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## SSC TO INDUCT 19 TO HALL OF FAME ON JUNE 14

The Sunshine State Conference is set to induct 19 new members to its Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies for the Class of 2007-08 will take place on Saturday, June 14, at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m.

This year's inductees comprise the 17th class to be elected into the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame. A total of 128 student-athletes, coaches, and administrators have been inducted into the distinguished group since the inaugural class of 1991-92.

Every member institution with eligible student-athletes, coaches, and administrators is represented in the 2007-08 class. Lynn and Tampa lead the way with four inductees. Florida Southern will place three new representatives into the Hall. Barry, Florida Tech, and Rollins have two inductees each, while Eckerd and Saint Leo have one.

The Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 to honor those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the conference. Its purpose is to perpetuate the memory of those who brought distinction, honor, and excellence to the SSC.

Members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2007-08 include: **Shannon Abarbanel Reynolds** (Tampa, Softball); **Crystal Ashley** (Tampa, Women's Basketball); **Robin Chan** (Florida Tech, Men's Soccer); **Julianne Coleman Dunham** (Florida Southern, Softball); **Gareth Dunn** (Lynn, Men's Soccer); **Trevor Hall** (Saint Leo, Baseball); **Julia Jehs** (Lynn, Women's Tennis); **Christine Keenan** (Florida Tech, Women's Basketball); **Jim Mecir** (Eckerd, Baseball); **Alicia Milyak** (Rollins, Women's Soccer); **Jannie Nicolaisen** (Lynn, Women's Soccer); **Jenny Nilsson Tecklenburg** (Barry, Women's Soccer/Rowing); **Jana Peterkova** (Florida Southern, Women's Golf); **Kenya Storr Jones** (Rollins, Women's Basketball); **Bryan Williams** (Tampa, Men's Basketball); **Christian Witt** (Barry, Men's Tennis); **A.L. "Buck" Dawson** (Florida Southern, Cross Country Coach); **Keith Fulk** (Tampa, Men's Soccer Coach); and **Dr. Richard Young** (Lynn, Athletic Director).

Career highlights for each inductee appear on the SSC website, [sunshinestateconference.com](http://sunshinestateconference.com).

**NOTE:** This is the final SSC Weekly Release of the 2007-08 academic year. The release will resume in August when fall sports begin.

## NOVA SOUTHEASTERN PLACES FOURTH AT ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP

*Courtesy of NSU Sports Information*



The Nova Southeastern University Varsity 4 boat placed 3rd in the NCAA DII Fours Grand Final, while the Sharks Varsity 8 was 2nd in the DII Petite Eights Final on Sunday at the 2008 NCAA Women's Rowing Championships on Lake Natoma, in Rancho Cordova, California.

The Sharks finished fourth overall in the NCAA DII, by virtue of their 3rd place Varsity Four and 4th place Varsity Eight standing. NSU has qualified the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships for a record five straight seasons, since the program began competition in 2003-04.

"I am very proud of the way we performed this year," stated NSU Head Coach John Gartin. "We held our own against a very deep and talented field, with many of our rowers competing in their first-ever NCAA Rowing National Championship."

The Sharks Varsity 4 registered a time of 8:25.10 to come in third behind UC San Diego (8:10.95) and Western Washington University (7:57.54) in the Division II Fours Grand Final.

In the Division II Eights Petite Final, Mercyhurst took first (7:14.58), while the Nova Southeastern V8 was second (7:24.42) in the consolation race.

Western Washington claimed the Eights Grand Final with a time of 6:53.20, beating out UC San Diego 13.48 seconds, as the Tritons came in second with a time of 7:06.68.

Western Washington claimed its fourth-straight NCAA Division II title and owns four out of the seven titles all-time. The Vikings earned 20 points with their two Grand Final wins. UC San Diego finished second with 15 points with Dowling (8) and Nova Southeastern (4) rounding out the top-four crews in the final team standings.

### **2008 NCAA DIVISION II ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP • MAY 30 - JUNE 1 • Rancho Cordova, Calif.**

#### **OVERALL POINTS**

1. Western Washington 20
2. UC San Diego 15
3. Dowling 8
4. Nova Southeastern 4

#### **VARSITY 4 GRAND FINAL**

1. Western Washington 7:57.54
2. UC San Diego 8:10.95
3. Nova Southeastern 8:25.10

#### **VARSITY 8 PETITE FINAL**

1. Mercyhurst 7:14.58
2. Nova Southeastern 7:24.42

\* A link to results for every race in the DII Rowing Championship is available on the SSC website.

## OUACHITA BAPTIST ENDS TAMPA'S BID FOR BASEBALL THREE-PEAT

Story Courtesy of Tampa Sports Information



The third-ranked University of Tampa saw its run at history come to an end Tuesday, as it suffered a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of fourth-ranked Ouachita Baptist.

The Tigers rallied from 7-0 and 10-7 to overtake the Spartans by a score of 12-10. The Spartans conclude the season with a 42-11-1 record, while the Tigers advance with a record of 48-15.

The Spartans struck first, scoring seven runs in the first three innings, six of which came off Tigers starter Chase Baran. With a two RBI single from **Junior Mejia** and a two-run blast from **Leo Alvarez**, Tampa appeared to be cruising.

Ouachita wouldn't go quietly, however, as they climbed back to tie the game. The Tigers came up with a big fifth inning in which they scored five runs, capped off by a three-run homer from Chad Taylor, his fourth RBI of the game, spelling the end for Spartan starter **Kevin Ferguson**. Ouachita added one more in the sixth to knot the game at 7-7.

In the bottom half of the inning, Tampa struck back. After **Paul Cruz** drew a one-out walk, **Jesus Barroso** reached on a fielding error by Ouachita's third baseman to put runners in scoring position. **Jose Jimenez** dropped a single into right center, scoring Cruz before **Steven Broschofsky** smacked a sacrifice fly to right, putting the Spartans up 9-7.

Tampa tacked on another run in the seventh when, after a leadoff double by Alvarez, shortstop **Rob Kane** laid down a perfect squeeze bunt to make it 10-7. Down to their final six outs, the Tigers came back once again thanks to another three-run homer. Justin Pennell, already with two RBI on the day, took a 2-0 pitch from reliever **Anthony Perez** (4-2) over the right field fence, tying the game.

Perez exited in the ninth with a runner on second and one out. **John Wiedenbauer** couldn't close out the inning, as Blake Lockwood singled home Drew Maus to give the Tigers their first lead, 11-10. Pennell followed with a bunt single to put runners on the corners. **Danny Keefe** relieved Wiedenbauer and picked off Pennell, but Lockwood scored from third base to put the Tigers ahead by two.

Tigers right-hander Alex Smith (5-2) threw six solid innings for the Tigers after coming on in relief to pick up the win, and Steve Smith collected his third save of the season.

Prior to succumbing to Ouachita Baptist, Tampa dropped its opening game of the championship to Ashland, 6-5.

### FINAL SSC BASEBALL STANDINGS

	SSC Games			Overall			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Tampa	17	7	.708	42	11	1	.787
Florida Southern	15	8	.652	29	21	0	.580
Nova SE	14	8	.636	31	21	0	.596
Lynn	12	10	.545	33	19	0	.635
Florida Tech	13	11	.542	35	20	1	.634
Barry	11	13	.458	32	19	0	.627
Saint Leo	9	13	.409	30	22	0	.577
Rollins	9	14	.391	29	24	1	.546
Eckerd	4	20	.167	16	34	0	.320