Celebrating the collegiate model in competition, in the classroom, and in the community
Characteristics of Division II Institutions

- Division II spans from New England to Hawaii, from Florida to Alaska, from Texas to Minnesota and from the Carolinas to California.
- Division II is the only NCAA division with schools in Alaska (Anchorage and Fairbanks), Puerto Rico (Bayamon, Mayaguez and Rio Piedras) and Canada (Simon Fraser).
- Division II’s access ratio to NCAA championships is the best of the three divisions, with at least one of every eight athletes enjoying postseason competition annually (even more in some sports).
- Division II believes in a balanced approach that integrates athletics into the college experience and allows students to focus fully on their academic pursuits and participate in other campus and community activities.

Quick Facts

308 Active Members
1:8 Championships participation ratio
455 Average number of student-athletes at schools with football (281 men, 174 women)
296 Average number of student-athletes at schools with football (151 men, 145 women)

Men
(44%) 517,153 Total undergraduate enrollment
(13%) 68,355 Student-athletes
7.1 Sports-sponsorship average

Women
(56%) 670,568 Total undergraduate enrollment
(7%) 49,556 Student-athletes
8.4 Sports-sponsorship average

DID YOU KNOW?

In a recent survey of current Division II athletes, 95 percent of them said they would recommend a Division II experience to a prospective student. A similar percentage (93 percent) of athletes 10 years removed from their DII athletics experience said they would recommend Division II to a prospect. That represents an ongoing and lasting impact!
I enjoy bragging about Division II. And those of you who know me know that I am not inclined to exaggerate or rely on platitudes to make a point – I tend to say it as I see it. And I see Division II as consistently living up to the high standards all of us have set. If it’s true that an organization is only as good as its members, then that must be why we have accomplished so much as a division.

Perhaps what I’m most proud of is the way all of you collaborate to accomplish whatever goals our division has set. And inherent in that collaboration is your insistence upon giving all members a say in how the division is governed, what strategies we undertake, and what programs we implement to support those strategies.

An example of such inclusive input was the Division II Census we conducted in 2013. At that time our original “I Chose Division II” brand campaign was nearing its 10th anniversary, and the division thought it was prudent to check up on not only the impact of that initiative, but also on a bevy of other issues, from how we conduct our championships and how we govern ourselves to how well we listen to our student-athletes and whether the programs we implement are appropriate.

A number of significant outcomes emerged loud and clear from that initial survey:

- We heard that while “I Chose” may have run its course, our emphasis on life in the balance in the student-athlete experience continued to resonate with constituents.
- While we understood who we were as a division, we needed to be more external facing with the Division II brand and messaging.
- Responses prompted several championships policy changes, including the elimination of legislation prohibiting automatic qualification for brackets smaller than 48; giving sport committees more flexibility to seed teams after the regional rounds; and aligning championships budget priorities to accommodate ground transportation and bracket expansion.
- We heard affirmation for our governance process, particularly the one institution, one vote model.
- We learned that we needed to reach out more to coaches.

That first census essentially built our current strategic plan and led to the Make It Yours brand enhancement. Our five strategic positioning outcome areas in the plan and their accompanying goals are derived almost entirely from how the membership responded to the census.

The membership, in fact, felt that first census was so beneficial that schools and conferences asked to conduct it every five years to ensure we have a touch point on what members want.

Earlier this month we began emailing the second census, which seeks feedback on a number of topics, including our branding efforts, championships operations, student-athlete advisory committees, governance processes and structure, diversity and inclusion, and conference and presidential involvement, among others. I’m sure many of you have already received the notification.

Several of the questions follow up on those asked in the original census in 2013 in order for us to measure progress or consider change. A few other questions are new, as they relate to programs and initiatives established after 2013.

I urge you to complete the survey thoughtfully. While that requires you to devote adequate time to the task, it will be time well spent, as your responses will help shape our division’s future. That is a big responsibility, and I encourage you to take it seriously.

I am not merely saying you should participate because we want good participation. On the contrary, we need you to participate because your participation last time directly influenced the division’s future course. Your voice matters. That is reflected in the 2015 strategic plan and will once again be apparent when the division conducts its mid-term assessment of the plan.

Division II is a collection of 308 active members, and, ultimately, it is the voice and collaboration from those schools that determine our focus on certain goals, strategies and initiatives. The NCAA is a membership organization. Division II is strong only if members participate. History shows that we are better when we work together and voice our opinions.

That’s why I am able to brag about Division II, and I anticipate keeping that up in 2018.
CHAMPIONSHIPS
WENTIN

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

ELITE EIGHT
Virginia Union 78, Columbus State 73
California Baptist 77, West Florida 69
Ashland 82, West Texas A&M 67
Harding 73, Queens (New York) 69

SEMIFINALS
Virginia Union 86, California Baptist 81
Ashland 90, Harding 77

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Ashland 93, Virginia Union 77

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Regan Haynes, sophomore,
West Texas A&M, Sports and Exercise Science, 4.0 GPA

Ashland’s defensive aggressiveness helped the Eagles build a comfortable margin in the fourth quarter. Here, Alex Henning battles Virginia Union’s Jamika Ruffin for a loose ball.
JAY LARRETE/NCAA PHOTOS

The Eagles had a tough time stopping Virginia Union’s Alexis Johnson, who registered a game-high 28 points and corralled nine rebounds.
JAY LARRETE/NCAA PHOTOS

Andi Daugherty grits her way past Virginia Union’s Rachael Pecota at the baseline during Ashland’s 93-77 championship-game victory.
JAY LARRETE/NCAA PHOTOS
The Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is no stranger to NCAA championships. The facility will in fact host the Division II Men's and Women's Elite Eights concurrently in 2018.

Zach Schneider shouts for joy after the final buzzer. “It was one of those stories you try to draw up,” Schneider said. “We talked about it when we got on the bus after losing to Augustana last year. Our only option was to end this season here with three wins.”

Shammgod Wells drives toward Northwest Missouri State’s Anthony Woods as Bearcats head coach Ben McCollum urges on his defense.
WRESTLING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)
1. Notre Dame (Ohio), 103.5
2. St. Cloud State, 67
3. California Baptist, 56.5
4. Nebraska-Kearney, 55.5
5. McKendree, 47.5
6. Ashland, 46
7. Maryville (Missouri), 42
8. Findlay, 35
9. Tiffin, 34.5
10. Mercyhurst, 33

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Nolan Kistler, junior, California Baptist, Criminal Justice, 3.99 GPA

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS
125-Pound Class
Ivan McClay, Notre Dame (Ohio) def. Willie Bohince, Mercyhurst, 10-7

133-Pound Class
Michael Labry, Ashland, def. Blake Bosch, Minnesota State Moorhead, 7-4

141-Pound Class
Nate Rodriguez, Maryville (Missouri), def. Darren Wynn, McKendree, 6-2

149-Pound Class
Keith Surber, Nebraska-Kearney, def. Juwan Edmond, Notre Dame (Ohio), 4-1

157-Pound Class
DeAndre’ Johnson, Limestone, def. Destin McCauley, Nebraska-Kearney, 14-5

165-Pound Class
Isaiah White, Notre Dame (Ohio), def. Brock Wingbergmuelhe, McKendree, 10-3

174-Pound Class
Nick Backer, Wisconsin-Parkside, def. Blaise Shade, UNC Pembroke, 8-4

184-Pound Class
Garrett Lineberger, Notre Dame (Ohio), def. Nick Fiegen, California Baptist, 16-0

197-Pound Class
Jacob Waste, California Baptist, def. Jon Inman, Fort Hays State, 10-2

Heavyweight Class
Garrett Gray, Tiffin, pinned Kameron Teacher, Notre Dame (Ohio) 1:23
WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)
1. Queens (North Carolina), 467
2. Drury, 385
3. Wingate, 346
4. Nova Southeastern, 250
5. Lindenwood, 212
6. West Florida, 201
7. Wayne State (Michigan), 189
8. West Chester, 188
9. Bridgeport, 168
10. Fresno Pacific, 167

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle
Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 22.79

100-yard freestyle
Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 48.44 [meet record; old record 48.54, Patricia Castro-Ortega, Queens (North Carolina), 3/12/2016]

200-yard freestyle
Emma Wahlstrom, Nova Southeastern, 1:46.81

500-yard freestyle
Leonie Van Noort, Grand Valley State, 4:46.62

1,000-yard freestyle
Georgia Wright, West Chester, 9:48.87 [meet record; old record 9:50.49, Kristen Frost, Southern Connecticut State]

1,650-yard freestyle
Georgia Wright, West Chester, 16:22.92

100-yard backstroke
Rachel Helm, Northern Michigan, 53.79

200-yard backstroke
Hannah Peiffer, Queens (North Carolina), 1:54.48 [meet record; old record 1:55.57, Caroline Arakelian, Queens (North Carolina), 3/15/2014]

100-yard breaststroke
Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 59.51 [meet record; old record 1:00.54, Bailee Nunn, Drury, 3/10/2017 (preliminaries)]

200-yard breaststroke
Bailee Nunn, Drury, 2:09.12 [meet record; old record 2:10.72, Nunn, 3/11/2017 (preliminaries)]

100-yard butterfly
Theresa Michalak, West Florida, 52.33 [meet record; old record 52.42, Armony Durmur, Wingate, 3/12/2015]

200-yard butterfly
Hannah Kastigar, Northern State, 1:58.36

200-yard individual medley
Bailee Nunn, Drury, 1:56.51

400-yard individual medley
Hannah Kastigar, Northern State, 4:12.99

One-meter diving
Monica Amaral, West Florida, 478.25

Three-meter diving
Monica Amaral, West Florida, 505.20

200-yard medley relay
Drury (Bailee Nunn, Vera Johansson, Yekaterina Rudenko, Madeline Nelson), 1:38.78 [meet record, old record 1:39.40, Drury (Yekaterina Rudenko, Zuzanna Chwadeckzo, Abigail Lunzmann, Bailee Nunn), 3/8/2017 (preliminaries)]

400-yard medley relay
Queens (North Carolina) (Hannah Peiffer, Michelle Prayson, Georgia DaCruz, Kyle Dobson), 3:38.35

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Melanie Tombers, senior, Delta State, International Business, 4.0 GPA
CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN’S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)
1. Tiffin, 63
2. Ashland, 52
3. Saint Augustine’s, 46
4. Adams State, 41
5. Academy of Art, 27
6. Western Oregon, 24
6. Azusa Pacific, 24
8. Grand Valley State, 23
9. Texas A&M-Commerce, 22
9. Lincoln (Missouri), 22
9. Sioux Falls, 22

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash
Modobale Ajomale, Academy of Art, 6.60

200-meter dash
Modobale Ajomale, Academy of Art, 21.05

400-meter dash
Myles Pringle, Ashland, 46.39

800-meter run
Shaquille Dill, Saint Augustine’s, 1:49.96

Mile run
Bastian Grau, Southern Indiana, 4:05.70

3,000-meter run
Sydney Gidabuday, Adams State, 7:56.88 (meet record; old record 8:01.42, Kevin Batt, Adams State, 3/14/2015)

