

SCAD

ATHLETICS

SCAD ATHLETIC COMPLEX
LACROSSE AND SOCCER EXPANSION



Be a Part of SCAD's Championship Legacy

For more than 45 years, SCAD has prepared the superstars of the creative stage—the **changemakers and visionaries revolutionizing art, design, fashion, film**, and more. This legacy of success has extended into the art of competition, with many SCAD athletics teams establishing a championship pedigree throughout the university's history.

Today, SCAD is proud to announce the transformative next step for two of the university's most accomplished athletics teams. **A new, state-of-the-art SCAD Athletic Complex dedicated to the university's lacrosse and soccer teams** will help our artist-athletes to continue competing at the highest level, elevate our athletics programs, and contribute to the overall growth and success of our university.

The SCAD lacrosse and soccer teams are among the most decorated at SCAD, earning consistent top 20 rankings and challenging for conference and NAIA national titles. The SCAD women's soccer team followed up winning the program's first-ever The Sun Conference regular season and tournament titles in 2023 with a historic treble in 2024: repeating as the conference's **regular season and tournament champions** and capping their season with their **first NAIA National Championship**. The SCAD men's team also had a standout season, finishing second in The Sun Conference and reaching its **tournament title game**. The SCAD women's lacrosse team is one of the most successful in the NAIA, with frequent top-five rankings and **six national championships** in its history, while the SCAD men's lacrosse team experienced a resurgent 2024 campaign, completing its first full **winning season** since 2019. Additionally, SCAD co-hosted the NAIA Men's and Women's National Championship in 2024 and 2025 at Savannah's Memorial Stadium.

In addition to these team accolades, **SCAD artist-athletes frequently receive conference and national honors**. Each team has also had multiple NAIA All-Americans and dozens of NAIA Daktronics Scholar-Athlete Honors, reflecting their success on the playing field and in the classroom. These accomplishments underscore SCAD's dedication to excellence in both academics and athletics, demonstrating the **caliber of talent and commitment** within the SCAD community.

The new SCAD Athletic Complex will bring much needed locker rooms and an athletic training space to the university's existing sports fields north of Savannah. Beyond the immediate benefits to our athletes, these new facilities will **magnify the university's ability to host conference and national tournaments**, showcasing the prowess of our athletics teams and **bringing national attention to SCAD and the Savannah region**. In addition to enhancing our teams' competitive edge, these improvements will significantly raise our recruitment efforts. The facility will serve as **a beacon for prospective student-athletes**, illustrating our commitment to providing top-notch resources for their athletic and academic pursuits.

As we embark on this ambitious project, we are reaching out to our esteemed alumni and dedicated donors to join us in raising \$3.5 million in order to make this athletic complex a reality. **Your support will make a lasting impact** on the growth and success of future SCAD artist-athletes and propel SCAD to new heights of collegiate athletics excellence. We invite you to be a part of this exciting new venture and contribute to SCAD's championship legacy.



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Throughout my years on the women's soccer team, I have seen firsthand the increasing support from the university — improved recovery assistance in the training room, mental health resources, nutritional guidance, social media presence, and game attendance from my fellow students. Together with our hard work and team culture, these resources allow us to be the best artist-athletes we can be and compete at the top of the NAIA. I am over the moon at this next step to build our teams an athletic complex. Student athletes have some of the busiest schedules of all the students here at SCAD, and having a building designed to support our specific needs is an incredible addition for this constantly evolving university.

— Abigail Siddall (B.F.A. production design), SCAD women's soccer athlete

The SCAD athletic complex would provide a championship environment to match the championship mindset we instill in our artist-athletes every day. Having a facility for them to call home encourages a family culture, one that builds the commitment, competitiveness, and relationships that lead to success on and off the field. Having a facility on-site would lead to extra time to focus on tactical breakdowns and aid in pregame treatment and postgame recovery, adding to the artist-athlete experience and putting us on par with other universities of our caliber.

— Rebecca Gunn, SCAD women's soccer head coach

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A NEW ERA

The new athletic complex at the SCAD lacrosse and soccer fields offers both immediate and long-term benefits to the university's athletics teams:

Improved care: The current lacrosse and soccer fields have no on-site locker room or athletic training spaces, meaning athletes must travel back to their residences or other university buildings to shower and receive training services. In the new athletic complex, SCAD artist-athletes will have on-site access to these amenities and more, including a meeting space to help foster a sense of community among team members. These state-of-the-art new facilities will raise the profile of the SCAD artist-athlete experience, increasing each team's ability to recruit new athletes.

Impactful usage: SCAD teams are at the athletic fields five to six days per week based on practice and game schedules; four daily practices totaling eight hours per day are common when team schedules overlap. The complex would be used consistently throughout the year, and expanded facilities offer the opportunity to host more events, including regional and national tournaments and other exhibitions.

