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2014-15 ATHLETICS ANNUAL REPORT



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A LETTER FROM HUNTER YURACHEK

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ATHLETICS | @HUNTERYURACHEK



*Hunter Yurachek was introduced as
Vice President for Athletics
in April 2015.*

Dear Friends of Houston Cougar Athletics:
First and foremost, on behalf of our coaches, administrative and support staff and more than 400 student-athletes, thank you for your continued support of Houston Athletics.

The 2014-15 academic year was another season filled with tremendous achievements by our student-athletes. As you review this annual report, I hope you will be proud of the achievements of our student-athletes and know that their success is a by-product of your generous commitment to our program.

Success does not happen by chance. It is a result of alumni, donors, faculty/staff, students, corporate partners and volunteers, who share our vision and support our programs. In the end, our student-athletes remain at the core of every decision, as we create opportunities for each of them to have success academically, athletically and as members of this community as we develop them into Champions for Life.

The 2014-15 year was highlighted by the following achievements:

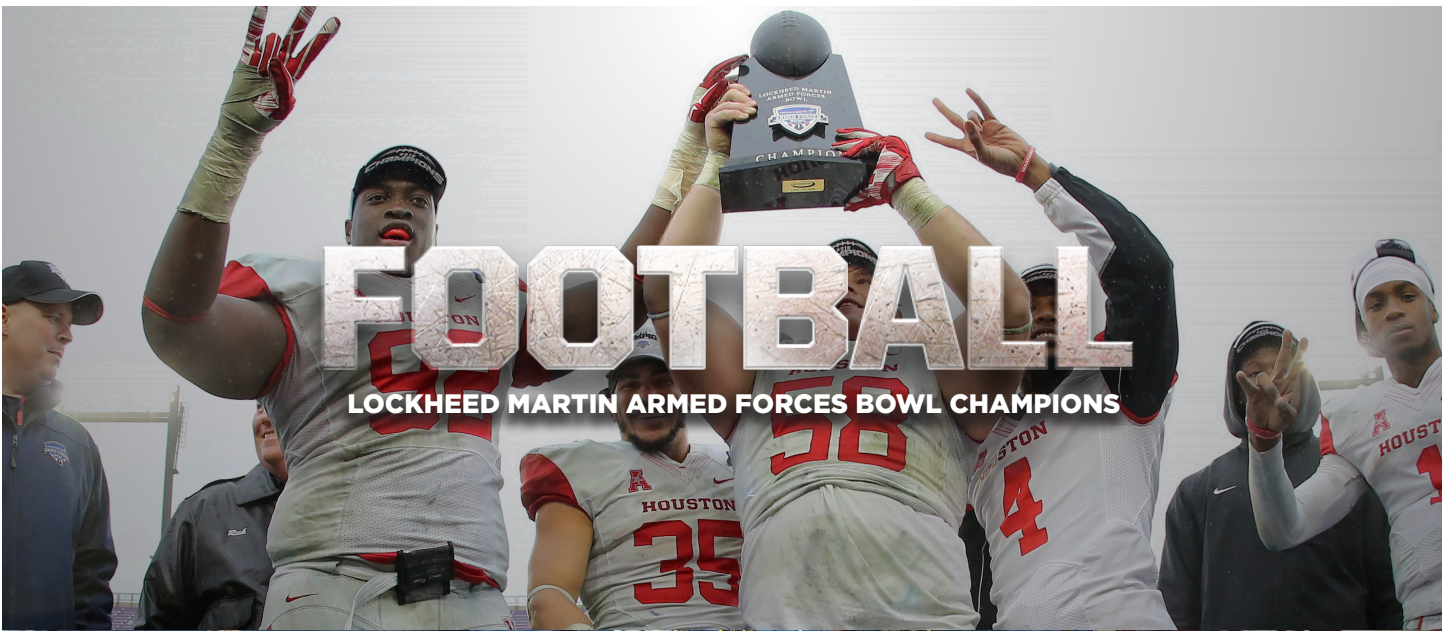
- 65 student-athletes received a degree from the University of Houston.
- Nearly a quarter of our student-athletes earned Dean's List honors with a 3.50 cumulative GPA or higher.
- 13 of 17 sports programs achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 160 student-athletes were named to the American Athletic Conference All-Academic Team.
- Our 17 sport programs combined for 135 victories.
- Houston won the American Athletic Conference Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships, the American Athletic Conference Baseball regular-season title and 12 American Athletic Conference individual championships.
- The Cougars received 11 NCAA postseason berths, including hosting a NCAA Baseball Regional at Cougar Field for the first time in 15 years.
- In our community, our coaches and student-athletes logged hundreds of hours of service with organizations across the greater Houston area.
- In August we opened TDECU Stadium, the crown jewel of Houston Athletics and proud home of Houston Football, in front of a sellout crowd of more than 40,000 fans, the largest on-campus attendance in school history.

