



Union Public Schools



Emily Barkley **Director of Athletics**

Emily Barkley was named Director of Athletics for Union Public Schools in 2012. She previously served as associate and assistant director of Athletics. She joined the Athletic Department in August 2004.

Barkley is recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) as one of Oklahoma's very few Certified Master Athletic Administrators (CMAA), the highest level of certification an athletic director can obtain. She previously earned Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) and a Registered Athletic Administrator (RAA) distinctions.

Barkley is a member of the NIAAA, the Oklahoma Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA), and the Oklahoma Coaches Association (OCA). Barkley currently serves as the treasurer of the OIAAA Advisory Board and treasurer for the Frontier Valley Conference. Barkley recently completed a two-year term as a Board Member and Region 7 representative for the OCA.

Barkley was named the 2014-2015 OIAAA National Council of Secondary Schools Athletic Director of the Year and 2015-2016 OCA Region 7 and State Athletic Director of the Year.

A 1996 graduate of Union High School, Barkley went on to the University of Tulsa and earned her Bachelor of Science in athletic administration and was honored as the 1999-2000 College of Business Outstanding Sports Administration graduate. Barkley then continued her education as she earned her Master of Business Administration while serving as a graduate assistant in the University of Tulsa Athletic Department. She also served as an academic advisor to the football team during this time.

Barkley was a captain of the 1996 State Runner-Up Lady Redskins soccer team and earned All-State honors that year. In addition, Barkley was a captain and All-Conference basketball player for the Lady Redskins and enjoyed two state tournament appearances during her career. She is a member of the Union Athletic Department Hall of Fame.

Barkley is married to Justin Barkley, Head Men's Basketball Coach at Rogers State University in Claremore, OK and they have a daughter, Sutton Caroline (1).