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2015 Auburn Club Leadership Conference

Heather Hartley '06

Auburn's annual leadership conference was once again a huge success. There were 6 representatives from our club that attended. There were over 140 total attendees representing 58 clubs from California to Washington D.C. We had the pleasure of listening to a pep talk by Bruce Pearl and he gave us an update on the evolving basketball program along with his experiences in becoming part of the Auburn Family thus far. The awards banquet featured an appearance by Aubie along with a night filled with awards. Our club won a total of FOUR awards!

- **Top Donor Award**

This award recognizes clubs for contributing \$10,000 or more to their annual or endowed scholarship funds in calendar year 2014

- **Membership Unity Challenge**

This award recognizes clubs who have the largest percentage of coded Membership Unity applications turned in.

- **Above and Beyond Scholarship Award**

This award is presented to a club that awarded at least TWO one-third out of state annual tuition scholarships.

- **All Auburn All Orange-ACE (Auburn Club Excellence) Level Awards**

This award is the highest award a club can receive and is by far the most representative award to describe how our club performs as a whole. The ACE program was developed to honor clubs that strive for excellence in meeting the highest standards set by the Auburn

Alumni Association. The goal is for all clubs to meet the standards of ACE. The War Eagle level recognizes clubs that met all minimum requirements in 2014. The highest level is the All Auburn, All Orange, which recognizes clubs that went above and beyond the Auburn Club Charter Credentials in 2014.

With multiple breakout sessions, we were able to gain insight on how to enhance the fundraising events for our scholarship fund to tips on getting more overall involvement in all of our club events. We all have one common bond, and that is we love our Auburn Family. We want to help kids be able to attend Auburn and feel the strength of a family and friends!



Some of the board members with Aubie at the conference!

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2015 EVENTS

- *Annual Dinner Meeting-TBA (May)*
- *Summer Social/Freshman Sendoff-TBA (July/August)*
- *9th Annual Emerald Coast Classic Golf Tournament--TBA (October)*
- *"Beat Bama" Event-TBA (November)*
- **YOUNG AUBURN EVENTS!—BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR E-MAILS!**

Message from the President

Jim Brechin '74

War Eagle!

2015 is starting with a bang for the Emerald Coast Auburn Club. Elizabeth has agreed to revive this newsletter which will be going out at least quarterly. Many thanks for your time and effort.

Six of us attended the Club Leadership Conference where our club was one of only 14 clubs to achieve the All-Auburn All-Orange designation. This award is based on the activity level of the club in 9 different areas ranging from sending in reports on time to the number and quality of local meetings. Our club was singled out with special awards in 4 categories dealing with participation and scholarship support. We were one of only 2 clubs to fund multiple out of state tuition scholarships.

Recruiting Wrap-Up and Dinner

Elizabeth Creel '11/'13

Our first social event for 2015 was the Recruiting Wrap-Up and Dinner on February 9th at Fudpuckers on Okaloosa Island. Jason Caldwell from "Inside the Auburn Tigers" magazine spoke about football recruiting mostly, but also brought us up to date on many other sports as well. Over 50 Auburn fans attended this event and we raised money for our own scholarship fund.

Jason started off speaking about how awesome our entire football recruiting class is this year. Auburn currently holds the number 3 recruiting class on Scout.com. Although all of the boys who will be playing football for us are great recruits, he talked about one recruit who will do awesome things in general. That recruit is our new defensive coordinator, Will Muschamp. I think everyone in the Auburn family can say how excited we are to have Coach Muschamp join our team.

Other than coaches, he discussed 26 of our recruits, many of which have already started classes on the Auburn campus. We were all so excited to hear about not only the talent, but the personalities and extra-curricula's of these boys. This year and many

February 9th, over 50 of us gathered at Fuds for our annual Recruiting Wrap-Up. Jason Caldwell from "Inside the Auburn Tigers" magazine brought us up to date on the new football players that signed with us on signing day to send us back to the National Championship game. He also brought information on other sports as well as answering questions. A great time was had by all.

We are looking forward to the upcoming months as we continue to do Auburn along the Emerald Coast. I invite everyone to join with your board to make this the best year ever.

Be blessed,
Jim

years to come should be great!

Jason also touched on Bruce Pearl and the wonders he is doing for Auburn basketball. He also discussed our softball and baseball programs. Everyone enjoyed listening to the futures of all sports programs and their happenings on Auburn's campus.

If you missed this year, join us next year for the annual Recruiting Wrap-Up and Dinner!

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Our president, Jim, with Jason Caldwell

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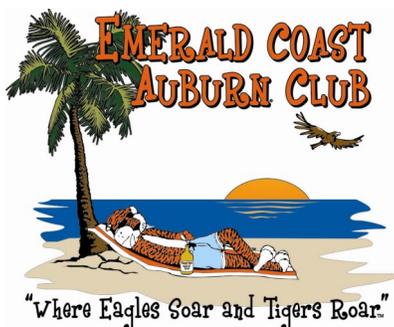
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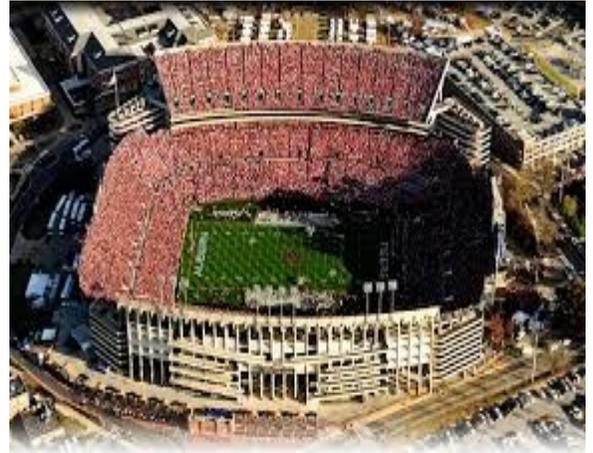


Auburn Trivia

We are bringing back a fun aspect of the newsletter: Auburn trivia! Every quarter we will have a trivia question. E-mail your answers to the club e-mail to win a special prize!

The trivia question for this quarter is the following:

What was the name of the nation's first athletic conference of which Auburn was a founding member of, and what year was this conference founded?



Auburn Gets New Oaks! *Elizabeth Creel '11/'13*

April 20, 2013 was the last and final day that the original and iconic Auburn Oaks were rolled before they were removed. It was a bittersweet celebration, but now we have moved on and are excited for new things to come for Auburn!

This past weekend, on Saturday, February 14th, many Auburn fans had a different Valentines day: the planting of the new Live Oaks at Toomer's Corner. The process began at 8am and was to last for about 7 hours. It was a fun celebration for all Auburn fans, and everyone is happy to finally have some trees back at our famous corner. Even though it was an exciting event, the new Oaks will not be able to be rolled until 2016. So, we will have to wait yet another year to roll our beloved corner's trees.

Did any of our fellow Emerald Coast Auburn fans attend this celebration? We would LOVE to see your pictures

and hear any stories from this day! Please send any pictures and/or stories our way to our club e-mail address: emeraldcoastauburnclub@gmail.com



War Eagle!

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