GENERAL INFORMATION

Full name: Georgia State University
Location: Atlanta, GA
Founded: 1913
Enrollment: 30,000
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Blue and White
Arena: Georgia State Sports Arena
Capacity: 3,400
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
President: Dr. Mark Becker
Athletic Director: Cheryl L. Levick

BASKETBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach: Rod Barnes (Mississippi, 1988)
At Georgia State: 21-41 (3rd Year)
Overall: 162-150 (11th Year)
2008-09 Record: 12-20, 8-10 CAA/8th
Starters Returning Lost: 3/2
Lettermen Returning Lost: 9/2

BASKETBALL HISTORY

First Year of NCAA Basketball: 1963-64
All-Time Record: 438-801
NIT Appearances: 2002
Conference Titles: 3/2

COACHES & STAFF

Assistant Coaches: 55
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* CAA Game  

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HEAD COACH

ROD BARNES

2001 Naismith National Coach of the Year
2001 SEC Coach of the Year

Rod Barnes Has Coached:
1 SEC Scoring Champion
2 SEC Rookies of the Year
1 SEC Player of the Year
1 SEC Sixth Man of the Year
11 Conference Academic Honor Roll Students
13 All-Conference Players
Barnes coached Ole Miss to 27 wins, the NCAA SWEET 16, and a No. 9 NATIONAL RANKING in 2001.

He led Ole Miss to 3 NCAA TOURNAMENTS, 4 postseason berths and 3 20-win seasons.

Rod Barnes is the only person in Southeastern Conference history to earn All-SEC honors as a player and then be named SEC Coach of the Year.
PANTHER TRADITION

TAAC Champions
2001 NCAA Tournament
PANTHER TRADITION

GEORGIA STATE’S CONFERENCE TITLES

1990-91  TAAC Tournament
1999-00  TAAC Regular Season (Co-Champions)
2000-01  TAAC Regular Season
2000-01  TAAC Tournament
2001-02  A-Sun Regular Season

Hello Cinderella

Hampton, Georgia State win shockers

NCAA Tournament win over Wisconsin
School-Record 29 Wins in 2001

Back-to-Back Postseason Berths with 2001 NCAA Tournament and 2002 NIT

Won or Shared First-Place in Conference Three Straight Years (2000-01-02)

Three 20-Win Seasons Since 2001

25-Game Homecourt Winning Streak (2000-02)
786 WINS

Lefty’s Legacy

The head coach at Georgia State from 1997-2003, Charles “Lefty” Driesell is one of the winningest coaches in college basketball history.

- Ranks ninth all-time in NCAA Division I wins
- The first coach in NCAA history to win 100 games at four different schools
- Inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007
- Record of 786-394 from 1960-2003
- Led four schools (Davidson, Maryland, James Madison & Georgia State) to the NCAA Tournament
- Recorded 22 20-win seasons
- Won 21 conference titles
- Earned 21 postseason bids

THE LEFTY LEDGER

- Davidson, 1960-69
  - Record: 176-65 (9 yrs.)
- Maryland, 1969-86
  - Record: 348-159 (17 yrs.)
- James Madison, 1989-97
  - Record: 159-111 (8 yrs.)
- GEORGIA STATE, 1997-2003
  - Record: 103-59 (6 yrs.)

MOST NCAA DIVISION I WINS

- 902 Bob Knight
- 879 Dean Smith
- 876 Adolph Rupp
- 833 Mike Krzyzewski
- 830 Jim Phelan
- 805 Jim Calhoun
- 804 Eddie Sutton
- 799 Jim Boeheim
- 786 LEFTY DRIESELL
Rashad Chase was named CAA All-Rookie in 2006.

Joe Dukes earned All-CAA honors in 2009.

GEORGIA STATE’S RETIRED JERSEYS

THOMAS TERRELL (above) and SHERNARD LONG won back-to-back conference MVP awards.

JIM ADAMS, Academic All-America, 1966

THOMAS TERRELL 2002

SHERNARD LONG 2001

NATE WILLIAMS was one of three straight Panthers to win the conference scoring title from 2001-03. The two-time All-Atlantic Sun selection is enjoying a pro career overseas.

ALL-AMERICA
PANTHERS
IN THE PROS

BRAD STRICKER
played with the
Denver Nuggets
in the 2007-08
preseason.

NATE WILLIAMS (2001-04)
spent time with the New Orleans
Hornets and Charlotte Bobcats.
He now plays in Europe.