Again, on behalf of the entire University of Houston Department of Athletics, I thank you for your generous support. I hope you enjoy reading this report and celebrating our success and achievements as a part of the Cougar family.

Go COOGS!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Yurachek', written in a cursive style.

Hunter Yurachek
Vice President for Athletics



FOOTBALL

LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL CHAMPIONS



MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDOOR CHAMPIONS
NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT
NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT
SIX ALL-AMERICANS

SIX AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TWO RELAY TITLES



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

NCAA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT



BASEBALL

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
NCAA HOUSTON REGIONAL HOST AT COUGAR FIELD
NO. 18 FINAL NATIONAL RANKING (BASEBALL AMERICA)



SWIMMING & DIVING

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT
THREE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



MEN'S GOLF

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT
NCAA LUBBOCK REGIONAL PARTICIPANT
NO. 35 FINAL NATIONAL RANKING (GOLFSTAT)



2015 TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

TENNIS

NCAA BERKELEY REGIONAL PARTICIPANT
NO. 34 FINAL NATIONAL RANKING (ITA)



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT
NCAA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT



WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL PARTICIPANT



WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANT
SIX ALL-AMERICANS
ONE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BY THE NUMBERS

198,177 / TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT TDECU STADIUM

135 / TOTAL TEAM WINS

24 / INDIVIDUAL NCAA POSTSEASON APPEARANCES

12 / INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

11 / TEAM NCAA POSTSEASON APPEARANCES

10 / ALL-AMERICANS

2 / TEAM CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



SANDERS-GUTIERREZ SCOREBOARD

- Will install a brand new LED video display to be named Sanders-Gutierrez Scoreboard at Cougar Field prior to the start of the 2016 season
- New outfield video display will be the largest board by Daktronics at an on-campus baseball stadium in the country
- Will measure roughly 27.5 feet high by more than 55 feet wide to provide more than 1,500 square feet of space for live video, instant replays, statistics and scoring information, graphics and animations and sponsor messages



BASEBALL STADIUM LIGHTS

- Musco SportsCluster Green System
- Increased light level on the playing field with less fixtures than before
- Energy use reduced through technology of fixtures
- (168) 1500-watt metal halide fixtures



SPORTS PERFORMANCE CENTER

- Completed upgrades totaling more than \$300,000
- New flooring covering nearly 20,000 square feet
- Integrated lifting platforms with floor
- Improved audio system

COUGAR CAFE

- \$234,000 renovation of 1,500 square feet in the former Athletics Ticket Office
- Site will provide snacks and nutritional supplements to student-athletes throughout the day

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- \$25 million construction cost
- Located adjacent to Hofheinz Pavilion at intersection of Cullen Boulevard and Holman Street
- 52,293 square feet
- Scheduled to open in Fall 2015
- 3-level facility features dedicated practice court for each program with shared sports performance and sports medicine areas on first level; team areas, including locker room and academic/film rooms on second level and office space on third level
- Remodeled Men's and Women's Basketball locker rooms in Hofheinz Pavilion



MIKE AND PAT BOOKER SHORT GAME FACILITY

- Located at Golf Club of Houston, home of Houston Golf
- Made possible through \$260,000 donation from letterwinner Mike Booker (1975-77) and his wife, Pat
- Consists of two greens, covering 12,000 square feet, with eight practice bunkers surrounding the greens

