



## **Pat Hobbs**

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Rutgers University

A New Jersey native with more than 25 years of leadership experience in higher education and public service, Pat Hobbs enters his sixth year as the Director of Athletics at Rutgers University in 2020-21. Outlined in "The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence," a strategic vision for Rutgers Athletics has taken course under Hobbs with a clearly defined core purpose, values and priorities.

The upward trajectory of the athletic department continued to soar in 2019-20 with a historic campaign on the hardwood for the men's basketball programs. With their first 20-win season in 37 years and a ranking in the Top-25 poll for the first time in 41 years, men's basketball sat on the cusp of earning its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1991. A record 10 sold-out games at the RAC in 2019-20 are evidence of the energy and excitement for the program under head coach Steve Pikiell.

Success in the classroom is a hallmark of Rutgers Athletics, ranking above the average APR rate in the NCAA. For the fourth-straight year, the Scarlet Knights achieved a multiyear score of 990 or better and nine programs either tied or set records in multiyear APR rate in 2018-19. A school-record 319 student-athletes were named to Academic All-Big Ten teams, while for the fifth-straight school year, RU set a department record with 126 Scarlet Knights earning Big Ten Distinguished Scholar accolades in 2019-20.

The development of capital projects to support these student-athletes is at the forefront of Hobbs' charge to further the mission of the only Power Five conference program located in the nation's largest media market.

With his leadership, Hobbs has directed the construction of The Brown Family Football Locker Room, The Marco Battaglia Football Practice Complex, The Fred Hill Training Complex, The Garutti Strength and Conditioning Center, The Druskin Strength and Conditioning Center and the Abe Suydam Men's Basketball Locker Room. Additional facility improvements have extended to new playing surfaces at Bainton Field and the Rutgers Softball Complex as well as new locker room areas for softball, field hockey, cross country and track and field.

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Prior to joining Rutgers, Hobbs served as Ombudsman to the Office of the Governor in the Christie administration, serving as a resource for whistleblowers within the Office. He also oversaw ethics training and guidance to the 140 employees in the Office of the Governor.

Hobbs moved south down the New Jersey Turnpike after notable achievements at Seton Hall University. He joined the Seton Hall Law faculty in 1990 with a specialty in tax law. Hobbs became Associate Dean for Finance in 1995 and was named Dean in 1999, a position he held until 2015. In his years as Dean, He shepherded the Law School through a series of groundbreaking initiatives that raised Seton Hall Law to unprecedented prominence. The school was the fastest-rising law school in the U.S. News & World Report ranking over the past decade. From 2009 to 2011 Hobbs also oversaw Seton Hall's Department of Athletics, bringing new leadership to its men's and women's basketball programs, restructuring the Department, and negotiating the contract with the Prudential Center to serve as the home site for men's basketball games.

The Garden State product also spearheaded the school's largest fundraising initiative, Seton Hall Law Rising, a \$25 million-plus campaign that revitalized alumni support and resulted in a contribution rate of over 70 percent.

Hobbs has been dedicated to fostering greater diversity in the legal profession. In 2008, he formed the Dean's Diversity Council, comprising faculty, students, alumni and administration working in concert to enhance the Law School's inclusive environment. In 2012, Hobbs was honored by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund with its Excellence Award for his work on behalf of diversity within the legal profession and for "exemplifying Justice Thurgood Marshall's commitment to justice, civil rights and education."

Prior to joining Seton Hall Law, Hobbs was a tax attorney with the law firm of Shanley & Fisher in Roseland, N.J. He received his B.A. in accounting, magna cum laude, from Seton Hall University, his J.D. from the University of North Carolina and his LL.M. (in taxation) from New York University.

Hobbs, 59, is the proud father of three children and resides in Basking Ridge, N.J. with wife Patrice.