



Quentin Griffin, Former OU Running Back

Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. worked with Quentin Griffin to complete his graduation requirements from the University of Oklahoma and place him in college coaching.



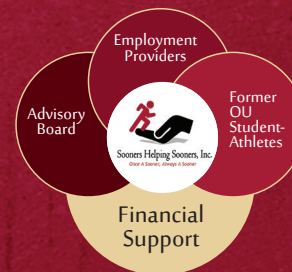
Coach Lincoln Riley (center), Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. 300 Club Member, with Dr. John Randolph (left), former OU football player and Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. Advisory Board Member and Jerry Pettibone, President of Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. at the SHS Spring Banquet.



Heather House, Former OU Rower

Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. introduced Heather House to people in the environmental and sustainability field in the Austin, Texas area.

A Partnership For Success



Strength in Numbers

Financial support is critical to the success of Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the level of service we can provide is parallel to our financial support. Thus, financial contributions are greatly needed and welcomed. We encourage you to contact us or visit our website for additional venues for donating.

Advised To Ensure Compliance

Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc., although not affiliated with the University of Oklahoma, works closely with the University Career Center and its excellent staff. We stay in touch with the NCAA compliance staff at the Athletic Department. We have a talented and caring Board of Directors which includes Barry Switzer, Hal Smith, Jim Riley and Tim Lashar to provide advice and guidance to our efforts.



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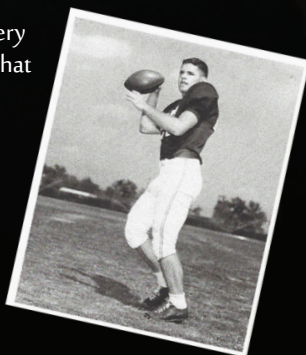
Our Founder (1936-2015)

Jakie Sandefer was passionate about everything he took on, including coming to the University of Oklahoma from Breckenridge, Texas to join the Sooners.

J.D. "Jakie" Sandefer III was very successful playing on teams that went 30 and 2 winning three conference championships, two Orange Bowls and one national championship. For years after his playing days, Jakie was a huge supporter of OU athletic programs and extremely helpful in recruiting some of the best football players to ever appear on the Gaylord Family field.

His passion for helping young athletes continued after their playing days by helping them find gainful employment for those in need.

Due to the changes in employing people with all the intensive vetting procedures, it was necessary to formalize Jakie's efforts with the creation of Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc.



Above: Playing on the "56-58" teams

The Team

Experienced. Compassionate. Committed.



Jerry Pettibone President

Jerry played at OU for Bud Wilkinson in the early 60's. He coached at OU for 12 years for Jim McKenzie, Chuck Fairbanks, and Barry Switzer and later the recruiting coordinator for the 1974-75 National Championship teams. He served on coaching staffs at SMU, Nebraska and Texas A&M. He was head football coach at Northern Illinois and Oregon State for six years each.

For over ten years he has run a football evaluation business helping high school football players find colleges where they can compete. Jerry and his wife Susy live in Norman.

Pam Kelleher Executive Assistant

Pam worked at OU for 25 years and retired in 2011. During her tenure at OU, she served as the administrative assistant for Billy Tubbs, Kelvin Sampson, Steve Owens and Joe Castiglione.

Pam and her family currently reside in Norman.

Jay O'Neal Vice President

Jay O'Neal played at OU in the mid 50s on teams that went 31-0 and won two National Championships.

He coached at OU for seven years for Bud Wilkinson and Gomer Jones, and scouted for the San Diego Chargers of the AFL.

He was a volunteer high school coach for 12 years in Colorado where he and his wife Karen live.

Jay spent many years in the cable television business and operated an internet distribution business.



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Our Mission

We positively impact the lives of former University of Oklahoma student-athletes and their families by providing opportunities for personal development, education and rewarding career paths

Empowering Former OU Athletes For Success

Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. was created to assist former OU student-athletes, who have completed their eligibility, find gainful employment which will allow them to adequately care for themselves and their families. It is a life-changing opportunity to provide the necessary resources to former Sooner student-athletes so they can properly house, feed and educate those they love. Unfortunately, we have seen a steady increase in the need for this service.

These deserving men and women provided us with years and years of entertainment and joy as they displayed their athletic abilities at the University of Oklahoma.



Sooners Helping Sooners, Inc. Board of Directors member and 300 Club member Coach Barry Switzer with Coach Bennie Owen's granddaughter Dorothy Ann "Tutu" Bryant, at one of the SHS 300 Club Spring Banquets..