COMMITTED TO

TOM TELLEZ TRACK AT CARL LEWIS INTERNATIONAL COMPLEX

- Made possible through \$1.5 million donation from Carolyn and Ron Youkubaitis
- Construction is expected to start in Fall 2015 with the facility opening in Spring 2016
- Includes resurfacing of Tom Tellez Track with additional improvements throughout the facility

PLANNING

TENNIS CENTER

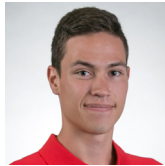
- Phase 1 includes construction of 12 outdoor courts on current John Hoff Courts site
- Phase 2 calls for construction of indoor courts and support facility
- Working in partnership with Zina Garrison Academy

2014-15 ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

NATIONAL ACADEMIC HONORS



Drevan Anderson-Kaapa
Men's Track & Field
USTFCCCA
All-Academic Team



Brian Barraza
Men's Track & Field
USTFCCCA
All-Academic Team



Micaela Bouter
Swimming & Diving
CSCAA Honorable Mention
Scholar All-America Team



Natasha Burgess
Swimming & Diving
CSCAA Honorable Mention
Scholar All-America Team



Maria Cardenas
Tennis
ITA Scholar-Athlete



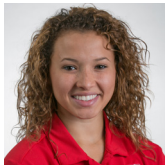
Charlotte Phillips
Tennis
ITA Scholar-Athlete



Kyle Pilgrim
Men's Golf
American Scholar-Athlete
Sport Excellence Award
Cleveland Golf/Srixon
All-America Scholar



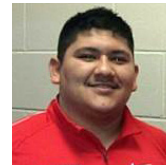
Tina Rupert
Tennis
ITA Scholar-Athlete



Danielle Shedd
Swimming & Diving
CSCAA Honorable Mention
Scholar All-America Team



Megan Thothong
Women's Golf
WGCA All-America Scholar



Felipe Valencia
Men's Track & Field
USTFCCCA
All-Academic Team

NCAA PUBLIC RECOGNITION AWARD

The NCAA Public Recognition is presented to programs with Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores in the top 10 percent of their respective sports

IN 2014-15, HOUSTON ATHLETICS CELEBRATED THESE OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS:

- Men's Cross Country
- Tennis

ACADEMIC NOTES

- Student-athletes across all 17 sports programs combined for the best spring semester grade-point average (2.92), highest cumulative GPA following a spring semester (2.92) and most hours passed per student-athlete in the spring semester (13.88).
- 73 Houston student-athletes earned Dean's List honors with a 3.50+ GPA with 65 receiving their degrees.
- Nine Houston programs achieved APR scores over the national average of 978 with all 17 sports programs exceeding the NCAA benchmark rate of 930... Thirteen programs topped the rate by more than 20 points.
- Men's Cross Country, Women's Golf and Tennis led the American Athletic Conference with their respective APR scores.
- Ten sports programs posted spring GPAs of 3.0 or higher with 10 finishing the semester with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Softball led all sport programs with a 3.47 cumulative GPA. Men's Cross Country led all men's teams with a 3.27 spring semester GPA and a 3.35 cumulative GPA.
- Men's and Women's Cross Country teams were named USTFCCCA All-Academic teams. Swimming and Diving was named a Scholar All-America Team, while Tennis was honored as an ITA All-Academic Team.

2014-15 AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

FOOTBALL

Markeith Ambles
Linnell Bonner
Jerard Carter
Ty Cummings
Ben Dew
Khari Dotson
Cameron Doubenmeier
Kelechi Ejekam
Nolan Frese
Brandon Garza
Alvin Ibeabuchi
Tyler McCloskey
Mason McClendon
Max Munoz
Eric Parker
Logan Piper
Dylan Seibert
Byron Simpson
Rasheed Tynes
Zachary Vaughan

VOLLEYBALL

Madison Kucera
Shelby Harper
Kadi Kullerkann
Olivia O'Dell
Sophie Paine
Courtney Smith
Kaiti Waters
Hunter Wise

SOCCER

Vanessa Almaguer
Jordan Brown
Kaci Bush
Fabiana Cirino
Shayne Clewett
Hannah Dauzat
Georgi Dolence
Tiffani Echeverria
Megan Goh
Lexa Green
Sydnie Green
Margo McEntire
Whitney Rosenheim
Kristina Schultz
Katilin Sterner
Kelsey Thein

