

CHIPPEWAS

ATHLETICS

2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT



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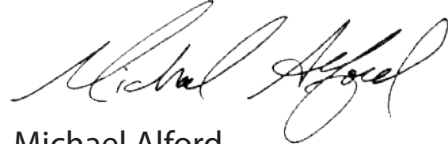
It has been another fantastic year for Central Michigan Athletics. We remain a leader among our peers in providing an outstanding experience for all our student-athletes. Their growth and education are our primary focus, which help shape the direction and goals of every one of our programs. We have strong leaders in our department and I am proud of everything we have accomplished in 2018-19.

Our outstanding President, Dr. Davies, has a saying that rings true for me. Our goal is when student-athletes leave CMU, they have a diploma in one hand and a championship ring on the other. We have successfully accomplished that for many of our 100 graduates this year and four championship programs. We continue to strive to get better everyday to ensure all of our student-athletes hit this benchmark.

Lastly, the Chippewa Champions Center was approved by the CMU Board of Trustees and we broke ground in June. This transformational project will support the wellness of all 475 of our student-athletes and be an important connection between our department and the academic community.

It goes without saying that we could not have achieved any of our successes without the support of our outstanding alumni, donors and fans. The resources they provide ensures that our student-athletes have an outstanding experience.

Fire Up Chips!



Michael Alford



475
STUDENT-ATHLETES

4
**CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

41
**CONSECUTIVE
SEMESTERS ABOVE
3.0 CUMULATIVE GPA**

4,000
**COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS**



GRADUATES



100 GRADUATES

Ijeoma Agomo
Samantha Allmacher
Olivia Allmen
Luke Anderson
Trevor Apsey
Miya Arcand
Michael Armstrong
Jordan Atienza
Joseph Bacci
Gabriella Beauvais
Holly Billett
Nathaniel Brisson-Fast
Shakir Carr
Jordan Charrette
Brandon Childress
Blake Cleveland
Bria Colosky
Samantha Cuneo
Allison Curtis
Michael Danna

Jerrold Davis
Lexi Duello
Joseph Emmanuel
Austin Ervin
Anna Forry
Grace Forthaus
Malik Fountain
Reyna Frost
Kaila Fulker
Erica Garwood
Rayfield Golden
Marissa Grant
Robert Greenman
Trenton Grimes
Kady Gurtis
Logan Halvorson
Dominique Hamman
Sara Hansen
Jamar Hardy
Kyra Harrison

Benjamin Hayes
Emily Helfrich
Logan Hessbrook
Macey Hilliker
Holly Hines
Presley Hudson
Heriberto Huertas
Bryan Jakiemiec
Kasey Janowicz
Maison Kalina
Bryttany Kaplan
Joe Komel
Patrick Leatherman
Ja'Corey Lipsey
Shannon Magnan
Sean Martens
McKay Matheson
Kayla McClure
Skyler Memmel
April Micheaux

Kailey Miller
Shane Moffo
Cooper Mojsiejenko
Devanshi Naik
Alexander Neering
Kirsten Olling
Alec Omell
Gianna Plaksa
Jamie Rademacher
Jaeda Robinson
Ty Rollin
Shawn Roundtree Jr.
Joseph Seghi
Katherine Sharp
Jack Sheldon
Devon Spalding
Kelly Spehar
Newton Smerchek
Emily Starck
Calli Stemple

Courtney Streich
Tyjuan Swain
Wendy Szuminski
Ali Taha
Kerby Tamm
Logan Targgart
Nicole Thompkins
Lacy Tolfree
Leah Umberger
Laura Vaccaro
Rachel Vieira
Clayton Walderzak
Hanna Warren
Kevin Weiler
Lorenzo Wells
Emily Wenglikowski
Angelique White
Sydney Wright
Benjamin Yagiela
Erin Zdrojewski

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

BY THE NUMBERS

3.24

Our student-athletes' cumulative grade point average stands at 3.24.

41

The 2019 spring semester marked the 41st consecutive semester that the athletics department had a GPA of 3.0 or better.

285

285 student-athletes earned a 3.00 GPA or higher for the spring semester.

21

CMU had 21 student-athletes named a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete.

150

150 Chippewas were named to the Academic All-MAC teams in their respective sports.

986

CMU recorded its best single-season all-sport academic progress rate (APR) in 2018-19.

7

Seven programs had a perfect single-year APR of 1,000, ranking each of them at the top of the conference.

10

Ten programs had a single-year APR of 980 or better.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

REYNA FROST

2019 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Women's basketball student-athlete Reyna Frost was named to the Google Cloud Academic All-America Division I Women's Basketball Third Team.

Frost, a May graduate, earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics with a grade point average of 3.68.

She helped lead the Chippewa women's basketball team to three consecutive Mid-American Conference regular-season titles and in the process became the all-time career leading rebounder in the MAC.

She was named the MAC Player of the Year in 2018-19 and was a finalist for the Katrina McClain Award, which goes to the nation's top power forward.

Frost ranked fourth in the nation in both rebounds per game and in double-doubles, and was the nation's 10th-leading scorer in 2018-19 when she scored a program-record 733 points. She is a three-time Academic All-MAC selection.



Men's & Women's XC Team



Logan Targgart

150

One hundred fifty Chippewa student-athletes – one-third of the entire student-athlete population – were honored for achieving a grade point average of 3.50 or better at the 27th Annual Ferrantino Foundation Academic Excellence Banquet.

The Pat Podoll Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards went to Kayla McClure and Leah Umberger of the field hockey team, and to Logan Targgart of the men's track & field team.

The Chippewa men's and women's cross country teams swept the Outstanding Team GPA Awards. Student-Athlete Services Learning Specialist Jennie Walker presented the Academic Achievement Award to Clayton Walderzak of the football team.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Presley Hudson
Women's Basketball
Dick Enberg Scholar-Athlete
of the Year Winner

Senior Presley Hudson of the women's basketball team received this honor for her outstanding leadership and her success on and off the court. Hudson was a three-time First Team All-MAC selection and earned Academic All-District honors. She graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree as a physical activity specialist major with a 3.72 GPA.



