

Transcript of podcast interview with Mr. Kirk Chandler, GTCC Athletic Director.

Mr. Chandler introduces himself and explains what he does in running the GTCC athletic programs.

4 sports at GTCC

Women – volleyball and basketball.

Men – basketball and baseball.

Indoor sports are played at the Ragsdale YMCA. Baseball games are played at Ragsdale High.

The GTCC sports program came into being after the benefits of college sports programs were realized over a period of time by GTCC administration.

GTCC's NCAA division status

GTCC is a NCAA Division and region is NCAA part of NJCAA Division 2 Region 10 School. Division 2 schools can offer scholarship money for books and tuition. Division 1 schools can offer scholarship money for residence, books, and tuition. Division 3 schools can offer no scholarship money.

What are the benefits of college athletics? Extracurricular involvement and a chance for personal growth and becoming better-rounded people. Sports provide an opportunity for students to continue an activity they enjoy. Athletics can be an important part of the maturation process – develops leadership, tolerance, and tenacity. Student athletes also recognize the need for a good education through their sports activities.

Characteristics of a successful student athlete – Helps participants realize the importance of being able finish what they started and enhances academic success, such as moving on to a 4 year institution for either academics or athletics. Simple helps develop good people-good teammates and good people to be around. Athletics develops positive personal attributes.

GTCC teams hold open tryouts. Any full time students are welcome to tryout subject to program academic and college guidelines.

There is a little difference between scholarship students and walk-ons. Scholarship students may be better known by the athletic program leaders as they have been actively recruited. Walk-ons are encouraged to provide information to the athletic leaders so they could know them better.

Opportunities are the same once players on the team.

Mr. Chandler played college baseball at Elon, center field to be exact.

Had served in college athletics administration previously at Averett College, first as head basketball coach and then as the program expanded became assistant athletic director, plus a couple of stops as head athletic director prior to coming to GTCC.

Duke fan!

Follow the teams on college website and admission to all sport events free. GTCC has strong teams in all sports and encourages all to come out and follow them.

