

*Stars*

# CHAMPIONS CLUB



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*The*  
**CHAMPIONS**  
OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY *Club*

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Greetings from OCU Athletics – what a year it has been! 2006-07 has been one of the most successful athletic seasons in OCU history, and four new championship banners now hang from the rafters in Abe Lemons Arena.

The women's golf team won its third consecutive crown, a feat never before accomplished in the NAIA. The men's golf program captured its sixth title in the last seven years, continuing an unprecedented streak of dominance. Coach Phil McSpadden and the softball team brought home their eighth NAIA championship, the most of any program in OCU history. And, Coach Ray Harper and the men's basketball team hoisted the championship trophy for the fifth time in school history in Kansas City this past March.



OCU Athletics is experiencing a wave of success like never before. And, this is to say nothing of the Head of the Oklahoma Regatta hosted by OCU that brought over 30,000 visitors to our city last fall, or Ann Lacy Stadium, the new on-campus home for OCU softball and the inaugural season of our new women's wrestling program.

These are wonderful accomplishments, but we at OCU understand that success is not simply measured by wins and losses, but ultimately in the contributions that our graduates make to society. We invite you to invest in the future of these remarkable young men and women by becoming a member of the Champions Club. Your contribution allows us to continue to provide the most enjoyable and enriching collegiate experience possible for the 300+ student-athletes on our campus. We encourage you to give generously, and to join us in our belief that for these Stars, the sky truly is the limit.

In the storied history of OCU Athletics there has never been a more exciting time than now. Both on the field and in the classroom, our athletic programs are experiencing success like never before. While never losing sight of the achievements of the great players and coaches of the past, we are looking to the future with more anticipation than ever. The Champions Club is determined to keep this wave of excitement rolling – and we are thrilled to invite you to be a part of it.

## GO STARS!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a large, stylized white outline of a star or a similar shape.

**JIM ABBOTT, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**



## THE PURPOSE OF THE CHAMPIONS CLUB

At Oklahoma City University our approach to caring for student-athletes is simple: We believe they deserve the very best. However, as the costs of both higher education and athletic competition continue to rise, so too does the challenge to compete at a championship level. Private contributions become increasingly important as the rising cost of equipment, supplies, travel, and tuition compels the athletics department to raise money to supplement the annual budget. The Champions Club is committed to helping OCU Athletics meet this challenge by providing a continuing foundation for success that will be built upon for decades to come.

The purpose of the Champions Club is to support the Oklahoma City University Athletic Department in its mission to develop and enhance athletic programs promoting academic integrity, athletic competition, and social responsibility. We strive to provide student-athletes an environment that encourages, supports, and promotes academic, athletic, and personal achievement. It is our vision that this focus on the student-athlete's total collegiate experience will result in Oklahoma City University being the institution of choice for students seeking a quality academic experience while participating in challenging intercollegiate athletic competition.

Your contribution to the Champions Club is an investment in the tradition of excellence that is Oklahoma City University Athletics. The Champions Club is dedicated to the continued development and enhancement of OCU's athletic programs, and your membership demonstrates your commitment to partnering with OCU Athletics in providing our student-athletes with the very best that intercollegiate athletics has to offer. Champions Club members are alumni, businesses, friends, and parents. These supporters form a network that is determined to assist OCU in meeting the challenges of the future while ensuring that this tradition of excellence continues to grow.

Gifts to the Champions Club are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law and can be designated to a specific intercollegiate team or to the General Athletic Fund. The Champions Club operates in conjunction with OCU's Office of University Advancement and is under the direct supervision of the Director of Athletics.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can ever be of assistance, and thank you again for your continued support of OCU Athletics.

**OCU Athletic Development**  
**405-208-5660**



## A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

### 2006–2007 ALL-AMERICANS

Zoe Barratt  
 Brandon Benson  
 Jacques Blaauw  
 Cat Calvert  
 Tamara Campbell  
 Eric Canaday ★  
 Nick Covington  
 Sydney Cox  
 Jose Mario Cuellar ★

Christina Cung  
 Mitchell Eichenauer  
 Brittani Ellis ★  
 Justin Funk ★  
 Luke Garvey  
 Josh Haines ★  
 Latesha Hunter ★  
 Willie Irick  
 Kody Kaiser

Alexandra Kotta  
 Chelsea Ledbetter  
 Houston Lee ★  
 Anthony Michael  
**Daniel Mitchell** ★★  
**Melody Murphy** ★  
 Clay Parks ★  
 Toni Pyrum  
 Ryan Rachal

Dasha Shembereva  
 Ashley Sholer  
 Bobby Spain  
 Laurie Suter ★  
 Corbett Thompson ★  
 Ryan Trudgian  
 John Wilcox  
 ★ **NAIA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION**  
 ★ **NAIA PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
 ★ **NAIA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE**



## HOME OF CHAMPIONS

### 32 NATIONAL TITLES

#### BASEBALL

National champion 2005  
**2007: 50-11 • ninth 50-win year in a row**  
 Six Sooner Athletic Conference titles in seven years

#### SOFTBALL

National champions 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, **2007**  
**2007: 53-6 • NAIA champion • SAC champion**