5,000-meter run
Vincent Kiprop, Missouri Southern, 13:42.42 (meet record; old record 13:44.27, Michael Aish, Western State, 3/10/2001)

60-meter high hurdles
Marshawn Scott, Limestone, 7.92

1,600-meter relay
Saint Augustine’s (Shawn Rowe, Shaquille Dill, Immanuel Hutchinson, Khari Herbert Jr.), 3:08.76

Distances medley relay
Western Oregon (Dustin Nading, AJ Holmberg, Josh Dempsey, David Ribich), 9:40.15 (meet record; old record 9:41.79, Adams State [Oliver Aitchison, Derek Brown, Austin Anaya, Kevin Batt], 3/13/2015)

High jump
Mikel Smith, Saint Martin’s, 2.22 (7-3 1/2)

Pole vault
Scott Greenman, Sioux Falls, 5.35 (17-6 1/2)

Long jump
Marquise Corbett, Tiffin, 7.81 (25-7 1/2)

Triple jump
Michael Sandle, Minnesota State Mankato, 16.11 (52-10 1/4)

Shot put
Coy Blair, Tiffin, 18.91 (62-0 1/2)

Weight throw
Coy Blair, Tiffin, 21.44 (70-4 1/4)

Heptathlon
Shakiel Chattoo, Azusa Pacific, 5,474

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Derrick Williams, junior, Colorado State-Pueblo, Biology, 3.99 GPA

Eventual winner Mobolade Ajomale of Academy of Art leads Demonize McCray of McKendree and Myles Pringle of Ashland in the 200-meter dash.

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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

50-yard freestyle
Serghei Golban, Lindenwood, 19.53

100-yard freestyle
Marius Kusch, Queens (North Carolina), 43.03

200-yard freestyle
Dion Dreesens, Queens (North Carolina), 1:33.85

500-yard freestyle
Joan Casanovas, Drury, 4:18.64

1,000-yard freestyle
Franco Lupoli, Nova Southeastern, 9:01.02

1,650-yard freestyle
Joan Casanovas, Drury, 15:11.20

100-yard backstroke
Paul Pijulet, Queens (North Carolina), 46.58

200-yard backstroke
Paul Pijulet, Queens (North Carolina), 1:42.08

100-yard breaststroke
Anton Lobanov, Nova Southeastern, 51.76

200-yard breaststroke
Anton Lobanov, Nova Southeastern, 1:51.83

100-yard butterfly
Paul Pijulet, Queens (North Carolina), 45.62

200-yard butterfly
Marius Kusch, Queens (North Carolina), 1:42.04 [meet record; old record 1:42.96, Matthew Josa, Queens (North Carolina), 3/13/2015]

200-yard individual medley
Marius Kusch, Queens (North Carolina), 1:44.36

400-yard individual medley
Nick Arakelian, Queens (North Carolina), 3:45.01

One-meter diving
Collin Vast, Clinton, 534.55

Three-meter diving
Brad Dalrymple, Grand Valley State, 513.70

200-yard freestyle relay
Florida Tech (Nir Barnea, Victor Rocha Furtado, Matthew Gallone, Filip Dujmic), 1:19.46

400-yard freestyle relay
Queens (North Carolina) (Marius Kusch, Dion Dreesens, Ben Mayes, Nick Arakelian), 2:53.00 [meet record; old record 2:53.89, Queens (North Carolina) (Dreesens, Kusch, Mayes, Arakelian), 3/11/2017 (preliminaries)]

800-yard freestyle relay
Queens (North Carolina) (Dion Dreesens, Paul Pijulet, Marius Kusch, Nick Arakelian), 8:18.46 [meet record; old record 6:23.62, Queens (North Carolina) (Dion Dreesens, Ben Taylor, Nick Arakelian, Parker Cook-Weeks), 3/11/2016]

200-yard medley relay
Queens (North Carolina) (Zach Bunner, Rostyslav Fedyna, Paul Pijulet, Ben Mayes), 1:25.89 [meet record; old record 1:25.95, Queens (North Carolina) (Bunner, Fedyna, Pijulet, Mayes), 3/8/2017 (preliminaries)]

400-yard medley relay
Queens (North Carolina) (Paul Pijulet, Rostyslav Fedyna, Marius Kusch, Dion Dreesens), 3:07.38 [meet record; old record 3:08.07, Queens (North Carolina) (John Suther, Nic Eriksson, Matthew Josa, Benjamin Taylor), 3/12/2015]

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Michael Cohn, senior, UC San Diego, Music, 3.97 GPA

WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-meter dash
Dianna Johnson, Adams State, 7.34

200-meter dash
Carly Muscato, Merrimack, 23.57

400-meter dash
Carly Muscato, Merrimack, 51.78 [meet record; old record 52.22, Lorraine Graham, Lincoln (Missouri), 3/8/1997]

800-meter run
Carsyn Koch, Cedarville, 2:05.65 [meet record; old record 2:05.96, Helen Crofts, Simon Fraser, 2013]

Mile run
Alicia Konieczek, Western State, 4:37.42 [meet record; old record 4:38.06, Suzy Jones, UC Davis, 1996]

3,000-meter run
Alicia Konieczek, Western State, 9:23.19

5,000-meter run
Alex Zeis, U-Mary, 16:23.22

60-meter high hurdles
Atonie Geving Williams, Minnesota State Mankato, 8.37

1,600-meter relay
Johnson C. Smith (Kianje Pollard, Felan Ferguson, Domenique Julius-Williams, Tovea Jenkins), 3:42.05

Distance medley relay

High jump
Natalie O’Keefe, Southwest Baptist, 1.76 (5-9 1/4)

Pole vault
Courtney Crandall, Sioux Falls, 4.32 [14-2 1/4] [meet record; old record 4.32 (14-2), Katelin Rains, Minnesota State Mankato, 3/15/2008]

Long jump
Stacia Reuwsaat, Chadron State, 6.16 (20-2 1/2)

Triple jump
Reille Kaputin, West Texas A&M, 13.09 (42-11 1/2)

Shot put
Mel Herl, Chadron State, 15.77 (51-9)

Weight throw
Tynelle Gumbs, Findlay, 21.41 (70-3)

Pentathlon
Emlyn Dearman, Pittsburg State, 4,146

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Adams State, 47
2. Grand Valley State, 39
3. Chadron State, 38
4. Pittsburg State, 35.83
5. West Texas A&M, 35
6. Johnson C. Smith, 31
7. Merrimack, 25
8. Western State, 24
9. Walsh, 22
9. Lincoln (Missouri), 22

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Natalie O’Keefe, senior, Southwest Baptist, Art, 4.0 GPA

“Our acronym for this year was GRIT -- Get Results Intentionally as a Team. We knew we were just going to have to outwork everyone because on the men’s side we have a lot of talent and on the women’s side we had a lot of development. Every day we tried to give our best effort. The only perfection we ask from our kids is perfect effort every day, and it has paid off wonderfully.”

Jeff Dugdale, head men’s and women’s swimming coach, Queens (North Carolina) NCAA PHOTOS

MATT MARRIOTT/NCAA PHOTOS

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)

1. Queens (North Carolina), 563.5
2. Drury, 350
3. Nova Southeastern, 313
4. Florida Southern, 265
5. Grand Valley State, 255
6. Wingate, 198
7. Lindenwood, 175
8. Delta State, 160
9. Fresno Pacific, 156
10. Simon Fraser, 154

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

200-yard breaststroke
Anton Lobanov, Nova Southeastern, 51.76

100-yard backstroke
Paul Pijulet, Queens (North Carolina), 46.58

1,650-yard freestyle
Joan Casanovas, Drury, 15:11.20

200-yard freestyle relay
Florida Tech (Nir Barnea, Victor Rocha Furtado, Matthew Gallone, Filip Dujmic), 1:19.46

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ELITE 90 HONOREE: Michael Cohn, senior, UC San Diego, Music, 3.97 GPA
CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. West Texas A&M, 64
2. Grand Valley State, 44
3. Adams State, 43
4. Pittsburg State, 39
5. Western State, 30

EVENT CHAMPIONS

100-meter dash
Dianna Johnson, Adams State, 11.40

200-meter dash
Carly Muscaro, Merrimack, 23.40

400-meter dash
Carly Muscaro, Merrimack, 51.90

800-meter run
Decano Cronin, Fort Hays State, 1:49.75

1,500-meter run
David Ribich, Western Oregon, 3:49.64

5,000-meter run

10,000-meter run
Vincent Kiprop, Missouri Southern, 29:32.07

110-meter hurdles
Juan Scott, Central State, 13.73

400-meter hurdles
Shawn Rowe, Saint Augustine’s, 49.42

3,000-meter steeplechase
Daniel Michalski, Cedarville, 8:44.49

400-meter relay
West Texas A&M (Kennedy Hudson, Fatim Affessi, Janice Pitts, Shannon Cameron), 44.85

1,600-meter relay
West Texas A&M (Kennedy Hudson, Fatim Affessi, Janice Pitts, Shannen Cameron), 44.85

High jump
Cervantes Jackson, Albany State, 2.16 (7-1)

Pole vault
Peyton Lewis, Northwest Nazarene, 5.36 (17-7)

Long jump
Sedeekie Edie, Lincoln (Missouri), 7.77 (25-6)

Triple jump
Cervantes Jackson, Albany State, 16.30 (53-5 ¼)

Shot put
Koy Blair, Tiffin, 19.64 (65-4 ¼)

Discus throw
Duke Taylor, Malone, 58.78 (192-10)

Hammer throw
Daniel Roberts, Ashland, 69.84 (229-1)

Javelin throw
Nils Fischer, Angelo State, 75.05 (246-2)

Decathlon
Florian Obst, Texas A&M-Commerce, 7,576

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Kevin Witick, senior, McKendree, Biology, 3.99 GPA
**BASEBALL**

Game 1
West Chester 9, North Georgia 4

Game 2
Lindenwood 4, Delta State 0

Game 3
St. Thomas Aquinas 6, UC San Diego 5 (12 inn.)

Game 4
Colorado Mesa 10, Quincy 3

Game 5
Delta State 4, North Georgia 0

Game 6
West Chester 5, Lindenwood 2

Game 7
UC San Diego 10, Quincy 8

Game 8
St. Thomas Aquinas 3, Colorado Mesa 2 (10 inn.)

Game 9
UC San Diego 11, Lindenwood 6

Game 10
Colorado Mesa 6, Delta State 2

Game 11
West Chester 1, Colorado Mesa 0

Game 12
Colorado Mesa 10, Quincy 3

Game 13
UC San Diego 10, St. Thomas Aquinas 0

Game 14
West Chester 5, UC San Diego 2

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**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Kyle Leahy, sophomore, Colorado Mesa, Kinesiology, 4.0 GPA

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**SOFTBALL**

Game 1
Angelo State 5, Humboldt State 1

Game 2
West Virginia Wesleyan 4, Molloy 0

Game 3
Minnesota State Mankato 5, Southern Indiana 0

Game 4
Armstrong 7, West Florida 3

Game 5
Angelo State 6, West Virginia Wesleyan 5 (12 inn.)

