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It's a Whole New Ball Game Augusta University Ballpark Complex

Augusta University Ballpark Complex Forest Hills Campus

At Augusta University, we are committed to the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, scholarship and citizenship. Athletics serves the university's mission of enhancing the quality of the student experience by developing school spirit, creating a sense of community, and supporting academic excellence and professional growth. Athletic programs contribute to the outreach mission of the university through entertainment and enrichment of both the university community and the Central Savannah River Area.

"We are excited about the possibilities that a new baseball/ softball complex could provide to Augusta University and to the Augusta community. Not only would it give our studentathletes a facility to be proud of, it would give our student body a much needed additional venue for campus events such as movies, festivals, outdoor plays, concerts and so much more. The possibilities are truly endless. In addition to benefits to the students, the new athletic facilities would allow us to host community, state, and regional competitions thus exposing potential students to our campus and community. As more and more students are exposed to AU through varying events and excellent venues, the more growth in enrollment we could see. I have no doubt that the new baseball and softball complex would greatly enhance and serve our community in so many creative ways."

> **Melissa Brocato** Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Affairs Head Softball Coach, 22 Years



"It's been said that athletics are the front porch of the university. It's a way for us to draw together our students, alumni and the community. Athletics brings energy and excitement to Augusta University – driven by our dedicated coaches and our committed student-athletes. We have certainly had some outstanding seasons on the court, the course and the field! A new ballpark complex will not only enhance AU's front porch, but it will also bring visitors from all over to celebrate part of what makes AU exceptional. It will build on a storied legacy, while attracting a new generation of student athletes and coaches, a new generation to the Jaguar Nation. Go Jags!"

Dr. Brooks Keel President, Augusta University



"From a University perspective, it would give the university the opportunity to do some other things – from having concerts to all kinds of different events that the students themselves might benefit from. It will be an additional place to gather alumni, friends and people from the community. And it would allow us to be able to host NCAA, Division II regional tournaments, high school baseball regional or district tournaments, and other events, therefore, serving as outreach for the university and its ability to bring in potential students. The opportunities I think, are endless."

Clint Bryant, Director of Athletics

We want to extend this mission by creating a new sports complex that will not only improve AU's baseball and softball fields but will also:

- Benefit entire AU Community and the CSRA
- Provide facilities on-par with Peach Belt Conference colleagues
- Increase Alumni Engagement
- Improve Team and Fan Experience



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Facility Priorities

- Restrooms and Concessions
- Seating and Press Boxes
- Outdoor Plaza for Multi-Purpose Use
- Dugouts with Restrooms
- Field Lighting

Phase I | Estimate \$1.2 Million

- Underground Utilities to Support Phase 1 + Future Phases
- Relocate Existing Transformer
- Grading for Plaza
- Public and Family Restrooms
- Concession Building
- Champions' Walk
- Entry Drive
- Entry Plaza

Phase II | Estimate \$4.2 Million

- Dugouts with Restrooms and Storage
- Field Lights
- Press Box per Venue
- Seating
 - 600 Seats Baseball
 - 250 Seats Softball
- Bullpens
- Batting Cages

Phase III | Estimate \$5 Million

- Seating Area Canopies
- Gate Access / Site Fencing
- Extend Field Dimensions for both Venues
- New Scoreboards

Future Phase

• Fieldhouse (Player locker rooms, training rooms, shared meeting rooms, laundry facilities)

Additional Uses

- Movies
- Concerts
- Community events and more











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"The new baseball/softball facility would change the direction of the entire program. The facility would bring in top tier players and provide resources to reach their ultimate potential. It is important to provide state of the art facilities for retention, student involvement/student life and community engagement.

The Peach Belt Conference is arguably the best D2 conference in the country. The upgrade and new additions for baseball would put Augusta University on a national stage."

> **Chris Howell,** Head Baseball Coach Fourth Year

On a Mission

We're on a mission to provide our student-athletes the best experience possible in the classroom, in competition, and in the community during their time at AU. As of fall semester 2019, AU Athletics achieved an overall GPA of 3.12. Our goal is not only to give our hard working student-athletes the resources to bring the success they achieve in the classroom to the field, but also to bring our baseball and softball facilities up to the standard of other Peach Belt Conference facilities so that we can host regional competitions and tournaments. Once complete, the new facility will help AU to recruit, retain and develop top athletes and coaches. In addition, the new facility will provide numerous opportunities for the community outside of baseball and softball.

Your philanthropic gifts in support of that mission provide resources necessary to keep AU Athletics competitive in today's ever-changing intercollegiate landscape while also shaping the future of AU and the CSRA. We invite you to partner with us so, together, we can support the student-athletes and coaches who will lead us forward, as well as enhance the quality of life for our entire community. "Augusta University has a proud baseball tradition and a bright future ahead. It is important that we make an investment in our facilities, and our student-athletes, to allow us to compete at the highest level and continue our mission of success."

> Samuel M. Barth Class of 2005 Former Baseball Team Captain, 2002-05



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