IN THE NBA

GEORGE PENDELETON (1975-77)
Drafted by Indiana Pacers, 1977 (4th)

JOE BROWN (1981-83)
Drafted by Cleveland Cavaliers, 1983 (9th)

LANARD COPELAND (1985-89)
Philadelphia 76ers, 1989-90
Los Angeles Clippers, 1991-92

NATE WILLIAMS (2001-04)
New Orleans Hornets, 2005-06 (preseason)
Charlotte Bobcats, 2006 (summer league)

LAMONT MCINTOSH (2000-04)
Atlanta Hawks, 2005 (summer league)

BRAD STRICKER (1998-99)
Denver Nuggets, 2007-08 (preseason)
San Antonio Spurs, 2008-09 (summer league)
LAMONT McINTOSH
Germany - Artland Dragons

HERMAN FAVORS
France - Antibes

THOMAS TERRELL
is a top player in Spain

LANARD COPELAND
The former Panther has enjoyed a 17-year professional career in the Australian National Basketball League. He is the fourth-leading scorer in league history and a three-time all-star.

REO LOGAN
East Kentucky Miners (CBA)

2008 Senior JUSTIN BILLINGSLEA signed with a team in Syria.

MARCUS BROWN
played in Venezuela in 2009.
GEORGIA STATE SPORTS ARENA

Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, the Georgia State Sports Arena offers a first-class facility for Panther student-athletes and fans.

The Panthers have hosted many top opponents at the Sports Arena, including Georgia Tech and Florida State the last two years.

The home of Georgia State basketball since 1973, the Sports Arena was also the site of the ESPN Slam Dunk Contest and Three-Point Shootout, in conjunction with the NCAA Final Four in both 2002 and 2007. The facility also served as the venue for the badminton competition at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.
GEORGIA STATE LOCKER ROOM

Panthers Enjoy FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES
COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The conference made its presence known nationally with A LEAGUE-RECORD FIVE TEAMS ADVANCING TO POSTSEASON PLAY IN 2008-09

The Colonial Athletic Association celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2009-10 with memories of a proud and storied past and visions of an exciting future.

Regarded as one of the nation’s top collegiate conferences, the CAA encompasses five of the nation’s nine largest metropolitan areas with a geographic footprint that stretches from Boston to Atlanta. The conference has produced 16 national team champions in five different sports, 33 individual national champions, 12 national players of the year, 12 national coaches of the year and 12 Honda Award winners.

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary, the CAA takes great pride in producing student-athletes who stand out on the playing field and in the classroom.

Stretching along the East Coast, the CAA footprint includes six of the nation’s top media markets – New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Baltimore.
At least three CAA teams have advanced to post-season play each of the past six years.

The CAA placed two teams in the NCAA Tournament in both 2006 & 2007.

The CAA Championship is played before sellout crowds and a national TV audience on ESPN.

More than 100 CAA games were televised each of the last three seasons.

Georgia State’s All-CAA players:
Joe Dukes, 2009
Leonard Mendez, 2008
Located in the Southeast’s governmental, financial, retail, health and legal center in downtown Atlanta, **Georgia State University is a place** where teaching, research and service are woven together to create a meaningful learning experience.

Georgia State University offers educational opportunities at both the graduate and undergraduate levels by blending the best of theoretical and applied inquiry, scholarly and professional pursuits and scientific and artistic expression.

An urban research university nestled in the heart of downtown Atlanta, Georgia State’s location allows students to learn not only in the classroom, but also in the surrounding city, where high-profile companies can provide hands-on experience.

Founded in 1913, Georgia State has earned the highest Carnegie classification for research institutions.

Georgia State offers 52 bachelor’s, master’s, specialist’s and doctoral degree programs in 250 fields of study, offered through six college-level units: the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Law, the College of Education, and the College of Health and Human Services.
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
is one of the nation’s leading urban research universities, educating Georgia’s most diverse student population. With an enrollment over 30,000 students, it is the second largest institution in the University System of Georgia. Students arrive from every county in Georgia, every state in the nation and nearly 150 countries.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

The undergraduate program at Georgia State University’s J. Mack Robinson College of Business is ranked among the nation’s Top 50 business schools, according to the U.S. News & World Report guide to “America’s Best Colleges.”
Mark P. Becker, the seventh president of Georgia State University, began his tenure on Jan. 1, 2009.

A biostatistician, public health researcher and academic leader, Becker, 50, had served as executive vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of South Carolina before assuming Georgia State’s presidency.