Game 6
Minnesota State 8, Armstrong 4

Game 7
Humboldt State 2, Molloy 0

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**GAME 8**
West Florida 4, Southern Indiana 3

**GAME 9**
Armstrong 5, Humboldt State 1

**GAME 10**
West Virginia Wesleyan 1, West Florida 0

**GAME 11**
Angelo State 8, Armstrong 3

**GAME 12**
Minnesota State 5, West Virginia Wesleyan 2

**GAME 13**
Minnesota State 5, Angelo State 1

**GAME 14**
Minnesota State 5, Angelo State 1

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**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Taylor Barnett, senior, West Virginia Wesleyan, Exercise Science, 3.98 GPA

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**Kenedy Urbany** accounted for Angelo State’s lone run in the final game with a homer in the sixth inning.

ANDRES ALONSO/NCAA PHOTOS

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The traditional postgame pileup was all purple as the West Chester Rams won their second title in six years. Sixth-year head coach Jad Prachniak said about his success at the finals: “You are going to face resistance along the way during a season. This team was exceptional in handling those moments and minimizing the effects, especially on the back end of the season, and in the conference tournament, regionals and finals.”

MICHAEL AINSWORTH/NCAA PHOTOS

West Chester’s Josh McClain picked up two wins – including the final – and a save to earn most outstanding player honors.

MICHAEL AINSWORTH/NCAA PHOTOS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN’S TENNIS

QUARTERFINALS
Barry 5, Drury 1
West Florida 5, Hawaii Pacific 0
Columbus State 5, Azusa Pacific 1
Southwest Baptist 5, Ferris State 4

SEMIFINALS
Barry 5, Columbus State 2
West Florida 5, Southwest Baptist 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
West Florida 5, Barry 2

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Torben Semrau, junior,
Southwest Baptist, Business Management,
3.957 GPA

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Saioa Gomez de Segura, junior, Mercyhurst,
Economics, 4.0 GPA

The DII men’s tennis final paired longtime rivals West Florida and Barry, with the Argonauts claiming a 5-2 win. Here, Barry’s Pierre Montrieul (left) and Gabriel Dias of West Florida acknowledge each other’s effort after Dias won at No. 2 singles. West Florida head coach Derrick Racine said after his team’s second national title in the last four years, “We were the top two teams all season and we barely beat them during the regular season, and today was a grinding match as well. For you to win this thing, all of the stars have to align. You’ve got to put in the work, you have to do everything right, and you have to have a little luck.”

WOMEN’S TENNIS

QUARTERFINALS
Lynn 5, Columbus State 0
Barry 5, Brigham Young-Hawaii 1
Hawaii Pacific 5, Southeastern Oklahoma 0
Armstrong 5, Midwestern State 2

SEMIFINALS
Lynn 5, Hawaii Pacific 0
Barry 5, Armstrong 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Barry 5, Lynn 0

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Saioa Gomez de Segura, junior, Mercyhurst,
Economics, 4.0 GPA

Ana Pain relishes Barry’s 5-0 win over Lynn in the championship final. Pain, a senior from Noumea, New Caledonia, beat Martina Gledacheva, 6-0, 6-4, at No. 5 singles to clinch the title for the Buccaneers. “I’m just so happy to leave like this,” Pain said. “I’m just so happy that as a senior I stepped up and helped my team with this victory, because we really deserved it.” The title was Barry’s third overall and second in the last four years.

Lynn’s Tereza Hejlova returns a shot from Barry’s Verena Schmid in doubles. Hejlova and Martina Gledacheva were bested by Schmid and Isabel Rapisarda, 8-2.

MATT MARRIOTT/NCAA PHOTOS

MATT MARRIOTT/NCAA PHOTOS
West Florida’s Chandler Blanchet won medalist honors after rallying from three strokes down with just three holes to play in the final round. The tide turned during the 17th hole when all three contenders – Blanchet, teammate John Coultas and Barry’s Niclas Weiland – pulled their tee shots. But only Blanchet’s ball stayed in bounds – and by mere inches at that – allowing him to make par while the other two ended with double bogeys. “It must have been fate,” said Blanchet, who never led in the tournament until after the 53rd hole. “I’ve said that if you win and there’s something that happens that you can’t explain, you don’t question it. Just be happy that it happened. My ball stayed in bounds and I was able to gain two shots on 17 that gave me the opening to win it.”

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)
3. John Clare, Le Moyne, 66-70-75 – 211
3. Trevor Lampson, California Baptist, 67-72-72 – 211

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Ryan Dyck, senior, Lindenwood, Psychology, 3.976 GPA

Christian Anderson was one of three Florida Southern golfers to win their individual matches in the team final against Lynn. The 3-2 victory marked Florida Southern’s first title since 2010, the final year before the championship switched from stroke play to match play.

Barry golfers celebrate after freshman Charlotte Puts parred the 18th hole to clinch the Buccaneers’ first national championship in women’s golf.

WOMEN’S GOLF

QUARTERFINALS
Arkansas Tech def. Barry, 2-2-1 (via stroke-count tiebreaker)
Florida Southern def. Ferris State, 5-0
West Florida def. Newberry, 4-1
Lynn def. Florida Tech, 3-1-1

SEMIFINALS
Lynn def. Arkansas Tech, 3-2
Florida Southern def. West Florida, 3-2

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Florida Southern def. Lynn, 3-2

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. Marie Coors, Saint Leo, 74-75-75-71 – 295
2. Charlotte Puts, Barry, 75-75-76-70 – 297
3. Ann Parmerter, Dallas Baptist, 73-73-78-75 – 299
4. Hannah Harrison, Dallas Baptist, 76-74-78-73 – 301
4. Annika Haynes, UIndy, 79-77-75-70 – 301

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Marie Coors, senior, Saint Leo, Economics, 4.0 GPA

Saint Leo senior Marie Coors shot four rounds of 75 or better to earn medalist honors and give the Lions their first national championship in women’s athletics. Coors also was named the Elite 90 recipient for the tournament. “My happiness is beyond words for Marie,” said head coach Tommy Baker. “This is the perfect ending to her college career, and I can’t wait to see what she does next!”
WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Adelphi’s Jacqueline Jahelka drives toward the goal against Florida Southern’s Shannon Rheinsmith during the Panthers’ 6-4 championship-game victory. Jahelka was named the tournament’s most outstanding player.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEMIFINALS

Adelphi 11, Le Moyne 7
Florida Southern 13, Lindenwood 12

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Adelphi 6, Florida Southern 4

ELITE 90 HONOREE:

Morgan Judd, senior, Lindenwood, Exercise Science, 4.0 GPA

MEN’S LACROSSE

QUARTERFINALS

Adelphi 18, New Haven 1
Le Moyne 6, LIU Post 3
Lindenwood 11, Queens (North Carolina) 5
Florida Southern 16, Florida Tech 6

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A victory in the fours, coupled with a second-place finish in the eights, propelled Western Washington to its eighth team title in rowing. The Vikings led wire-to-wire in the fours final, pulling away from Mercyhurst and Central Oklahoma for a 15-second victory.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

WOMEN’S ROWING

TEAM STANDINGS
1. Western Washington, 17
2. Central Oklahoma, 16
3. Mercyhurst, 12
4. UC San Diego, 5

EVENT RESULTS
Eights Grand Final
2. Western Washington, 7:00.569
3. Florida Tech, 7:04.888

Fours Grand Final
1. Western Washington [Madison Kerr, Kelly Oberbillig, Mary Harper, Nicole Vanderzanden; Madison Moehman (coxswain)], 7:51.610
2. Mercyhurst, 8:06.148
3. Central Oklahoma, 8:12.477

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Trista Cripe, junior, Central Oklahoma, Nursing, 4.0 GPA

The crew from Western Washington celebrates the culmination of a dominant season in which the Vikings won 24 of 32 races and were ranked No. 1 throughout.
ADAM HUNGER/NCAA PHOTOS

Central Oklahoma rowers react in variations of joy and exhaustion after winning the Eights Grand Final.
ADAM HUNGER/NCAA PHOTOS
FOOTBALL

QUARTERFINALS
Indiana (Pennsylvania) 27, Assumption 22
West Florida 28, West Alabama 21
Harding 16, Ferris State 14
Texas A&M-Commerce 31, Minnesota State Mankato 21

SEMIFINALS
Texas A&M-Commerce 31, Harding 17
West Florida 27, Indiana (Pennsylvania) 17

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Texas A&M-Commerce 37, West Florida 27

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Garrett Blubaugh, sophomore, Texas A&M-Commerce, Biological Sciences, 3.96 GPA

West Florida receiver Antoine Griffin caught passes for 112 yards and one touchdown as the Argonauts battled back several times in the championship game.

Texas A&M-Commerce quarterback Luis Perez, who earlier had been named the 2017 Harlon Hill Award winner, completed 23 of 30 passes for 323 yards and two touchdowns.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)
1. Adams State, 44 (Team member place finishes*: Kale Adams 2, Elias Gedyon 6, Joshua Joseph 8, Lucio Ramirez 12, Sydney Gidabuday 16)
2. Grand Valley State, 64
3. Colorado School of Mines, 85
4. Western State, 215
5. California Baptist, 229
6. Queens (North Carolina), 243
7. Colorado State-Pueblo, 310
8. Augustana (South Dakota), 326
9. Chico State, 335
10. Shippensburg, 351

*Based among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)
1. James Ngandu, Tiffin, 30:18.8
2. Zach Panning, Grand Valley State, 30:52.8
4. Kyle Medina, Chico State, 31:04.3
5. Grant Colligan, Colorado School of Mines, 31:05.6
6. Enael Woldemichael, Grand Valley State, 31:07.0
7. Elias Gedyon, Adams State, 31:09.3
8. Leakey Kipkosgei, American International, 31:10.3
10. Adam Craig, Mount Olive, 31:17.5

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Grant Pulver, senior, Minnesota Duluth, Stats and Actuarial Science, 4.0 GPA

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 10)
1. Adams State, 126 (Team member place finishes*: Eilish Flanagan 9, Malena Grover 11, Roisin Flanagan 19, HaLeigh Hunter-Galvan 42, Kaylee Boga 45)
2. University of Mary, 137
3. California Baptist, 148
4. Chico State, 179
5. Alaska Anchorage, 180
6. Grand Valley State, 185
7. Hillsdale, 279
8. Cal State San Marcos, 288
9. Western State, 331
10. Simon Fraser, 332

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INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 10)
1. Caroline Kurgat, Alaska Anchorage, 20:32.3
2. Sarah Berger, Walsh, 20:52.1
4. Hannah McIntyre, Hillsdale, 20:54.6
5. Emeline Delanis, California Baptist, 20:57.6
6. Kelly Haubert, Grand Valley State, 21:05.1
7. Aneta Konieczek, Western State, 21:07.4
8. Coketi Rampf, Saint Leo, 21:08.1
9. Eilish Flanagan, Adams State, 21:08.2
10. Sasha Hovind, Northern State, 21:08.7

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Christina Metzger, senior, Pittsburg State, Music Education, 4.0 GPA

Adams State runners celebrate their team title, the program’s 17th overall. The Grizzlies men’s and women’s teams swept titles for the first time since 2008. In the 26-year history of Adams State competing at the Division II level, the men’s and women’s programs have captured 30 of the 52 possible team titles.

