

BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS



CIAA Sports Photo

GEORGE WILLIAMS: St. Aug's head coach raises NCAA Track & Field championships to record 36 with Div. II Men's Outdoor title.

TRACK TITLES KEEP COMING

ST. AUGUSTINE'S MEN THREE-PEAT IN NCAA TRACK; VIRGINIA STATE TOP CIAA PROGRAM

UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

DANLEY AWARDED \$140,000 IN LAWSUIT:

An Alabama judge has awarded **Stacy Danley**, a former athletics director at **Alabama State University**, more than \$140,000 in his wrongful-termination lawsuit against the university, the *Montgomery Advertiser* has reported.

Over the weekend, retired Circuit Court Judge James Reid, who was assigned the case after several Montgomery County Circuit Court judges recused themselves, determined Danley "was not properly terminated" by ASU and awarded him \$140,216.87.

Reid also dismissed a counter-claim ASU brought against its former AD for unapproved travel expenses, calling the claim "conflicting and confusing."

The decision in favor of Danley, comes six months after the ASU Board of Trustees rejected a settlement offer that would have seen Mr. Danley return to his position for the remainder of his contract. Mr. Danley was fired in 2012. A lawyer for the university did not respond to the newspaper's request for comment.

CULLIVAN OUT AT PRAIRIE VIEW:

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas -- **Prairie View A&M** Director of Athletics **Ashley Robinson** has announced that **Waskyla Cullivan** will not return as the head coach of PVAMU's baseball program. A national search for PVAMU's next head coach will begin immediately.

Cullivan recently completed his seventh season as head coach of the Panthers as the 2015 team finished with a record of 15-36. A former assistant coach at PVAMU for six seasons before being elevated to head coach in 2009, Cullivan's seven-year record stands at 149-199.

"We very much appreciate the effort and energy that Coach Cullivan has poured into our baseball program and the student-athletes at Prairie View A&M University," said Robinson. "This was a tough decision but I have decided that it is time for a new direction."

During his tenure as head coach, Cullivan reached the SWAC Baseball Tournament five times as he won the 2012 SWAC Championship in addition to competing in the 2013 SWAC Tournament Finals.

VUU'S JOHNSON TO NCAA COMMITTEE:

Virginia Union's Director of Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator, **Felicia Johnson**, has been named to the NCAA Division II Nominating Committee, the NCAA has announced.

The Division II Nominating Committee presents nominations for vacancies on all Division II-specific committees, including men's and women's sports committees. The Nominating Committee develops its own procedures and policies and is responsible for forwarding to the appropriate group more nominees for consideration than there are vacancies to be filled on a particular committee. The Nominating Committee provides rationale for each nominee it forwards.

BCSP Notes

Virginia State takes 2014-15 CIAA Men's and Women's All-Sports Trophies

Hampton, VA - The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA) held its annual Spring General Assembly Meeting and End-of-Year Awards Reception in Richmond, VA earlier this week.

Virginia State University received the 2015 *Loretta Taylor* and the *C. H. Williams All-Sports Awards* for its women's and men's athletic programs, respectively. The awards are determined by a point system for achievement in all of the institutions programs based on championship finish.

The VSU women's basketball program won the title and finished as runner-up in the bowling championship. The volleyball and tennis programs survived until the semi-final rounds. The Trojans finished fourth in cross country, indoor track and field, and softball and fifth at the outdoor track and field championships.

The Trojan's football team won the conference title while baseball and indoor track & field finished second. The cross country program finished third at the championships while tennis and outdoor track & field were fourth. The basketball team survived until the quarterfinals of the tournament and golf finished seventh at the championship event.

2015 AWARDS WINNERS INSTITUTIONS

Loretta Taylor All-Sports Award Recipient - Virginia State
C.H. Williams All-Sports Award Recipient - Virginia State
CIAA Most Positive Game Environment Banner - Johnson C. Smith

ADMINISTRATORS

Sports Information Director of the Year - Lamont Hinson, Fayetteville State
Senior Woman Administrator of the Year - Jamie Kent, Livingstone
Athletics Director of the Year - Peggy Davis, Virginia State

COACHES

Baseball - Kevin Ritsche - Winston-Salem State
Bowling - Kenneth Scott, Bowie State
Football - Latrell Scott, Virginia State
Golf - Andre Springs, Livingstone
Men's Basketball - Darrell Brooks, Bowie State
Women's Basketball - Jessica Kern, Lincoln
Men's Cross Country - Wilbert Johnson, Virginia Union
Women's Cross Country - Damion Drummond, Lincoln
Men's Indoor Track & Field - George Williams, Saint Augustine's

Tampa Bay Bucs to honor Doug Williams

Former **Grambling State** quarterback and head coach **Doug Williams** will be placed in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor.

Williams, 59, currently works as a personnel executive with Washington. As a player, he led Washington to a 42-10 victory over Denver in Super Bowl XXII, becoming the first African-American starting quarterback to win an NFL title, and was named the game's most valuable player.



