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ANOTHER LOOK AT ATHLETICS MANAGEMENT AT USM

The USM football and men's basketball teams enjoyed unprecedented success during the 2011-12 academic year. The football team, under the leadership of Larry Fedora, won 12 of 14 games, including a victory over Nevada in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl in Dec-2011. Under Larry Eustachy, the men's basketball team compiled a 25-9 record and received the program's first invitation to the NCAA tournament in 20 years. Still, success in these two sports came at a cost, as both coaches departed USM for other venues. In Fedora's case, that meant North Carolina, while Eustachy headed west to Colorado State. What USM fans and other members of the USM family may not know is that the success of these two teams also came during the worst athletics year overall since current USM president Martha Saunders arrived on the scene in May-2007. As of 22-Apr-2012, Golden Eagles sports teams have won just 43.1% of their athletic contests during 2011-12, even with football's 85.7% contribution and men's basketball's 73.5% addition.