TIM BROEKEMA/NCAA PHOTOS

Tiffin senior James Ngandu took an early lead and kept it to earn the individual title 34 seconds ahead of runner-up Zach Panning of Grand Valley State.

TIM BROEKEMA/NCAA PHOTOS

Alaska Anchorage senior Caroline Kurgat was the first across the finish line at the Division II Women’s Cross Country Championships. Kurgat’s time of 20:32.3 was almost 20 seconds better than runner-up Sarah Berger of Walsh.

TIM BROEKEMA/NCAA PHOTOS

The Adams State men’s team celebrates the program’s 13th national championship after placing three runners in the top 10 and besting runner-up Grand Valley State by 20 points in the Division II Men’s Cross Country Championships race in Evansville, Indiana.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN’S SOCCER

QUARTERFINALS
Cal Poly Pomona 2, Midwestern State 2 (Cal Poly Pomona advanced on penalty kicks, 6-5)
Lynn 2, Young Harris 1
Rockhurst 1, Northeastern State 0 (ot)
Charleston (West Virginia) 2, LIU Post 0

SEMIFINALS
Charleston (West Virginia) 1, Cal Poly Pomona 0
Lynn 0, Rockhurst 0 (Lynn advanced on penalty kicks, 3-0)

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Charleston (West Virginia) 0, Lynn 0 [Charleston (West Virginia) declared champion on the basis of penalty kicks, 3-1]

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Gianluca Bottoni, junior, Rockhurst, Accounting, 3.89 GPA

WOMEN’S SOCCER

QUARTERFINALS
Colorado-Colorado Springs 1, UC San Diego 1
(Colorado-Colorado Springs advanced on penalty kicks, 4-3)
Mercy 1, West Chester 1 (Mercy advanced on penalty kicks, 4-3)
Carson-Newman 2, West Florida 0
Central Missouri 3, Grand Valley State 1

SEMIFINALS
Central Missouri 3, Mercy 0
Carson-Newman 2, Colorado-Colorado Springs 1

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Central Missouri 1, Carson-Newman 1 (Central Missouri declared champion on the basis of penalty kicks, 5-3)

Central Missouri goalkeeper Ana Dilkes makes the winning save during penalty kicks. The Jennies finished the season without a loss.

DOUG STROUD/NCAA PHOTOS

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Central (West Virginia) goalkeeper Paulo Pita made several key stops to preserve the Golden Eagles’ first title in three championship match appearances.

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It took 110 minutes and eight penalty kicks for Central Missouri players to celebrate their championship. After battling Carson-Newman to a 1-1 tie in regulation and overtime, the Jennies converted five penalty kicks to the Eagles’ three to be declared champions.

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ELITE 90 HONOREE: Kelsey Mueller, sophomore, Central Missouri, Biology, 4.0 GPA

Tam Dimairo (left) of Charleston (West Virginia) dribbles around Lynn’s Alun Webb during the men’s soccer championship match. The two teams also met in the 2014 final, with Lynn winning that contest, 3-2.

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Kelsey Mueller, sophomore, Central Missouri, Biology, 4.0 GPA

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**FIELD HOCKEY**

**SEMI FINALS**
Shippensburg 2, East Stroudsburg 1
LIU Post 3, Millersville 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**
Shippensburg 4, LIU Post 1

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:**
Sydney McCarthy, senior, East Stroudsburg, Exercise Science, 4.0 GPA

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

**QUARTERFINALS**
Gannon def. Regis (Colorado), 25-20, 28-26, 25-17

**SEMI FINALS**
Concordia St. Paul def. Rockhurst, 25-17, 25-23, 31-29

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:**
(tie) Karli Reichert, sophomore, Rockhurst, Communication Sciences and Disorders, 4.0 GPA; Alyssa Woodman, sophomore, Rockhurst, Business, 4.0 GPA; and Courtney Charneco, sophomore, Florida Southern, Business, 4.0 GPA

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Sydney Book (1) and Elizabeth Mohr (13) of Concordia-St. Paul work to avoid a Florida Southern block attempt in the championship match.

From left, Shippensburg’s Madison Scarr (12), Rosalia Cappadora (23), Mary Spisak (24) and Brooke Sheibley (22) celebrate during the Red Raiders’ 4-1 win over LIU Post in the Division II Field Hockey Championship final. Scarr, Cappadora and Sheibley each scored goals as the Red Raiders won their second straight crown against the same opponent.

Elizabeth Mohr (right) was named most outstanding player after helping the Golden Bears win their second straight title and their ninth in the last 11 years.
GOVERNANCE AND NEWS
Upcoming endeavors will chart our future course

Glen Jones | Chair

The Division II Presidents Council is responsible for charting a strategic course for the division and ensuring that the division’s policies and procedures align with our identified core values and follow our strategic plan. The current iteration of the council, as well as its predecessors, has worked diligently to meet that stated charge.

Three important endeavors figure to shape our immediate and long-term future. One began this past summer when the council used its August meeting to confer with conference commissioners, conference board chairs and members of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee about significant issues facing the division. These included:

- **The Division II Student-Athlete Experience.** Our Life in the Balance philosophy provides a blended experience in which student-athletes pursue their chosen goals in academics and athletics, and in which they engage with their communities and develop the life skills they need to prepare for life after college.

However, our discussions in August revealed concerns about the potential disconnect between wanting to balance the experience and time demands placed on student-athletes with the desire by student-athletes, coaches and administrators to train and win.

In that regard, we heard student-athletes talk about so-called “voluntold” activities – that is, activities that are established as voluntary and not included in playing and practice season time limits but yet come with an unwritten expectation for student-athletes to participate. The term “voluntold” may be new to the collegiate athletics nomenclature, but the essence of the problem is not. We must remain diligent in practicing what we preach with Life in the Balance and do what it takes to ensure that the Division II experience is not a “voluntold” experience.

- **Health and Safety and Student-Athlete Well-Being.** Discussion here centered on building awareness among institutions and conferences regarding available resources; emphasizing health and safety and student-athlete well-being in the same way we do student-athlete academic success; and ensuring that these areas are a priority at all levels (campus, conference, division-wide) and positions (presidents, ADs, FARs, athletic trainers, student-athletes, coaches, etc.).

Along these lines, the Presidents Council appointed a task force to increase Division II’s participation in the NCAA’s injury surveillance program. President Roy Wilson chairs that group and has shown great leadership already.

We also will gain additional insight from the survey the Presidents Council commissioned this past year regarding the ways Division II schools provide health insurance coverage for their student-athletes.

- **Division II Membership and the Financial Stability of Higher Education.** There is no denying the myriad financial concerns affecting both public and private institutions (e.g., changing demographics, enrollment concerns, state funding, fundraising, mergers, consolidations, etc.). It is clear that articulating the value of athletics and higher education to decision makers (e.g., state legislators, donors, local community members, businesses) can work to our advantage in this regard.

The other two overarching initiatives that will guide our immediate and long-term future are, of course, our six-year strategic plan, which enters its halfway point this coming year, and the Division II Census that was distributed to Division II members just prior to this Convention. Results from that survey will go a long way toward informing how we as a division execute the next three years of our current strategic plan and shape its successor.

Rest assured that the Presidents Council will continue to be at the forefront of strategic planning for the division and ensuring that we, as a division, act according to our values.

Glen Jones is president at Henderson State University.
We all must champion academics and life skills

Whenever you’re fortunate enough to chair a Division II governance body, you usually enter the job with a set of expectations and then end your service having those expectations exceeded. That certainly was the case with me.

As previous chairs have said in this very space before, being on the Management Council is among the most rewarding ways we can serve our division. The council is a large group, but members routinely work collaboratively to pursue and achieve goals that are in the division’s best interests collectively.

Management Council chairs also usually enter the role with a favorite theme or aspect regarding athletics that they embrace throughout their term. As a director of athletics, you might think my favorite aspect would be competition-based, but in fact I am most proud of our division’s academic success.

The Academic Success Rate for our most recent four-year cohort is 72 percent, up one point from the previous year and just one point away from the all-time high in the 12 years we’ve been compiling and publishing the ASR. I believe our student-athletes’ academic achievements – and the life skills they learn by participating in our athletics programs – are our most important accomplishments.

As a Management Council, we can’t take sole credit for our student-athletes’ academic success, but we sure have those outcomes at the forefront of any decision we make.

We touch many areas as the division’s primary operational oversight body. To me, academics is our flagship. But this past year, the Management Council also provided leadership and feedback to various groups in the governance structure and within the membership on important pieces of legislation and policy.

For example, we carefully vetted and helped our membership navigate through legislation and waivers resulting from the football inter-association guidelines, and we offered input on overarching topics such as wagering penalties, potential membership in Mexico, and the Division II regionalization review, among others.

We kept the pedal to the metal with the Make It Yours brand enhancement and media presence activation through the work of our identity subcommittee, and we worked through a review of the Injury Surveillance Program to encourage more participation from Division II institutions.

I am proud of our accomplishments this year, not only as a Management Council, but as a membership devoted to helping our student-athletes achieve in the classroom, in their communities, and, of course, in their athletics experiences as well.

Pennie Parker is taking the torch from me as the incoming chair, and I already look forward to reading what she has to say in next year’s book!