BASEBALL

Chase Cryer
Derek Dickerson
Kyle Dowdy
Micah Edwards
Aaron Fletcher
Ashford Fulmer
Aaron Garza
Robert Grilli
Connor Hollis
Braeden Holub
Chris Iriart
Andrew Lantrip
David Longville
Gino Marucci
Justin Montemayor
Austin Moore
George Pappas
Chris Reed
Ian Rice
Jared Robinson
Jordan Stading
Zac Taylor
Josh Vidales
Michael Wisz

SOFTBALL

Jaylin Baldrige
Kaylin Crumpton
Kristina Davila
Jaime Edwards
Sydney Gerbracht
Summer Groholski
Kayla Holland
Courtney Klingler
Tiffani McKnight
Courtney Mica
Megan Noel
Katie St. Pierre
Julana Shrum
Shelby Miller
Jordan Rains
De'Zha Scott

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mikhail McLean

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mariah Mitchell

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Mackenzie Alspaugh
Cameron Balkom
Micaela Bouter
Natasha Burgess
Holly Criscuolo
Taylor Gregory
Rachel Hobbins
Caitlin Horner
Emma Moore
Taylor Olanski
Torri Olanski
Victoria Padiel
Danielle Shedd

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD/ CROSS COUNTRY

Drevan Anderson-Kaapa
Brian Barraza
Justin Barrett
Caleb Beacham
James Broussard
Blake Contreras
Mark Cooke
Rick Hawley
Jordan Hofbauer
Mark Fernando
Chris Ibarra
Jermaine Fyffe
Gabe Lara
Chris Morales
Matt Parmley
Josh Pegram
Nate Pineda
Jose Rodriguez
Zachary Stewart
Yonas Tesfai
Jack Thomas
Andrew Thompson
Emilio Troitino
Trevor Walker

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

Jennifer Blair
Janae Bottoms
Dominique Brisco
Madison Brown
Jennifer Dunlap
Rae Ellison
Maria Gonzales
Amber Hawkins

Mackenzie Ilari
Paige Lawrence
Samantha Montgomery
Ashley New
Justine Price
Angelica Thompson
Christina Tillett
Kyndall Tyler
Alexis Vick
Ebony White

MEN'S GOLF

Alan De Bondt
Matt Dunn
Blair Hamilton
Emmett Oh
Michael Perras
Kyle Pilgrim
Matt Williams

WOMEN'S GOLF

Courtney Ferguson
Emily Gilbreth
Yuka Kajiki
Kelli Rollo
Megan Thothong
Courtney Tibiletti

TENNIS

Maria Cardenas
Angela Lorenzo
Mina Markovic
Rocio Martin
Tina Rupert
Despoina Vogasari

IN 2014-15, THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON HAD 160 STUDENT-ATHLETES ON THE AMERICAN ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM



TDECU STADIUM





TDECU

STADIUM

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET

\$120 million

OPENING DATE

August 29, 2014

INAUGURAL ATTENDANCE

40,755 (sellout)

EXECUTIVE SUITES

26 Suites; 42 Loge Boxes; 766 Club Seats;
2 Suite Decks; 4 Party Patios

SURFACE

UBU Speed Series S5-M turf

ARCHITECTS

DLR Group and Page

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Manhattan Construction

AWARDS

Landmark Award winner in
Public Assembly category
(*Houston Business Journal*)

Top honors in Commercial Built category
(*American Institute of Architects
Austin Chapter*)

Top honors in 50,000+ square foot
category (*American Institute of Architects
Houston Chapter*)

IN OUR COMMUNITY



Men's Basketball hosting the Texas Special Olympics



Women's Basketball volunteering with Star of Hope



The Football team volunteering with Feed the Children



The Volleyball team packing Meals on Wheels

TEAM COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS LEADERS

210 / BASEBALL

142 / MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF

125 / VOLLEYBALL



2014-15 FINANCIAL STABILITY

COUGAR PRIDE

@UHCougarPride

2014-15 MEMBERS
3,100

COUGAR PRIDE CONTRIBUTIONS
\$4.5 million

- Fifth consecutive year with record donations
- Total contributions topped previous record of \$3.5 million



NOTES IN THE AMERICAN

- Houston ranks fourth in the league in annual fund revenue.
- Houston ranks fifth in the league in annual fund members.

