

Dear Javelina Supporters:

The spirit around Javelina Nation is fantastic! Energy abounds for a whole range of reasons, among which is the excellent performance of our sports teams.

Javelina football and our track & field teams, in particular, were successful. Javelina football finished the season ranked No. 9 in the nation, men's track & field finished No. 21 and (deleted the) women's track & field finished No. 29 in the nation.

Our athletic department finished No. 117 out of 302 in the Learfield Sports Director's Cup standing which is the first time we have finished in the top half of the NCAA Division II standings since 2005.

Our baseball made the Lone Star Conference tournament for the second consecutive year. The Javelinas produced nine first team All-Americans (the most since 2005). (made a new sentence ) Samantha Alvarez finished second at the NCAA Division II national meet in the high jump and she was named the Lone Star Conference Women's Field Athlete of the Year.

One area that we must not forget is academics. Forty percent of our student-athletes finished this year with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and we had a total department grade point average of just below 2.7. Six of our student-athletes graduated with honors.

Two of our head coaches received coaching honors this year: Javelina track & field coach Ryan Dall was named the Lone Star Conference coach of the year for the second consecutive season and Javelina head football coach Bo Atterberry was named regional coach of the year.

More good news came to the Javelinas when the NCAA honored the athletic department with the Lone Star Conference Community Engagement Award for the second consecutive year (the only athletic department to receive this honor in back-to-back years) and our Javelina Student-Athlete Advisory Committee won its first-ever Lone Star Conference SAAC Cup award and raised of \$8,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Javelinas have led the Lone Star Conference in this category the last two years, raising over \$13,000 for this program.

The Javelinas led the NCAA Division II in attendance and also topped the division in attendance at a postseason playoff game for the second consecutive year.

Other related news: the Javelinas held the second annual "Javelinas on the Border of Golf Classic" in Mission (deleted Texas) where over 100 golfers enjoyed the sun and fun.

Javelina Athletics is definitely on the move. Beyond the field and the classroom, the Javelinas have completed over 60 community service and engagement activities in Kingsville and the surrounding areas.

Our departmental recruiting efforts have landed some outstanding transfers and freshmen for all of our programs. The football team gears up for the first game of the year that will most likely have the one of largest followings in NCAA II this year.

Our Javelinas will travel to Ellensburg, Wash., for a Friday noon kick-off on Sept. 2 to play Central Washington University.

Last but not least, the Javelinas have partnered with a new radio station in McAllen EXA 95.1 is the fifth radio station to join the Macareno Signs and Graphics of Alice Javelina Sports Radio Network that includes KSIX 1230 AM in Corpus Christi (flagship station), KNAL 1410 AM in Victoria, KOPY 92.1 FM in Alice and KTAI 91.1 FM. EXA is an international radio station that reaches throughout Central and South America and as far north as Falfurrias.

We are proud of what we do and proud of whom we are.....**JAVELINAS!**

*Remember Every Day is Game Day in Javelina Nation!*

***Kenneth R. Oliver***

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