Prior to that appointment, Becker spent three years at the University of Minnesota as a biostatistics professor, dean of the School of Public Health and assistant vice president of Public Health, Preparedness and Emergency Response.

From 1989 to 2000, Becker was a professor and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Michigan’s School of Public Health. He also has held academic posts at the University of Washington, the University of Florida and Cornell University.

Becker earned his bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Towson State University and his doctorate in statistics from the Pennsylvania State University.

As provost at University of South Carolina, Becker was responsible for formulating and implementing academic policy, coordinating the university’s teaching, research and public service programs and allocating resources in all academic areas, among other roles.

Internationally recognized as a researcher in biostatistics and public health sciences, Becker has published more than 40 articles and has been principal investigator on research grants from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation and co-investigator on numerous research grants from the Centers for Disease Control, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and other granting agencies.

During his career, Becker has been involved in several professional associations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the International Biometric Society and the American Statistical Association, where he is a fellow.

Becker, who is married to Laura Voisinet and has two children, Matthew, 22, and Julia, 18, enjoys outdoor activities like hiking and white-water rafting and “experiencing and learning about new cultures.”

He said he will bring to the Georgia State presidency “energy, a passion for and a commitment to public higher education as well as significant academic leadership experience in both established and up and coming public research universities.”
CHERYL L. LEVICK  
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Cheryl L. Levick brings a resume of experience and success from prestigious athletics programs across the nation to her position as Director of Athletics at Georgia State University. She is charged with leading Panther athletics in an era of unprecedented exposure and opportunity with the launch of Georgia State football and the continued growth of the overall program.

Levick came to Georgia State from the University of Maryland, where she served as chief of staff/executive senior athletic director, overseeing daily management of 27 sports programs, a 180-member staff and an annual budget of $51 million.

Her impressive career is highlighted by a total of seven years as director of athletics at Santa Clara University and Saint Louis University and features a senior administrator at Santa Clara. Prior to Santa Clara, Levick spent 12 years at Stanford as senior associate athletic director and as the primary administrator for 33 varsity sports programs that for more than a decade have been considered the best in the country. She also oversaw student services, NCAA compliance and eligibility, sports medicine and strength programs, postseason championships and personnel.

During Levick’s tenure, Stanford won 44 national championships and six straight Sears Cup titles. She oversaw the addition of three women’s sports, increasing participation from 600 to 800 student-athletes.

She was the WCC representative to the NCAA Management Council and completed a term as chair of the NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics. Levick served on the board of directors for the San Jose Sports Authority, the organizing committee for the Bay Area’s bid for the 2012 Olympics, and the Pacific-10 Conference Council. She was the 2005 NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four executive committee and partnered with the St. Louis Sports Commission to serve as host for the 2006 NCAA Men’s Soccer College Cup. She was honored with the 2006 Carl O. Bauer Award from the Missouri Athletic Club and the adjacent practice and office complex.

In addition, she served on the 2005 NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four executive committee and partnered with the St. Louis Sports Commission to serve as host for the 2006 NCAA Men’s Soccer College Cup. She was honored with the 2006 Carl O. Bauer Award from the Missouri Athletic Club as the top amateur sports figure in the St. Louis area.

Before joining Saint Louis in June 2004, Levick spent four years as the director of athletics and recreation at Santa Clara University, a 17-sport program in the West Coast Conference. She also was a senior administrator at Santa Clara.

Levick reorganized the department’s administrative staff and oversaw a major renovation of the Broncos’ basketball arena while securing approval for a $42.75 million commitment within the University’s capital campaign. Santa Clara added athletic scholarships, sold out and managed the 2002 NCAA Men’s Basketball West Regional, won the school’s first NCAA title in a women’s sport with the 2001 soccer championship and completed an NCAA certification.

Prior to Santa Clara, Levick spent 12 years at Stanford as senior associate athletic director and senior woman administrator. As the department’s chief operating officer, she supervised internal operations and served as the primary administrator for 33 varsity sports programs that for more than a decade have been considered the best in the country. She also oversaw student services, NCAA compliance and eligibility, sports medicine and strength programs, postseason championships and personnel.

During Levick’s tenure, Stanford was recognized in both 1998 and 1999 as one of the nation’s Top 25 Female Sports Executives by Street & Smith’s Sports Business Journal. Levick is also a past president of the NCAA Division I-AAA Athletic Directors Association.

