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TECH ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A STUDENT-ATHLETE MEET AND GREET AT SATURDAY'S SOUTHERN ARKANSAS FOOTBALL GAME

RUSSELLVILLE, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Athletics Department has announced that it will be hosting its Second-Annual Student-Athlete Meet-and-Greet at this Saturday's home football game against Southern Arkansas. The Student-Athlete Meet and Greet is part of Tech's "Party on the Plaza" which are held prior to each and every home football game this season.

Saturday's Student-Athlete Meet-and-Greet, which is a way for the Russellville community to get out and meet the coaches and student-athletes at Tech, is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and will end prior to kickoff of the Wonder Boys Gulf South Conference contest with the Muleriders.

"One of the biggest advantages that NCCA Division II has is that our student-athletes and coaches are accessible to the public," Tech Head Volleyball Coach and Senior Women's Administrator **Kristy Bayer** said. "Each team will have a booth with an activity or theme so that students, community members and alumni can meet our student athletes, pick up their schedules and earn free prizes."

All the events are designed to be family oriented, which give the young people an opportunity to make a connection with a Wonder Boy or a Golden Sun. Some of the events include face painting, putt-putt golf, a dunk tank, a High Striker game and a Football Toss. All the proceeds of Saturday's event will be going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Our initial Student-Athlete Meet-and-Greet was a huge success last year and I expect it to even be better this year," Bayer said.

Last year's event earned Tech its second consecutive \$500 community service grant from the NCAA for its Division II community engagement efforts. Tech was one of 20 NCAA Division II schools and one Division II conference that were awarded \$500 community service grants last year.

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