



SPECIAL GUEST BIO: **Nick Saban,**
Head Football Coach, University of Alabama

A man of vision who has a proven record of championship success, head coach Nick Saban returned The University of Alabama to the top of the college football landscape with his commitment to building the total program. After the victory over Ohio State in the 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship Game, Saban passed Paul “Bear” Bryant to become the only coach to win seven national titles in the poll era of college football.

In his 15th season in Tuscaloosa, Saban’s uncompromising dedication to excellence in every phase of the program has resulted in six national championships since 2009. His consistent approach and disciplined leadership are the reasons his teams are known for exhibiting grit, determination and resilience, often overcoming adversity to achieve victory.

The most recent example of his team’s ability to overcome adversity came in a season filled with more adversity than any before it. The pandemic that gripped the world in 2020 required Saban not only to manage his typical football duties both on and off the field, but necessitated his ability to manage a medical and social environment unseen in college football history.

The 2020 season culminated with a 52-24 thrashing of No. 3 Ohio State in the College Football Playoff National Championship Game at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, to claim the program’s 18th national title.

In his 25 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Saban has compiled a 261-65-1 (.800) record, including a 170-23 (.881) mark in Tuscaloosa. A native of Monongah, West Virginia, Saban is a 1973 graduate of Kent State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business. He earned a master’s degree in sports administration from Kent State in 1975. Born Oct. 31, 1951, Saban and his wife, the former Terry Constable, have two children, Nicholas and Kristen. They have been married for 49 years and are enjoying the company of their granddaughter Amélie, grandson James and son-in-law Adam Setas. The Sabans started the Nick’s Kids Foundation, a vibrant example of their continuing concern for disadvantaged children. Since Nick and Terry arrived in Tuscaloosa, over \$10 million has been distributed to students, teachers and children’s causes.

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