• Compliance Office

NLI SIGNING PERIOD

The signing period for six sports programs (Football, Field Hockey, Men’s and Women’s Soccer, and Men’s and Women’s Track & Field) began on February 1st. See below for some frequently asked questions regarding prospects who have signed National Letters of Intent.

Q. How long is a prospective student-athlete considered to be a prospect?
A. A prospective student-athlete remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent or financial aid agreement to attend UNC. The prospect, the University, its staff, and boosters are all governed by recruiting regulations until the prospect reports for regular season practice or attends his/her first day of classes in any regular term (i.e., fall or spring).

Q. Is it permissible for athletics department staff to contact a prospect who has signed an NLI?
A. Yes. Noncoaching institutional staff members may make telephone calls to or receive calls from prospective student-athletes (or their parents or legal guardians) THE DAY AFTER the prospective student-athlete signs an NLI.

Q. Is it permissible for staff members or a booster to assist a prospect (who has signed an NLI) with pre-college expenses?
A. No. Neither UNC staff nor boosters are permitted to offer, provide, or arrange financial assistance to cover a prospect’s expenses (educational or otherwise) for any period prior to his or her enrollment. This applies even to those prospects who have signed an NLI or financial agreement to attend UNC.

Please remember that the same prohibitions against the provision of extra benefits to currently-enrolled student-athletes also extend to all prospects.

If you have any questions about NCAA regulations pertaining to prospects who have signed an NLI, please do not hesitate to contact the Compliance Office at (919) 962-6000 or at compliance@unca.unc.edu. The UNC Department of Athletics appreciates your efforts to comply with NCAA regulations.

Fabulous Fall

Following a fall season with plenty of reasons to celebrate, Carolina ranked third in the 2011-12 Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings. UNC compiled 329 points in fall sports, trailing only Stanford (382) and Florida State (351). The rest of the top 10 was UCLA, Michigan, Penn State, Oklahoma State, Maryland, Duke and Texas.

Highlighting the fall was an NCAA title by the Tar Heel men’s soccer team, which beat Charlotte 1-0 in Hoover, Ala., on Dec. 11. The title was the second in program history and Carlos Somoano became just the second coach in NCAA history to claim a national title in his first season.

In addition to the men’s soccer national title, field hockey finished as the national runner-up, women’s soccer tied for ninth, volleyball tied for 17th and football was 44th.

Last year, Carolina finished the season sixth in the Directors’ Cup. It was UNC’s third straight Top 10 finish and the ninth Top 10 finish in the last 10 years.

Outstanding student-athletes who are recipients of Athletic Director’s Scholar Athlete and Tar Heel Leader of Distinction awards for 2011-12 were honored at halftime of the men’s basketball game against NC State on Jan. 26. For complete story, see page 5.
New Tar Heels!

Lots of new babies have joined the Carolina family in recent months:

- Carrie Rubertino-Shearer (sports medicine) and husband John welcomed McKinley Margaret Shearer on Dec. 9. McKinley weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz. at birth and joins big sister Reagan in the Shearer family.
- Tripp Phillips (men’s tennis) and wife Laura welcomed son James Zuger Phillips on Dec. 12. James was 7 lbs., 8 oz. and 20.25 inches at birth and follows big brother Owen.
- Pat Myers (men’s lacrosse) and wife Lauren welcomed daughter Ava Elizabeth Myers on Dec. 21. She was 7 lbs., 5 oz. and 19.25 inches at birth and is the Myers’ first.
- Christy Garth (swimming & diving) and husband Trey Blazer welcomed daughter Callie Ann Blazer on Dec. 29. She was 8 lbs., 6 oz. at birth and is the first for Christy and Trey, who is a Duke graduate and now a physician there. Luckily, as evidenced below, Callie’s mother is the one dressing her.
- Jerod Haase (men’s basketball) and wife Mindy welcomed daughter Gabrielle Eileen Haase on Jan. 5. Gabby was 7 lbs, 8 oz. and 21 inches at birth and joins big brothers Gavin and Garrett.

Congratulations to all on your adorable new Tar Heels!
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Diane Crocker
• Administrative Assistant, Athletic Business Office

