



GRADUATING CHAMPIONS

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DEAR REDHAWK NATION,

A winning tradition on the field and in the classroom has been a part of Miami University for 205 years. During that time Miami has seen tremendous success academically and athletically that makes us one of the most successful Universities in the nation.

Now is the time to add to those successes and write the next chapter in our history.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has rededicated its efforts and is engaged in enhancing every aspect of the student-athlete experience to focus on one mission: Graduating Champions.

Graduation from Miami is an achievement of the highest order and our student-athletes continue to graduate at rates that lead our conferences and set standards for others to follow. However, excellence does not take a day off, and neither do Miami students. Our job as faculty, coaches, and staff is to continually energize our student-athletes everyday to strive for perfection in the classroom to increase grade point averages and graduation rates to new heights.

Graduating Champions is also about being a champion in life. Our goal is for all Miami student-athletes to embrace our department's core values of Teamwork, Focus, Attitude, Tenacity, and Integrity in everything they do. Armed with these values, together with Love and Honor, Miami student-athletes will not only excel athletically and academically, but also be Champions with their family, in their community, and throughout their career. Leaving a positive legacy is part of Miami's winning tradition, and as coaches, staff, and student-athletes, we are committed to continuing that tradition.

Finally, Graduating Champions is about winning championships. Providing opportunities for RedHawk teams to win championships is our responsibility to Miami's student-athletes, alumni, and fans. The dedication, sacrifice, and tenacity demonstrated by our current and former student-athletes demand our total commitment to providing the best coaching, facilities, and support possible to win. Anything less than a total commitment to be the best by our student-athletes, coaches and staff is unacceptable. Miami University is known for producing undergraduate students determined to succeed; therefore we will stress athletic success as a vital component in the development of student-athletes.

We are grateful for the opportunity to achieve our mission and Graduate Champions at Miami to build on the successes of the past two centuries.

Love and Honor,

David Sayler
Director of Athletics

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MISSION

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS' MISSION IS TO GRADUATE CHAMPIONS BY PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO MIAMI STUDENTS COMMITTED TO THEIR UNYIELDING PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

TEAMWORK:

UNITED • SUPPORTIVE • HUMBLE

FOCUS:

COMMITMENT • EFFORT • DRIVE

ATTITUDE:

PASSION • ENTHUSIASM • RESPECT

TENACITY:

RELENTLESSNESS • DETERMINATION • TOUGHNESS

INTEGRITY:

RESPONSIBLE • RELIABLE • ACCOUNTABLE

GRADUATING CHAMPIONS MEANS ...

...ACADEMIC FOCUS

We believe in the value of higher education and graduating is a priority for all of our student-athletes. Coaches, faculty, and staff will work together to provide a comprehensive learning environment that binds together the lessons of fierce athletic competition and rigorous intellectual learning to produce academic champions.

507 student-athletes earned the highest department term GPA in history at **3.301** (Spring 2014)

325 student-athletes earned **3.0 GPA** or higher (Spring 2014)

39 student-athletes earned **4.0 GPA** (Spring 2014)

85% highest NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION rate in the Mid-American Conference and 4% higher than the national average

“Miami's tradition of excellence promotes a culture of scholarship where athletes are encouraged to be champions both in the classroom and on the field.”

DR. RODNEY COATES
PROFESSOR
SOCIOLOGY & GERONTOLOGY

...WINNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Miami has a long and distinguished tradition of winning championships. We will pursue excellence on the field by providing student-athletes the best coaching, facilities, and support possible. Participating in championships and post-season tournaments allows student-athletes to develop the confidence and tenacity necessary to be successful in life. We will not back down in our desire to compete and win.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

21 MEN'S BASKETBALL 17 WOMEN'S SWIMMING

15 FOOTBALL 20 WOMEN'S TENNIS

20 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

19 National Titles in **SYNCHRONIZED SKATING**

2 NCAA Frozen Four Appearances in **ICE HOCKEY**

11 NCAA Tournament Appearances in **ICE HOCKEY**

“Being a student-athlete at Miami University is an honor. This experience has impacted me not only on the ice and in the classroom, but also as a person. Graduating Champions is about leaving Miami a better place than you found it.”

SEAN KURALY '16
ICE HOCKEY
MAJOR: BUSINESS





GRADUATING CHAMPIONS MEANS...

