen Cove, NY. Park also took low amateur honors at the Texas Women’s Open earlier this summer.

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Quarterly Compliance Note

Brought to You by the SMU Office of Compliance

Some Athletes Don’t Use Scholarship Money as Intended
http://www.athleticbusiness.com/more-news/some-athletes-don-t-use-scholarship-money-as-intended.html

It may surprise the casual fans that NCAA student-athletes receive checks, even if schools aren’t yet “paying for play”. Nonetheless, many student-athletes do.

These checks cover for room and board and incidental living expenses. As part of their scholarship agreements, they never see bills for tuition, books and related fees.

It’s up to the athletes, typically 18 to 22 years old, to spend the money in the right places for the right things, but there are some who don’t.

The SMU Life Skills office helps our student-athletes develop the financial skills necessary to make wise decisions with their stipends. Allison Singleton, Director of Life Skills at SMU, says, “Financial literacy becomes a critical skill during college, when students-athletes are away from home, making decisions with potential long-term impacts on their financial futures. Through our Life Skills Financial Literacy workshops, our student-athletes are educated on budgeting, goal setting, stipend management, the value of a scholarship, moving off campus, credit, and numerous other topics that prepare them for a successful transition through college and into the workforce.”

Want to learn more about the NCAA Compliance Rules and what the Office of Compliance does for the Athletics Department? Visit http://www.smmustangs.com/compliance/ for educational information for parents, coaches, and others.

Got a question for our compliance office? E-mail kconder@smu.edu, call us at 214-768-4051, or visit Loyd Suite 304. Thank you for “Asking Before You Act.”

Austin Smotherman advanced to the US Amateur Championships in August.

Jennifer Park, low amateur at 2014 Texas Women’s Open
SMU’s Coach George McMillion named to SWC Hall of Fame

The Southwest Conference Hall of Fame, a branch of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame located in Waco, TX, has announced its 2014 class of inductees. Among the newest inductees is legendary SMU swimming coach George McMillion.

“Coach Mac” began his coaching career at SMU in 1957. In 1971, he took over the head coaching role and remained over the Mustangs until 1988. In 2012, McMillion was inducted into both the SMU Athletics Hall of Fame and the Texas Swimming & Diving Hall of Fame.

During his tenure at SMU, Coach Mac lead the men’s swimming team to eight consecutive conference championships and was named conference Coach of the Year four times. He coached 78 All-Americans, 15 NCAA Champions, and four Olympic medalists. He also coached the US National Team in 1978, 1982, and 1983.

Coach Mac is a 1955 graduate of SMU. During his time as a student on the Hilltop, he captained the men’s swimming team and lettered in 1952-1954. In 1998, he was honored by the Lettermen’s Association with the coveted Silver Anniversary Mustang Award, given in recognition of service and commitment to the community with a positive and lasting impact. Coach Mac and his family remain enthusiastic supporters of SMU Athletics and are frequent visitors to the Hilltop today.

The other eight inductees include: Nolan Richardson (Arkansas), Walter Abercrombie (Baylor), Otis Birdsong (Houston), Harold Solomon (Rice), Jill Sterkel (Texas), Mark Johnson (Texas A&M), James Cash (TCU) and Andre Tillman (Texas Tech).

An induction ceremony and luncheon will be held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Fort Worth on Monday, October 20th, at 11:30 AM. Visit www.tshof.org/events to reserve event tickets and to learn more about this event.

Track and Field Captures 2014 Outdoor Championship

After a three-day competition in which the Mustangs claimed seven individual American Athletic Conference Titles, the Women’s Track & Field team took home the inaugural outdoor conference championship on May 4th. In winning the outdoor event, the team completed a Triple Crown, having also won the 2013 Cross Country championship in September and the 2014 Indoor Track & Field championship just a few months ago. SMU’s total score of 153.2 was well over runner-up UCF’s score of 138.6.

Individual champions for the Mustangs included Lucija Cvitnovic (javelin), Rayann Chin (discus), Stephanie Kalu (100M dash), Tova Magnusson (3000M Steeplechase), Helena Perez (hammer throw), and Agnes Sjöström (5000M run). Head Coach Dave Wollman and his staff also received Women’s Coaching Staff of the Year honors. Nine Mustangs earned All-Conference Honors, and sophomore Lucija Cvitnovic was named Most Outstanding Field Athlete for the meet.