Before going to Maryland in August 2007, she served three years as athletics director at Saint Louis (2004-07), where she led the transition from Conference USA into the Atlantic 10 Conference for the 18-sport program. Not only did she lead fund-raising efforts for the school’s new $80 million on-campus arena, but she was responsible for the design and layout of the 10,600-seat Chaifetz Arena and the adjacent practice and office complex.

In 2001, Levick was honored with a Bay Area Women Achievement Award. She is an active speaker on issues of sport and leadership, professional development and gender equity, and she has served as an executive mentor in the NCAA Fellowship Leadership Development Program.

Prior to her time at Stanford, Levick was an assistant commissioner of the Pac-10 Conference, an assistant director of communications and women’s programs at the NCAA, the women’s gymnastics coach and associate athletic director at Slippery Rock University, and assistant gymnastics coach and synchronized swim coach at Indiana University. She began her career at Pattonville Senior High School in St. Louis, Mo., where she coached gymnastics and assisted in coaching women’s track.

Levick is a 1974 graduate of the University of Missouri, and she holds a masters degree in athletic administration from Indiana University. She has two daughters: Heather (photo, left), who is married to Michael Klass, and Melissa (photo, right).
GEORGIA STATE LEADERSHIP

ATHLETICS SENIOR STAFF

JAMES GREENWELL
Executive Senior Associate Director of Athletics

KOSHA IRBY
Senior Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs

TODD REESER
Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Development

DR. ANDREW SUMNER
Faculty Athletics Representative

GAIL BARKSDALE
Associate AD/Senior Woman Administrator

MARVIN LEWIS
Associate AD - Finance & Administration

ALLISON GEORGE
Associate AD - Communications

DENA FREEMAN-PATTON
Assistant AD - Student-Athlete Development

BOB MURPHY
Assistant AD - Sports Medicine

KEVIN OLIVETT
Assistant AD - Marketing

JOHN PORTLAND
Assistant AD - Facilities, Operations & Events

AWILDA RAGLAND
Assistant AD - Business

ROBERT SLAVIS
Assistant AD - Compliance

CHARLIE TAYLOR
Assistant AD - Communications
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**THE J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS** prepares students to lead by pursuing ethical, innovative and value-enhancing strategies in a culturally diverse and technologically advanced world. The under-graduate program has been ranked among the nation’s top 50 business school programs for seven straight years, according to U.S. News & World Report. Three of the college’s departments—risk management and insurance, computer information systems, and real estate—also rank among the top 10 in their categories, while the college’s flex MBA program has been ranked in the top 10 in the nation the past 13 years.

**THE ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES** educates students to analyze, evaluate and design policies addressing economic and social development issues at the local, regional, national and global levels. U.S. News & World Report rankings consistently place the school’s public finance and urban management programs among the top 10 in the nation.

**THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES** is the largest college at the University, offering undergraduate and graduate majors in fine arts, humanities, natural and computational science and social and behavioral sciences.

**THE COLLEGE OF LAW** promotes legal scholarship and service that enriches the legal profession and the community. The college is consistently ranked among the top 10 best law schools for the money.

**THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION** offers comprehensive programs in all areas of teacher education, counseling, and education fields related to sports. Six education alumni have been named Georgia Teacher of the Year.

**THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES** offers programs in nursing, physical therapy, nutrition, cardiopulmonary care, social work and criminal justice that are designed to improve health and well-being and address social justice issues in a multi-cultural society.
THE CITY OF ATLANTA
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA is home to nearly 5 million people and more than 137,000 businesses. Atlanta is the nation’s fastest growing city, attracting hundreds of companies annually.

The headquarters of 27 Fortune 1000 companies are located in Atlanta, including the Coca Cola Company, Delta Air Lines, United Parcel Service, The Home Depot, Georgia Pacific, SunTrust Banks and Newell Rubbermaid, to name a few.

“ATLANTA is an unbelievable city. There’s opportunity here, diversity here, culture here, sports here. And for what you need to prepare yourself professionally, you can get all that with a Georgia State degree.”

- HEAD COACH ROD BARNES
Atlanta has hosted 20 NCAA Basketball Tournaments, including the Men’s Final Four in 1977, 2002 and 2007.

The NCAA Men’s Final Four will return to Atlanta in 2013.
The Atlanta Hawks, Falcons, Braves & Thrashers all play just minutes from the Georgia State campus.

Atlanta has hosted many major sporting events, including the Super Bowl, the NBA All-Star Game, and the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

The Panthers have played games in the Georgia Dome and at Philips Arena.