Regular events: In addition to each team's regular season schedule, SCAD has previously hosted The Sun Conference Tournament games and opening rounds of the 2023 and 2024 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship. In 2024 and 2025, SCAD hosted the NAIA Men's and Women's Lacrosse National Championships at Savannah's Memorial Stadium, in part due to the lack of locker rooms and athletic training space at the current athletic complex. As part of these regular season games and postseason tournaments, teams from Miami to Maine and the East Coast to the state of Washington have visited Savannah for competitions. While some tournament sites are chosen based on team rankings, the new athletic complex would allow SCAD to apply to host more of these events.

Increased attendance: In 2023-24, SCAD hosted approximately 50 home games for its lacrosse and soccer teams. Including players and fans for both teams, these events can bring in a minimum of 200 people per game, or more than 10,000 visitors each academic year. The new athletic complex would help support these visitors on game day and position the university to increase its events calendar.





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With the investment in the SCAD athletic complex, SCAD will be able to provide a state-of-the-art facility for our artist-athletes just like we do for their education. It is a relief to me as a coach that my players would no longer have to worry about little things that impact their experience—needing to store equipment in their cars, changing in the parking lot, being able to shower before class, and being able to launder their uniforms on-site. I also think about the impact and impression a state-of-the-art facility will leave on every guest we have, from recruits and families to our opponents. I look forward to the day when not only will our artist-athletes have a place to call home, but most importantly, have an incredible place to compete in front of their family and friends.”

— Justin Moe, SCAD men's lacrosse head coach

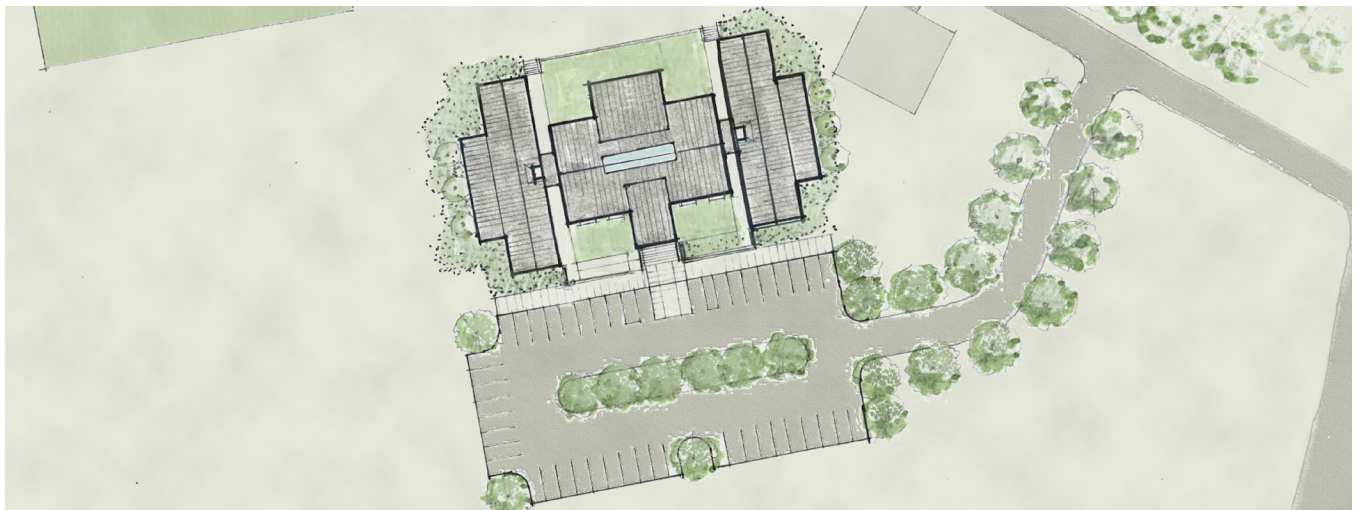
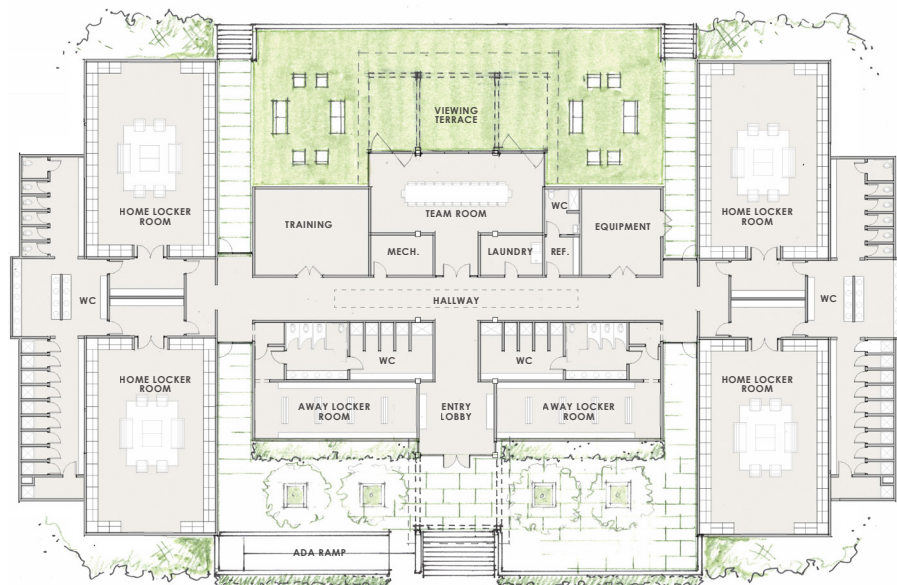
Lacrosse has played a big part in my time at SCAD. It has given me a family away from home and has served as a respite from the rush of my academics. The SCAD athletic complex would benefit our teams greatly. It would consolidate different facilities spread across university buildings, take some of the financial burden off of each team, provide more security to the players, help with recruiting new players, and provide an overall boost to our presence as a respected athletic program.

