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# ATHLETIC AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the Department of Athletic Affairs newsletter. In this edition you will find introductions from new Secretary and Deputy for The Department of Athletic Affairs and Student Athlete Spotlights.



# MEET THE 2023-2024 ATHLETIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

**SECRETARY**  
**KYLA LIGON**



**Greetings, I am Kyla Ligon a Third Year Pre-Physical Therapy Scholar from Columbus, Ohio and I serve as your Secretary of Athletic Affairs for the 2023-2024 Academic School year!**

**DEPUTY**  
**BRIAN MOSS**



**Greetings, I am Brian Moss a Second Year Business Administration Student from Miami, Florida, I will be serving as your Deputy for the Department of Athletic Affairs for the 2023-2024 Academic School Year!**

We are thrilled to be the new leads for the Department of Athletic Affairs within the Student Government Association. This is something that we are passionate about as leaders. We will work diligently to do our part to address the concerns of all athletes as they relate to their campus lives. Our department has a plethora of events planned for this school year. Overall, we look forward to continuing to establish a sound relationship between the Student Government Association and Athletic Department!

# STUDENT ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

## Kiauna Watson



Meet Kiauna Watson, a third-year Cardiopulmonary Science Scholar from Pensacola, Florida. She has been playing softball for 16 years, she said “I started at the age of 5 and it has been my passion since. I was originally drawn to the sport by watching my sister, but eventually grew my own love. The competitiveness, bonds built, and lessons learned were like not other and became something that I so deeply cherished.” Kiauna currently serves as the President for the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC). Her role as President is to communicate with my fellow athletes to get their thoughts, ideas, and concerns on information that can help elevate their experience as Division one athletes here at FAMU. She stated “Our focus as SAAC is to interact on campus, amongst each other, and in the community. SAAC hosts athlete lead events on campus, and volunteers at elementary schools, local recreational parks, and churches. The more we can lead by example and strike from the top as not only athletes, but students and people in society, the better.” Kiauna also has the privilege of serving as FAMUs female athlete representative for the SWAC conference through this role. Her long term goals are to athletically put her ideas, and work into not only her team but the athletic department to continue moving HBCU athletics forwards. Academically, Kiauna plans are to graduate in 2025 with a Bachelors of science degree in Cardiopulmonary science, then eventually become a Physician assistant.



# STUDENT ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

## Nay’Ron Jenkins



Meet Nay’Ron Jenkins, a second-year broadcast journalism scholar from Alachua, FL. Nay’Ron has been playing football since he was 5 years old. He said, “I really enjoyed competing at a very young age and hated losing; I was very passionate. The idea of almost 100 guys coming together and bonding for a common goal really made me fall in love with football. I also feel as though football helps prepare you for life. The more you play the game, the more mistakes you will make. Just like in life, the more you live, the more mistakes you make. It’s all about how you respond to those mistakes.” Outside of football, his passion is family. He stated, “I love my family, and they mean the world to me. They are what keep me going when times get hard.” After football, Nay’Ron plans to be a sports analyst for any broadcast network. He loves the game and feels as though his passion and good public speaking skills will allow him to thrive in the field of sports journalism.

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## Serenity Williams



Meet Serenity Williams, a third-year health and leisure fitness scholar from a military family. Serenity is a part of the FAMU XC/Track and Field team as a distance runner! With her mother being a Naval Officer and her father in the FBI, she said, “Working out and running is in my nature. From running in the sand, snow, water, and mountains, I’ve been involved in many environments from the multiple duty stations I’ve lived at. I didn’t get to run competitively until high school, but since 7 years old, I’ve run many different 5K’s, military training, and overall fitness activities.” Serenity is very passionate about my school, coaching, and mentoring. She says, “It fuels my motivation to connect with others and share the love I have through the many entities that I’m involved in.” From an NROTC standpoint, Serenity is currently the operations officer and SGA/Recruiting Representative. She takes pride in showcasing my unit and all the personnel who keep it functioning. In addition to ROTC and track and field, Serenity serves a multitude of other organizations. Currently, she is a part of the Omega Xi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity Inc., the Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee as the cross-country representative, the Girls on the Run Coach, and a FAMU Orange and Green tour guide. In 10 years, Serenity plans to be commissioned as a Naval Officer, serving as a Naval Pilot.