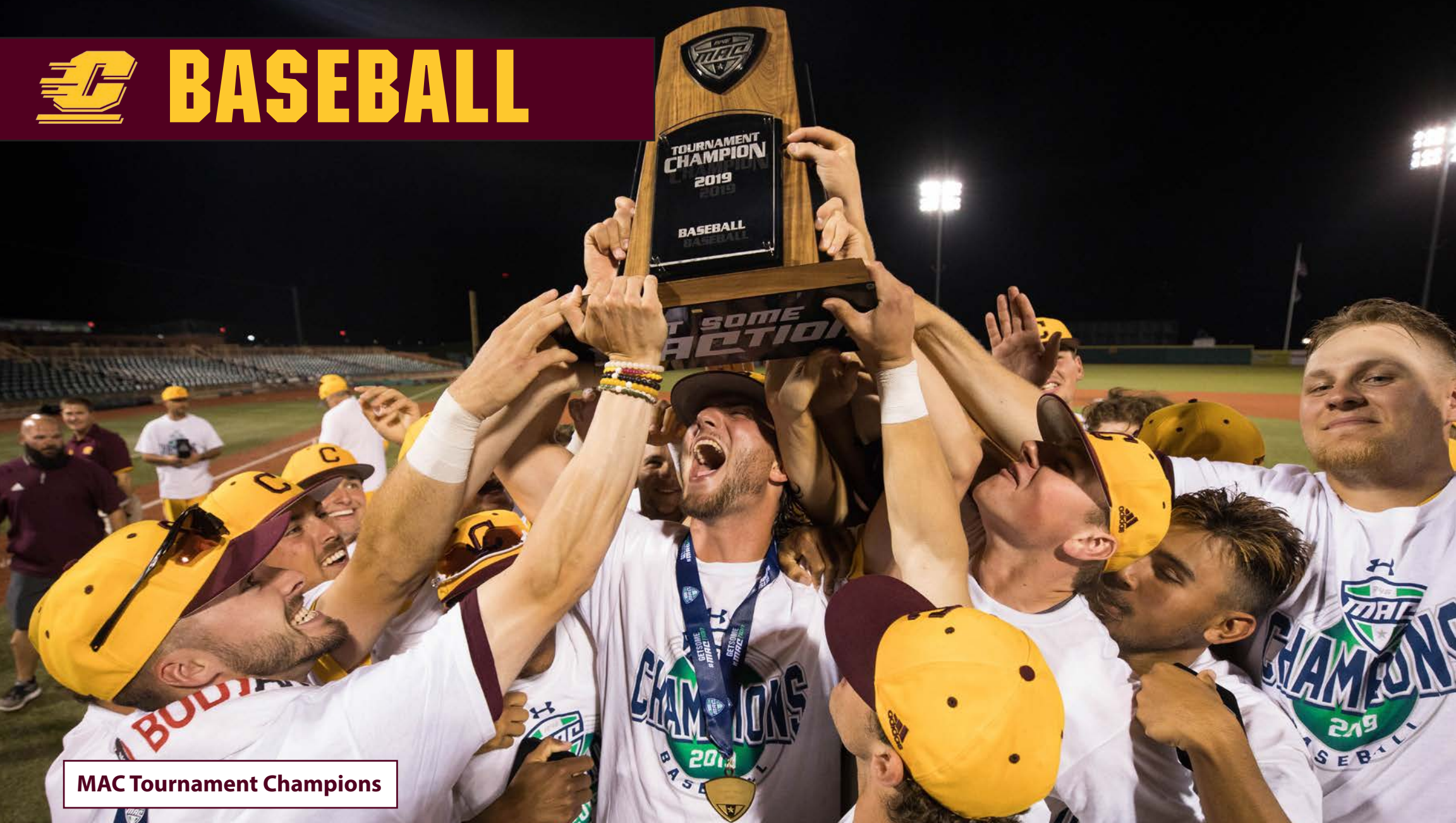
Softball
Dick Enberg Team
Leadership Award Winner

The softball program received the Dick Enberg Team Award based on its commitment to academics and community service. The Chippewas' off-field accomplishments were impressive, including volunteering with the Commission on Aging, Special Olympics, the mobile food pantry, the Humane Society, and the local Fill-A-Mayflower food gathering event.





BASEBALL



MAC Tournament Champions

A HISTORIC SEASON FOR THE CMU BASEBALL PROGRAM

The Central Michigan baseball program enjoyed an incredible turnaround under first-year coach Jordan Bischel, winning the MAC regular-season and tournament championships and earning a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995.

The regular season championship came after the squad won its last 14 conference games. CMU also dominated the MAC Tournament, winning three games by the combined score of 32-11.

Central Michigan was selected to be a part of the Starkville Regional in the NCAA Tournament. The Chippewas beat Miami (Fla.) in the opening round of the regional to extend their late season win streak to 19 games, the longest in the program's Division I history.

CMU ended the year with a 47-14 record, which ties for the most wins in program history. The 1988 squad matched that mark, going 47-15. The Chippewas' .770 win-loss percentage ranked fifth in the country and the program was seventh in the nation in total wins.

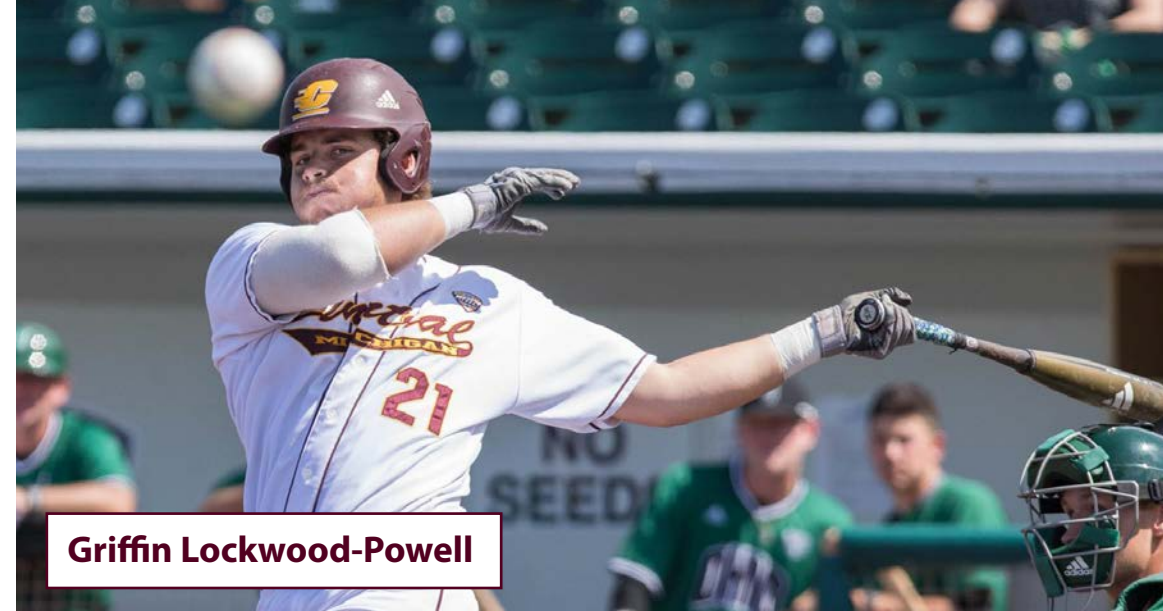
Bischel was named the MAC Coach of the Year and Griffin Lockwood-Powell, Xavier Warren, Jacob Crum and Pat Leatherman were each named to the all-conference first team, while Cameron Brown was selected to the second team.

