OFFICIAL PROGRAM

2019 Excellence Fund Auction for Athletics

GET DOWN & DERBY!

Saturday, April 27
Millennium Center Ballroom
On behalf of our staff and student-athletes, I’d like to personally welcome each of you to the 2019 Excellence Fund auction.

Your attendance and generosity help to provide opportunities for our student-athletes to succeed both in the classroom and on the field of play as they represent this university and our region. You are the winning edge that is needed in our mission to field championship programs in the Southern Conference and compete on a national level.

When bidding tonight, remember that your gifts directly impact the lives and experiences of our student-athletes and give them the opportunity to pursue their dreams.

We hope that you have a wonderful time while supporting this great cause. There’s no doubt that this year’s auction will be the biggest and best in the history of this wonderful event. I can assure you that we continue to aggressively follow our mantra of “Excellence Every Day.”

HOW ‘BOUT THEM BUCS!!!

Scott Carter
Director of Athletics

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TONIGHT’S MENU

**Carving Station**
Roast Pork Loin
with Chipotle Mayonnaise,
whole Grain Mustard,
and Sliced Dinner Rolls

**Seafood Station**
Chef Select Smoked Fish Cocktail Shrimp Shooters

**Wing Bar**
Traditional Wings or Spicy Sticky Fried Chicken with Honey Bourbon Glaze or Buffalo Sauce...plus Carrots, Celery, Ranch Dip, and Bleu Cheese

**Cold Station**
Vegetable Crudité w Ranch Cubed Fresh Fruit Gourmet Cheese Display Grapes & Crackers Deviled Eggs w Dijon Truffle

**Grits Station**
Shrimp & Grits Cheese Grits Seasoned Shrimp Rosemary Chicken Diced Tomatoes Green Peas Sautééd Mushrooms

**Hot Hors d’oeuvres Station**
Assorted Finger Sandwiches Vegetarian Spanakopita Chimichurri Steak Skewer Hot Brown Dip w Crostini

**Dessert Station**
Bourbon Balls Mini Derby Pies Mini Derby Cupcakes
CALL TO THE POST!
Get your giving going early with this year’s ice breaker activity, the **Buccaneer Derby**!

Upon entering the auction, patrons may place a “bet” of $10.00 on one or more of eight horses named for ETSU Athletics facilities: Galloping Greene, Freedom Rider, Thomas Terrific, Basler Blur, Brooks’ Bandit, Summers Strider, Mullins’ Match Point, and Walker’s Warrior.

Those horses will compete in heat races, where all bettors on the winning horse advance. Participants eliminated in the first round have an option to buy back in for $20.00. Participants may then select another horse in subsequent races until eight or fewer fans remain. Those fans will select a horse in the final race for the chance at a cash prize.

“Win, Place, Show” payouts for the final race will be given to the participants finishing 1st ($150), 2nd ($75), and 3rd ($50).

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**EVENT SCHEDULE**

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (FALL 2018)

3.186 Overall Student-Athlete GPA
243 Student-Athletes on Buccaneer Honor Roll (3.0+ GPA)
127 Student-Athletes earned Dean’s List (3.5+ GPA)
24 Student-Athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA
15 ETSU athletic programs earned team GPAs of 3.0 or higher

ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Baseball: 2019 Best Start in Program History (22-6)
Men’s Basketball: Top 75 NET Ranking, Postseason Berth
Football: SoCon Champions + NCAA Playoffs
Women’s Golf: 2019 SoCon Runner-Up
Men’s Soccer: 2018 SoCon Runner-Up
Men’s Tennis: 2019 SoCon Champions + NCAA Tourney
Women’s Tennis: 2019 SoCon Runner-Up
Track & Field: Five Individual Conference Champions
Triathlon: National Third Place
Volleyball: 2018 SoCon Champions + NCAA Tourney
All auction items need to be removed from the premises at the end of the event. Once an item is paid for and is in your possession, ETSU Athletics is no longer responsible if it is lost, stolen, or broken. All auction items are sold on an “as-is” basis. Any description of auction items is for the sole purpose of identification. The ETSU Athletics Department disclaims any expressed or implied warranties with respect to the auction items. Bidders are encouraged to preview the auction items before bidding. Values are listed as estimates. Items, including gift certificates, may not be redeemed for cash nor may the expiration dates be extended. Note that that goods, services, and travel packages may have various dates specified by the donor and are subject to availability. No extensions, exchanges, or refunds will be made. In compliance with IRS regulations, please note that the amount of the auction purchase price that is deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the amount of money paid above the fair market value of the auction item. We suggest that you contact your tax professional to determine the tax deductions (if any) for your specific purchases.