SCHOOL	ANNUAL FUND REVENUE (\$ IN MILLIONS)
Temple	1.3
USF	2.4
Tulsa	2.5
SMU	3.3
UCF	4.2
Cincinnati	4.2
HOUSTON	4.5
Memphis	6.8
ECU	7.0
UConn	9.8

American Athletic Conference

SCHOOL	ANNUAL FUND MEMBERS
Tulsa	1,400
Temple	1,619
USF	2,180
SMU	2,450
Memphis	2,800
HOUSTON	3,100
UCF	4,073
Cincinnati	4,500
UConn	4,900
ECU	7,422

American Athletic Conference

NOTES IN TEXAS

- Houston ranks sixth in the state in annual fund revenue.
- Houston ranks sixth in the state in annual fund members.

SCHOOL	ANNUAL FUND REVENUE (\$ IN MILLIONS)
UNT	0.8
Texas State	1.2
Rice	1.5
UTEP	1.9
SMU	3.3
UTSA	4.1
HOUSTON	4.5
TCU	10.9
Baylor	12.7
Texas A&M	30.0
Texas Tech	30.3
Texas	35.5

State of Texas

SCHOOL	ANNUAL FUND MEMBERS
Rice	854
UNT	1,100
Texas State	1,300
UTEP	1,764
UTSA	2,100
SMU	2,450
HOUSTON	3,100
Baylor	4,800
TCU	7,000
Texas Tech	11,064
Texas	12,555
Texas A&M	N/A

State of Texas

HOUSTON IMG COLLEGE NOTES

- Houston IMG College enjoyed a near 10 percent increase in revenue from 2013-14 to 2014-15.
- Houston Athletics continued long-term relationships with Miller Coors, Memorial Hermann, IBEW, Luby's Fuddrucker's, ICON Information Consultations and Ragin' Cajun and welcomed new sponsors TDECU, DataFoundry, nJoy Vision, Nissan and Louisiana Hot Sauce.

FOOTBALL

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- Houston finished the 2014 season 8-5, including a 25-point comeback to win 35-34 over Pittsburgh in the 2015 Armed Forces Bowl. It was the Cougars' eighth bowl appearance in the last decade.
- The 25-point comeback in the Armed Forces Bowl was the largest comeback in any FBS game during the 2014 season. The comeback also tied for third largest in any bowl game among FBS schools.
- Houston hired **Tom Herman** as its 14th Football head coach on December 16, 2014. Herman is coming off a three-year stint as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Ohio State, where he was named the 2014 Broyles Award Winner for the nation's top assistant coach. He helped lead Ohio State to a National Championship before joining Houston.
- Running Back **Kenneth Farrow** became the first 1,000-yard rusher in a season since 2008. Farrow had 1,037 yards in 2014 and went on to be named the Armed Forces Bowl Most Valuable Player.
- Seven players from the Houston Football program were named to the American Athletic Conference All-Conference teams.
- The opening of the brand new, state-of-the-art TDECU Stadium in 2014 brought an increase of Houston Football fans as the Cougars finished the season ninth nationally with an average attendance increase of 17 percent.



Tom Herman was introduced as the 14th head coach in Houston Football history.

VOLLEYBALL

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- Outside hitter **Kadi Kullerkann** received All-America Honorable Mention honors and was a member of the AVCA All-Southeast Region First Team.
- Kullerkann led the Cougars with 644 kills, averaging 5.03 kills per set, marking the third-most kills in school single-season history.
- Kullerkann's 37 kill performance in a five-set win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi was the second-best showing by any Division I athlete in 2014 and broke the conference record for most kills in a match.
- Kullerkann became the conference record holder in most kills and kills per set in a single season. She was named First Team All-American Athletic Conference for her stellar performance.
- Libero **Natalie Keck** closed out the season with a career best of 654 digs. Her total is the third most in school single-season history.
- Keck became the second Cougar in school history to tally 2,000+ digs as she closed out her career with 2,106.
- Keck's 39 dig performance in a five-set win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi was a career best and tied the second best performance in school history.