Warren also earned Third Team All-America honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association and Warren, Lockwood-Powell and Brown earned all-region recognition.

Pitcher Zach Kohn was selected in the MLB Draft by the New York Yankees.



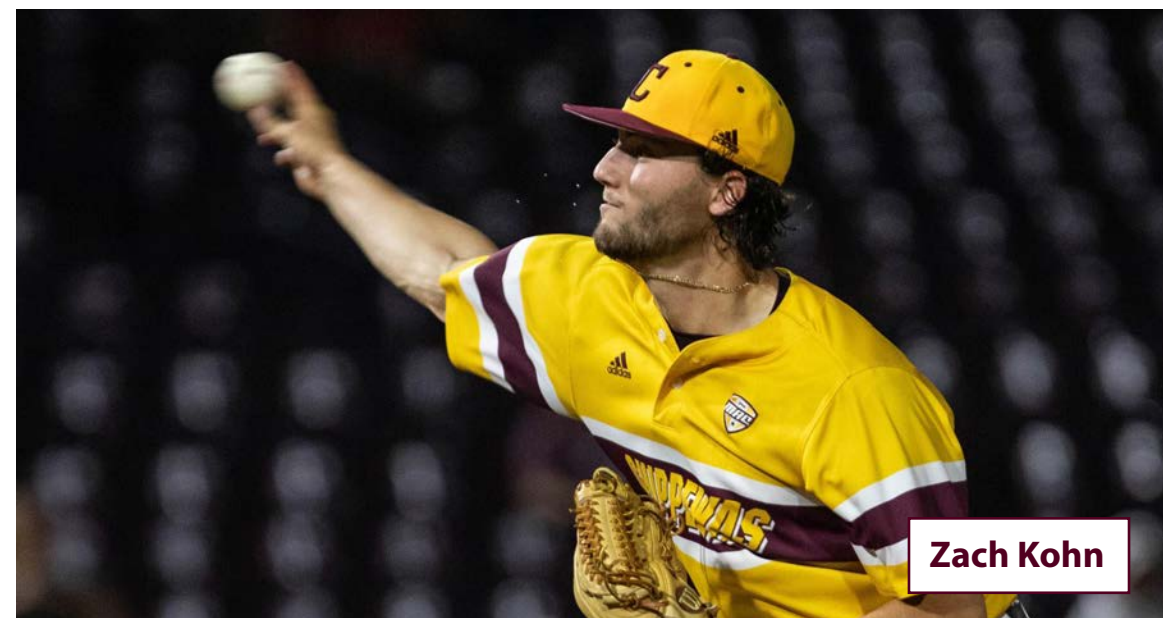
Jordan Bischel



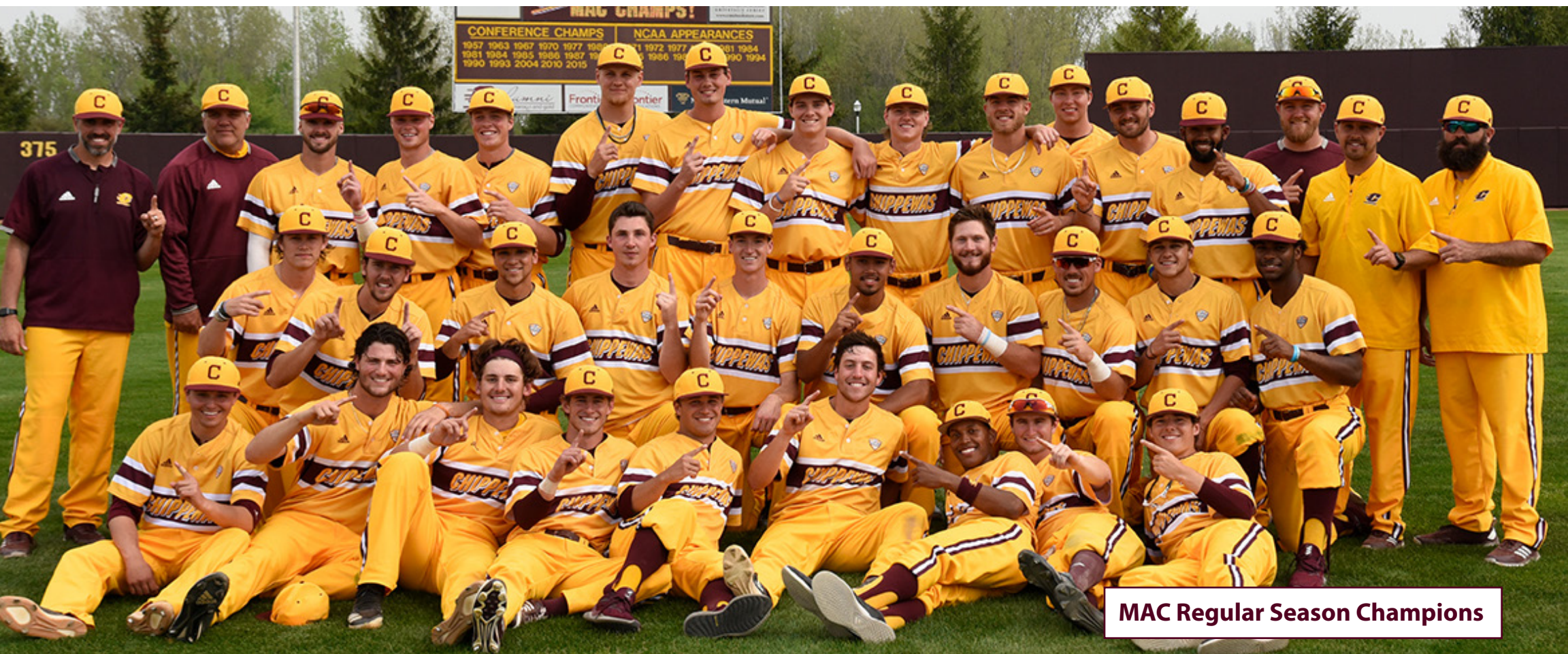
Griffin Lockwood-Powell



Zavier Warren



Zach Kohn



MAC Regular Season Champions



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



MAC Regular Season Champions

CMU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CONTINUES TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS

The Chippewa women's basketball program turned in another remarkable season, winning its third-consecutive MAC regular-season championship and earning an NCAA Tournament berth for the second-consecutive season. The at-large berth into the tournament was the first in program history and just the fourth in conference history.