Williams

Williams was drafted by Tampa Bay with the 17th overall pick in the 1978 NFL Draft and took over a Bucs team that was 2-26 before his arrival and led it to the playoffs three times, including an appearance in the NFC Championship Game against the Los Angeles Rams in 1979. He completed 895 of 1,890 passes (47.4 percent) for 12,648 yards, 73 touchdowns and 73 interceptions during his five seasons with Tampa Bay, but the statistics belied his value to the franchise in terms of leadership.

Williams became the head football coach at Grambling in 1998, succeeding the legendary **Eddie Robinson**. He led the Tigers to three consecutive **Southwestern Athletic Conference** titles from 2000-2002, before leaving to rejoin Tampa Bay as a personnel executive.

Williams joins former Bucs' tight end **Jimmie Giles** out of **Alcorn State** in the Ring. His name will adorn Raymond James Stadium after a ceremony during a regular-season game in 2015.

WSSU AD to be NCAA Mentor

WINSTON-SALEM, NC -- **Winston-Salem State** Athletics Director, **Tonia Walker**, has been selected as a NCAA D2 AD mentor for 2015-16.

The program that provides a unique opportunity for young women and all minorities interested in a career as a Division II Director of Athletics. This experience partners each successful candidate with a current Division II Athletics Director at another institution for the purpose of enhancing career development. Mentors provide year-long guidance and role modeling that encourages a commitment to a long range career goal of serving as a Division II Director of Athletics.

The objectives of the program include, but are not limited to, assisting the mentees with successfully navigating a career in athletics administration, providing an enriched learning experience that may enhance career mobility, and helping mentees to set personal and professional goals.

Spring Sports Round-Up

Saint Augustine's sprints to third consecutive NCAA Div. II Outdoor Track & Field title

ALLENDALE, Mich. -- **Saint Augustine's University** displayed its superior depth in winning a third consecutive men's national crown at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships on the Grand Valley State University campus Saturday, May 23, 2015.

The Falcons have claimed 36 men's and women's indoor and outdoor titles overall under legendary Head Coach **George Williams**, who now has the most NCAA track and field championships as a coach, regardless of division.

The Falcons clinched the victory in the men's 200-meter dash late in the meet. They trailed 50-47 to the University of Findlay heading into the event, but **Burkheart Ellis, Jr.** finished third in the 200 to give the Falcons a 53-50 lead with two events left. The lead held as the Falcons won their 13th NCAA Division II men's outdoor title. Ashland University placed third with 43 points.

The Lady Falcons tied for eighth among the women's teams with 26 points. Central Missouri won the women's outdoor title with 59 points followed by **Lincoln (Mo.) University** with 50 points and New Mexico Highlands University with 42 points.

SAU's men's squad entered Saturday with 10 points after **David Shaw, Jr.** won the triple jump Friday. This was the first time in Williams' illustrious 39-year coaching career that the Falcons competed without a men's 4x400-meter relay team in the finals. The Falcons had won 21 of 28 men's mile-relay races at the NCAA outdoor championships, and were the three-time defending champs in their signature event.

The Falcons also competed without a high jumper or a 400-meter hurdler in the finals, but they had more than enough sprinters to take home another championship trophy.

"It was a blessing," Williams said about the Falcons' latest championship. "The kids did their jobs well and came through for the team."

The Falcons stepped up in the other men's events to quickly move up the leaderboard. The 4x100-meter relay team held off Pittsburg State University to finish second and **Moussa Dembele** was seventh in the men's 110-meter hurdles early in the meet. The 4x100 squad consisted of **JaQuan Demiel**, Ellis, **Kevaughn Hewitt** and **Daniel Jamieson**.

The pivotal race was the men's 400-meter dash when the Falcons scored 19 points to take their first lead. **Omar Johnson**, ranked first in the 400 for the final five weeks of the regular season, won the national title in the event while **Khari Herbert, Jr.** (So./Coral Springs, FL) was third and Ellis placed sixth.



Johnson

Several other Falcons scored critical points late. Jamieson placed sixth in the men's 100-meter finals and **Immanuel Hutchinson** finished fourth in the men's 800-meter finals. Their points helped the Falcons keep pace with Findlay, who re-gained the lead briefly before Ellis pushed the champs ahead for good in the 200.

In the women's events, **Livingstone's Quanara Hayes** became only the second woman to win three consecutive outdoor national titles in the 400 meter dash. She is also the first female to capture national titles in both the 400 meter and 200 meter races at the nationals.

In addition to the national titles won by Shaw, Johnson and Hayes, SAU Lady Falcon **Tia-Adana Belle** won a national title in the 400 meter hurdles. She entered the meet as the top-ranked 400-meter hurdler for the last eight weeks and she did not disappoint, running a career-best 57.45 seconds to win an event she had dominated during the regular season. Belle also helped the Lady Falcons place second in the women's 4x400-meter relay and eighth in the women's 4x100-meter relay.

Other national champions from HBCUs included **Janae Johnson** of Lincoln in the 100 meter dash, **Ladonna Richards** of Lincoln in the 100 meter hurdles and Lincoln's 4x100 meter women's relay team. **Johnson C. Smith's** men's 4x100 meter relay team also took home a national crown.