Born and raised: Richmond, Va.
Education: James Madison University, 1983, BA in Communications and Minor in Dance
Family: I have been married for 28 years to my wonderful husband Rob, who also goes by Crock. We have three daughters: Marie (26), who is married and pregnant with our first grandchild; Tiffany (24), who will be married in May; and Lindsey (22), who attends Va Tech.
Athletic background: I cheered in high school and also in college for James Madison. A fun fact is that at James Madison I cheered with Don Collins, who was the cheerleading coach here at UNC for many years!
Before your current position: I taught aerobics for Body and Soul for about 12 years; I worked as the Athletic Administrative Assistant for Dublin Coffman High School in Dublin, Ohio, for 13 years.
Years in current position: I have worked here just over a year, the first six months as a temp, and full time since May 2011.
Job description: I assist everyone in the office with whatever they need me to do. I do a lot of faxing and filing!
What’s something about your job that other people would be surprised to know? I get to meet a lot of coaches and alumni.
What’s the best thing about your job? It is not too stressful, unlike my previous job as the admin for a large high school with 26 varsity sports, plus JV and freshmen.
Favorite pastimes: I love spending time with my husband and my kids. I love to read, cross-stitch, and knit.
Favorite restaurant: Firebirds (their chocolate cake is awesome!)
Favorite books: The Bible and Redeeming Love
Favorite TV show: 24
Last movie you saw and grade you’d give it: Contraband, about an 8.
A fun fact about you: I love to dance, which is good because we go to a lot of weddings. (We have been in youth ministry for 28 years!)
Biggest pet peeve: When someone doesn’t understand the TV remote!
Dream job: To be able to work from home, yet make a lot of money!
Dream vacation: To go to the Holy Land. I have never been and would love to go sometime.
If you won the lottery, what’s the first thing you’d buy? A home makeover, including a decorator!

Sara Koenig
• Administrative Assistant, Olympic Sports

Born and raised: Born in Jacksonville, N.C., grew up in Chapel Hill. My mother, Kaye, now the morning receptionist in Carmichael, used to work in the Educational Foundation in the late 70’s-early 80’s, so I grew up running around in Carmichael.
Education: UNC-Chapel Hill. Also attended Chapel Hill High School, where I was the star of Tony Youn’s 20th Century Europe class.
Family: A true Tar Heel family – mother Kaye works in Carmichael, aunt Carole used to work for the athletic department, grandmother was Coach Bob Fetzer’s secretary, and my grandfather played baseball at Carolina in the 1940’s. I have a framed picture of him in his uniform in my office and it makes me smile every day.
Athletic background: I didn’t compete on any school teams – I rode horses (English style), show jumping, and teaching lessons to beginners, so I spent most of my time after school and on weekends at the stable. I also taught archery at summer camp.
Before your current position: Guilford County Schools central office
Current position at UNC and number of years in that position: Administrative Assistant for volleyball, field hockey, wrestling, gymnastics, and men’s lacrosse, started November 2010.
Job description: Take care of my coaches and try to keep them out of trouble! Travel reimbursements, expense reports, check requests, arranging bus transportation, maintaining Facebook pages for their teams, designing graphics/banners/templates for them to use in emails, etc… helping out at their home events… Pretty much whatever they need me to do.
What’s something about your job that other people would be surprised to know? How much fun we have over here… we could be on a reality TV show ;)
What’s the best thing about your job? The coaches that I get to work with every day. They are amazing people who have dedicated themselves to this school and their athletes, and work so hard for very little recognition. It’s an honor to work for them.
Favorite restaurant: Dip’s – chicken n’ dumplings!
Favorite book: I don’t really have one favorite book… favorite author is probably Nelson DeMille
Favorite TV shows: The West Wing and China Beach. And I can’t lie, Toddlers and Tiaras is fascinatingly bizarre entertainment.
A fun fact about you: The older I get, the more I like glitter.
Biggest pet peeve: People who write “Tar Heels” as one word.
Dream job: Well, it really is the one I have, but if you insist I can’t say that, then it would be playing the role of Eponine in Les Miserables on Broadway.
Greatest athletic achievement: Twelve years ago a friend and I started a little high school wrestling tournament that has now become the largest and most competitive preseason tournament in the country, with almost 2000 wrestlers.
What would you do with a completely free day? Go to the mountains
If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be and why?
Robert F. Kennedy, he’s always been my favorite “person from history.”
What’s a little-known talent that you have? Irish dancing (Think “Riverdance”)
What would be your dream vacation? Ireland or Greece
Warm Welcomes!

- **Molly Norton**, a 2005 UNC graduate, has joined the department as Executive Assistant to the Director of Athletics. Molly has worked in Washington, D.C., since graduation as a staff member of Congressman Walter B. Jones. While an undergraduate, she was a member of the football program’s Carolina Blues and also worked in the Rams Club office. Welcome back, Molly!