Senior Reyna Frost earned All-America honors, becoming just the second player in program history to accomplish the feat. Frost, the MAC's career rebounding leader, was named the MAC Player of the Year. She ranked fourth in the nation in both rebounds per game and in double-doubles, and also was named to the Academic All-America Second Team.

Frost's teammate, Presley Hudson, became the MAC's all-time leader in 3-point field goals and put the finishing touches on a

sensational career by winning the Three-Point Challenge at the Final Four in front of a national-television audience. Hudson is the leading scorer in CMU basketball history (regardless of gender) and was named to the All-MAC First Team for the third consecutive year.

Sophomore guard Micaela Kelly earned Third Team All-MAC honors for the first time in her career.

Coach Sue Guevara was named the MAC Coach of the Year for the third time in her career. Under Guevara, CMU is 100-33 over the last four seasons.

The Chippewas posted victories over Miami (Fla.) and Virginia of the ACC, and Vanderbilt of the Southeastern Conference. All three of those wins came on the road, and the Hurricanes were ranked 24th nationally at the time.



Reyna Frost



Presley Hudson



Sue Guevara



Micaela Kelly





WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD



MAC Indoor T&F Champions

CMU WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD WINS FIRST TITLE SINCE 2004

The women's track and field program won the team title at the Mid-American Conference Indoor Championships for the first time since 2004. The program also scored its best finish in 15 years at the outdoor conference championships, taking the runner-up spot.

Junior Nadia Williams had an outstanding season, earning All-America honors during both the indoor and outdoor seasons in the long jump. She is the first in CMU women's track & field history to earn back-to-back All-America honors. Williams placed sixth at the NCAA Indoor Championships to earn a spot on the first team, and took 14th in outdoors to earn a place on the second team. Williams also won conference titles in the long jump in both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Erin Howard earned All-America honorable mention recognition for her performance at the NCAA Outdoor Track

& Field Championships at the University of Texas' Mike A. Myers Stadium. She placed 19th in the women's shot put.

Head coach Jenny Swieton was named the MAC Indoor Coach of the Year, while assistant coach Bryant Wilson was honored by the conference after both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

CMU had five individual MAC champs between the indoor and outdoor seasons. Gabriella Beauvais won the 400-meter run indoor title along with Williams long jump crown. Joining Williams as outdoor champions were Megan O'Neil in the 10,000-meter run and Calli Stemple in the high jump.

O'Neil also earned First Team All-MAC honors in cross country, while Kirsten Olling garnered a spot on the second team.



Nadia Williams



Jenny Swieton



Bryant Wilson



Erin Howard



Megan O'Neil



GYMNASTICS

ARENA



MAC Regular Season Champions

BACK-TO-BACK TITLES

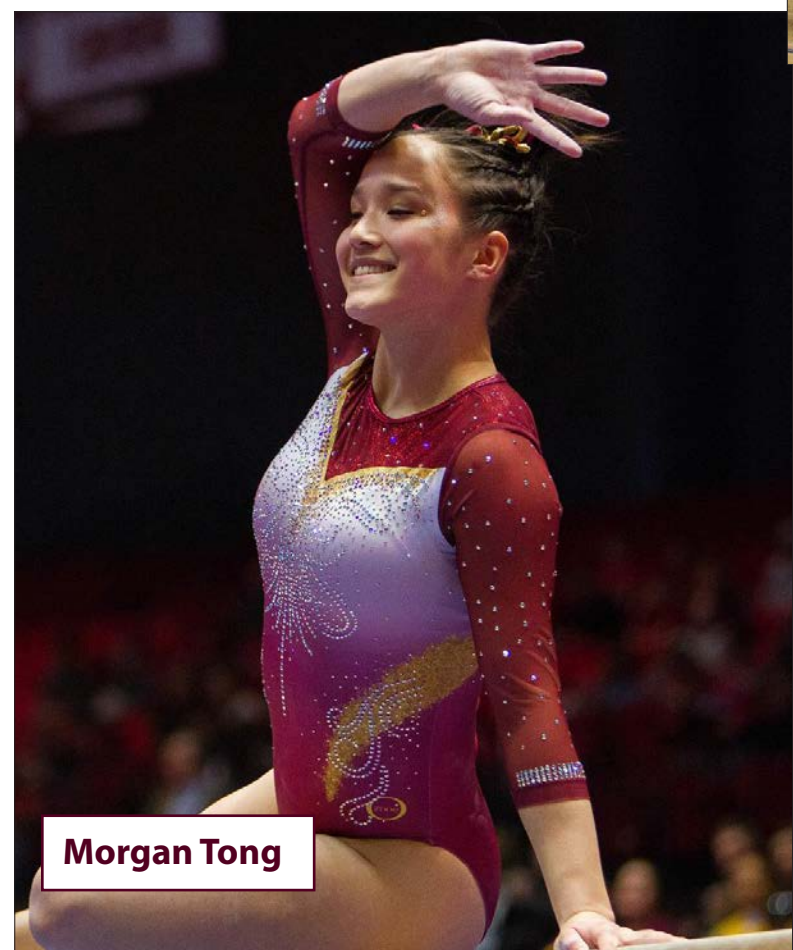
CMU gymnastics won the Mid-American Conference regular-season title for the second-straight season and the ninth time in program history.

Junior Denelle Pedrick earned the MAC Gymnast of the Year Award after capturing a pair of individual MAC titles. Gianna Plaksa also won an individual title at the conference championships, while Morgan Tong was named the MAC Freshman of the Year.

The program qualified for the NCAA Regional Championships for an 11th-consecutive season, a conference record. Pedrick finished third in the all-around at the regional championships.



Denelle Pedrick



Morgan Tong



Shawn Roundtree Jr.



Larry Austin Jr.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

CONSISTENT SUCCESS

The men's basketball program had another outstanding season, winning 23 games and advancing to the postseason for the fourth time in the last five years. The Chippewas also advanced to the semifinals of the MAC Tournament, falling in a close game to eventual champion Buffalo.

Larry Austin Jr. had an outstanding season for CMU, earning Second Team All-MAC honors. He set CMU records for steals and assists in a single season, and was named to the MAC All-Defensive team.

Shawn Roundtree Jr. also led the Chippewas, garnering Third Team All-MAC honors. Roundtree was also named to the academic all-conference squad.

23

The Chippewas posted 23 wins for the second time under coach Keno Davis in 2018-19. The 23-win total ranks second in program history.

2,896

For the third-consecutive year, the Chippewas broke the program record for points in a season, totaling 2,896 in 2018-19.

300

Central Michigan is 1 of just 3 Division I programs to total 300 or more 3-pointers in each of the past 5 seasons.



ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Central Michigan Athletic programs had outstanding seasons throughout the department. Individual highlights include:

Sean Bunting was selected in the second round (39th overall) of the NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He was the first player from a MAC school taken in the draft. Xavier Crawford was drafted by the Houston Texans in the sixth round, giving CMU two draft picks for the first time since 2010. Both also earned First Team All-MAC honors, joined by senior Malik Fountain and junior Mike Danna.

Wrestler Matt Stencel earned All-America honors for the first time in his career after capturing his second-straight MAC title. Stencel, who moved into the top 10 in the individual rankings as the season

progressed, posted 32 victories, a national-leading 19 of them by pin.

Senior lacrosse player Jocelyne Lemay was named the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year and earned all-conference honors for the fourth time. Senior Logan Halvorson joined her on the first team.

Men's track & field had a trio of individuals win MAC titles in 2019. Kevin Weiler won his in the indoor season while Logan Targgart and Jackson Blanchard won at the outdoor championships. Luke Anderson also earned First Team All-MAC honors in cross country.

In softball, Erika Underwood and Rachel Vieira were named First Team All-MAC.



Sean Bunting



Xavier Crawford



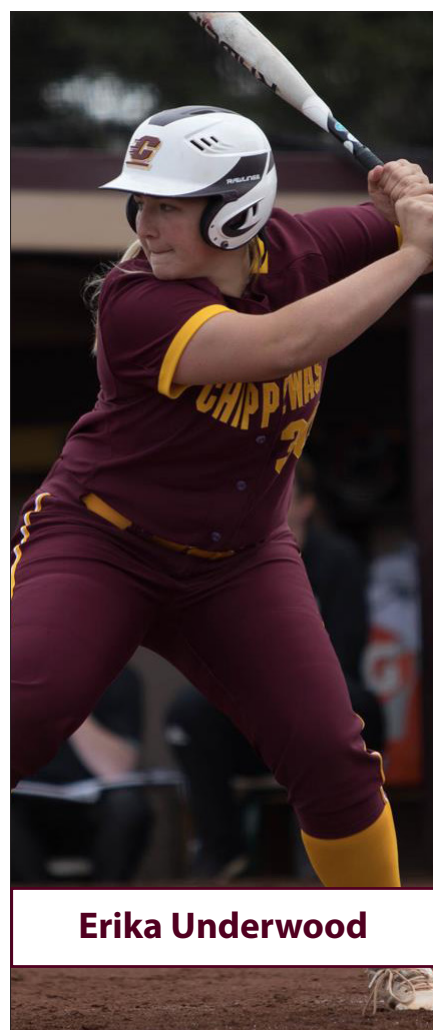
Matt Stencel



Jocelyne Lemay



Rachel Vieira



Erika Underwood



Jackson Blanchard



Logan Targgart



Kevin Weiler



COACHING SUCCESS



Jordan Bischel



Sue Guevara



Jenny Swieton

Central Michigan Athletics has a strong tradition of outstanding head coaches. From Herb Deromedi to Dave Keilitz, Marcy Weston to Mary Bottaro, these coaches produce successful student-athletes in the athletic arena and in the classroom, preparing them for success after they leave CMU.

Three head coaches were honored by the Mid-American Conference for their great work this year. Jordan Bischel, Sue Guevara and Jenny Swieton were named their respective sport's Coach of the Year.

Bischel, in his first season, led the Chippewa baseball program to the MAC regular-season and tournament titles. He also guided CMU to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1995. Bischel has won three-straight coach of the year recognitions, the first two at his previous stop, Northwood.

Guevara led her squad to its third-straight MAC regular season title and a second-straight appearance in the NCAA

Tournament. She has captured MAC Coach of the Year in three of the last four seasons (2016, 2018 and 2019). She retired after 12 seasons in July, departing as CMU's all-time winningest women's basketball coach.

Swieton was named the MAC Coach of the Year after leading the Chippewa women's track & field team to the conference indoor title. In just her second season, Swieton also helped her squad to a runner-up finish at the outdoor championships. In the season prior to her arrival, CMU finished seventh in indoor and 10th in outdoor.

CMU also had three legendary coaches retire in 2019. Joining Guevara was softball coach Margo Jonker, who stepped down after 40 seasons, while Cristy Freese departed after 33 years, 29 as the field hockey coach. All three are CMU's leaders in coaching victories in their respective sports.

Cristy Freese led Central Michigan field hockey team to four MAC championships and was named MAC Coach of the Year four times. She finished her 29 years as head coach with 226 victories, the most in program history.

Perhaps even more impressive was the Chippewas’ sustained academic excellence during Freese’s tenure. Nearly 150 of her players earned NFHCA National Academic Team honors, 36 earned Academic All-MAC accolades, and in 2012, Freese’s Chippewas led the nation with a 3.61 combined grade point average.



Sue Guevara took the CMU women’s basketball program to new heights. Guevara led the CMU program for the last 12 seasons, posting a record of 231-156. She is the winningest head coach in program history and ranks fifth all-time in the Mid-American Conference.

In 2018-19, the Chippewas won their third-straight MAC championship and played in the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight season. CMU also won a pair of MAC Tournament titles under Guevara’s leadership and won four-straight MAC West Division crowns. Guevara was named the MAC Coach of the Year for a third time after this past season.

Margo Jonker finished her 40-year career with a record of 1,268-808-7, the ninth-most wins in NCAA Division I history. She led the Chippewas to the NCAA Tournament 13 times, to a record 10 MAC Tournament championships, 10 MAC regular-season titles and one berth each in the NCAA Women’s College World Series and the AIAW College World Series.

Jonker was named the MAC Coach of the Year a record 10 times and was selected as the NCAA Mideast Region Coach of the Year in 1987 and Great Lakes Regional Coach of the Year in 1994 and in 2000. She is a member of five halls of fame.



NEW HIRES

CMU ATHLETICS WELCOMED FIVE NEW HEAD COACHES IN 2018-19.



Jeremy Groves - SOC



Christine MacDonald - GYM



Jim McElwain - FB



Heather Oesterle - WBB



McCall Salmon - SB



COMMUNITY SERVICE



4,000

CMU student-athletes served more than 4,000 combined volunteer hours on campus and in the community during the academic year.



