

**DEPARTMENT OF  
ATHLETIC ACADEMICS  
SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF**

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**Ray Berryhill**-*Director/Assistant AD*

- Baseball

**Lynda Moore**-*Associate Director*

- Men's Tennis

**Daniel Morgan**-*Assistant Director*

- Study Hall/Tutorial Services
- Textbook Disbursement Coordinator

**Kylie Amato**-*Athletic Academic Counselor*

- Football
- Volleyball

**Sidney Ball**-*Athletic Academic Counselor*

- Men's Basketball
- Men's Golf
- Soccer

**Sawyer Bowering**-*Assistant Athletic Academic Counselor*

- Softball
- Women's Tennis

**Jamie Gathing**-*Athletic Academic Counselor*

- Men's & Women's Track & Field
- Women's Basketball

**Jimmy Glassford**-*Assistant Athletic Academic Counselor*

- Study Hall/Tutorial Services
- Equipment Managers, Trainers and Sports Video

**Jillian Guy**-*Athletic Academic Counselor*

- Football
- Women's Golf

**Erica Smith**-*Learning Specialist*

- Oversees Directed Study

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

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**Eric Beovich, Sara Carney, Brett Herring,  
Kim Pettit, Lindsay Pinkston, Shawn Wagner**

**PROVOST & EXECUTIVE VICE  
PRESIDENT**

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**Dr. Jerry Gilbert**

**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

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**Scott Stricklin**

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

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**\*SEC Honor Roll Recipients:**

- 2012-2013 Academic Year = 168
- 2011-2012 Academic Year = 168
- 2010-2011 Academic Year = 164
- 2009-2010 Academic Year = 166
- 2008-2009 Academic Year = 157
- 2007-2008 Academic Year = 136
- 2006-2007 Academic Year = 150

**\*16 Varsity Sports:** *Baseball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Football, Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Soccer, Softball, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Men's Cross Country, Women's Cross Country, Women's Indoor Track and Field, Men's Outdoor Track and Field, Women's Outdoor Track and Field and Volleyball*



**HOURS OF OPERATION**

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**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

**Study Hall Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-10:00pm

Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

Sunday 6:00-9:00pm

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**TEMPLETON ATHLETIC  
ACADEMIC CENTER**

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## TEMPLETON ATHLETIC ACADEMIC CENTER

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The Templeton Athletic Academic Center (TAAC) opened in November 2008. The TAAC boasts 34,000 square feet of wireless space that the Department of Athletic Academic Support Services calls home. The TAAC also provides a place for our student-athletes to meet with their respective athletic academic counselors, while providing them with the tools needed to excel in the classroom. The TAAC features five areas for student-athletes:

### McKeen-Warmath-Wyatt Academic Computer Lab

- 10 Offices
- 1 Staff Resource Room
- 24 Computers

### Thomas W. Abney Tutoring Lab

In the Thomas W. Abney Tutoring Lab, over 18,000 tutoring sessions take place annually. Throughout each semester, it serves the tutoring needs of over 400 student-athletes through the assistance of over 70 tutors.

- 1 Conference Room
- 2 Offices
- 2 Academic Computer Labs
- 35 Tutoring Rooms
- 50 Computers
- 1 Tutor Resource Room

### Quinn Family Open Study Laboratory

- Assistant Director's Office
- Learning Specialist Office
- 6 Tutoring Rooms
- 42 Computers
- 8 Group Study Stations

### University Writing Center Lab

- 5 Individual Writing Stations
- Staffed by MSU English Dept

### Leo Seal Boardroom

- Meeting room for over 25 people

## SERVICES PROVIDED

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*The Office of Athletic Academics* reports to the Office of the Provost. However, the staff works very closely with all coaches and the athletic administration in serving the specific needs of over 400 student-athletes enrolled at Mississippi State University.

### New Student-Athlete Orientation

- Incoming athletes are given an orientation by the staff that reviews services provided by the Academic Office. Staff members provide information to student-athletes on how to be successful at MSU.

### Prep Day

- At the start of each semester student-athletes pick up their schedules and textbooks, ask their counselors questions, sign records release authorization and receive tutoring assignments.

### Physical Class Checks

- To help ensure that student-athletes excel academically we perform daily physical classroom checks. These checks help assure counselors and coaches that the student-athletes are present and on time.

### Academic Progress Contacts

- The Graduate Assistants in our department contact faculty through phone calls, emails, or in person to receive information on the progress of the student-athletes and to learn of any problems the student may be having in the class.

### Tutoring Services

- We arrange for the student-athletes to have access to subject tutors as well as personal tutors. All tutors go through an orientation and training session prior to working with student-athletes.

### Directed Study

- Supervised tutoring sessions for groups of students with similar academic needs and time availability. Began Fall 2011.

### Study Hall

- All new scholarship student-athletes are required to complete study hall at TAAC during their first semester at MSU. Returning student-athletes may be required to attend study hall based upon GPA, past academic performance and individual needs. TAAC is accessible to any student-athlete during study hall & office hours.



## ATHLETIC ACADEMIC COUNSELORS

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Athletic Academic Counselors provide student-athletes with a variety of essential services and serve as a liaison between student-athletes and other university staff. The counselors monitor each student-athlete's academic status with regard to MSU, SEC and NCAA rules and regulations. All information collected through physical class checks, academic progress contacts and study hall is assimilated into reports and given to the coaching staff of each student-athlete. The counselors work closely with the coaching staff to monitor student-athlete academic progress. Counselors also attempt to coordinate class and practice schedules in an effort to minimize conflicts. In addition to academic support, counselors also provide personal support since they are well acquainted with time pressures and competitive stress under which collegiate athletes must exist.