

## Jeff Altier

*Stetson University  
At Large*



Jeff Altier, a 28-year veteran of the Stetson University athletic department, is in his 16th year as Director of Athletics. During his tenure, Altier has earned a reputation as an outstanding fundraiser and a leader with an eye on the future, and is noted for his active participation in the NCAA governance structure.

Altier, captain of the nationally-ranked 1982 Hatter baseball team, earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Stetson. Upon wrapping up his Stetson baseball career, he spent two years as a player/coach developing the sport in Perth, Australia. He then returned to Stetson as an assistant coach before being promoted to Ticket Manager, Director of Athletic Promotions, and then Associate Athletic Director. In these rolls, he spearheaded the department's development efforts as well as oversaw athletic marketing and promotions, concessions and travel coordination. He was named Director of Athletics in 1996.

Altier also served as Tournament Manager for the NCAA Division I Southeast First and Second Round Men's basketball tournament hosted by Stetson in 1993 and 1996 at the Orlando Arena, and as Tournament Director for the 1999, 2004 and upcoming 2014 tournament.

Stetson has taken great strides in the area of gender equity under Altier, increasing scholarships, participation opportunities and staffing for women's athletics. The unprecedented success of the women's tennis, golf, soccer, basketball and softball teams in conference competition during Altier's tenure are evidence of his commitment to women's athletics. In fact, under his direction Stetson's women's and men's teams have won an impressive 16 conference championships.

Hallmarks of Altier's professional career include the building of Stetson's \$4.5 million baseball facility, Melching Field at Conrad Park. Built in conjunction with the City of DeLand, Melching Field is regarded as one of the nation's premiere college baseball facilities. Altier then turned his attention to construction of an on-campus softball facility, which broke ground in 2002 and was ready for competition in February of 2003. The Patricia Wilson Field has been named Collegiate Softball Field of the Year four times. He was also instrumental in securing new state-of-the-art field lighting for both the softball and soccer fields in 2005. Under his guidance, the Athletic Department has seen the addition of the Wilson Athletic Center, a \$ 1.5 million health and wellness facility for the use of Stetson student-athletes, the Athletic Training Center, a \$6 million addition which includes four fields, four locker rooms, offices, training room and a weight room for all athletes.

Stetson athletics has continued to grow under Altier's guidance. Three new sports have been added with sand volleyball in 2012, women's lacrosse in the spring of 2013 and football in the fall of 2013.



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Altier's leadership has extended beyond campus, as he has taken on Atlantic Sun Conference leadership roles, chairing many committees and serving as conference vice-president. Additionally, he has served on the National Association of College Directors of Athletics Division IAAA board of directors, the NCAA A.E.C. Cabinet and the prestigious NCAA Leadership Council. Locally he has served as president of the DeLand Rotary Club, vice-president of the DeLand Sports Redevelopment Association, and is a graduate of Leadership DeLand and Leadership Orlando. He is currently a member of the board of directors of the Central Florida Sports Commission. Altier was honored as the West Volusia Sports person of the Year for 2004. In 2011 Altier was recognized by his peers in the National Association of Collegiate Director of Athletics as the Under Armour Southeast Region Division I Athletic Director of the Year.

Altier's family includes wife, Sarah (Booker) (Stetson B.A. '82, M.Ed. '96, ED.D. Florida), and children Heath (Stetson M.B.A. '09), Brianne (B.A., M.A. Tulane), and Garrett. Three new sports have been added with sand volleyball in 2012, women's lacrosse in the spring of 2013 and football in the fall of 2013.

