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Nicholas S. Zeppos, Chancellor



Vanderbilt Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos is a proud supporter of the Commodores and is deeply committed to the continued success of Vanderbilt University student athletes and its athletic program.

Zeppos has taken a keen interest in athletics at Vanderbilt throughout his tenure at the university, which spans more than three decades. "I don't call the plays or throw the passes," Zeppos said. "I'm here simply trying to do whatever I can to support all of the talented people who do these things."

In the spring of 2016, Zeppos displayed that support yet again during the hiring of two of the nation's most dynamic and sought after basketball coaches, Bryce Drew and Stephanie White, to lead the Commodores' men's and women's respective basketball programs.

Prior to that, he worked hand-in-hand with Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics Director David Williams II to lure Derek Mason away from Stanford University to lead the Vanderbilt football program. That effort is yielding big dividends on West End, as Mason enters his fourth straight season seeking even more victories.

Zeppos also helped lead an athletics capital improvement plan that has surpassed \$60 million, orchestrating efforts to improve the student experience for athletes and assist with recruiting.

Zeppos previously served as president of the Southeastern Conference from 2014-2015, where he led the establishment of the SEC Academic Conference and played a key role in the extensive SEC commissioner search, which

resulted in the appointment of Greg Sankey as league commissioner.

He continues to be an important voice within the SEC where his legal expertise and commitment to fairness, student-athlete welfare, and diversity have been on display for more than a decade.

Zeppos was named Vanderbilt University's eighth chancellor on March 1, 2008. A distinguished legal scholar, teacher and executive, he served from 2002 to 2008 as Vanderbilt's chief academic officer, overseeing the university's undergraduate, graduate and professional education programs as well as research efforts in liberal arts and sciences, engineering, music, education, business, law and divinity. As provost and vice chancellor, he chaired

Vanderbilt's budgeting and capital planning council and led all fundraising and alumni relations efforts across the institution, in addition to overseeing the dean of students and dean of admissions.

Zeppos has led a number of important initiatives at Vanderbilt, including the planning processes for The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, a landmark transformation of the first-year experience; Warren and Moore colleges for upperclassmen; and E. Bronson Ingram College, the next phase of the university's unique living-learning residential college system.

In early 2016, Zeppos was honored by Insight Into Diversity magazine for his commitment to diversity and inclusion with its national Giving Back award.

In a bold move to strengthen Vanderbilt's commitment to admitting undergraduates on the basis of accomplishment and achievement, rather than their ability to pay, Zeppos created an expanded financial aid program in 2009. By replacing undergraduate need-based loans with grant and scholarship assistance, this transformative initiative allowed Vanderbilt to open its

doors to highly talented and qualified students of all economic, cultural and geographical backgrounds. The expanded aid program is a top university priority and is funded by a combination of strategic budget allocations and gifts from thousands of generous donors to Opportunity Vanderbilt, a campaign to increase undergraduate scholarship endowment.

Zeppos joined the Vanderbilt community in 1987 as an assistant professor in the Law School, where he has been recognized with five teaching awards.

He subsequently served as an associate dean, then as associate provost before being named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs in 2002. He served as interim chancellor of the university from August 1, 2007, until March 1, 2008, when he was appointed chancellor.

The Chancellor is a member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and serves on a number of institutions' Board of Directors: Association of American Universities, Foundation for Educational Exchange Between Canada and the United States of America (Fulbright Canada), Mary Parrish Center, Conexión Américas, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He also recently served as president of the Southeastern Conference and co-chair of the United States Senate-appointed Task Force on Government Regulation of Higher Education.