The Slam Dunk & Three-Point Championships were held at the Georgia State Sports Arena in 2002 & 2007, in conjunction with the NCAA Final Four.
Located in the heart of one of America’s great cities

THE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

has a profound influence on the changing landscape of downtown Atlanta. While the building blocks of the university will always be high-achieving students, world-class faculty and ground-breaking research, Georgia State boasts an ever-expanding and improving campus to accommodate that foundation.
In the last decade, the Rialto Theater restoration, Student Center, Student Recreation Center, University Lofts, University Commons and Helen M. Aderhold classroom building have transformed the downtown cityscape at Atlanta’s core.

Many more new buildings are on the horizon, including a science park, classroom buildings and additional on-campus housing.
On-campus housing at Georgia State University continues to grow with the addition this fall of the new freshman residence hall, which includes a dining facility.

The University Commons, opened in 2007, is a 4.2-acre complex of four buildings surrounding a landscaped courtyard. All units come with fully-equipped kitchens, furnished bedrooms and spacious living areas.

The University Lofts, opened in 2002, contain fully-furnished, loft-style apartments that blend urban style with modern features.

Residence halls include study and community lounge space and laundry facilities. Rooms are wired for Internet and cable television.
Georgiam State’s new freshman residence hall opened this fall and includes a dining facility.
Under head coach Rod Barnes, the Panthers’ academic performance has reached new heights.

Georgia State University is committed to providing educational, personal and community development that will enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience.

The Georgia State student-athlete development program, led by Assistant Director of Athletics Dena Freeman-Patton, monitors academic progress, arranges tutoring in a wide range of courses and offers advisement. The Academic Learning Lab, located right in the Sports Arena, provides access to computers and other resources as well as a convenient place to study.

Georgia State’s commitment to academic support and student-athlete development is paying dividends as the Panthers have enjoyed unprecedented success in the classroom. State’s student-athlete population posted a combined cumulative grade point average of better than 3.0 for the 2008-09 academic year, a school record.

Freeman-Patton works directly with the men’s basketball program, which has achieved record-setting academic performance with a grade point average of better than 2.8 for the 2008-09 year. Eight Panthers posted a 3.0 or better last fall.

Since the arrival of head coach Rod Barnes, all seniors who have completed their eligibility have graduated, and all six members of the current senior class are scheduled to earn their degrees in the coming year.

CAA COMMISSIONER’S AWARD RECIPIENTS
(top to bottom):
Ousman Krubally (2009)
Kevin Lott (2009)
Conveniently located in the Sports Arena, the ATHLETIC LEARNING LAB provides student-athletes access to computers, tutors and advisement as well as a place for individual and group study.

The Panthers have a 100 percent graduation rate for Rod Barnes’ first two years.
STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT IS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The Panthers’ strength and conditioning efforts are directed by Ken Coggins, who joined the program in 2008.

A 20-year veteran strength and conditioning coach, Coggins has trained high-profile athletes, including NBA standout Derek Fisher, with whom Coggins worked at Arkansas-Little Rock.
Georgia State Athletics will open a new and expanded strength and conditioning facility this winter.
BILL CURRY
1989 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year

ROD BARNES
2001 Naismith National Coach of the Year

NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR WINNERS

GEORGIA STATE ATHLETICS
ALL-AROUND SUCCESS

Since 2006, 12 Panthers have been named CAA Player of the Year, and 12 have been recognized as the CAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Georgia State golfer Tom Sherreard finished 19th at the 2008 British Open.

Georgia State won three CAA team championships in 2008-09 in baseball, women’s tennis and women’s golf, as well as eight individual conference titles.
Under the leadership of Director of Athletics Cheryl L. Levick, Georgia State student-athletes will do more than 3,000 hours of community service during the 2009-10 school year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Georgia State Panthers are committed to making a difference in the community.

The Panthers volunteered for the annual Heart Walk and then hosted an American Heart Association game, wearing red shoelaces and headbands to build awareness and support.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

National Day of Play

After School All-Stars

Big Brothers-Big Sisters Picnic

CAA Blood Challenge

MS Society Bike Ride
MEDIA EXPOSURE

Georgia State University is located in one of the nation’s top media markets.

The Panthers played on television 10 times last season.

Head coach ROD BARNES on the red carpet with GSU alum LUDACRIS before a movie screening at Georgia State’s Rialto Theater.

Coach Barnes is interviewed by Fox 5’s Buck Lanford, a Georgia State alumnus.