

Jeremiah B. Donati Profile



Jeremiah Donati was appointed as TCU's Director of Intercollegiate Athletics on December 11, 2017. Previously the Horned Frogs' Deputy Athletics Director, Donati became the eighth Director of Intercollegiate Athletics in TCU's history.

Since his arrival at TCU in 2011, Donati has played a major role in enhancing the TCU student-athlete experience through donor-supported facility upgrades totaling nearly \$500 million. The most recent project is the \$40 million Athletics Human Performance Center Renovation and Expansion project, announced in December 2022, with construction targeted to begin in early 2024.

Under Donati, the TCU Athletics program has grown to 22 sports, the most in the Big 12 Conference, and 550 student-athletes.

The 2022-23 athletics season was the most successful in TCU's 150 years. TCU became the only school in the College Football Playoff era to reach the CFP, NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament and College World Series in the same academic year. Under first-year Head Coach Sonny Dykes, football became the first program from the state of Texas to reach the College Football Playoff. A win over Michigan in the CFP Semifinal at the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl made TCU the first Big 12 Conference member to play in the CFP National Championship.

Overall, in 2022-23, 10 of TCU's 21 sports were ranked in the national top 25 with eight in the top 15. Four sports (men's tennis, equestrian, rifle, beach volleyball) were No. 1 in the nation over the course of the year, while TCU was 25th in the Fall 2022 LEARFIELD Directors' Cup standings. Nineteen sports were represented in postseason play with six programs (football, beach volleyball, equestrian, rifle, men's tennis, baseball) in the Final Four or better. Men's tennis repeated as ITA Indoor National Champions.

Prior to the Athletics Human Performance Center Renovation and Expansion project, Donati oversaw fundraising for the \$113 million Legends Club & Suites which opened in Fall 2020 on the east side of Amon G. Carter Stadium. He was also instrumental in the final stages of fundraising for the \$164 million rebuild of the stadium which was completed in 2012.

Other facility projects spearheaded by Donati's fundraising include the \$80 million renovation of Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena, upgrades at Charlie and Marie Lupton Baseball Stadium at Williams-Reilly Field, the Huffman Football Center and the replacement of the Jane Justin Field and improved lighting at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium. There was also a resurfacing of the Sheridan and Clif Morris Football Practice Fields and Moncrief Field at Amon G. Carter Stadium, the football locker room improvements project and a refurbishing of the Schollmaier Basketball Complex.

Additionally, Donati secured a new equestrian facility closer to campus with the program's move

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to KSM Bear Creek Farms in Fort Worth. Most recently, the latest named facility is the Young Family Equipment Room. New video boards were also installed for football, soccer and swimming and diving.

In March 2019, Donati worked with TCU football legend, Pro Football Hall of Famer and TCU Board of Trustees member LaDainian Tomlinson to create The Tomlinson Student-Athlete Development Endowment Fund. Benefitting TCU's Student-Athlete Development Department and the Team America Foundation, the fund supports student-athletes from all of TCU's sports programs to help prepare them for their lives and careers after graduation.

Donati has also overseen record levels of donor support in Frog Club annual giving and overall athletics giving. The three highest totals in overall athletics giving at TCU came in the four years he oversaw fundraising in the Frog Club. Additionally, TCU reached record levels in men's basketball attendance as well as setting new marks in ticket and licensing revenues under Donati.

Prior to TCU, Donati was with Leigh Steinberg Sports and Entertainment as general counsel and director of player representation. His extensive experience in professional and intercollegiate athletics includes fundraising positions with the University of Arizona Wildcat Club, Washington State University Cougar Athletic Fund and the Cal Poly University Mustang Club.

Donati earned a B.A. in politics and government in 2001 from the University of Puget Sound, where he was a basketball student-athlete. He received a Juris Doctorate from Whittier Law School in 2005 and is a member of the California Bar Association. He is also a member of the Big 12 Conference's Football Working Group, the Board of Trustees for the Davey O'Brien Foundation in Fort Worth and the Coalition Academy in conjunction with the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches.

Donati and his wife, Nicole, live in Fort Worth and have two daughters: Colette and Naomi.

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