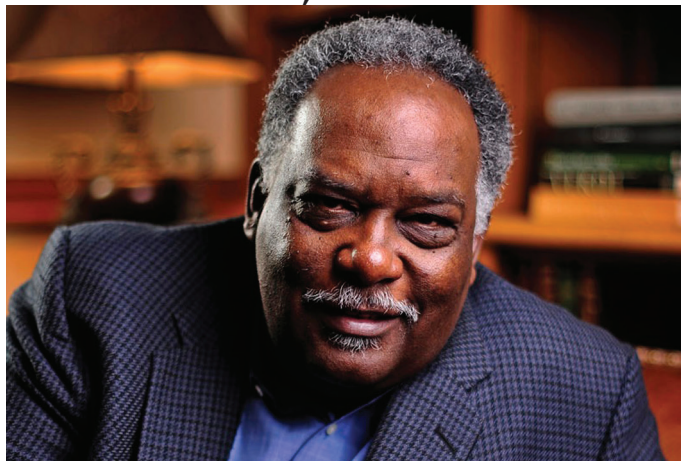
He is married to Lydia A. Howarth, an accomplished editor. They have two sons, Benjamin and Nicholas.





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David Williams II, Director of Athletics



Vanderbilt Director of Athletics David Williams II ranks among the university's most prominent leaders.

Aside from his role in McGugin Center, Williams is Vice-Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics as well as a tenured professor at the University's nationally ranked law school. He continues to teach at the Law School where he conducts courses on Taxation and Education as well as Sports Law. He is also an active participant in the SEC and NCAA in matters of negotiations, reforms, enforcements and planning. Williams is a frequent speaker on collegiate athletics, including recent appearances at Harvard and Pennsylvania law schools and as keynote speaker at the Black Male Student Athlete Summit.

Since adding athletics to his multiple titles and responsibilities in 2002, Vanderbilt has seen its athletic department and individual programs recognized as being among the nation's most innovative and successful. Once again, the 2017-18 academic year marked another remarkable campaign under Williams' leadership.

Seven Vanderbilt teams reached NCAA postseason competition, including an NCAA Championship by the Commodores' bowling team, the fourth national title in Vanderbilt athletics history. Vanderbilt women's tennis, winners of the 2015 NCAA Championship, also took home the SEC regular season and tournament championships for the second straight season and finished the year as NCAA runner-up. Vanderbilt baseball reached the NCAA tournament for the 13th straight season – the longest active streak in the SEC – and reached an NCAA Super Regional for the seventh time in nine years. The Commodore soccer, men's golf and women's golf teams also advanced to NCAA post-season play. Vanderbilt women's tennis coach Geoff Macdonald earned SEC Coach of the Year honors for the fifth time in his career, while Commodores' men's golf senior Theo Humphrey was named SEC Player of the Year.

In the most recent Academic Progress Rate scores released by the NCAA, 11 Vanderbilt teams received perfect 1000 APR scores: baseball, men's basketball, men's golf, men's tennis, women's basketball, women's cross country, bowling, women's golf, lacrosse, soccer and women's track & field. Moreover, seven Commodore squads earned the prestigious Public Recognition Award, which honors programs ranking in the top 10 percent nationally in multiyear APR scores in each sport.

In 2016, Williams again demonstrated his hiring prowess. Williams orchestrated two successful searches resulting in the hiring of two of the nation's top basketball coaches, Bryce Drew and Stephanie White, to led the respective Vanderbilt men's and women's programs.

Drew and White join a growing list of highly regarded head coaches hired by Williams, including head football coach Derek Mason in 2013. The next year, Williams attracted Darren Ambrose from the University of Pennsylvania to direct the women's soccer program. In 2012, Williams directed the search for men's golf coach Scott Limbaugh, who has since led the team in three straight NCAA Final Eight appearances and just earned men's golf National Coach of the Year recognition. In addition, Williams has hired Greg Allen (women's golf coach), Ian Duvenhage (men's tennis coach) and Steven Keith (cross country/track coach), all who have taken their teams to NCAA postseason. Allen and Keith also have guided their teams to SEC team titles. Williams has also retained top coaches and staffs by orchestrating extensions for Mason, baseball coach Tim Corbin, women's tennis coach Geoff MacDonald and women's bowling coach John Williamson. Williams has addressed numerous facility upgrades, including a state-of-the-art training center which opened February 2016 in McGugin Center. The new training center provides

top-notch medical care for Vanderbilt student-athletes. Crews recently finished replacing the football practice field, on the John Rich Practice Facility, with highly sought after Shaw Sports synthetic turf. Ground was broken immediately after this past baseball season for a new expansion of our wonderful baseball complex, Hawkins Field. Other improvements in recent years include refurbishing of Vanderbilt Stadium and its football locker rooms, an addition of new tennis courts and amenities at Brownlee O. Currey Tennis Center, renovations in Memorial Gym and McGugin Center, a new multipurpose facility for athletic and general university use, a new four-lane bowling center and a clubhouse with hitting bays for our men's and women's golf programs.