Gary Gray is the director of athletics at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Average Division II Federal Rates vs. ASRs, 2014-17 Four-Year Rate (2007-2010 Entering Cohorts)

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MANAGEMENT COUNCIL ROSTER

Pennie Parker, incoming chair
Director of athletics
Rollins College
January 2019

Jessica Chapin
Assistant athletics director of compliance/senior woman administrator
American International College
January 2021

J. Lin Dawson
Director of athletics
Clark Atlanta University
January 2021

Joshua Doody
Director of athletics
Notre Dame de Namur University
January 2021

Robert Dranoff
Commissioner
East Coast Conference
January 2022

Kim Duyst
Interim director of athletics
California State University, Stanislaus
January 2020

Chris Graham
Commissioner
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
January 2021

Lynn Griffin
Director of athletics
Coker College
January 2019

Felicia Johnson
Associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator
Virginia Union University
January 2021

Paul Leidig
Faculty athletics representative
Grand Valley State University
January 2019

Laura Liesman
Director of athletics
Georgia Court University
January 2020

Steve Murray
Commissioner
Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
January 2020

Ismael Pagan-Trinidad
Faculty athletics representative
University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
January 2020

Lindsay Reeves
Director of athletics
University of North Georgia
January 2019

Eric Schoh
Director of athletics
Winona State University
January 2020

Kim Vinson
Associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator
Cameron University
January 2019

Stan Williamson
Director of athletics
University of West Alabama
January 2019

Cherrie Wilmoth
Associate director of athletics for internal operations and compliance/senior woman administrator
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
January 2020

Gilbert “Griz” Zimmermann
Director of athletics
Texas A&M International University
January 2019

Outgoing members:
Robin Arnold
Associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator
Holy Family University

Ashley Beaton
Student-athlete representative
University of Illinois at Springfield

Julia Beeman
Faculty athletics representative
Belmont Abbey College

Carrie Bodkins
Senior associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator
Alderson-Broadus University

Tonya Charland
Associate commissioner/senior woman administrator
Great Lakes Valley Conference

Storm Glaudier
Student-athlete
Nyack College

Gary Gray, outgoing chair
Director of athletics
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Bridge Lyons
Senior associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator
Barry University

Kevin Schriver
Faculty athletics representative
Southwest Baptist University

Scott Swain
Director of athletics
Notre Dame College (Ohio)
**Budgeting is a benefit of membership**

Not many organizations can say the way they manage their fiscal resources actually benefits their members. Not only can we say that in Division II, we plan on it.

The Planning and Finance Committee annually looks for ways in which our membership can benefit from the resources we are allocated. As chancellors and presidents crystal-ball their own campus budgets, our committee members do so collectively for Division II.

We’re proud of how our presidential leadership has benefited our Division II membership over the years. Since formally adopting the 2015-21 strategic plan in April 2015, the Division II Presidents Council and the Division II Planning and Finance Committee have worked in tandem to manage the division’s financial resources to produce the following:

- **New Calculation for Projected Revenue:** The Presidents Council projects annual revenue based on the prior year’s actual revenue plus the percentage the division will be allocated from NCAA media rights agreements.
- **New Long-Range Budget Philosophy:** Annual expenses previously paid via surplus dollars are now placed into the base budget.
- **Foundation for the Future Initiative:** $5.7 million allocated in April 2015 to fund 10 programs that support the strategic plan.
- **Per Diem Increases to $105 in 2018-19 and $115 in 2021-22, and a 2 percent annual inflationary increase for championships travel.**
- **Presidential Priorities: Beginning in 2018, an additional $2.6 million will be allocated to the base budget for new initiatives or to enhance existing programs per the following:  
  - $1.5 million to championships  
  - $1.1 million to support new or existing initiatives in health and safety, diversity and inclusion, and student-athlete academic success.**

### Division II Budget Overview

- **54% - Championships** (Operating expenses, as well as travel and per diem, for 25 national championships in which more than 16,000 student-athletes participated.)
- **15% - Enhancement Fund** (Created in the late 1980s as a financial incentive for schools to maintain Division II membership affiliation. The allocation formula for the enhancement fund is 75 percent to member conferences based on the number of sports offered, and 25 percent divided equally among active and eligible Division II member institutions.)
- **7% - Conference Grants** (Each Division II conference is allotted $90,000 as a base amount. A $12,000 premium is paid for a sixth member, with $4,000 allotted for each additional member.)
- **4% - Other Grants and Scholarships** (These funds support academic achievement, diversity and inclusion, community engagement, and professional development.)
- **20% - Strategic Initiatives** (These include items such as drug-testing costs, brand enhancement, marketing, coverage of DI regular-season and championship events, and grants to affiliate organizations.)

Gary Olson is president at Daemen College.
Several initiatives could impact legislation this coming year

This time last year we were diving into the financial aid deregulation pool. The year’s slate of legislative proposals won’t make as much of a splash, so perhaps we’re heading into calmer waters in 2018.

That doesn’t mean we’re completely done with financial aid. We will review how the legislation adopted last year is implemented, as those proposals become effective August 1, 2018. Our committee will track on the impact of the new legislation and determine how to assess the impact of the three financial aid proposals in the future.

Based on financial reporting deadlines, the earliest the committee will have an opportunity to review financial data from the 2018-19 academic year will be at its March 2020 meeting. The committee agreed to discuss whether additional financial data collection is necessary at a future meeting.

In the short term, our focus will be on a number of initiatives that may have an impact on the work we do as a committee. We’re certainly always concerned about student-athlete time demands and are committed to working with Division II SAAC to ensure we are in the right place with our legislation. The committee received feedback from more than 1,400 coaches and 400 administrators in response to our survey on the current eight-hour segment legislation. We plan to continue that conversation in March after seeking additional feedback from strength and conditioning coaches, athletic trainers and athletics health care administrators.

One thing we’ve already done along those lines is to partner with SAAC to develop a two-page resource regarding countable athletically related activities (CARA) that is available on NCAA.org via the Online Education Resource Center page. We think this is a great quick-hitter that institutions should download and promote to student-athletes, coaches and staff.

We’re also excited about the new Division II Online Coaches Education Program, which will launch this spring and deliver legislative and health and safety related content to Division II coaches. The program likely will result in a legislative recommendation for the 2019 Convention about replacing the current coaches recruiting test. That would be nice, wouldn’t it?

It’s also likely that legislative proposals will result from the Culture of Compliance Think Tank. Those thinkers are already busy reviewing the Division II Manual to identify and address current legislation that may not realistically align with the resources dedicated in Division II, and they’ll offer tools and resources to help campuses and conferences develop a shared responsibility compliance model. I know a lot of people are looking forward to that.

And we’re looking forward to continuing our good work in 2018. We’ll keep you apprised of proposals that emerge for the 2019 Convention in Orlando.

Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski is the director of athletics at Wilmington University (Delaware).

Linda Van Drie-Andrzjewski | Chair
I know a lot of people have divided (and at times divisive) opinions about our federal government, but I’m at least one guy who thinks our democracy in Division II is pretty darn effective.

I can vouch personally for its effect on the Division II Championships Committee this past year, as we worked diligently and democratically to identify and support 23 budget requests – more than 90 percent of all that were submitted – for the 2018-21 triennium.

That’s no small feat, but our sport committee chairs rolled up their sleeves, donned their thinking caps and recommended reasonable and meaningful initiatives that will improve their championships and, more importantly, enhance the experiences for the student-athletes who participate in them.

First of all, we are blessed with a Presidents Council and a Planning and Finance Committee who continually prove themselves as exemplary stewards of Division II’s overall budget. Those two groups allocate a healthy sum to support the division’s 25 championships, and we in turn on the Championships Committee spread those dollars in ways that have the greatest collective effect on the Division II championships experience.

Second, our sport committees are committed to fiscal responsibility as well. They don’t just toss expensive and exorbitant ideas to the wall to see what sticks; they understand that they are part of a larger family of sports and championships, all of which have their own needs. Accordingly, they think before they ask.

Then there’s all the collaboration that goes into the process before the decisions are made. Our committee spent most of one meeting divvying up the requests into yes, no and maybe buckets, and there weren’t many no’s right out of the blocks. We used our in-person session with sport committee chairs in September to hash out some of the maybe’s, and then labored intensively the next day to reach the finish line, much like sport committees do when selecting and seeding their brackets.

In the end, we agreed on plans that will benefit our student-athletes, often through increased participation opportunities in many sports (see the list of requests the committee supported below). We also took care of some officiating needs and other administrative items that will be noticeably improved.

As chair of the Championships Committee, I commend our members for putting in the work, and I applaud our sport committees for being responsive and responsible with their requests.

Jim Johnson is the director of athletics at Pittsburg State University.
As a Membership Committee, we are DII strong

To say we’ve been busy this year is an understatement. Of course, being busy is the nature of our engagement as volunteers who serve on this important group. If I opened this report with “It’s been rather dull this year,” you’d be disappointed, right? The Division II Membership Committee is often referred to as the “gatekeeper” of the division. Of course, that’s not entirely true, as developing and implementing strategies designed not only to prepare and acculturate prospective institutions, but also benefit existing members, is a collective effort and more than any one group can accomplish on its own. But we do serve as the proverbial tip of the funnel for prospective members.

We welcomed five new active members this year:
- California State University, San Marcos
- Concordia University Irvine
- Concordia University Portland
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Florida)
- Oklahoma Baptist University

That puts our membership total at 308 colleges and universities, and importantly, the 2017 class adds three schools to our western region.

Seven other institutions are currently in the membership process as well. Westminster College (Utah) is in its third year of the process, while Auburn University at Montgomery, Biola University, Davenport University, and Purdue University Northwest are in their second year. In addition, Emmanuel College and Spring Hill College were granted an additional provisional year.

Our committee itself will grow, too – from 11 to 12 members beginning in 2018, with one being a chancellor or president from an active member institution not represented on the Division II Presidents Council. We’ve typically had a member of the Presidents Council serve on our committee as an informal liaison, but this addition means we can spread the presidential leadership in Division II and not overburden our Presidents Council colleagues.

Another major accomplishment from 2017 is our successful implementation of six regional compliance seminars and two regional rules seminars. Our Division II staff partnered with 18 Division II conferences to conduct educational programming for more than 1,100 Division II administrators, faculty athletics representatives and coaches.

These seminars integrated learning styles that promote a positive educational environment, and information was facilitated through interactive learning segments designed to engage seminar participants and emphasize practical applications. They were so successful in 2017 that we’re rolling out another slate for 2018 (see the chart below).

Looking ahead, we’ll be talking with the membership regarding whether the 10-member composition requirement (up from eight) for conference membership, effective in 2022, remains appropriate.

We’ll also be enhancing membership programs, including the NCAA Compliance Blueprint and the Institutional Self-Study Guide (don’t worry – enhancements are a good thing, like streamlining information we ask of our institutions in the ISSG), streamlining the required processes for institutions in the Division II membership pipeline, and continuing to promote the benefits of the Institutional Performance Program resource tool.

I guess that means we’ll be busy in 2018 as well!

One last thing – I can’t in good conscience sign off on this report without acknowledging the tremendous leadership our committee has received over the past two years from our previous chair Kevin Schriver. Kevin’s wisdom and commitment to integrity and excellence in everything we do made us a better group and certainly made my job as his successor much simpler. We owe much of our good standing in the Division II governance structure to Kevin’s guidance.

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2017-18 Regional Compliance Seminars and Regional Rules Seminars Schedule

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[Note: The Atlantic and Central regions will not host a Regional Compliance Seminar during the 2017-18 academic year. Representatives from institutions and conferences in these regions will attend another Regional Compliance Seminar or one of the Regional Rules Seminars in June 2018.]
One more significant benchmark in path to grad

By now the words “path to graduation” should be a household term in Division II. After all, it’s been around since the 2014 NCAA Convention when we adopted a legislative package that changed our division’s initial-eligibility and progress-toward-degree requirements for the first time in 31 years!

