

Rotary Tuesday, September 28, 2021

**Great Hall, William J. Clinton Presidential Center
 and
 Virtual via Zoom**

In person - registration required

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Virtual - no registration required

11:30 a.m. Pre-Meeting Entertainment: Pandora

12:00 noon Program: Tom Bowen, Arkansas State University Red Wolves Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics

Arkansas State University Chancellor Kelly Damphousse announced on March 10, 2021, that Tom Bowen, a 25-year veteran leader in collegiate and professional athletics who owns nearly 15 years of experience as an FBS athletics director, has been named the Red Wolves Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics.

With his arrival to A-State, Bowen will make his third stop leading an FBS athletics program after previously completing highly successful stints as the director of athletics at Memphis from 2012-19 and San Jose State from the end of 2004 until June of 2012.

Bowen most recently spent the last two years as the president and founder of Bellwether Athletic Leadership Strategies, a national consulting company for Division I, II and III collegiate programs and private educational institutions providing leadership strategies, feasibility studies, strategic plans, fundraising expertise/structures and organizational design and efficiencies.

Along with his strong history of achievements as a collegiate athletics administrator, which also included stops at the University of California, Berkeley and Saint Mary's College of California, Bowen's experience working closely with college institutions across the nation at Bellwether and as an executive with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers were part of his path to Arkansas State.

A well-recognized face across the national college athletics landscape, Bowen has been highly involved with prominent professional associations and committees.

Bowen was previously appointed to the National Board of Athletic Directors (LEAD1 Association). In June 2018, Bowen was named to the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, and he also served on the College Football Playoff organization's Athletic Directors Advisory Council in 2014.

Additionally, he served on the Athletic Directors Advisory Board of the BCS in 2013. Bowen was the chair of the American Athletic Conference's Board of Athletics Directors during his time at Memphis as well. In July 2014, he was voted to represent The American Athletic Conference on the NCAA Division I Leadership Council, an advisory body to the NCAA Division I Board of Directors, by his fellow conference athletics directors.

He is a Level 2 certified member of the College Athletic Business Management Association (CABMA) and has memberships in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Bowen began his Memphis tenure playing an integral role in the formation of the American Athletic Conference. Memphis became a charter member of the new league on July 1, 2013, and Bowen spent time serving as vice chair of the American Athletic Conference Athletic Directors Council.

Bowen's guidance and vision were primary reasons Memphis was able to set new school records in academics, competition and fundraising while also being active in community service and completing numerous facility upgrades and new construction for sports such as football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, volleyball, track and field, soccer, softball and others.

The Tigers regularly posted a 3.0 all-department GPA or higher and set double-digit academic records while over 300 student-athletes earned their degrees during Bowen's tenure.

With Bowen at the helm, the football team claimed the 2014 American Athletic Conference crown and made a then-school-record five consecutive bowl appearances from 2014-18. This was after he inherited a program which was 5-31 in the previous three seasons before his arrival on campus and had not experienced a winning season since 2007.

The well-rounded men's and women's athletics programs during Bowen's time in Memphis collected conference championships and made NCAA postseason appearances while at least 22 student-athletes earned All-America recognition.

Prior to Memphis, Bowen served as athletics director at San Jose State. While at San Jose State, the core of Bowen's mission was building



Club Meeting

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 Meets at Great Hall
 William J. Clinton
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 1200 President Clinton
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 Little Rock, AR 72201
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 11:30 AM

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a ♦ Culture of Champions ♦ academically, athletically and in the community.

His impact on the Spartans ♦ athletics department was evident as he created a new master facilities plan and implemented the first major construction in over 10 years. Bowen also created a Student Success Services component committed to student-athlete success and excellence. He systematically rebuilt the football program and support services as well, resulting in San Jose State ♦s first bowl appearance and victory in over 25 years.

Bowen served as both an assistant and associate athletics director at Cal from 2000-02 and worked in multiple roles at Saint Mary ♦s College from 1995-2000, including a four-month stint as interim athletics director. He was also the director of community affairs and executive director of the 49ers Foundation with the San Francisco 49ers from 2002-04.

The 1983 University of Notre Dame graduate majored in theology/sociology and spent time studying for the priesthood with the Holy Cross Fathers. Bowen earned a master ♦s degree in administration/education from the University of San Francisco in 1990.

He and his wife, Mia, are the parents of three children: sons, Andrew and Peter, and daughter, McKenna.

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Topic: RCLR Weekly Meeting 9.28.2021
Time: Sep 28, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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September			
	28	Tom Bowen, Athletic Director Arkansas State University	ASU Athletics
October			
5	Waleed Abdalati, Director of Coop Institutue Research in Enviromental Sciences	CU Bolder	Climate Change
12	Little Rock Fire Department		2021 Awards Presentation
19	James Arbuckle, District Governor	Rotary International District 6150	District - Rotary
26	Ron Ekstrand, CEO	Easterseals Arkansas	



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Birthdays

Robert Keller Jackson
September 27th

Kerry McCoy
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Kirsten E. Dickins
September 29th

Gerald A. Damerow
September 30th

Anne T. Mourning
September 30th

Wendy L. Ward
October 1st

Collins A. Andrews
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October 2nd

Donald Nathan
Coulter

October 2nd

Shannon Y. Heard
October 2nd

Stephen N. Joiner
October 5th

Sarah M. Spencer
October 5th

Sharon L. Giovinazzo
October 5th