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

National champions 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, **2007**  
**2006-07: 35-2 • NAIA champion • SAC regular-season champion**

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

National champions 1988, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002  
 Seven consecutive national title games from 1999–2005  
**2006-07: 27-8 • NAIA Tournament second round • SAC Tournament runner-up**

#### MEN'S GOLF

National champions 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, **2007**  
 11 consecutive regional and SAC titles

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

National champions 2005, 2006, **2007**  
 First school to ever win three NAIA titles in a row  
 Five consecutive regional and SAC titles

#### MEN'S TENNIS

National champions 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

|  | LEMONS CIRCLE<br>\$5,000 | HANSEN CIRCLE<br>\$2,500 | PLATINUM STAR<br>\$1,000 | GOLD STAR<br>\$500 | SILVER STAR<br>\$250 | BRONZE STAR<br>\$100 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Tax Deduction  | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| Weekly E-Newsletter  | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| Membership Card  | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| Membership Decal   | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| Website Recognition  | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| Invitation to all Champions Club Events                                    | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| 10% Discount on Merchandise at OCU Bookstore                               | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| Basketball Hospitality Room at Select Home Games                           | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| Champions Club Hat   | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  | ★                    | ★                    |
| All Sports Pass (#)  | 8                        | 4                        | 4                        | 2                  | 1                    |                      |
| Champions Club Golf Shirt  | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        | ★                  |                      |                      |
| Autographed Team Media Guide (SPORT OF CHOICE)                             | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        |                    |                      |                      |
| Membership Benefits of Oklahoma City University President's Partners       | ★                        | ★                        | ★                        |                    |                      |                      |
| Honorary "Coach for a Day" (SPORT OF YOUR CHOICE - CERTAIN GAMES EXCLUDED) | ★                        | ★                        |                          |                    |                      |                      |
| Sports Spectacular Dinner Tickets  | 8                        | 4                        |                          |                    |                      |                      |
| Commemorative Gift from OCU Athletics                                      | ★                        |                          |                          |                    |                      |                      |



For IRS purposes, value of the benefits received are as follows: Bronze Star, \$7; Silver Star, \$82.50; Gold Star, \$175; Platinum Star, \$330; Hansen Circle, \$825; Lemons Circle, \$950.

## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

### ANNUAL GIFTS

All annual gifts to OCU Athletics go directly to the General Athletic Fund unless otherwise specified for the program of your choice. Gifts to the General Athletic Fund are unrestricted and may be used for any timely purpose or immediate need. Annual contributions touch every student-athlete on campus and typically finance scholarships, equipment, events and improvement to facilities. Gifts to specific athletic programs are equally as crucial, and generally aid with such expenses as travel, equipment and recruiting.



Donors of \$1000 or more become members of the President's Partners of Oklahoma City University. Depending on your contribution level, President's Partners receive additional benefits for their generous contributions to the University which may include invitations to special events, listing in the President's Partners brochure and the president's annual report, and VIP seating at Distinguished Speaker Series lectures.

### MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies and corporations provide matching gift programs for employee contributions. Please ask your personnel office about your employer's matching gift policy and how you might be able to further enhance your support of Stars Athletics. Enclose the matching gift form from the company and return it with your contribution to increase your total gift and benefit level.

### ENDOWMENTS

OCU's Office of University Advancement maintains and invests permanent endowed funds for OCU Athletics. Donors may choose to fully or partially endow a scholarship for a position in a particular sport, and these scholarships typically bear the name of the donor(s). Because endowments are funded by the revenue generated from the principal amount, a donor funding an endowed scholarship creates a lasting legacy for OCU Athletics. Contact OCU Athletics to discuss creating an athletic endowment.

### PLANNED GIFTS

Planned gifts and major gifts can also be financially advantageous for donors, while continuing to enrich the future of OCU Athletics. These gifts may include real estate, stocks, personal property, life insurance, bequests, trusts, annuities, and securities. Please consult your tax adviser to assist you with all planned and major giving. For further information, contact OCU's Office of University Advancement at 405-208-5818.

### GIFTS-IN-KIND

Businesses and individuals can support OCU Athletics by providing items or services in lieu of, or in addition to, cash donations. Gifts-in-kind are any goods or services that the Athletic Department can use during the year that must normally be purchased. Examples include hotel rooms, automobiles, uniforms, medical services, building materials, equipment, and auction items for purchase at the annual Sports Spectacular Dinner & Auction. If interested in providing a gift-in-kind please contact OCU Athletics at 405-208-5660.



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## JOIN THE CHAMPIONS CLUB!

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE OCU ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  XXL

### I WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE ...

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Star Club (\$100) | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Star Club (\$1,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Star Club (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hansen Circle (\$2,500)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Star Club (\$500)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lemons Circle (\$5000+)      |

### I WANT MY DONATION TO GO TOWARD ...

- General Athletic Fund
- Baseball
- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Men's Golf
- Women's Golf
- Men's Rowing
- Women's Rowing
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Men's Wrestling
- Women's Wrestling

### PLEASE BILL ME ...

- Annually \_\_\_\_\_
- Semi-annually
- Other

I would like to make a 100% charitable donation to OCU Athletics.



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