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**2005 Mercer Men's Cross Country**



**2005 Women's Cross Country**

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## JUSTIN PARKER

### Parker's Mercer Career Highlights

#### Cross Country

- Holds nine of the top-10 8000m school records
- Holds school record in 10,000m
- 3-time All-Atlantic Sun Conference selection

#### Track and Field

- School record holder for 3000m, 5000m and 10,000m

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## 2004 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY GEORGIA COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS

Mercer University is a **Division I** school and is a member of the **Atlantic Sun Conference**. The cross country team competes at a variety of meets in the southeast which include Georgia, Auburn and Georgia State. Mercer also hosts two invitational meets during September of each year. The team also competes during the spring Track and Field season at a variety of meets.

During an average year, about 12-14 runners begin the season with each team. After cuts are made, eight to ten competitors will remain on the squad, most of whom will receive athletic scholarship funds. Athletes who receive athletic scholarships are awarded varying amounts based on a variety of factors. Coach Bailey encourages non-recruited athletes to compete for positions on the team as "walk-ons" and has had success in developing walk-on runners for the squad.



### MERCER RECORDS

**Men's Cross Country**  
**8000m**-2003 Justin Parker (25:24)  
**10,000m**-2003 Justin Parker (32:20)  
**2.8 Mile**-1948 Richard Benson (15:40)  
**3.6 Mile**-1954 Kevin Sumner (19:40)

**Women's Cross Country**  
**5000m**-2003 Alice Johnston (18:53)  
**6000m**-2004 Deborah Jones (23:47)

**Men's Track and Field**  
**10,000m**-2001 Justin Parker (33:39)  
**5000m**-2001 Justin Parker (15:53)  
**3000m**-2003 Justin Parker (9:09)  
**880 Yards**-1947 Broadus Willoughby (2:04)  
**800m**-2001 Michael Beattie (1:56)

**Women's Track and Field**  
**5000m**-2004 Deborah Jones (19:22)  
-2004 Brittany Clark (19:22)  
**1500m**-2004 Elizabeth Orendorff (5:09)



**HEAD COACH  
Ryan E. Bailey**

Coach Bailey has over twenty five years of experience in competitive running and over ten years of experience coaching. He is a 1984 graduate of Warner Robins High School in Warner Robins, Georgia.

Bailey served six distinguished years in the United States Air Force, earning Southwest Asia Campaign and Air Force Achievement medals for

service during the first Gulf War. He then attended Texas Tech University receiving a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Sciences with magna cum laude honors. While coaching at the high school level he garnered numerous regional championships, five consecutive state championships, three state team runners-up and coached a dozen individual state champions in cross country and track. Bailey is the recipient of numerous coaching awards. He has also been a USA Track and Field certified coach since 2002. Since Coach Bailey's NCAA debut in 2002 as head coach at Mercer, six different school records have fallen.

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