Kadi Kullerkann became the first Cougar since 2011 to receive AVCA All-America honors.

CROSS COUNTRY

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- Houston was one of 179 men’s cross country squads nationally to be named USTFCCCA All-Academic Team with a 3.36 GPA for the Fall Semester.

- **Brian Barraza** was one of just 91 men to be named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic team with a 3.86 GPA while finishing fourth at the South Central Regional. Barraza is just the second Cougar named to the list and first since current Cross Country **Head Coach Steve Magness** in 2007.

- Barraza also became the first Cougar since Wesley Ruttoh in 2011 to earn a trip to the NCAA Championships and just the fifth Houston student-athlete since 1961. Barraza finished fourth in the 10K at the NCAA South Central Regional in 29:41.5 to earn the qualifying spot.

- Houston Women’s Cross Country was one of 227 squads nationally to be named a USTFCCCA All-Academic team with a 3.43 team GPA for the fall semester.

- **Ebony White** turned in an impressive freshman campaign, registering top-5 finishes in two races, including a win at the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islander Splash. White was Houston’s top finisher in four of the six meets in which the Cougars competed during the 2014 season.



Brian Barraza was named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic team with a 3.86 GPA.

SOCCER

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- Junior goalkeeper **Jordan Brown** enjoyed a top-10 season in several categories, including saves (83, 9th), saves per game (5.19, 8th), ties (5, school record), goalie games played (16, 10th), goalie games started (16, 8th) and goalie minutes played (1,534, 10th).

- Junior defender **Sydney Green** was named Second Team All-American Athletic Conference by *CollegeSportsMadness.com*.

- Nine newcomers (freshmen **Margo McEntire, Selena Peters, Kelsey Thein, Kristina Schulz, Kaitlin Sterner, Vanessa Almaguer, Georgi Dolence** and transfers **Jordan Brown** and **Hailey Kirkwood**) made their Houston Cougar debuts in the 2014 season.

- The Cougars played future American Athletic Conference champion UConn to a scoreless draw on Oct. 9.



Junior defender Sydney Green was named Second Team All-American Athletic Conference.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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- The Cougars competed for the first season under **Head Coach Kelvin Sampson** and ended the year as winners of four of their last five games, including a 66-60 victory against Tulane in the American Athletic Conference Championship First Round. It was the second straight season that the Cougars won their first game in The American's annual postseason tournament.
- Houston upset defending national champion UConn with a 70-68 win on Feb. 1 inside Hofheinz Pavilion. It was the second straight season that the Cougars knocked off the Huskies in Houston.
- Junior guard **Jherrod Stiggers** and sophomore forward **Danrad Knowles** each enjoyed 30-point scoring games. They were in a group of five players who scored at least 20 points in a game in 2014-15, joining junior guard **Cavon Baker**, junior point guard **L.J. Rose** and junior forward **Devonta Pollard**.
- Houston closed out the Continental Tire Las Vegas Classic Championship Round with an impressive 82-69 win over Big 12 member Texas Tech.
- The Cougars led the American Athletic Conference with 8.1 3-pointers per game and ranked 31st nationally with that total. Stiggers topped the league with 3.1 treys made per game and stood 15th nationally.



Head Coach Kelvin Sampson competed in his first year with the Houston Men's Basketball program in 2014-15.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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- The Cougars earned four American Athletic Conference Weekly Honor Roll laurels.
- Houston finished runner-up at the Athletes in Action Classic with **Marche' Amerson** and **Mariah Mitchell** earning All-Tournament Team spots.
- **Head Coach Ronald Hughey** collected his first win with the Cougars in a 46-42 decision over North Texas on Nov. 14, 2014.
- **Alecia Smith** became just the seventh Cougar to hit 100 career 3-pointers.
- **Tyler Gilbert** became only the fourth Cougar in history to block 60 shots in a season.
- Gilbert finished among the American's top-5 leaders with 2.1 blocks per game.