An initiative to allow more overseas travel and study abroad for Vanderbilt student-athletes also has become reality during Williams' tenure. In 2013, 15 athletes ventured to Tanzania during the summer for a service trip to bring shoes to underprivileged communities in Africa in conjunction with Soles4Souls. The partnership continued in 2014 with another community service effort to Costa Rica. In 2015, Williams led the summer service trip to Cuba, and this past summer a group of Commodores ventured to Jamaica on a service trip in partnership with Soles4Souls.

More students within Vanderbilt's athletic community were able to study abroad, including current football players Josh Smith, LaDarius Wiley, Jared Southers, Andre Mintze and Jaire George. In 2016, the Athletic Department began a newly created Internship Program for student-athletes matching them with employers who provide real life training for life after college. The program continued in 2017 and has received rave reviews from the student athletes, the employers, the NCAA as well as other colleges and universities.

In association with Vanderbilt Athletics, Williams has served as a member of the SEC team that negotiated past ESPN and CBS television partner contracts. Williams also served as Chair of the NCAA Infraction Appeals Committee and was a member of the NCAA Enforcement Working Group.

Williams came to Vanderbilt in 2000 to serve as Vice Chancellor, General Counsel and University Secretary, after a 14-year tenure at The Ohio State University, where he served in numerous administrative roles including Vice Provost for Minority Affairs, Vice President of Student and Urban/Community Affairs and Professor of Law.

A native of Detroit, Williams received a Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences and Master of Arts in Education from Northern Michigan University, where he was a member of the university track team and has been selected as a distinguished alumni. He also earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and a Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) from the University of Detroit, where

Williams presently serves on the University's Board of Trust. Williams also earned an LL.M., in Taxation from New York University. Before entering law school, Williams spent 10 years as a teacher and coach in the Detroit public school system.

Williams has taught at the law schools of the University of Detroit, Capital University, Ohio State and Vanderbilt. He also twice directed The Ohio State University's Law program in Oxford, England. Williams was elected outstanding law professor at both the University of Detroit and at The Ohio State University.

Williams is active in the greater Nashville area community, serving as a board member with several organizations. He serves on the boards of the Middle Tennessee Community Foundation, the Nashville Sports Council, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Nashville Public Education Foundation. Williams served two terms on former Nashville Mayor Karl Dean's Procurement Standards Board and two terms as a Nashville branch member on the Atlanta Federal Reserve Board. He also served as chair of the Nashville United Way Board and treasurer and board member for the Nashville Symphony. In December 2017, Williams was selected by the Tennessee Tribune as Tennessean of the Year.

Williams and his wife, Gail met in law school and have four children: Erika, a grade school teacher in Detroit and graduate of Eastern Michigan; David III, a high school counselor in Detroit, two-time graduate of Bowling Green (Ohio) State and doctorate recipient from Michigan State; Samantha (Sam), a graduate of Brown University and Vanderbilt Law School who has practiced corporate law in Houston; and Nicholas (Nick), a graduate of and former student-athlete at High Point (N.C.) University who recently earned his master's degree from Vanderbilt's Peabody College of Education. Sam and Nick both attended high school in Nashville where Sam was an All-State swimmer at Harpeth Hall and Nick was an All-State athlete in soccer and track and a four-year basketball member at the University School of Nashville.

Gail is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit Law School. She serves as Associate Director of Community Relations for Vanderbilt and is past president and former board member of the University School of Nashville Board of Trustees. In addition, she is Board Chair of the Metro Transit Authority. Gail also serves on the boards of many non-profit organizations including the Frist Center, the Women's Fund Advisory Board, the Tennessee Performance Arts Center and the Baptist Healing Trust. She was also recently re-elected President of the Nashville Chapter of The Links, Inc.