— Jake Kozak (M.F.A. illustration), SCAD men's lacrosse athlete

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AT A GLANCE

- Minimum of 16,000 total square feet
- Four home team locker rooms and two visiting team locker rooms equipped with bathroom facilities and showers
- Referee room equipped with shower
- 800 sq. ft. team meeting space
- On-site athletic training, laundry, and equipment storage space
- Approximately 50 on-site parking spaces





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A new athletic complex for our lacrosse and soccer programs will reignite our competitive spark and push our programs to the next level in performance. Having a locker room that the SCAD artist-athletes feel is their own space to improve their game, where memories to last a lifetime will be made, and where championships will be earned will create a culture that alumni will be proud of and prospects will dream of playing at.

— Melody Shotwell, SCAD women's lacrosse head coach

Choosing to go to SCAD was a surprise, because I didn't know that an art school could help my athletic and creative careers grow. SCAD athletics offers something no other art school does, and that is so special. The SCAD athletics fields have become a special place filled with memories of the teams that play and work hard there, and it deserves to be expanded to match the work the artist-athletes put into competition while maintaining their placement in the classroom.

— Grace Gibson, (B.F.A., business of beauty and fragrance, 2024), SCAD women's lacrosse athlete

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DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

SCAD and its athletics teams are seeking your help today to launch this transformative new project. Your donation will provide meaningful support for the university’s exceptional artist-athletes, empowering them to compete at the highest level and ascend to their creative dreams. **With your donation, your name will be cemented in the legacy of the new SCAD Athletic Complex** on a plaque in the front lobby. Please consider the following donation and naming opportunities:

CONTRIBUTOR LEVELS

- Diamond: \$200,000
- Platinum: \$100,000
- Gold: \$50,000
- Silver: \$10,000
- Bronze: \$5,000

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Entire complex: \$1,000,000
- Team room: \$500,000
- Individual locker rooms: \$250,000





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Playing on the SCAD soccer team was like finding a second family — it’s a close-knit community that quickly became my home. The mentorship from older players has been an invaluable part of my journey, guiding not only my athletic pursuits but also shaping who I am today. Their impact goes beyond the field, boosting my confidence and fostering teamwork skills. A SCAD athletic complex isn’t just about upgraded facilities; it represents the shared spirit and commitment to growth. It’s an investment in creating not just better athletes, but resilient individuals. I believe in the transformative power of this initiative, which will leave an enduring mark on the SCAD athletic legacy.

— Alessandro Morales (B.F.A. performing arts), SCAD men’s soccer athlete

The new SCAD Athletic Complex will give SCAD artist-athletes a better sense of belonging and aid in our goal to build a winning team culture. With a space to call their own, the players can take more ownership of the program and know that they have a facility that reflects the program’s desire to be the best in and out of the classroom and on and off the field of play.

— John Haworth, SCAD men’s soccer head coach

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THANK YOU

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SCAD is a remarkable university, one where our talented artist-athletes can pursue their passions both on and off the field. Our soccer and lacrosse teams have a wonderful history of excellence and alumni who have paved the way to the success we see today. I couldn't be more thrilled to enhance the experience of our teams while adding to the future of each program with this athletic complex expansion.

— Amanda Haverstick, SCAD Savannah Director of Athletics

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Thank you for considering a contribution to the SCAD Athletic Complex expansion. If you would like more information on the project or to speak to a representative from SCAD Athletics or SCAD Giving, contact:

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