1. When you are ready to leave for the evening, please reconcile your silent auction account at the checkout table located near the entrance. Excellence Fund staffers will bring any items you have won out to you after payment has been completed.
2. To avoid lines, an Excellence Fund staff member will attend to any patrons winning a live auction item at their table immediately following the close of bidding for that particular item.
3. Payment for auction items will be accepted in cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.
#1: The “Crushed Orange” Experience
Enjoy a reception for up to 50 in Gordon Ball Court on campus, then shuttle via private coach to the Women’s Basketball game vs. Tennessee in Freedom Hall on Tuesday, November 5th.

#2: Up Close & Personal at Vanderbilt
Enjoy the Bucs’ game at Vanderbilt Stadium on November 23rd from the sidelines as you enjoy an immersive experience with the team including hotel stay, pregame meal, and sideline passes for two.
#3: CHARTER COACH FOR ETSU AT APPY STATE FOOTBALL
Avoid the parking hassle and travel to the game in style with chartered coach transportation from Premier Coach for up to 16 from Johnson City to Boone for the Bucs’ game against the Mountaineers on August 31. Includes snacks and adult beverages for the trip.

#4: DINNER FOR TWELVE ON THE 50-YARD LINE
Enjoy a private dining experience for twelve on the 50-yard line of Greene Stadium. Dinner is a four-course French meal prepared by Chef Jean-Claude Suruga.

#5: WINE CELLAR RENDEZVOUS
A luxurious and romantic private dinner for up to eight people inside the wine cellar at The Carnegie Hotel and Wellington’s. Includes four complimentary rooms at the Carnegie for an overnight stay after your meal.
#6: ULTIMATE BIRTHDAY PARTY AT GREENE STADIUM
Host the best birthday party EVER at Greene Stadium! Includes inflatables, a visit from Bucky himself, and pizza for up to 30 people!

#7: CATERED PARTY FOR 100!
Johnson City’s renowned Firehouse Restaurant will provide BBQ and sides for 100 people in an athletic department facility of your choosing. This is a perfect item for your next special event.
#8: HARDWOOD FLOORING
This item is 600 square feet of hardwood flooring from Mullican Flooring...along with FREE installation!

#9: WEEK AT CRANTZDORF LODGE
Spend 6 days and 7 nights in the beautiful Crantzdorf Lodge, named by VRBO as the ‘most luxurious lodge in all of Gatlinburg’. Features three decks, theatre room, game room with wet bar, three Jacuzzis, a hot tub, two outdoor fireplaces, and separate kid cabin with games. Cabin sleeps up to 50! Excludes Holidays. RESERVE: $3,000

#10: WEEK AT HILTON HEAD
Soak up the sun and sea breeze with a week’s stay (July 6-13) at Spinnaker Resort on beautiful Hilton Head Island. Includes tennis, swimming, and one round of golf per day. RESERVE: $1,500
We would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who have graciously donated the items included in the silent auction and the live auction items listed in this booklet. Without their generosity, this event would not be possible.

Thanks to our auction committee for its time and effort in organizing and producing tonight’s festivities:

Ashley Grindstaff
Christine Kwasigroch
Kathy Linebarger
Linda Bowman O’Dell
JoAnne Paty

Scott Carter
Lucas Christiansen
Calvin Claggett
Brandon Hudson
Taran Linder
Matt McGahey

Special thanks to our auctioneer, Mike Bauguess
DJ Services by Larry Brooks and Sound Revue
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For giving opportunities, contact the ETSU Athletics Development Office at 423-439-4738

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