Welcome Back! With great anticipation, we are excited about the Fall 2014 Semester as we are settled into the new Football and Sports Administration Building on Riverside Drive, The Newt and Becky Wilson Hall. With over 160 Sports Administration Majors on campus, we are excited about being good stewards of these facilities. As students return from the summer and look to the future, we anticipate a year of professional growth and development for our students in areas of academics and athletics. As our student athletes in athletics and sports administration begin the transition from NAIA to NCAA Division III, we are excited how the Sports Administration Academic Planning & Support Center (SAAPS Center) can serve as a hub for not only student athlete success in academics, but also a place where sports administration academic planning and support can take place as well.

Sports Administration Academic Planning & Support Center (SAAPS Center)
Location: Room 209
Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

- The SAAPS Center will provide academic planning and academic support for sports administration and student athletes toward their graduation on a semester to semester basis; WiFi accessibility; and Registration Computer Access.
- The SAAPS Center will serve as a meeting location for the Sports Administration Organization, Group Meeting Space for SAM Class Project Teams, and Registration Waiting Room for Students Meeting with their Academic Advisors.
- The SAAPS Center will also be available for planning sessions, tutoring sessions and SAM Department Meetings.
- In partnership with the School of Business, Wynn Kenyon Think Center, Campus Faculty, Coaches, and the Student Athletes, the SAAPS Center seeks to provide comprehensive academic planning and support as we compete on different levels of intercollegiate sports for our sports administration students, both on and off the field of competition.
- Reservations can be made through our Sports Administration Department, Administrative Coordinator, Megan Tait @ mtait@belhaven.edu.

As the semester unfolds, please stay tuned to the Sports Administration Department e-mail list as other events and volunteer opportunities arise. Our Sigma Alpha Omicron Club has been meeting and starting the process of electing a new President and Vice President as well as other members of the cabinet, due to the recent graduation of 2014 Sports Administration Graduates, Kelly Randall (an MBA Graduate Student at Belhaven University) and Ryan Moody (Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at Union College in Kentucky). We look forward to planning events on campus as well as some service projects throughout the semester.
September 2014

- Mr. Grant Worsley, General Manager of the Jackson Showboats, a local ABA semi-pro team in Jackson, MS will speak to Sports Administration students on Friday, September 12th, 2014 in our SAM 435 Site Observations in Sports Administration and SAM 201 Theory of Coaching Basketball courses about career opportunities in the sports industry.

- Rev. Ken Rhodes, the Director of Missions Mobilization of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will speak to our SAM 200 Sports Ministry Course on September 18th, 2014, about career opportunities in the field of sports ministry.

October 2014

- The Sports Administration Department will serve as host to Sasha and Regina Kyrylova from Odessa Ukraine in our Sports Ministry Courses, as they will be stateside during this month. Sasha has a powerful testimony on how God brought him to sports ministry 11 years ago and how he is using it in Ukraine in their ministry.

November 2014

- The Sports Administration Department will serve as host to Shane McKenzie, Vice President of the Recreation Division at Upward Sports.

December 2014

- The Sports Administration Department will serve as host to five SAM 450 Internship Presentation from the following Sports Administration Students and their internship locations. These students include:

  - Will Cockrell      Internship: Tupelo Christian Preparatory School
  - Kevin Hilton       Internship: Presbyterian Christian
  - Dalwinder Dosanjh  Internship: Knoxville Force
  - Eduardo Cruz       Internship: Meridian Football Club
  - Samuel Rosselli    Internship: Sky Blue Soccer Dome
Kudos and Best Wishes to Matt Hall!

Our department is also proud of the recent accomplishments of sports administration student, Matt Hall, who signed a free agent NFL Contract with the Minnesota Vikings to attend their training camp. Matt was then released by the Vikings and signed a free agent NFL Contract with the Indianapolis Colts. Matt was on the 75 man roster as of last Thursday, August 28th, 2014 and was in consideration for the practice squad and 53 man roster, but due to an injury suffered in the last preseason game, in which he started, his NFL future is now up in the air. Stay tuned for future updates regarding Matt and keep him in your prayers, as he pursues his dreams in the NFL.

In closing, as always, remember Psalms 121:1-2 and as you continue to prepare for life while “air is in the ball” as well as for life after the “air is out of the ball”.

**Scenes from Spring 2014 Events in Sports Administration**

Keith Black, a 26-year Veteran in Mississippi Law Enforcement, came and spoke to our Sports Administrations students regarding terrorism in athletic events, as part of our SAM 310 Facilities and Design Course.
Ryan Meyers, of CBRE and NBC Sports, Associate Producer, came and spoke to our Sports Administration students about how to break into the business of sports and networking. Ryan was visiting our campus to see Head Football Coach Hal Mumme during Spring Training, and offered his time to speak to our Sports Administration Department.