The team dedicated their efforts to teammate Hannah Moss. Hannah, a sophomore at SMU, passed away earlier in the school year. Coach Wollman said that the team’s desire to honor her memory spurred on a strong performance.

After a historic first season in the American, the Mustangs were back in action on May 29-31 at the NCAA Preliminary Rounds in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Lucija Cvitnovic and Tova Magnusson both qualified for the NCAA championships in the heptathlon and 3,000 M Steeplechase, respectively. At the championships in June, Magnusson earned a second-team All-America designation after her 12th place finish in the Steeplechase. Cvitnovic finished 17th in the heptathlon.

The Mustangs return to competition in the fall for the 2014 Cross Country season.

Sophomore Lucija Cvitnovic won the javelin competition and was named Most Outstanding Field Athlete for the meet.
Men’s Golf Earns Highest National Finish since 1972; Sweeps AAC Championship Titles

Sophomore Bryson Dechambeau led the way on April 29th as the Mustang Men’s Golf team captured the inaugural American Athletic Conference championship in Innisbrook, FL. Dechambeau also took home the individual title, carding a seven-under 206 for the event. He was one of only three players to finish under par for the tournament.

Sophomore Austin Smotherman finished tied for fourth at even par. Senior Harry Higgs ended tied for 12th, and Junior Ryan Burgess finished 19th.

The Mustangs then advanced to the NCAA Regionals in San Antonio, where their fourth-place finish was good enough to send them to the NCAA Championships in Hutchison, KS. They finished stroke play tied for seventh and were able to advance to the eight-team match play playoff on May 27th. Though the Mustangs gave No. 1 seed Alabama a close match, ultimately the defending champions won out, 3-2. By advancing to the eight-team playoff, SMU claimed its best national finish since 1972.

Following his AAC Championship performance, Dechambeau was named to the PING All-Central Region Team by the Golf Coaches Association of America. He was also a Ben Hogan award semifinalist and played on the American Palmer Cup team in June.

Congratulations to SMU Men’s Golf on an outstanding season!

Bryson Dechambeau represented the United States at the 2014 Palmer Cup this summer.

Join Us at Upcoming Events this Fall!

August 2014

21st: Football Kickoff Luncheon, Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX. Tickets and further information available [here](#).

31st: SMU at Baylor, 6:30 pm, Waco, TX. Join the Mustang Club and Office of Alumni Affairs for food and fun before the game. $15 per person, tent open from 4:30 pm—6:00 pm. Register [here](#)!

September 2014

6th: SMU at UNT, 11:00 am, Denton, TX. Join the Mustang Club and Office of Alumni Affairs for food and fun before the game. $15 per person, tent open from 9:00 am—10:30 am. Register [here](#)!

20th: SMU vs. Texas A&M, Time TBA, Ford Stadium. Register for the Good Sport Patio presented by the Mustang Club and SMU Athletics [here](#) (donors at the Mustang level and above do not need to register)

27th: SMU vs. TCU, Time TBA, Ford Stadium. Register for the Good Sport Patio presented by the Mustang Club and SMU Athletics [here](#) (donors at the Mustang level and above do not need to register)

October 2014

4th: SMU at ECU, Greenville, NC. Join the Mustang Club and Office of Alumni Affairs for food and fun before the game. $15 per person. Register [here](#)!

18th: SMU vs. Cincinnati, Time TBA, Ford Stadium. Register for the Good Sport Patio presented by the Mustang Club and SMU Athletics [here](#) (donors at the Mustang level and above do not need to register)

25th: SMU vs. Memphis, Time TBA, Ford Stadium. SMU Family Weekend! Register for the Good Sport Patio presented by the Mustang Club and SMU Athletics [here](#) (donors at the Mustang level and above do not need to register). Family weekend activities can be viewed [here](#).

Did you know that the Mustang Club is on Facebook and Twitter? Follow us for updates on events, Hilltop happenings, and more!

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Check out our new and improved website at [smumustangclub.com](http://smumustangclub.com)!

Contact us at (214) 768-2582 or mustangs@smu.edu with your comments, questions, and suggestions!