While the progress-toward-degree enhancements went into effect August 1, 2016, the initial-eligibility standards become effective August 1. These changes raise the initial-eligibility GPA requirement for student-athletes enrolling on or after August 1, 2018, to a minimum of 2.2 for qualifiers (up from the current 2.0) and establishes for the first time two sliding scales for full and partial qualifiers that allows lower standardized test scores to be offset by higher high school core course GPAs.

We’re partnering with the NCAA Eligibility Center to educate member institutions, as well as prospective student-athletes and their families, so everyone is prepared for the change.

The Academic Requirements Committee also is working with an external consultant to review the accuracy of academic reporting data Division II institutions submit annually in an effort to help schools increase consistency and better manage reporting requirements. That effort, which is being funded through the Foundation for the Future initiative, is relying on a series of voluntary data reviews to kick things off. Twenty-five member institutions participated in the review, and the study revealed a few areas in which to improve accuracy. The ARC will receive a second update on the review during its February 2018 in-person meeting to discuss next steps.

The ARC also has its hand in another Foundation for the Future initiative, which is to review the current Division II Degree Completion Award program guidelines and rubric to help increase the applicant pool. We believe this effort will enable even more student-athletes who have exhausted their athletics eligibility to complete their degrees.

Our committee has worked diligently over time to position Division II member institutions to help their student-athletes achieve academic success, and we believe we’re more than making the grade.

Paul Leidig is the faculty athletics representative at Grand Valley State University.
Regional convention caps super year

Jasmyn Lindsay | Chair

What a year it was for Division II student-athletes. Amidst the strides we have made in the areas of student-athlete voice and student-athlete well-being, 2017 was highlighted by our first-ever Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Super Region Convention. Funded through the Foundation for the Future initiative, the super region convention was held last November in National Harbor, Maryland, for institutions in the East Region.

More than 180 student-athletes and administrators attended from six conferences and one independent institution. The Division II SAAC took the reins for this event, planning the programming, leading discussions and working with guest speakers on the topics of improving the student-athlete voice on campus and mental health.

Each institution in attendance came away with two action plans, one for each area, to take back and share with their campuses. This super region convention was not only a huge success on the campus level to follow the Division II motto of empowering and equipping student-athletes at the national SAAC, but also a big step toward region convention caps super year.

As we look ahead to 2018, we are optimistic that our work will continue to show across the division and across the Association. We will continue to speak up for the student-athletes we represent and continue to make the Division II experience ours.

Jasmyn Lindsay is a softball student-athlete at Queens University of Charlotte.

We see this positively impacting student-athletes on the campus level, as Division II institutions hosted 20 Make-A-Wish reveals with another 30 institutions earning reveals for the 2017-18 academic year. The division also garnered 70 Team IMPACT matches in 2017. Both organizations are doing amazing things for children and families who are less fortunate, and we are proud to be a part of their vision. In 2016, we saw strides being made in the area of student-athlete well-being as it relates to CPR/AED and mental health. These initiatives have been close to our heart as we worked in 2017 to make improvements in six specific areas:

- CPR/AED certification for student-athletes,
- Mental health awareness across campuses,
- Implementation of the Helper Helper app,
- Empowering student-athletes to stand up for social justice and against sexual assault,
- Strengthening relationships with Make-A-Wish and Team IMPACT, and
- Hosting our inaugural SAAC Super Region Convention.

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Division II SAAC members discussed current issues and developed action plans to take back to campus during the first super region convention in November.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER

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Josh Qualis
Football
Arkansas Tech University
January 2020

Sarah Rodgers
Volleyball
Saint Michael’s College
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Anthony Sassano
Cross country
Dominican University of California
January 2019

Josh Shapiro
Baseball
Colorado Mesa University
January 2020

Tyler Stover
Soccer
Roger’s State University
January 2020

Lauren Yacks
Softball
University of Findlay
January 2020

Jeffrey Yasalonis
Volleyball
University of Mount Olive
January 2019

Outgoing members:

Ashley Beaton
Volleyball
University of Illinois at Springfield

Ty Dennis
Football
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Taryn Driver
Volleyball
Texas A&M University–Commerce

Storm Glautier
Soccer
Nyack College

Jessica Koch
Soccer
California State University, San Bernardino

Jasmyn Lindsay
(outgoing chair)
Softball
Queens University of Charlotte
Presidents’ Award honors 32 schools

Thirty-two Division II member schools earned the Presidents’ Award for Academic Excellence this year for achieving four-year Academic Success Rates of 90 percent or higher. This is the seventh year of the program.

Bentley University, Saint Michael’s College and Point Loma Nazarene University led Division II with an ASR of 98 percent, followed by Seattle Pacific University, Stonehill College and University of the Sciences at 97 percent.

The Northeast-10 Conference, the Great Lakes Valley Conference and the Sunshine State Conference led Division II’s 24 conferences, with five athletics programs apiece posting ASRs of 90 percent or higher.

Division II Presidents Council Chair Glen Jones said the high number of institutions achieving such academic excellence lends credence to the division’s Life in the Balance philosophy that encourages student-athletes to pursue excellence in the classroom as well as in athletics competition.

“Academics is a key component of our balanced approach,” said the president of Henderson State University, “and I am proud of the commitment our schools have made to this philosophy and the magnificent achievements of our student-athletes.”

Presidents’ Award for Academic Excellence Recipients

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New study identifies unique characteristics of DII institutions

The NCAA research staff has compiled the most recent data on the non-athletics characteristics of NCAA member schools. The study updates the original conducted in 2015 and offers a few new categories as well, including a breakdown of institutions by cost of attendance, and a more detailed look into various demographic distinctions.

Division II colleges and universities stand out in a number of ways, including in how they cater to a more diverse population. Division II has a higher percentage of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (9 percent) than either of the other two divisions (7 percent in Division I and zero currently in Division III), and a higher percentage of Hispanic Serving Institutions (13 percent compared with 8 percent and 5 percent, respectively, for Divisions I and III).

Division II also continues to have a higher percentage of student-athletes who are first-generation college students, and admission rates tend to be more favorable at Division II schools.

A new category in the 2017 study is the cost of attending a Division I, II or III institution. These data are from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) for the 2015-16 school year. Cost of attendance includes published tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and personal expenses. The NCAA study applied out-of-state tuition for public institutions in order to obtain figures that are relatively comparable to those at private schools.

The median cost of attendance is lower for Division II institutions (about $35,000) than for their Division I and III counterparts ($40,000 and $46,000, respectively).

The Institutional Characteristics Study is another important resource the NCAA offers to prospective student-athletes and their families to further define the “menu” of educational opportunities at NCAA institutions and the demographics they serve. These data not only indicate substantial variation in some characteristics within division but also reveal how institutions differ across Divisions I, II and III. See the entire report at NCAA.org.

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<td>14%</td>
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*Rate of admission is defined as the number of students accepted by the school divided by the number of applicants.

*From the NCAA’s GOALS-2016 study.
Division II plans to launch an online education program for coaches this spring. The project meets a need identified through the first division-wide census conducted in 2013 indicating that coaches needed to be more informed and engaged, particularly when it comes to Division II legislation and health and safety issues.

The need was so great in fact that the project was one of 10 the Division II Presidents Council and Division II Planning and Finance Committee approved funding through the Foundation for the Future initiative.

The launch this spring is expected to include a new training system and education courses that were developed based on research with nearly 1,500 coaches this past summer. If the program is as successful as developers think it will be, it could replace the current Division II coaches recruiting exam.

McKendree University became the first Division II institution to win the NCAA Women’s Bowling Championship when the Bearcats swept Nebraska April 15.

Freshman Breanna Clemmer threw two strikes in the 10th frame of the fourth game to close the door on the Huskers. The Bearcats’ 4-0 triumph also marked the first sweep in the 14-year history of the event.

Division II is conducting its second Membership Census this year. Like the initial census in 2013, this iteration will seek feedback from a range of institutional and conference staff on Division II branding, championships, student-athlete advisory committees, governance processes and structure, diversity and inclusion, and conference and presidential involvement, among other topics. Results will help inform a mid-term assessment of the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan and shape future initiatives.
Division II schools raised more than $634,000 for Make-A-Wish during the 2016–17 academic year, which set a fundraising record for the sixth consecutive year and exceeds last year’s total by $26,000.

Since the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee established the partnership with Make-A-Wish in 2003, the division has raised more than $5.3 million for the nonprofit organization. Those funds have been used to grant wishes to more than 660 kids across the country with life-threatening medical conditions.

“Division II values its partnership with Make-A-Wish and loves the ability to support an organization that does so much good for so many people,” said Jasmyne Lindsay, a former softball student-athlete at Queens (North Carolina) and Division II SAAC chair. “As student-athletes, we know that we face struggles and adversity, but these obstacles oftentimes pale in comparison to what a Make-A-Wish family is going through. We are fortunate to have campuses and communities that support us, and we want to give that back to families who are facing hard times.”

More than 250 schools from all 24 Division II conferences participated (more than 80 percent of the total membership).

The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, the top fundraising conference, raised $70,210, marking the first time a conference office surpassed $70,000. At the campus level, North Georgia repeated as the top fundraiser with $26,000.

Thirty Division II schools raised enough funds to host a wish reveal on campus.

“If you ever have any doubt whether the fundraising we do has an impact on children and their families, just watch a wish reveal,” Lindsay said. “The elation and gratitude shown by these families makes everything we do worth it. These wish reveals can change a child’s outlook on their oftentimes bleak situation, and seeing that is priceless.”

$26,000.05
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$19,184.11
$13,905.29
$11,412.01
$11,076.99
$10,475.01
$10,000.00
$8,722.23
$8,427.00

Here’s what’s up next:

Saturday, Jan. 20  Texas A&M-Commerce at West Texas A&M
Wednesday, Jan. 24  St. Thomas Aquinas at Queens (New York)
Saturday, Jan. 27  Kentucky Wesleyan at Findlay
Wednesday, Jan. 31  Adelphi at Le Moyne
Thursday, Feb. 1  Seattle Pacific at Central Washington (women)
Thursday, Feb. 1  Western Washington at Central Washington (men)
Wednesday, Feb. 7  North Georgia at Young Harris
Saturday, Feb. 10  Claflin at Benedict
Saturday, Feb. 17  Thomas Jefferson at Caldwell
Saturday, Feb. 17  Nova Southeastern at Barry
Monday, Feb. 19–Sunday, Feb. 25  To be determined
Monday, Feb. 26–Sunday, March 4  To be determined
Addition, subtraction and consolidation equals 308

Division II added five new active members in 2017 (see the Membership Committee report on page 27), but other actions this past year actually reduced the division’s overall headcount from 309 to 308. That’s because several member institutions closed or merged/consolidated with other institutions:

- Saint Joseph’s College (Indiana) resigned its accreditation, thus terminating its NCAA membership as of July 12, 2017;
- Armstrong State University consolidated with Georgia Southern University in the spring of 2017;
- Brigham Young University, Hawaii, will no longer sponsor a Division II intercollegiate athletics program beginning in the 2017-18 academic year;
- Oklahoma Panhandle State University withdrew NCAA membership and returned to the NAIA in April 2017;
- Pfeiffer University and Brevard College reclassified to Division III.

