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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bob Bowsby

Commissioner

Big 12 Conference

Bob Bowsby, one of the most respected athletic administrators in the nation, was named the Big 12 Conference Commissioner on May 4, 2012.

During his career, Bowsby has been at the forefront of advancement and change in collegiate athletics. He is a member of the NCAA Presidential Task Force on Federal and State Legislative Issues and has met on numerous occasions with congressional representatives in Washington, D.C. His newest challenge is helping guide college athletics to a return from the COVID-19 pandemic that brought the 2019-20 season to an early end.

Bowsby was appointed to the inaugural NCAA Division I Council in 2015. The Division I governance body establishes and revises new governance rules that oversee and guide all of college sports. He also served as chair of the Football Oversight Committee which oversees all aspects of collegiate football and reports directly to the NCAA Division I Council.

In his tenure with the Conference, Bowsby finalized one of the most lucrative television deals in college athletics and oversaw the expansion of the existing ESPN rights agreement with the 2019 debut of Big 12 Now on ESPN+. Hundreds of additional Big 12 sports events and original programming will be distributed annually on the digital platform.

Bowsby played a key role in the formation of the College Football Playoff that began in 2014-15, the first postseason playoff in the history of the sport. He also negotiated a partnership with the Southeastern Conference in which both leagues' champions will meet each year in the Allstate Sugar Bowl in addition to confirming the league's other bowl partnerships, giving the Big 12 some of the premier postseason destinations in college football. Additionally, under his leadership, the Big 12 Football Championship Game was reinstated beginning with the 2017 season.

Born on January 10, 1952, Bowsby has been married to his wife, Candice, for over 43 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

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Steve Hendry and Wayne Stokes

During the pandemic, Steve Hendry and Wayne Stokes, with a few of the staff from Network, have been working each Thursday on the Network Food Truck to help provide food boxes to students attending the Memorial Park Academy, located in the (RISD) Arzell Ball Center on Greenville Avenue.

While not pictured, Craig Jeffery drives the Food Truck each Tuesday to the (RISD) Thurgood Marshall Elementary School where he and members of other volunteer groups distribute as many as 150 food boxes to the parents of students attending that school.

The food boxes, purchased from the North Texas Food Bank, each weigh 25 pounds and are typically filled with rice, beans, and canned staples, along with sides of fresh produce.

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