Williams went into the meet tied with Texas A&M University Head Coach Pat Henry for the most NCAA track & field championships as a coach before surpassing him Saturday. Williams, also the St. Aug's athletics director, has the most NCAA track & field titles for a coach at one school, regardless of division, and the most NCAA Division II track & field championships as a coach.

Texas Southern and Florida A&M begin NCAA Div. I Baseball title quests

SWAC champion **Texas Southern** and MEAC champ **Florida A&M** both learned their opponent in the first round of the NCAA Baseball Tournament Monday.

TSU will head to College Station to face Super Regional host Texas A&M. FAMU, making its' first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, will travel to Gainesville to face Florida. Both games are scheduled for Friday, May 29 with the first pitch at 7:00 p.m. local time.

This will be TSU's first trip to the regionals since 2008 and the third visit in program history. The Tigers received an automatic bid after knocking off **Southern** to win the SWAC title.

FAMU secured an automatic bid by defeating **Bethune-Cookman** 8-2 in the Championship Game of the MEAC Tournament on May 16. The MEAC Championship was the first for FAMU since 1994 and seventh in program history.

HBCU NCAA DIV. II TRACK & FIELD ALL-AMERICANS

WOMEN

LONG JUMP
Shakinah Brooks - St. Augustine's
Amenze Uhumwangho - St. Augustine's
TRIPLE JUMP
Tajanel McNeill - Winston-Salem St.
Krishanda Campbell-Brown - Benedict
100M DASH
Janae Johnson - Lincoln (Mo.)*
Trisana Fairweather - Claflin
100M HURDLES
Ladonna Richards - Lincoln (Mo.)*
200M DASH
Quanera Hayes - Livingstone*
Yanique Ellington - Lincoln (Mo.)
Janae Johnson - Lincoln (Mo.)
Trisana Fairweather - Claflin
400M DASH
Quanera Hayes - Livingstone*
400M HURDLES
Tia-Adana Belle - St. Augustine's*
Tametris Morrison - Winston-Salem St.
Ladonna Richards - Lincoln (Mo.)
800M RUN
Jhevere Hall - Lincoln (Mo.)
4x100M RELAY
Lincoln (Mo.)* [Keja Christie, Yanique Ellington,

Kimberley Bailey, Janae Johnson]
Winston-Salem St. [Tajanel McNeill, Nya Michaux, Raven Covington, Ty-Leah Hampton]
St. Augustine's [Sherri-Ann Ashman, Tia-Adana Belle, Shakinah Brooks, Ornela Livingston]
4x400M RELAY
St. Augustine's [Sherri-Ann Ashman, Cherrisse Lynch, Fanta Fofana, Tia-Adana Belle]
Winston-Salem St. [RoDajjah Faucette, Raven Hamilton, Ty-Leah Hampton, Tametris Morrison]

MEN

LONG JUMP
Michane Rickets - Johnson C. Smith
TRIPLE JUMP
David Shaw - St. Augustine's*
100M DASH
Daniel Jameison - St. Augustine's
110M HURDLES
Moussa Dembele - St. Augustine's
200M DASH
Waynee Hyman - Johnson C. Smith
Burkheart Ellis Jr. - St. Augustine's
Miguel Barton - Lincoln (Mo.)
Dontavious Wright - Stillman
400M DASH
Omar Johnson - St. Augustine's*

Dontavious Wright - Stillman
Khari Herbert - St. Augustine's
Miguel Barton - Lincoln (Mo.)
Burkheart Ellis Jr. - St. Augustine's
Waynee Hyman - Johnson C. Smith
400M HURDLES
Winston Edwards - Lincoln (Mo.)
800M RUN
Immanuel Hutchinson - St. Augustine's
4x100M RELAY
Johnson C. Smith* [David Ellis, Rajiv Service, Waynee Hyman, Joshua Cunningham]
St. Augustine's [JaQuan Demiel, Burkheart Ellis Jr., Kevaughn Hewitt, Daniel Jameison]
Lincoln (Mo.) [Wesley Best, Miguel Barton, Roger Blake, Ramone Hill]
Stillman [Michael Newton, Solomon Atosona, De'Mon Anderson, Dontavious Wright]
4x400M RELAY
Stillman [Marcus Victorian, Michael Newton, James Bigham III, Dontavious Wright]
Virginia State [Te'Shad Chambers, Devon Thompson, Justin Williams, Clive Cameron]
Johnson C. Smith [Patrick Campbell, Joshua Cunningham, Rajiv Service, Waynee Hyman]

* National champion

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

2015 NCAA DIV. II TRACK & FIELD FINISHERS

MEN'S TEAM SCORES

Place	Team	Points
1	St. Augustine's	53.00
T 11	Johnson C. Smith	23.00
T 16	Stillman	17.00
T 19	Lincoln (Mo.)	15.00
T 48	Virginia State	2.00

WOMEN'S TEAM SCORES

Place	Team	Points
1	Central Missouri	59.00
2	Lincoln (Mo.)	50.00
T 8	St. Augustine's	26.00
11	Livingstone	20.00
T 12	Winston-Salem State	18.00
T 30	Claflin	9.00
41	Seton Hill	6.00
67	Benedict	1.00