From pilot to permanent

The NCAA Board of Governors made international membership permanently possible in April when the Association’s top governing body adopted what formerly had been a 10-year pilot program.

The pilot began in 2007, and Division II quickly took advantage of it by admitting British Columbia’s Simon Fraser University as the first NCAA member from outside the United States.

In 2012, Division II proposed expanding membership to Mexico, but Convention delegates defeated the idea, citing concerns about travel costs and safety. The proposal is back on the Convention docket this year.

DII SAAC in a goal-setting mood

The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee set ambitious goals for 2017-18. The inaugural division-wide SAAC regional convention in November, along with student-athlete mental health and CPR/AED certification were among the eight core areas on which committee members focused their efforts.

The first Division II SAAC Super Region Convention in Washington, D.C., kicked off a plan to increase student-athlete participation in the Division II governance structure and foster communication among SAACs at the campus, conference and national levels. Student-athlete representatives from schools in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Central Atlantic Collegiate, East Coast, Mountain East, Northeast-10 and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conferences attended.

The convention will become an annual event over the next four years, held in different regions of the country and serving a select number of Division II conferences each time.

SAAC also identified these goals:

- Promoting education on mental health
- Promoting CPR and AED certification
- Increasing use of Helper Helper, a community engagement app
- Developing a Division II SAAC alumni network
- Supporting the It’s On Us campaign to combat sexual assault
- Continuing conversations about social justice
- Enhancing partnerships with Team IMPACT and Make-A-Wish
Regionalization, Round 2

Remember in last year’s yearbook when we told you about a working group that had been formed to work within the division’s regionalization principles to figure out how to avoid first-round conference matchups? Well, they’re still at it.

The group’s original charge upon being established in 2016 was to consider ways to amend current bracketing procedures in order to minimize instances in which teams face a conference opponent in the first round of an NCAA championship. After two in-person meetings and extensive outreach to the Division II membership, few, if any, cost-efficient alternatives emerged to achieve that goal.

In addition, ideas that would allow sport committee to flip a few seed lines rubbed the membership the wrong way when it came to competitive equity and bracket integrity.

However, with several sport committees conducting their meetings this past spring and summer, a few new ideas emerged that led the working group to believe that alternative models applied beyond the first round may address the conference matchup issue in ways that would be more appealing both to sport committees and the membership at large. As such, the working group believes additional study could enhance the Division II championship experience for participating student-athletes.

The result is that the Regionalization Working Group will remain intact and be permitted to review championship bracketing alternatives beyond the first round, as well as additional concepts that could possibly improve the championships in all sports.

DII looks to boost participation in injury-data system

The Division II Management and Presidents Councils have appointed a task force to boost awareness – and ultimately, participation – in a long-standing NCAA data-collection program that informs decisions around student-athlete health and safety.

Currently, just 8 percent of Division II schools participate in the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program. The Association-wide program, which has existed in some form since 1986, relies on schools’ voluntary submissions to build a repository of data on student-athlete injuries and illnesses.

The program is run by the NCAA Sport Science Institute in partnership with the Datalys Center for Sports Injury Research and Prevention, an independent nonprofit. It is designed to work with Datalys-certified Electronic Medical Records systems, which an estimated 70 percent of Division II schools already use on their campuses to report injury and illness data. Through that software, athletic trainers or physicians can take the extra step to share their data with the NCAA – a process that is estimated to take around 15-20 minutes per week, per sport.

Influenced by some of these challenges, low involvement is a theme across divisions. Among Division I Football Bowl Subdivision autonomy schools, 22 percent submit injury data, while 10 percent of Division I nonautonomy schools do. In Division III, 7 percent of schools participate.

But members of the task force are optimistic about progress in Division II. “The No. 1 thing we need to tackle is educating our institutions and conferences about this system,” said Lindsay Reeves, athletics director at North Georgia. “Then, it’s figuring out how to make entering data in the system as easy as possible because of time constraints.

“If we can do anything to reduce and prevent injuries, keep our kids active on the playing field, and create a better college experience for them mentally, physically and emotionally, that is paramount.”
## Future championship sites selected

The Division II Championships Committee approved the following site and host recommendations from sport committees for championships from fall 2018 through spring 2022.

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HONORS AND AWARDS
NCAA Woman of the Year

Established in 1991 and now in its 27th year, the NCAA Woman of the Year award honors graduating female college athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service and leadership throughout their collegiate careers. A total of 116 nominees this year came from Division II colleges and universities, part of a record 543 nominations from all NCAA schools. From that pool, conferences selected their own recipients (34 in all; conferences are permitted to recognize two nominees if at least one is a woman of color or an international student-athlete), and then the NCAA Woman of the Year Selection Committee chose 30 honorees (10 from each division), from which three in each division were named as finalists.

The overall winner of the award was Lizzy Crist of Washington University in St. Louis.

DIVISION II FINALISTS

SABRINA ANDERSON
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Indoor and outdoor track and field
Exercise science major

Anderson devoted her personal time to working with organizations within the medical field, including volunteering at Warren General Hospital and as an intern with Specialty Orthopaedics, where she trained clients with disabilities and diseases about personal health.

She completed her bachelor’s degree in three years, earning a 3.91 GPA in exercise science with a minor in business administration, before completing her master’s in business administration with a perfect 4.0 GPA during her fourth year of eligibility. Anderson was a two-time recipient of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference’s Pete Nevins Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

Anderson won five individual conference titles, including the 2015, 2016 and 2017 indoor pentathlon, the indoor 60-meter hurdles in 2016 and the outdoor heptathlon in 2016.

What you might not know: Anderson competes in Olympic weightlifting and qualified for NBC’s “American Ninja Warrior.”

KAINA MARTINEZ
Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Indoor and outdoor track and field
Communication/sociology major

Martinez in 2008 founded a track and field camp in her hometown in Belize that she continues to host annually. On campus, she volunteered with multiple local organizations, including the Weavers of Love garden and soup kitchen, the YMCA and a local recycling center.

Martinez, who earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 2017, graduated summa cum laude with a perfect 4.0 GPA in speech communication and sociology. She received Texas A&M-Kingsville’s First Generation Champion Award, presented to a student who is the first in his or her family to pursue a college education with success.

Martinez won two Division II national championships in relay events for outdoor track and field, including the 4x100-meter relay in 2016 and the 4x400 relay in 2015. She also collected 12 conference championship titles.

What you might not know: Martinez has represented her home country of Belize in international competition since 2001, including during the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London. She also is an officer cadet in the Belize National Coast Guard.

NATALIE O’KEEFE
Southwest Baptist University
Basketball, indoor and outdoor track and field
Art major

A two-time national champion and three-time conference champion in the high jump, O’Keefe regularly volunteered with high school and middle school track and field programs, including serving as a coach and track meet official. She also worked with faith-based organizations, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and found time to mentor young children and tutor her peers in college.

O’Keefe earned a perfect 4.0 GPA as an art major and was named the 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year for Track and Field/Cross Country. She also is a four-time recipient of both the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Academic Excellence Award and the MIAA Scholar-Athlete Award.

What you might not know: O’Keefe is a two-time recipient of the NCAA Elite 90 Award, presented to the student-athlete with the highest grade-point average who is competing at an NCAA championships finals site.
Division II Conference Honorees

**CALIFORNIA COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
Nicole Larson, California State University, Stanislaus, soccer

**CENTRAL ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE**
Sienna Smith, Holy Family University, indoor and outdoor track and field, and soccer

**CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
Morgan Hasty*, Johnson C. Smith University, softball and volleyball
Domenique Julius-Williams, Johnson C. Smith University, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field

**CONFERENCE CAROLINAS**
Gina Fader, University of Mount Olive, lacrosse
Alexis McNeil, University of Mount Olive, indoor and outdoor track and field

**EAST COAST CONFERENCE**
Mackenzie Donahue, Daemen College, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field

**GREAT AMERICAN CONFERENCE**
Maddie Dow, Southern Arkansas University, softball
Caroline Fredensborg, Arkansas Tech University, golf

**GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**
Clare Carlson*, Grand Valley State University, soccer

**GREAT LAKES VALLEY CONFERENCE**
Jamie Johnson*, Lewis University, basketball

**GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**
Abby Shelton, Cedarville University, volleyball

**GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**
Bethany Drake, Western Washington University, outdoor track and field

**GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE**
Catherine Conley, Lee University, volleyball
Elizabeth Dowd, Shorter University, volleyball

**HEARTLAND CONFERENCE**
Cashlee Rayas*, Dallas Baptist University, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field
McKenzie Stanford, Oklahoma Christian University, basketball and outdoor track and field

**LONE STAR CONFERENCE**
Shanice Cameron, West Texas A&M University, indoor and outdoor track and field
Kaina Martinez*, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, indoor and outdoor track and field

**MID-AMERICA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION**
Natalie O’Keefe*, Southwest Baptist University, basketball, and indoor and outdoor track and field
Kendra Smith, Lindenwood University, indoor and outdoor track and field

**MOUNTAIN EAST CONFERENCE**
Aerika Wieser, Urbana University, swimming and diving

**NORTHEAST-10 CONFERENCE**
Rachel Avard, Assumption College, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field

**NORTHERN SUN INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE**
Nicole Ries, Minnesota State University, Mankato, softball

**PACIFIC WEST CONFERENCE**
Nicole Hoynaski*, Hawaii Pacific University, basketball
Cassidy Mihalko, California Baptist University, basketball

**PEACH BELT CONFERENCE**
Macy Polk, Georgia College, tennis
Cheyenne Thompson, University of Montevallo, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**
Sabrina Anderson*, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, indoor and outdoor track and field

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**
Megan Rohrer, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, basketball

**SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE**
Kaitlyn Brunworth*, Wingate University, soccer
Julianne Herrity, Carson-Newman University, soccer

**SUNSHINE STATE CONFERENCE**
Marie Coors, Saint Leo University, golf
Jelena Momirov*, Barry University, rowing

*Denotes top 30 finalist
North Georgia earns 2017 Award of Excellence

The University of North Georgia earned the 2017 Division II Award of Excellence, an annual accolade recognizing positive campus and community engagement events.

North Georgia President Bonita Jacobs, Athletics Director Lindsay Reeves and national Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member and student-athlete Hannah Peevy accepted the award during the 2017 NCAA Convention, which comes with a $1,500 grand prize for future community engagement initiatives and a nationally televised football or basketball game.

The award recognized North Georgia’s Operation Nighthawks of Honor initiative, which spanned the 2015-16 academic year. Through the program, athletics teams at North Georgia paid tribute throughout their seasons to a North Georgia graduate or former student killed during their military service.