Among the area organizations served:

- Michigan Indian Family Olympics
- Chippewa River District Library Kids and Culture
- ART Reach
- Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation
- "Glow in the Park" 5K
- Youth Softball League
- Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football
- Community Cancer Services "Into the Light" Fundraiser
- Isabella County Soup Kitchen
- World Wide Day of Play at Morey Courts
- MAC Diversity and Inclusion Reading Tour – all five MPPS elementary schools
- MASS Presentation – Speaker: Jonathan Glenn
- Mount Pleasant Rotary Club
- Blood Drive
- Trunk or Treat – Saginaw Chippewa Tribe Campgrounds
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Youth Clinic
- United Way & Ric's Food Center
- Special Olympics Michigan – Winter Games
- Habitat for Humanity
- Community Compassion Network
- Special Olympics Michigan – Summer Games
- PEAK Program
- SCIT After School Program



FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

6.4

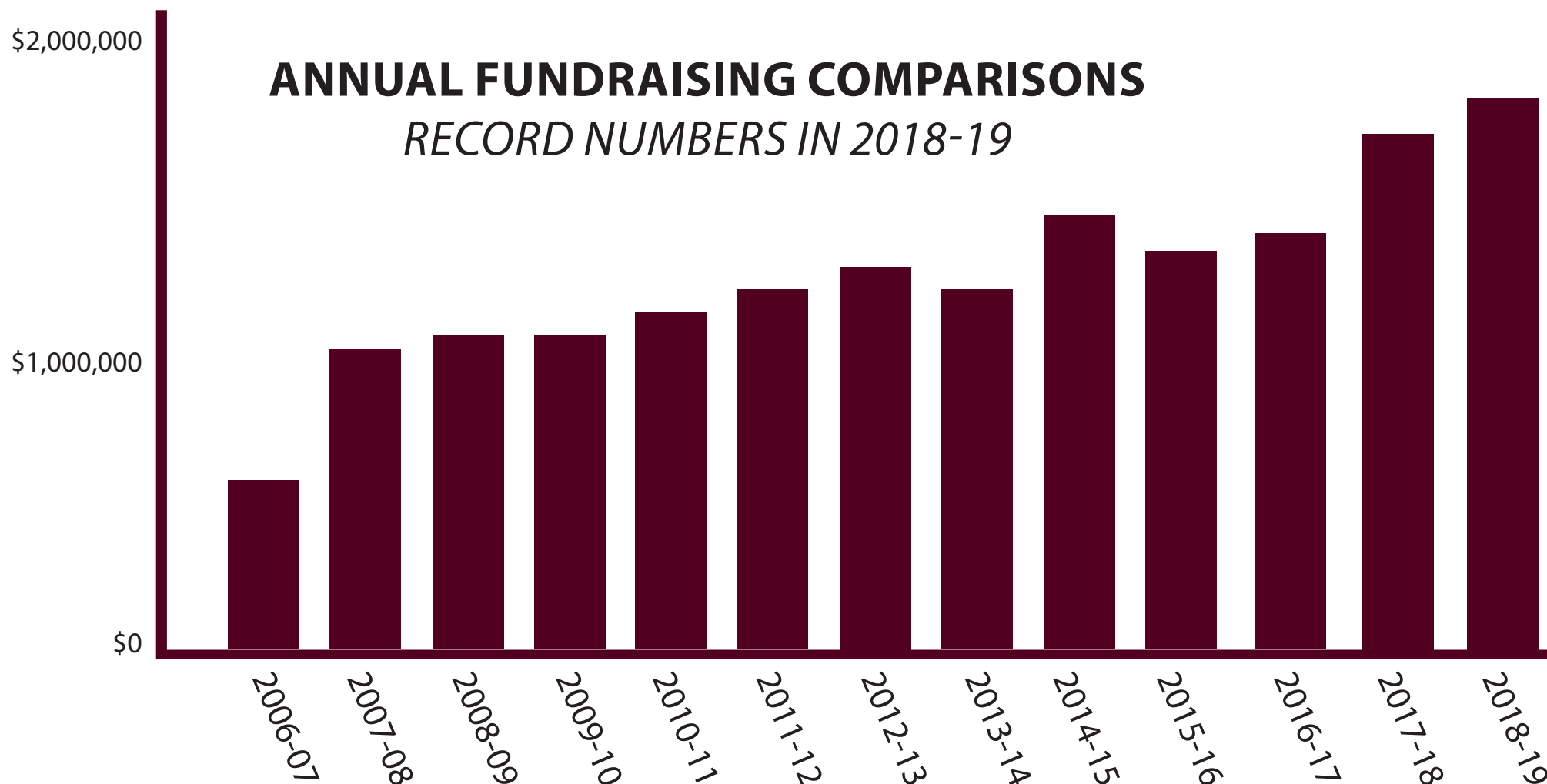
CMU set a record in annual fundraising, an increase of 6.4 percent over the previous record set last year.

89

CMU had an 89 percent increase in its annual university campaign, hitting a record of \$521,559.

100

The Athletic Department had 100 percent participation in annual giving, the lone department on campus to reach that number.



FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

3 MILLION

CMU exceeded the \$3M mark in fundraising in back-to-back years, only the second time in history it has exceeded this threshold.

7

The Athletic Department secured seven first-time major gifts of \$25,000 plus.

9

CMU secured nine leadership commitments (\$100,000 plus), highlighted by \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 commitments to the Chippewa Champions Center.





FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

AB GIVES BACK

In January, Central Michigan football announced a major gift from Chippewa great and NFL All-Pro Antonio Brown.

Brown donated six Dragon Seats heated benches, the only manufacturer of heated football benches used by the National Football League. The benches are branded in maroon and gold with Brown's "Boomin" brand, and his college and Pro numbers. The gift is valued at \$105,000.

The benches were delivered in June and Brown came to CMU to personally deliver them.



TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR THE GOLF PROGRAM

Over the past 18 months, the CMU golf program has had multiple transformational gifts.