- The Kenan Football Center is full of new faces:
  - **Larry Fedora** (head coach): Coach Fedora comes to Chapel Hill following four seasons at Southern Miss, where he led the Golden Eagles to four consecutive bowl games. He has also coached at Oklahoma State, Florida, Middle Tennessee, Air Force, Baylor, Garland (Texas) High School and Austin College, his alma mater. He is married to the former Christi Wood, and the couple has one son, Dillon, and three daughters, Sydney, Peyton and Hallie.
  - **Deke Adams** (defensive line): Coach Adams has spent the past three seasons at Southern Miss, his alma mater, and also has coached at Louisiana-Monroe, North Carolina A&T, Ouachita Baptist, Jacksonville State and Pearl River C.C. He is married to the former Alexis Hall, a member of the 1,000-point club and four-year letter winner for the Southern Miss women’s basketball team from 1988-1991. The couple has two boys, Jaylen and Jordyn.
  - **Blake Anderson** (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks): Coach Anderson also was part of the Southern Miss staff prior to coming to Chapel Hill. He has coached at Louisiana-Lafayette, Middle Tennessee, New Mexico, Trinity Valley C.C., Howard Payne University, and Eastern New Mexico. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State. Anderson and his wife Wendy have one daughter, Callie, and two sons, Coleton and Cason.
  - **Walt Bell** (tight ends): Coach Bell spent his first season as a full-time assistant coaching wide receivers at Southern Miss in 2011. Prior to that, he was a graduate assistant for the Golden Eagles in 2010. He also has been part of the football staffs at Oklahoma State, Memphis and Louisiana-Lafayette following his graduation from Middle Tennessee.
  - **Gunter Brewer** (passing game coordinator/wide receivers): Coach Brewer returns for his second stint in Chapel Hill, after spending 2000-04 as part of the Tar Heel staff. He most recently was associate head coach at Mississippi in 2011 and also has spent time at Oklahoma State, Marshall, Wake Forest, East Tennessee State and Northeast Mississippi C.C. A graduate of Wake Forest, Brewer and his wife, Rhonda, have a son, Keaton, and a daughter, Lauren.
  - **Dan Disch** (defensive coordinator/secondary): Coach Disch (pronounced DISH) will fill the same role he did last season at Southern Miss. Prior to that, he spent six seasons at Illinois and one at Florida. Before joining the college ranks, he spent 22 years coaching high school football in the Jacksonville, Fla., area. A graduate of Florida State, he and his wife, Janet, have three daughters: Chandler, Erica and Virginia.
  - **David Duggan** (linebackers/special teams coordinator): Coach Duggan (pronounced DOUG-an) has spent the past four years at Southern Miss with Coach Fedora. Prior to that, he coached the Cologne Centurions of NFL Europe. He also has coached at Brown, Colgate, Holy Cross, New Hampshire and Allegheny. A graduate of New Hampshire, he and his wife, Lynne, have two daughters: Olivia and Grace.
  - **Randy Jordan** (running backs): Coach Jordan is a 1993 UNC graduate who returns to Chapel Hill following coaching stops at Texas A&M, Nebraska and with the Oakland Raiders. He spent nine years in the NFL as a player after his career at UNC. He and his wife, Romonda, have a daughter, Raven, and two sons, Jalen and Justin.
  - **Chris Kapilovic** (linebackers/special teams coordinator): Coach Kapilovic (pronounced kuh-PILL-o-vick) comes to Chapel Hill after four years at Southern Miss. Prior to that, he coached at Missouri State, his alma mater. He also has spent time at Alabama State, Phoenix College, Kansas and Deer Valley High School. He and his wife, Fiona, have two children, Carsen and Colin.
  - **Vic Koenning** (associate head coach for defense): Coach Koenning (pronounced KOH-ning), who also will coach inside linebackers, comes to UNC after two seasons at Illinois. Before that, he spent a season at Kansas State and was the defensive coordinator at Clemson from 2005-08. He also has coached at Troy, Wyoming (where he was head coach from 2000-02) and Memphis. A graduate of Kansas State, he played in the NFL and USFL before starting his coaching career. He and his wife, Tracey, have four children: Kimberly, Brady, Camden and Jackson.

Welcome to Carolina!
Honors and Awards

**AD's and CLA Award Winners Recognized**

Student-athletes who are 2011-12 recipients of two prestigious honors - Athletic Director’s Scholar-Athletes and Tar Heel Leaders of Distinction - were recognized Jan. 26 during halftime of the UNC men’s basketball team’s win over visiting NC State at the Dean E. Smith Center.

An Athletic Director’s Scholar-Athlete is selected from each varsity squad, representing the best of academics and athletics. The Leader of Distinction award is the highest recognition bestowed by the Richard A. Baddour Carolina Leadership Academy following a rigorous evaluation process.

Six student-athletes were recognized as recipients of both awards for this school year. They are: Kevin Nadeau (men’s fencing), Elizabeth Lindsay (gymnastics), Blair Meiggs (rowing), Kirk Urso (men’s soccer), Kelli Wheeler (softball) and Shinnan Featherston (women’s tennis).

