

Dan Radakovich



Named the 13th director of athletics in Clemson history on Dec. 1, 2012, Dan Radakovich has continuously led the Tiger athletic department to high achievements, both on the field and in the classroom, while developing significant upgrades in finance and facilities. Since his arrival, Radakovich has led Clemson athletics to a period of sustained success, considered among the greatest stretches in school history.

The highlight of the current 2018-19 academic year has been a second football national championship in three years, as Clemson beat Alabama, 44-16, in the 2019 National Championship game in Santa Clara, Calif. During the 2017-18 academic year, Clemson became the first school in history to reach

the College Football Playoff, advance to the Sweet 16 of the men's basketball NCAA Tournament and host a baseball regional.

The Clemson athletic department set a new school record for the highest score in the NCAA's graduation success rate at 92 percent while a school-record seven programs were recognized by the NCAA for outstanding APR.

Student-athlete development continues to be a driving force for the athletic department under Radakovich, and the Nieri Family Student-Athlete Enrichment Center in the newly-renovated WestZone is a state-of-the-art facility for student-athlete development in the classroom and community. The development, rebranding and expansion of football's P.A.W. Journey highlights a best-in-class approach to preparation for life after their Clemson football careers.

The athletic district has received a near-complete facelift in the past few years, and Littlejohn Coliseum recently opened to rave reviews following a \$63 million renovation. Allen N. Reeves Football Complex opened in 2017 and has set the standard for football facilities around the country.

Since 2013, the athletic department has received approvals for \$162 million in facility improvements and increased spending on direct student-athlete development programs, including nutrition, mental health and professional development, by \$2.4 million. His department has increased overall revenue

from \$69 million in fiscal year 2014 to a budgeted \$118 million in fiscal year 2019.

As a result of the litany of accomplishments, he was named 2017 SportsBusiness Journal Athletic Director-of-the-Year after being a finalist in 2015.

Prior to his arrival, he amassed a wealth of experience serving in significant athletic administrative roles at Miami (Fla.), Long Beach State, South Carolina and Louisiana State in addition to athletic directorships at American University and Georgia Tech. His administrative career spans 30 years.

College football entered a new era in 2014 with the College Football Playoff, and Radakovich was at the forefront. He was one of 13 people, including one of only five FBS directors of athletics, to be named to the committee.

In 2012, he was named by NCAA president Mark Emmert as one of 10 directors of athletics to a new advisory commission charged with making recommendations for the future of NCAA rules and policies.

Radakovich came to Clemson from Georgia Tech, where he served with distinction for six years (2006-12). Just Clemson's fifth director of athletics since 1940, he replaced Terry Don Phillips, who retired after over 10 years directing the program.

Prior to his tenure at Georgia Tech, Radakovich worked as a senior associate athletic director at Louisiana State from 2001-06. He had many responsibilities that dealt with the football program and worked closely with then head coach Nick Saban, including the year (2003) the Tigers won the national title.

Between 1994 and 2000, he served as chief financial officer at South Carolina. During that time, he worked with current Clemson football administrators Woody McCorvey and Brad Scott.

He gained experience on the West Coast from 1989-94, when he was a senior associate athletic director at Long Beach State. He got his start in administration at Miami in 1983 as the athletic business manager.

The Aliquippa, Pa., native was first made aware of Tiger athletics through the basketball exploits of Butch Zatezalo, who was from the same town. Zatezalo was a three-time All-ACC Tiger whose legendary 25-point scoring nights received a lot of attention in Pennsylvania in the 1960s when he was a youth. Radakovich is a 1980 graduate of Indiana (Pa.), where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He was also a football letterman and student coach with the Crimson Hawk program. He was enshrined into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 and was recognized as a distinguished alumnus from Indiana in

2009. Radakovich earned his master's degree in business administration from Miami in 1982.

Radakovich, born June 9, 1958, and his wife, Marcie, have two sons, Christian, a 2012 Georgia Tech graduate, and Grant, a 2015 Mercer graduate who was a tight end on Clemson's 2016 national championship football team.