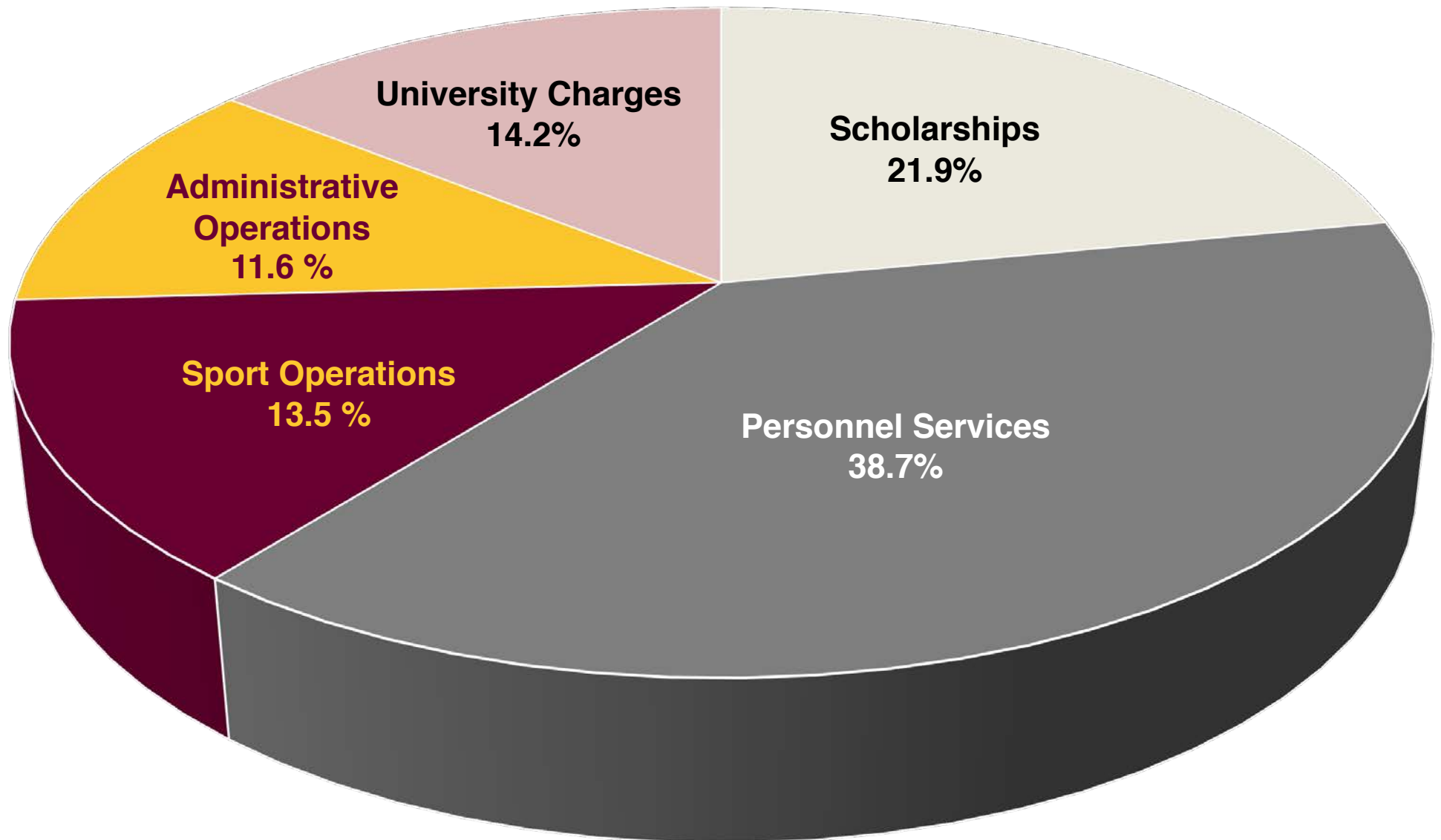
The first was a luxury Mercedes van, allowing the team to travel in style and comfort to tournaments. The van includes lounge seating, multimedia capabilities, internet so the student-athletes can do homework while traveling and extensive stowage for golf equipment.

Another major gift allowed the program to purchase TrackMan Golf, state-of-the-art tracking software.

Lastly, the program announced that PXG will be the official equipment provider for CMU's golf program. PXG will provide its performance-focused, custom-fit golf equipment to the Chippewa women's golf team.

PXG was established by well-known American entrepreneur Bob Parsons, and is also supported by his wife, President of PXG Apparel and 1991 Central Michigan alumni, Renee Parsons (LaBelle). Founded with the sole intent to design and develop the world's finest golf clubs, PXG is considered one of the top golf equipment providers in the world.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

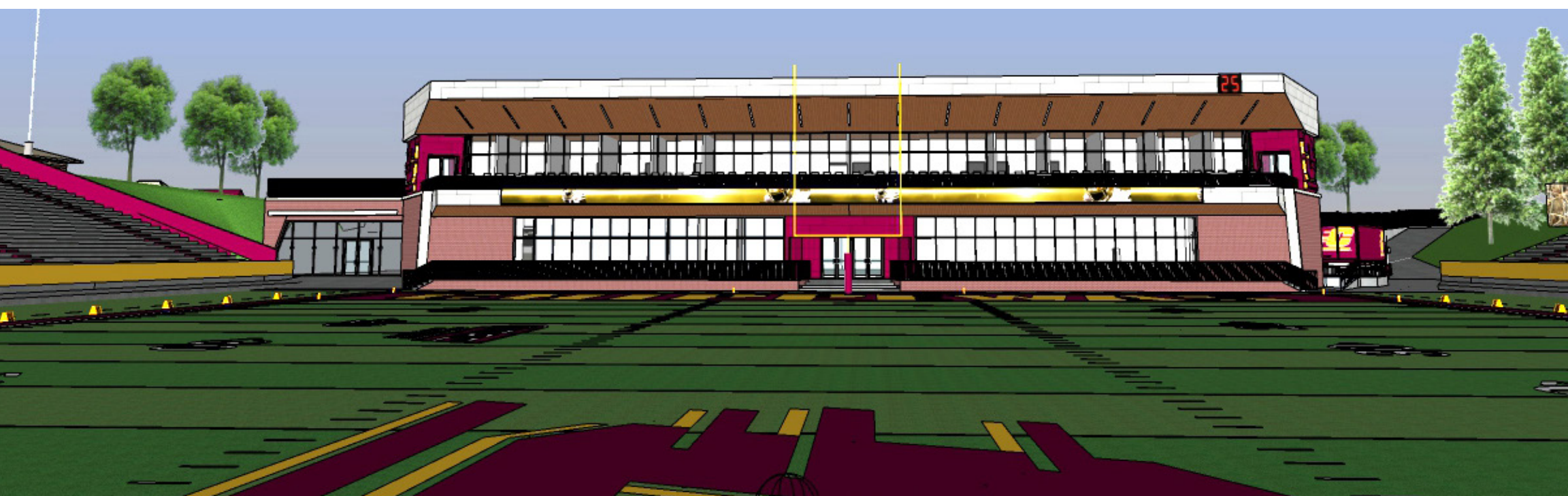
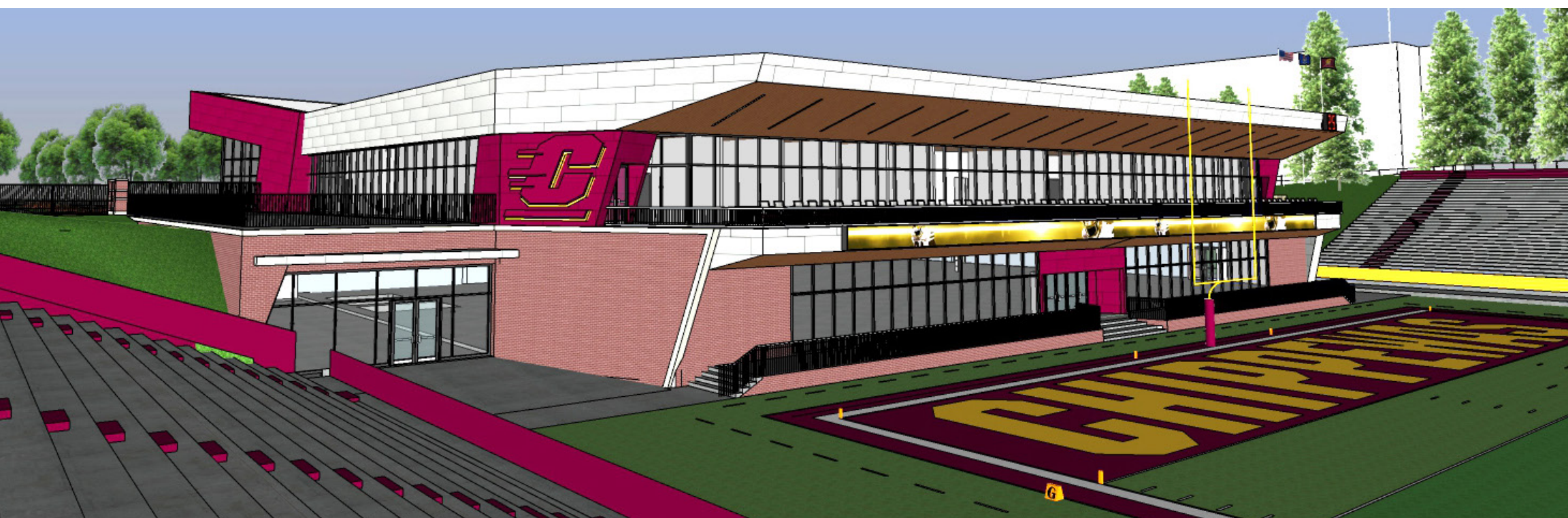