Jessieka Palmer was a two-time American Weekly Honor Roll selection in 2014-15.

SWIMMING & DIVING

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- Sophomore **Taylor Olanski** was named American Athletic Conference Diver of the Year.
- **Yulia Pakhalina** was named American Diving Coach of the Year. It marked the 14th consecutive season in which Houston collected this honor.
- Junior **Danielle Shedd** won the 1-meter dive title at the American Championships, and Olanski won the 3-meter and platform dive crowns at the American Championships
- Freshman **Sharo Rodriguez** finished third in the 200-yard butterfly at the American Championships.
- Olanski, Shedd, Rodriguez, senior **Natasha Burgess** and redshirt freshman **Micaela Bouter** were named to the American All-Conference team.
- Houston's swimmers set 14 personal records at the American Championships.
- Shedd and Bouter each won American Diver of the Week honors.
- In April, **Ryan Wochomurka** was introduced as the program's seventh head coach. **Bob Gunter** was selected to lead the divers in July.



Taylor Olanski finished fourth on the platform at the Zone D Championships to qualify for the NCAA Championships, where she placed 17th on the platform.

TENNIS

@UHCOUGARTENNIS

- Houston finished the 2014-15 season with a 22-6 overall record and a 9-1 mark against American Athletic Conference opponents.
- The Cougars went 7-0 against American opponents in regular-season play and finished the season ranked No. 34 in the ITA national rankings.
- Houston won 18 straight matches (Feb. 20-April 17) to set a program record and defeated 11 ranked opponents to set a program record.
- For the second straight season, the Cougars advanced to the American Athletic Conference Championships title match.
- The Cougars earned a bid to the NCAA Championships, where they faced Mississippi State at the NCAA Berkeley Regional.
- **Despoina Vogasari** was named American Player of the Year and joined teammates **Elena Kordolaimi** and **Tina Rupert** on the All-American Athletic Conference Team.
- Vogasari received a bid to the NCAA Singles Championship, Houston's first since 2002. She also won the USTA/ITA Texas Regional Championship, the first in program history.
- In June, **Courtney Steinbock** was hired as the program's ninth head coach.



Despoina Vogasari became the first Cougar to compete at the NCAA Singles Championships since 2002.

BASEBALL

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- Houston Baseball finished the 2015 season with a 43-20 overall record and a 16-8 mark in the American Athletic Conference under **Head Coach Todd Whitting**. Whitting was named the ABCA/Diamond South Central Regional Coach of the Year.
- Houston captured its first regular-season conference title since 2002 and eighth in program history.
- Houston was honored as the No. 1 seed and **one of 16 host sites** for the **NCAA Regional** – first since 2000 and third time in program history.
- The Cougars notched their second straight 40-win season and made its 20th NCAA Regional appearance.
- Freshman **Seth Romero** was tabbed a Freshman All-American and named the American Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year.
- Sophomore **Andrew Lantrip** became the program’s first All-American since 2006, being named to Perfect Game’s All-America Third Team.
- Three Cougars were named to an All-Region Team, while seven Cougars were honored on American Athletic Conference Teams.
- **Cougar Field** notched program-record attendance numbers, averaging 1,832 fans per game.



The Cougars celebrated their eighth regular-season conference title.

SOFTBALL

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- Houston Softball finished the 2015 season with a 28-27 overall record and 11-8 mark in American Athletic Conference play under **Head Coach Kyla Holas**.
- The Cougars celebrated the **15th Anniversary** of the program in 2015.
- Houston finished the season in third place, exceeding the conference’s preseason expectations.
- During the American Athletic Conference Tournament in Orlando, Fla., the Cougars picked up a win over Memphis to advance to the semifinals.
- Junior LHP **Julana Shrum** was named to the NFCA All-Region Third Team for the first time in her career.
- Shrum and **Shelby Miller** were named to the American Athletic Conference All-Tournament Team, while **Courtney Klingler**, **Selena Hernandez** and **Katie St. Pierre** were named Second Team All-Conference following the regular season.
- Houston’s defense tied the single-season record for double plays turned (28) for the second consecutive season.