...“LOVE AND HONOR”

At Miami, “Love and Honor” is a part of everything we do and is put into action when we work together towards our common mission of graduating champions. As student-athletes, coaches, and staff we must put the needs of others before ourselves, serve our community, appreciate our alumni and fans, and support one another to produce champions on and off the field. “Love and Honor to Miami” never ends.

“At Miami we are dedicated to excellence on the court and in the classroom. The lessons we learn will make us champions for the rest of our lives. It all starts with Love and Honor.”

PAIGE HILL '17
SPEECH PATHOLOGY
VOLLEYBALL

- In 2013-14 our teams compiled almost **700** hours of **COMMUNITY SERVICE**
- Student-athletes worked with over **80** different organizations in Southwest Ohio
- Red & White Club members gave a record **\$875,000** to support **ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS** in 2013-14
- Over **\$24 MILLION** has been **COMMITTED** to support Athletics since January 1, 2013

...BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Intercollegiate Athletics has a unique ability to connect the campus to the community. We must create a dynamic environment at athletic venues that will appeal to a broad spectrum of current students, alumni, and potential students and will make our fans part of the game. Only through excellence on the field, in the classroom, and in the community can we build strong ties to the stakeholders who will share in Miami's athletic successes.

- Over **180,000** people **ATTENDED** Miami athletic events during 2013-14
- Over **189** **ATHLETIC CONTESTS** held on-campus during 2013-14
- Student-athletes come from **31** different **STATES** and **12** different **COUNTRIES**
- Red Alert is the largest student organization on campus with nearly **1,000** **MEMBERS**

“The long history of athletics at Miami and success on the field, court, and ice makes students proud to call themselves RedHawks.”

COLE R. TYMAN '15
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
MIAMI UNIVERSITY





GRADUATING CHAMPIONS MEANS ...



... WINNING BIG GAMES

Athletic tradition is marked by signature wins. Whether beating a rival, taking down a ranked opponent, recording a personal best time, or competing for a championship, we want our teams to be tenacious competitors who never back down. Coaches prepare teams to win and to perform at their best at all times which demands hard work, discipline, and focus.

... COMPETING WITH INTEGRITY

Integrity will never be compromised at Miami University: respecting the rules, the opponent, and the game is required of all student-athletes, coaches, and staff. Teammates are accountable to each other on and off the field, and victories are earned by hard work and dedication. We earn the right to compete by meeting rigorous eligibility requirements and achieving academic success through honesty and integrity. At Miami, the "M" never comes off.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY is the only Mid-American Conference university to be awarded

3 SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHIES,

23 REESE TROPHIES, and

5 JACOBY TROPHIES.

“All eyes are on you when you play the big games. If you pull out the win, everyone takes notice — the media, the town, the student body — and their excited energy fuels the confidence of a team to new levels.”

WALLY SZCZERBIAK '99
1998-99 NCAA SWEET 16 APPEARANCE
10 SEASONS IN THE NBA
MEN'S BASKETBALL

GRADUATING CHAMPIONS MEANS...

...LIFELONG SUCCESS

Through the challenge of competition and pursuit of academic excellence, student-athletes develop the skills, determination, and self-awareness required for achievement in all aspects of their lives. Student-athletes from Miami know what it takes to excel in a competitive world and are prepared to do so. As coaches and staff, we instill the values of the institution that will ensure success and provide a connection with thousands of alumni who share a common bond.

“Miami University was more than a place for me to earn my bachelor’s degree. Whether in the classroom or on the football field, my experiences at Miami taught me to serve, lead, and succeed in life after graduation.”

BOB SIMPSON '82
VICE PRESIDENT FOR GLOBAL OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAINS
SENCO BRANDS
FOOTBALL

OUR SUCCESS IS DEFINED BY

All coaches and staff are evaluated on eight core components focused on the student-athlete experience and meeting our institutional responsibilities.

