Coach Costa and Emma Kittles established the Costa Kittles Endowed Athletic and Physical Education Scholarship. The scholarship is intended to provide financial support for students pursuing studies in physical education and participating in athletics at Florida A&M University (FAMU).

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**Costa “Pop” Kittles**

Costa Kittles affectionately known as “Pop,” was a football and baseball star at FAMU during the late 1940s and 1950s. He garnered All-America honors in football as an end in 1950 under the legendary A.S. “Jake” Gaither, and was an all-star catcher for the baseball team under the late Dr. Oscar A. “Chief” Moore.

A warm and personable mentor to numerous student-athletes, Kittles joined the FAMU staff in 1952 as an assistant football coach and physical education instructor. For the next 40 years, he worked as a coach for FAMU Athletics. He began his career in 1953 and served as an assistant football coach, assistant baseball coach and an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Kittles eventually succeeded Dr. Moore as head baseball coach in 1960, piloting the Rattlers to the first of eight Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles, seven straight crowns (1960-1966), six National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics district playoffs and one trip to the NAIA World Series. His clubs won over 400 games between 1960 and 1983.

Nineteen of Coach Kittles’ players were signed or drafted to the professional leagues, including Hal McRae, Andre Dawson and Vince Coleman, as well as the late William “Bill” Lucus, the first African-American executive in major league baseball history when he worked for the Atlanta Braves.

Costa Kittles retired from coaching in 1982 and retired from the University as an assistant professor in Health, Physical Education and Recreation in 1995. He was inducted into the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1982.

In 1999, the Florida A&M baseball field was renamed Moore-Kittles Field in honor of Kittles and his college coach, Dr. Oscar Moore.

*Costa Kittles - considered by many as one of the “fathers of Rattler baseball.”*
Florida A&M University  
College of Education  
Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Application for Scholarship

General Information
1. Scholarship recipients will be selected annually by the HPER scholarship committee, after review of application material. Academic records, letters of recommendation, commitment to the academic program, and other specified criteria will be considered.
2. Awards may be made to high school graduates, junior college transfer students and students currently enrolled at FAMU depending on the scholarship criteria. Consideration will be given to all scholarship applications.
3. Students must submit an application and all awards are competitive, but materials are due by June 1.
4. The award is intended to be used during the traditional academic year (fall and spring), and for academic purposes such as tuition, fees and books.
5. Students must submit a transcript from all schools (high school graduate) and colleges/universities.
6. The award is renewable for up to four years, however, an application for renewal must be submitted by June 1.

Costa Kittles Endowed Scholarship

Criteria: • GPA 2.5 or above  
• Classification Junior Level Baseball Player  
• Commitment to pursuing a Degree in Physical Education  
• Excels in the sport of baseball  
• Candidates will be recommended by Head Baseball Coach

Award: $1,000 annually

NAME: ____________________________ Student ID: __________________
Address: _________________________ City _______________ State __ Zip _______ Phone: ______________
Date of Birth: _________________ Major: _______________ Classification: _______________ Cum GPA: _____
Social Security #( if not currently enrolled at University): ________________________________

Are you a current member of HPER Physical Education majors club? ________________________________
If yes, please provide a letter signed by the PEPS President and club’s Faculty Advisor.

Are you a current member of a) Florida AHPERDS? ________________ b) AAHPERD? ________________

Please indicate the campus organization to which you have membership.
1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________ 3. ____________________________

What position(s) do you play on the FAMU Baseball Team? _________________________________
Have you held any leadership positions or office in any organization? ________________________
If yes, please list those offices and organizations and include dates: ___________________________

The following items must be submitted with this application:
• An Official copy of your school or college transcripts  
• A letter of recommendation from each - HPER Dept. Chairperson, a current instructor, and one academic advisor.  
• Personal statement regarding current and future HPER issues.  
• Statement of your Philosophy of Education  
• A current resume

Please submit Application to:  
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Florida A&M University  
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