IMPORTANT FINANCIAL FACTS

- Implemented industry standard zero-based budgeting process providing coaches and staff the ability to develop and manage their own budget annually.
- Created greater financial transparency model within the department.
- Approximately 37% of the athletics budget goes back to institution through scholarships, debt service, overhead and campus services.
- Analysing overall operational expenses to become more financially responsible and to better allocate resources.
- Signed agreement with IMG Ticket Solutions to lead outbound ticket sales effort and increase customer engagement.
- Negotiating new Learfield – IMG agreement which will guarantee revenues and aid with financial projects.
- Restructuring of department to better serve student-athletes, coaches and fans.



CHIPPEWA CHAMPIONS CENTER





The Chippewa Champions Center will provide modern facilities for CMU Athletics and the football program. The building will house CMU's main sports medicine operations including a rehab and hydrotherapy area.

Football operations will be housed here including locker room, strength & conditioning, team meeting rooms, coaches offices, and more.



Also included are premium hospitality spaces such as loge boxes, field level club, and patio club.

The new Chippewa Champions Center will transform the Kelly/Shorts Stadium north end zone into a modern, multi-functional facility supporting our CMU community – past, present and future!

DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION

WORK STARTED ON THE CCC IN JUNE 2019 WITH REMOVAL OF THE NORTH END BUILDING



VIDEOBOARD

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CHIPPEWAS
ATHLETICS

T.O.L.

DOWN

TO GO

BALL ON

QTR

T.O.L.

KELLY / SHORTS STADIUM VIDEOBOARD

LARGEST IN THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

3,200

The video display is 3,200 square feet (100 feet wide by 32 feet high) coupled with a fixed-digit scoreboard stationed along the bottom.

16

The new audio system has 16 speakers with a consistent system output of 102 decibels.

1.7 **MILLION**

The video display contains nearly 1.7 million pixels. The display is Daktronics' 13HD product.



NEW LOCKER/ TEAM MEETING ROOM

In August 2018, the soccer program moved into its new team facility located at the Soccer/Lacrosse Stadium.

It includes new lockers, a team meeting room with a nutrition station, a wide-screen television, comfortable seating, a study area, and shower and restroom facilities.

The facility branding includes an adidas wall that features the latest soccer footwear available to CMU student-athletes.



GYMNASTICS FACILITY



NEW LOCKER/ TEAM MEETING ROOM

The Central Michigan gymnastics team moved into its new locker and team meeting room facility in September 2018, providing the program with one of the top facilities in the nation.

The 1,951-square-foot facility includes a spacious locker area, a television/lounge area, makeup mirrors, shower and restroom facilities.

The program's 16 Mid-American Conference championships are commemorated in a splashy mural and photos in the entry corridor.



ADIDAS PARTNERSHIP



Central Michigan University and adidas have entered into a 10-year partnership extension in which the Portland, Ore.-based company will continue to be the official athletic footwear, apparel and accessory brand of the Chippewas through the 2027-28 season. This agreement made CMU a tier 1 school with the company.

Adidas will continue to supply the Chippewas with all of their headwear, apparel, footwear and accessory needs for all sports.

Adidas is a global designer, developer and marketer of athletic footwear, apparel and accessories with the ambition to make all athletes better. Adidas is the official uniform, footwear and apparel provider for more than 100 collegiate programs.





CMU & SCIT PARTNERSHIP



Central Michigan Athletics has been a longtime partner with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) and that relationship continues to thrive and grow.

The partnership between athletics and the SCIT has, perhaps, been most evident with respect to the Central Michigan lacrosse program.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has been an integral part of CMU lacrosse since the program's inception in 2016. CMU lacrosse has taken the opportunity to learn about the rich culture and history that is woven into the game. The program remains committed to embracing the strong cultural ties by continuing outreach and awareness efforts to assist in educating future generations.

Prior to a 2019 game, a special ceremony took place that further celebrated the strong bond between the program, CMU Athletics, the university and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

A custom-built wooden box that will allow two traditional Native American lacrosse sticks to travel safely and securely with the team on road trips was presented. The team originally received the sticks as a gift from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian

Tribe during a blessing of the lacrosse field in the program's inaugural season.

During the fall, CMU football student-athletes hosted a clinic for tribal youth in the IAC. This is one example of interactions between CMU student-athletes and SCIT youth during the year.

Members of the SCIT performed during a pair of athletic competitions this past season. A drum ceremony in conjunction with tribal leaders, youth and the CMU football team was the highlight of Traditions Day. Drummers and dancers also performed during halftime of the final home women's basketball game of the season. Both events provided the opportunity to expose CMU students, fans and friends to tribal culture and our partnership.

Other events include:

- Michigan Indian Family Olympics hosted at CMU
- Student-athlete visits to the SCIT after school recreation programs
- SCIT history and Native American mascot presentation to all incoming student-athletes
- Trunk or Treat
- Hoops for Hunger
- CMU "Celebrating Life" Pow Wow
- North American Indigenous Summer Enrichment Camp





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