



It is not enough that I succeed.

My enemies must fail.

As the confetti rained down on the court, that saying flooded my senses.

Winning our 10th SECT and second National Championship was incredible, but the look on every Kentucky player and coach's face was priceless. Twice in the last two seasons, Chim's Cats were bathed in red & black pomp and circumstance, watching us receive our 2084 SECT and 2084 NT rings after once again coming up short.

It highlighted a level of dominance that has seen us win six of the last eight against UK, all on the biggest stages. Stages like Stegeman Coliseum last month where we won 76-62, helping lock down the 2085 SEC regular season title, our third straight outright regular season crown. Or in 2083 when we swept the Cats, capped by a 21 point whoopin' to win the 2083 SEC title and clinch a 22-0 regular season. Or the monstrous 29 point victory in Rupp Arena in 2084 stunned all of Big Blue Nation and left a deafening silence that still brings me joy.

Those are the moments that make it all worth it.

Moments like the look on fans' faces when they realize their SEC-rivals became the only team in NCBCA history to replace every scholarship player in one offseason...*and still win the conference outright.*

I can't imagine how demoralizing that would be - to know yet another top 20 pre-recruiting Georgia squad lurks, this time with four 19+ minute returners and six who played at least fourteen minutes, while being led by the greatest winner in history.

That's what I want you to focus on while you're here, Antonio, winning. As someone here for barely a semester, let schoolwork take its rightful backseat. The most recent U.S. News & World Report ranked fourteen different UGA degree programs in the top 10 for online learning, ensuring you'll hardly set foot in a classroom. Enjoy Zoom meetings in relevant degree tracks like our 4th ranked online Sports Management program, perfect for someone whose entire life is basketball, and offers classes like Fundamentals of Coaching or The Business of Basketball. Make sure to check out our Physical Education degree, chocked full of online and flex-schedule offerings like Stretching 201, Intro to Yoga, and Golf, where you combine your necessary conditioning with lackadaisical learning options.

You'd even be a perfect candidate for our Sport Coaching minor, which infamously features weekly pickup basketball games at the Ramsey Student Center and has classes like Triangle and Two: A Modern Approach and Coaching Psychology, where you watch famed sports coaching movies like *Hoosiers*, *Coach Carter*, and *Miracle*. It's the perfect way to stay eligible without the rigors of traditional education, while taking full advantage of our flex-options for athletes that require just 9-12 credit hours per semester. Just ask Frank Britt, Sam Treadwell, Barisa Sikrias, and Dave Swidowski - all top four overall recruits and one-and-dones who, like you, loathe academics. In fact, nobody has signed more high-profile players who want to deprioritize academics and put schoolwork on the backburner than Georgia, offering a successful roadmap for bare-bones academic eligibility.

That's just one example of our devotion to our players, putting their specific needs first. Unlike Chim, who denied a commitment in 2082, I stand as a beacon of loyalty and one of the league's most consistent and tenured figures

And why leave? The league's top job is defined not just by excellence, but a fanbase unlike any other.

The fanbase who camps in *Stegeville*, days before each big game, vying to be the first through the gates.

The fanbase who sprints to North Campus to ring the Chapel Bell all night after victories.

The fanbase who turned tailgating into an Olympic event, filling up Carlton Quad with tents, grills, and televisions in preparation for Saturday Showdowns at Stegeman.

The fanbase who showed up in force to each of our 12 Final Fours, four National Championship Games, and two National Titles during my tenure alone.

The fanbase who turned the SECT into Athens North, giving us home court advantage for our record 10 titles.

The fanbase that bleeds red and black.