We welcomed Myrna Gregory, Upward Sports, as one of our new adjunct professors for Sports Ministry! Myrna shared with our students some of the experiences she had as a Chaplain at the 2014 Sochi Olympic Games as well.

Dr. Howard Bartee, Jr., attended a 360 Progression event in Jackson, MS to learn about career opportunities in Sports Ministry and Upward Sports for Sports Administration Students.
Mitchell Williams, the FCA Area Director and former WDAM-TV sports anchor came and spoke to our students about careers in Sports Broadcasting and Sports Ministry.

Dr. Ed Garrett, served as a Guest Speaker at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting on campus for Belhaven University Student Athletes.
Partnership with MHSAA – Mississippi High School Athletic Association and Executive Director, Mr. Don Hinton (pictured center), for sports administration internship opportunities starting in Fall 2014 and beyond.

Partnership with MAIS-Mississippi Association of Independent Schools and Executive Director, Mr. Shane Blanton (pictured far right), for sports administration internship opportunities, starting in Fall 2014 and beyond.
Partnership with In His Steps Ministries (Canton, MS) and Rev. Jasper Bacon (pictured, center right) and Belhaven Alum, Mr. Joshua Jackson (pictured, center left) for sports administration internship opportunities, starting in Summer 2014 and beyond.

In April 2014, Dr. Bartee attended the IACBE conference in San Diego, California, along with Dr. Chip Mason, School of Business Dean. At the conference, Dr. Bartee presented a paper entitled, “The Design and Delivery of a Capstone Course: Executing an Undergraduate and Online Graduate Sports Administration Program”. The presentation may be found at the following link: [http://iacbe.org/acam-2014-presentations.asp](http://iacbe.org/acam-2014-presentations.asp).

In October 2014, Dr. Ed Garrett will be attending the Christian Business Faculty Association conference in Nashville, TN, where he will be presenting a paper about greater leadership in management entitled, “From the Ball Field to the Boardroom: Using the Family System Theory to bring about Greater Leadership in Management”.

On Wednesday, April 16th, 2014, the Belhaven University Department of Sports Administration hosted the “3rd Annual Belhaven University Capstone Conference of Sports, Education, Religion and Ethics" at the McCravey-Triplett Student Center.

The annual event provided students in the SAM 419 Strategic Management in Sports Administration Course with the chance to present their career goals and individual portfolios to the Belhaven University campus community. Among the 100 plus guests, including the SAM 419 student participants at the event, were Belhaven University School of Business faculty, Belhaven University Athletic Department Staff, undergraduate sports administration majors, family members, and friends of Belhaven University.

During this annual event, participants had the opportunity to present their poster board presentations and portfolios as well as speak to local representatives from the Clinton Parks and Recreation Department (Clinton, MS), In His Steps Ministries (Canton, MS), Belhaven University Office of Retention, and Belhaven University Admissions, among others. Students were also given feedback on their poster board presentations along with career research tips about their areas of interest and portfolio feedback, too.

A Welcome and Video Tribute of Student PowerPoints was done for the 35 SAM 419 Participants by Dr. Howard Bartee, Jr., Chair/Assistant Professor, while an Opening Prayer and Occasion were provided by Dr. Ed. Garrett, Assistant Professor. A program booklet was provided to the participants and guest by Mrs. Megan Tait, Administrative Coordinator.

The Capstone event concludes our Sports Administration events for the 2013-2014 school year, as we look forward to more events during the 2014-2015 School Year, including the “4th Annual Belhaven University Capstone Conference of Sports, Education, Religion and Ethics" in April 2015.
Scenes from the Annual Capstone Conference

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Undergraduate Student and Alumni News

Emily Tucker, May 2014 Graduate, was named a Graduate Assistant Softball Coach at Jackson State University for the 2014-2015 School Year.

William Triplett, April 2013 Graduate, was named a Graduate Assistant for Strength and Conditioning at Belhaven University for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Brittany Ammons, May 2014 Graduate, was named Graduate Assistant for Strength and Conditioning at Belhaven University for the 2014-2015 School Year.
Ricky Howard, Jr. April 2012 Graduate, was named Graduate Assistant for Athletic Communications at Belhaven University.

![Image of Ricky Howard, Jr.](image1)

Courtesy: Belhaven University Blazers Website.

Carl Blundell 2014 Graduate, was named Graduate Assistant for Men’s Soccer at Belhaven University.

![Image of Carl Blundell](image2)

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Kasey Britt, a MSA Graduate Student serves as Graduate Assistant for Softball at Belhaven University.

![Image of Kasey Britt](image3)

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