Julana Shrum was named to the American Athletic Conference All-Tournament Team

MEN'S GOLF

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- The Cougars competed at the **NCAA Championships** for the second straight season, a first for the program since 2000-01.
- Houston defeated Purdue in a 1-hole team playoff to clinch the fifth and final place out of the NCAA Lubbock Regional to advance to the NCAA Championships. It was the fourth straight season in which the Cougars competed at an NCAA Regional.
- **Blair Hamilton** shared the individual championship at the NCAA Lubbock Regional with a score of 8-under-par 205. He joined Brett Callas (2003) and Dean Larsson (1997) as the only Cougars to earn medalist honors at an NCAA Regional.
- Hamilton earned PING All-America Honorable Mention honors for the first time in his career. It was the second straight season a Cougar received All-America accolades.
- All-American **Roman Robledo** capped his collegiate career among the Cougars' top-10 leaders in tournament title (5), scoring average (72.40), rounds played (151) and strokes (10,933).
- **Kyle Pilgrim** was named to the Capital One Academic All-District 7 At-Large First Team and was honored as a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar.



Kyle Pilgrim was named to two postseason academic teams.

WOMEN'S GOLF

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- In only their second season of existence, the Cougars advanced to the NCAA postseason, competing at the NCAA San Antonio Regional. It was the first year that the team was eligible to play in an NCAA Regional.
- The Cougars earned their first team championship in school history at the UNF Collegiate on March 9-10 with a 15-stroke victory over Texas.
- **Raegan Bremer** was named to the All-American Athletic Conference Team for the second straight season. She was joined on that postseason squad by freshman **Yuka Kajiki**.
- At the UNF Collegiate, freshman **Megan Thothong** captured the first individual title of her collegiate career, thanks to a school-record 68 in the Final Round. She joined Bremer as the only Cougars to win tournament championships in program history.
- **Courtney Ferguson** wrapped up her collegiate career as the first graduating member of Houston Women's Golf.



Megan Thothong became only the second player in program history to win a tournament individual championship.

TRACK & FIELD

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- The Houston men won the 2015 American Athletic Conference Indoor Championships in dramatic fashion. Coming down to the final event, with Houston trailing Tulsa and UConn by 1 point, senior **Drevan Anderson-Kaapa** burst into the lead on the final turn of the men’s 4x400-meter relay to win the race, and the championship for the Cougars.

- The Cougars won nine conference championships in 2015 with seven coming in individual events and two from relays. Junior **Issac Williams** (60-meter hurdles, 110-meter hurdles), junior **LeShon Collins** (60-meter) and sophomore **Bria Carter** (60-meter) won conference championships in the sprints, while Anderson-Kaapa (800-meter) won in the middle distance. Senior **David Brown** (triple jump) and sophomore **Cameron Cornelius** (shot put) won championships in field events.

- Williams qualified for the 2015 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor National Championships, earning All-America honors in the 60-meter hurdles (indoor), 110-meter hurdles (outdoor) and 4x100-meter relay (outdoor).

- Sophomore **Cameron Burrell**, freshman **Tony Burks** and signees **Amere Lattin**, **John Lewis III** and **Gerald Mills** qualified for the USATF Outdoor National Championships. Burrell competed in the men’s long jump in the seniors’ division, while Burks qualified for the women’s triple jump in the juniors’ division.

- Houston earned a total of 12 spots on the indoor and outdoor All-America lists, including Williams’ three and senior **Sade-Mariah Greenidge**, who earned honors in the 4x100-meter relay and 100-meter hurdles.

- The men’s signing class was named as the second best recruiting class in the nation, according to FloTrack.

- Houston set four school records in 2014-15. At the Houston Indoor Opener, Williams set a record in the 60-meter hurdles (7.72), while junior **Damon Thompson** broke the indoor weight throw record (19.10 meters). Sophomore **Brian Barraza** broke the indoor 3000-meter record (8:04.05) three times in 2015 before also setting the 5000-meter record (13:56.76) during the outdoor season.



Issac Williams earned All-America honors in both the indoor and outdoor seasons.



Sade-Mariah Greenidge was named to All-America teams in two events during the 2015 outdoor season.

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