1. INTEGRITY

- Playing by the rules
- Doing things the right way, all the time
- Being people of integrity
- Being accountable to one another

2. STUDENT ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

- Ensuring students are better off having participated
- Making sure student-athletes made the right choice coming to Miami
- Providing the best facilities, coaching, and support possible

3. COMPETITIVE SUCCESS

- Reaching potential – individually and collectively
- Capturing the spirit of the community
- Being true champions – we will not win all the time, but we will compete at a high level consistently over an extended period of time

4. ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Recruiting student-athletes with a drive to graduate
- Developing and fostering an environment for academic success
- Partnering with faculty for students to excel in the classroom

5. POSITIVE VISIBILITY

- Recognizing that athletics is the window of visibility
- Reflecting the values and character of the University
- Becoming involved in the life of the institution
- Creating the right perception – right or wrong, the public forms a perception of the University through athletics

6. TEAMMATES

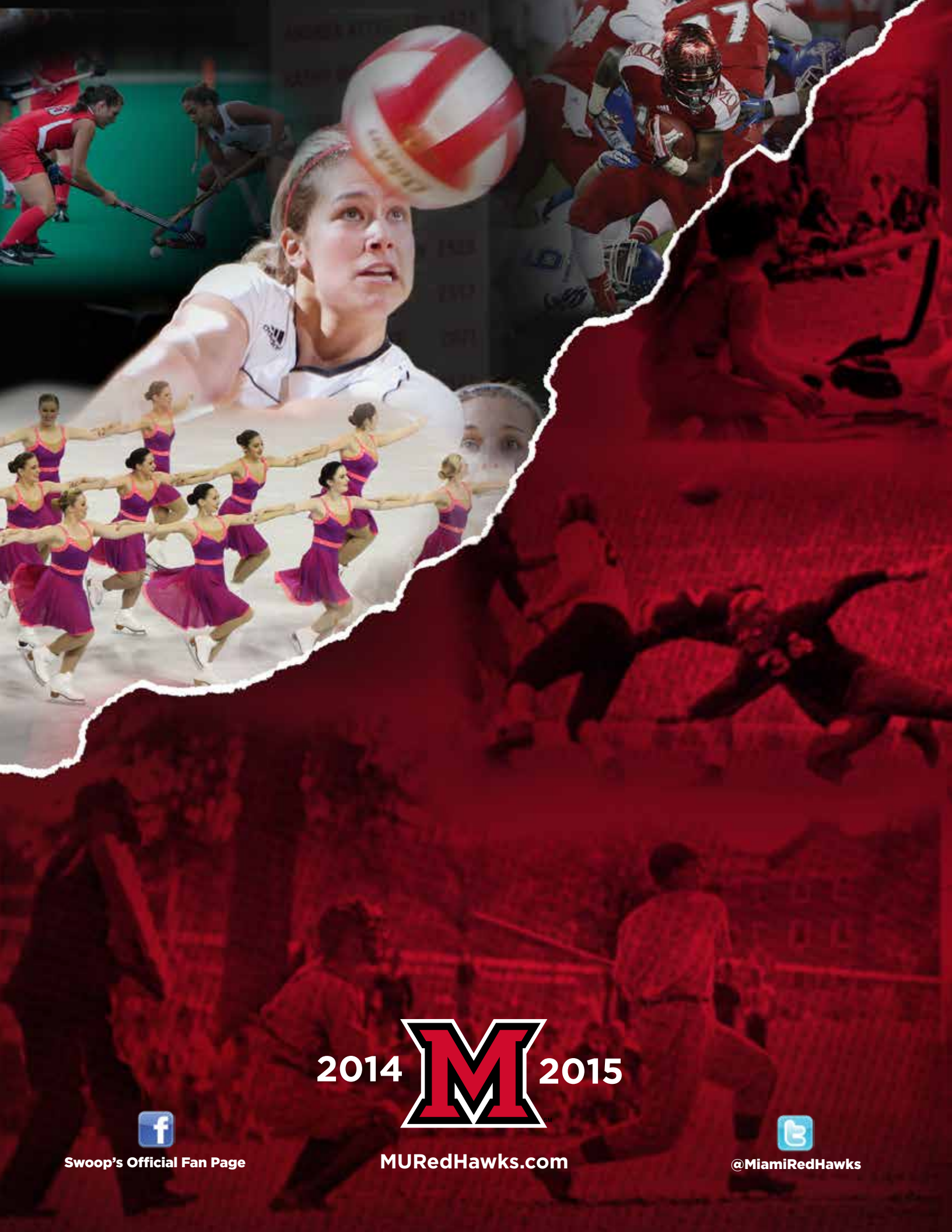
- Giving of yourself to improve the department
- Being loyal to Miami
- Solving problems
- Working out differences in a team environment

7. CONTRIBUTOR TO SOCIETY

- Developing young people – role modeling/nurturing/mentoring
- Participating in community outreach – each sport, each year
- Making the University and community a better place to live and learn

8. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- Operating within resources allocated
- Continuing to grow revenue streams to handle budget growth



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