Also honored as AD’s Scholar-Athletes were Jacob Stallings (baseball), Tyler Zeller (men’s basketball), Laura Broomfield (women’s basketball), Heather Van Wallendael (women’s fencing), Taryn Gjurich (field hockey), Curtis Byrd (football), Patrick Barrett (men’s golf), Allie White (women’s golf), Logan Corey (men’s lacrosse), Laura Zimmerman (women’s lacrosse), Victor Leclere (men’s swimming and diving), Jenna Moore (women’s swimming and diving), Rebecca Crabb (women’s soccer), Taylor Meyer (men’s tennis), Adam Cunningham (men’s track and field), Ashley Verplank (women’s track and field), Shelbey Bleke (volleyball) and Kyle Kiss (wrestling).

Honored as Tar Heel Leaders of Distinction were Camilla Powierza (women’s fencing), Katelyn Falowski (field hockey), Marcus Holman (men’s lacrosse), Becky Lynch (women’s lacrosse), Emma Shaw (rowing), Jordan Gafa (men’s soccer), Jose Hernandez (men’s tennis), Haley Hemm (women’s tennis), Ariel Roberts (women’s track and field) and Marisa Dobbins (women’s track and field).

**Leadership Academy Renamed for Baddour**

The Carolina Leadership Academy, a nationally-renowned training program for Tar Heel student-athletes, coaches and staff, has been renamed the Richard A. Baddour Carolina Leadership Academy in honor of UNC’s former director of athletics, who created the program in 2004.

This is the eighth year the Carolina Leadership Academy has been developing and supporting leadership skills in and out of the competitive environment. It provides comprehensive and cutting-edge leadership development programming through interactive workshops, 360-degree feedback, one-on-one coaching, peer mentoring and educational resources.

“I am most grateful to Chancellor (Holden) Thorp and the University of North Carolina,” says Baddour, who is in his 46th year of service to his alma mater. “I was speechless when I heard the announcement. The leadership academy means a great deal to me because it touches every one of our student-athletes and coaches. This is the highest compliment I have ever received.”

“It is the nation’s flagship program for leadership training in athletics and continues to be the model for other schools looking to start similar programs,” says Shelley Johnson, director of the leadership academy.

The program invests approximately 4,700 hours in training student-athletes and coaches annually. Approximately 400 student-athletes, including all freshmen, participate each year.

“What we’ve seen over the first eight years of the program is that our students take that leadership training with them after they graduate and can apply those skills for the rest of their life,” says Johnson.

“The Leadership Academy is one of Dick Baddour’s great legacies at Carolina,” says Chancellor Thorp. “When he created it, the academy was the first of its kind in collegiate athletics. Since then, it’s done so much to help student-athletes, coaches and staff build leadership skills. So this is a perfect way to honor Dick’s own leadership and his service to Carolina.”

“It’s so fitting because Dick was the visionary behind it,” says field hockey coach Karen Shelton, whose team has played in the NCAA championship game in four of the past five years, winning twice. “It’s a great tribute to his impact on Carolina athletics. The leadership training our student-athletes get has been essential to our success on the field, but the impact extends far off the field, to their academic lives, social lives and the people they are when they leave UNC. The training is life-changing for students, and also for coaches and staff - I’ve gained from it.

**Four Tar Heels Honored by ACC**

Four Carolina student-athletes have been selected as recipients of ACC Weaver-James-Corrigan Awards, as announced Feb. 13 by the Atlantic Coast Conference. Taylor Brown (gymnastics), Shinnan Featherston (women’s tennis) and Blair Meiggs (rowing) are among 36 ACC student-athletes selected for postgraduate scholarships. Tyler Zeller (men’s basketball) is among six from the conference who were named as honorary recipients.

The Weaver-James-Corrigan and Jim and Pat Thacker scholarships are awarded to selected student-athletes - three from each league institution - who intend to pursue a graduate degree following completion of their undergraduate requirements. Each recipient will receive $5,000 to contribute to their graduate education. Those honored have performed with distinction in both the classroom and his/her respective sports, while demonstrating exemplary conduct in the community.

In addition to those receiving scholarship funds, six student-athletes will receive the Weaver-James-Corrigan Honorary Award. Two men’s basketball players - Clemson’s Tanner Smith and North Carolina’s Tyler Zeller - along with Duke football player Matt Daniels, Georgia Tech golfer James White, NC State baseball player Phillip Williams, and Virginia women’s tennis player Lindsey Hardenbergh will be recognized for their outstanding academic and athletic performance and intend to compete at the professional level.

The Weaver-James-Corrigan Award is named in honor of the late Jim Weaver and Bob James, as well as Gene Corrigan, all of whom are former ACC commissioners.

The 42 student-athletes will be honored at the annual ACC Postgraduate Luncheon presented by ESPN on April 11, 2012, in the Guilford Ballroom at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at the Four Seasons.