Each team was assigned a fallen service member and dedicated one home competition to the Nighthawks of Honor night. At the end of their seasons, memorabilia the teams used to commemorate their service member was sold through an online auction to benefit the University of North Georgia Corp of Cadets Endowment Fund. A celebration last spring with the families of the 13 honorees capped off the initiative.

“It was the student-athletes who came up with this, of course,” Reeves said. “They are the ones who put their minds and their creative souls together to bring this program to the forefront.”

The second-place awardee and winner of $1,250 was Hawaii Pacific University for its “Kam’s Helmets” program, which was started in honor of a student-athlete who died in a skateboarding accident. The athletics department purchased multipurpose helmets with funds raised from basketball game ticket sales and private donations and gave the helmets away at a PacWest basketball game.

The University of New Haven, which held a Make-A-Wish wish reveal for a local boy, and Winona State University, where student-athletes spent a week raising mental illness awareness, tied for the third-place award. Both schools received a $1,000 prize.

Each year, Division II selects one finalist from each conference and one independent representative to be recognized for events that exemplify any of the Division II core attributes: learning, balance, resourcefulness, sportsmanship, passion and service.

Coaching Enhancement Grants

These grants help member schools create full-time assistant coaching positions in any of the 25 NCAA-sponsored sports. The NCAA provides $25,000 in funding in the first year, $15,000 in the second year and $8,000 in the third year. The school is required to supplement the funding, as well as commit to funding the position in full for the fourth and fifth years. Additionally, the NCAA provides $1,200 during each of the first three years of the grant toward professional development opportunities for the hired coach.

The following institutions and conferences were selected to receive the grants for the 2017-18 year:

Black Hills State University, assistant track and field coach
University of Central Missouri, assistant women’s basketball coach
University of Indianapolis, assistant women’s soccer coach
Lenoir-Rhyne University, assistant women’s lacrosse coach
University of Mary, assistant director of strength and conditioning
University of Southern Indiana, assistant men’s and women’s cross country and track and field coach
William Jewell University, assistant women’s basketball coach
Winona State University, assistant soccer coach (deferred to 2018-19)
HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Mentor Award recipient named

The Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee selected Marcel Yoder, associate professor of psychology at the University of Illinois at Springfield as the recipient of the fourth annual Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.

The award is named after Pariser, a physical therapy professor at Bellarmine University who passed away in 2013. It honors faculty members at Division II schools for their dedicated support and mentorship of student-athletes, and for demonstrating the same commitment to Division II student-athletes’ lifelong learning, competition, and well-being.

Yoder was nominated by former student-athlete Ashley Beaton and praised for his “energy and passion for helping student-athletes find methods of reducing stress, communicate effectively, and find success in their sport and school.”

Yoder has served as the Illinois-Springfield faculty athletics representative since 2004. In that role, Yoder helps to ensure student-athlete well-being and the academic integrity and institutional control of the athletics program. Yoder is also the liaison for the university's campus senate.

Yoder earned his Ph.D. in experimental psychology at the University of Louisville in 1999 with a specialization in social psychology. He received his Master of Arts degree in general psychology at Ball State University in 1995 with a specialization in statistics/research methods. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology at Goshen College in 1992.

His areas of specialization at Illinois-Springfield are social psychology, sport psychology, self-enhancement, and person perception.

“Dr. Yoder epitomizes everything this prestigious award represents,” said Jasmyn Lindsay, chair of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and former softball student-athlete at Queens University of Charlotte. “His ability to nurture not only students in general but student-athletes in particular, especially when it comes to preparing them for life after college, is what all student-athletes want from their FAR.

“We couldn’t be more pleased to honor Dr. Yoder with this year’s Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.”

Strategic Alliance Matching Grants

Entering its 18th cycle, the Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant is a program through which the NCAA funds recipients at 75 percent of the proposed salary and benefits for the first year, 50 percent for the second year and 25 percent for the third year to help create full-time senior-level administrative positions or enhance current positions. The NCAA also provides recipients with $12,500 of professional development and technology funding during the first three years.

The following institutions and conference were selected to receive the grants for the 2017-18 year:

- **Christian Brothers University**, associate athletics director/director of external relations (deferred to 2018-19)
- **Daemen College**, director of student-athlete success and community engagement
- **Grand Valley State University**, athletics health care administrator
- **Johnson C. Smith University**, assistant athletics director for external affairs
- **Mountain East Conference**, assistant commissioner for operations and communications
- **University of North Georgia**, assistant athletics director for student services
- **Queens College (New York)**, assistant athletics director for development
- **Texas Woman's University**, assistant director of athletics for business affairs
- **Valdosta State University**, director of student-athlete development

Ethnic Minorities and Women’s Internship Grants

A one-year program that provides funding for full-time, entry-level administrative positions. The NCAA provides $22,500 to support the salary of the hired intern and $3,000 in professional development funding.

The following institutions and conferences were selected to receive the grants for the 2017-18 year:

- **California State University, Stanislaus**, student-athlete success and life skills intern
- **Clayton State University**, facilities and event management intern (deferred to 2018-19)
- **Coker College**, student success and compliance intern
- **Great Northwest Athletic Conference**, compliance and championships assistant
- **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference**, strategic communications intern
- **St. Mary's University (Texas)**, coordinator of athletics compliance and student services
The NCAA awards $7,500 postgraduate scholarships annually to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition. Each sports season, there are 29 scholarships available for men and 29 scholarships available for women for use in an accredited graduate program. The following includes Division II awardees for winter and spring sports in 2017, and for fall sports in 2016, since awardees for fall sports in 2017 had yet to be announced by press time.

**WOMEN’S FALL SPORTS 2016**
- Kaitlyn Brunworth, Wingate University, soccer
- Riley Hanson, Concordia University, St. Paul, volleyball
- Breanne Hatfield, Minot State University, soccer
- Alyssa Johnson, Wingate University, cross country
- Sienna Smith, Holy Family University, soccer

**MEN’S FALL SPORTS 2016**
- Zachary Bernhard, Ashland University, football
- Ovan Oakley, Concordia College (New York), soccer
- Sam Polano, University of California, San Diego, soccer
- Jakub Waligorski, University of California, San Diego, soccer
- Brandon Watson, Simon Fraser University, soccer

**WOMEN’S WINTER SPORTS 2017**
- Carly Thomas, University of Central Missouri, bowling
- Ewa Zaborowska, Harding University, indoor track and field

**MEN’S WINTER SPORTS 2017**
- Michael Cohn, University of California, San Diego, swimming and diving
- Adam Cooling, Minnesota State University, Mankato, wrestling
- Adam Klie, University of California, San Diego, basketball
- Isaac Lindquist, University of Mary, basketball
- Alexander Treinen, University of Alaska Fairbanks, skiing

**WOMEN’S SPRING SPORTS 2017**
- Courtney Albritton, Valdosta State University, softball
- Rachel Avard, Assumption College, outdoor track and field
- Jordan Bormann, Augustana University (South Dakota), golf
- Shanie Cameron, West Texas A&M University, outdoor track and field
- Grace Donovan, Florida Southern College, lacrosse
- Marissa McKay, Humboldt State University, outdoor track and field
- Autumn Suydam, East Central University, softball
- Cheyenne Thompson, University of Montevallo, outdoor track and field

**MEN’S SPRING SPORTS 2017**
- Jordan Arakawa, Eastern Washington University, outdoor track and field
- Michael Gouge, University of North Georgia, baseball
- Drew LaComb, Regis University (Colorado), baseball

**Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients**

Kylie Klotzbach, a member of the Rollins women’s swimming and diving team, was selected as one of two recipients of the 2017 Jim McKay Scholarships. The $10,000 scholarships for postgraduate study recognize student-athletes’ outstanding academic achievement and their potential to make a major contribution to the sports communications industry. The scholarship was created in 2008 to honor the legacy of pioneer sports journalist Jim McKay.

Klotzbach, who graduated with a 3.97 GPA while earning a degree in business management and organizational communications, worked in the athletics communications office at Rollins, where she gained knowledge and developed a passion to work in that field in the future. To make this goal a reality, Klotzbach plans to earn a master’s degree in sports administration.

“I aspire to garner the know-how and success within the athletics communications field to achieve my ultimate goal of becoming director of athletics at an NCAA institution,” Klotzbach said. “From that position, I hope to help future students benefit from their academic and athletics experience.”
Degree-Completion Award Recipients

The Division II Degree-Completion Awards Committee selected the following 102 recipients and also 10 alternates. The total amount awarded for the 2017-18 academic year is $520,015.73. The average GPA of the recipients is 3.53 (the median is 3.6).

Abel Acuna-Moreno, McKendree University
Tayeb Ahmadi, Texas A&M International University
Dillon Archer, Lindenwood University
Kelly Backus, Long Island University/ULU Post
Jack Ball, Le Moyne College
Mikayla Bangasser, University of Central Oklahoma
Jillian Barbieri, Molloy College
Madaline Barrett, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Madison Beagley, Colorado State University-Pueblo
Mikeala Beck, Urbana University
Breonna Faith Bejaran, Humboldt State University
Valerie Bermudez, Bloomsfield University of Pennsylvania
Charity Bickoom, Virginia State University
Alexandra Bohnett, Central Washington University
Hayley Bollinger, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Phalen Booker, Carson-Newman University
Kacie Booth, Holy Family University
Cadence Bourne, Washburn University of Topeka
Sarah Bowerman, Ursuline College
Rachel Brownlee, Tuskegee University
Taylor Bruno, Colorado Mesa University
Joshua Bryan, University of North Georgia
Andrew Calderone, Palm Beach Atlantic University
John Matthew Clare II, Le Moyne College
Shelby Culler, Mars Hill University
Gabriella DeLeo, University of New Haven
Samantha Delzotto, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Rebecca Demko, Winston-Salem State University
Gabriela Dias, Colorado Mesa University
Jamie Doggendorf, McKendree University
Jamie Dompiere, Michigan Technological University
Hailey Drew, Newberry College
Darina Drozdova, Clayton State University
Mackenzie Edwards, Lake Superior State University
Shachar Elisha, Texas A&M University-Commerce
Nataly Escamilla, University of the Incarnate Word
Maximillian Fabricant, Regis University (Colorado)
Kennedy Fay, Ursuline College
Carolina Gnan Ficher, Southern Arkansas University
Megan Gil, University of North Georgia
Eric Golightly Jr., West Texas A&M University
Julie Gucklan, Grand Valley State University
Gabrielle Guibord, Grand Valley State University
Marshanique Hall, California Institute of Technology, Pomona
Trey Hannam, University of Illinois at Springfield
Tiana Hanson, Montana State University
Nicole Hoffman, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Emily Howell, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Kelsey Hutchins, University of North Georgia
Robert Hyams, Simon Fraser University
Shea Ibrahim, West Texas A&M University
Kendall James, Benedict College
Sheila James, Virginia State University
Ashley Jennings, Bowie State University
Piliiloha Kaillawa, University of Hawaii at Hilo
Matthew Konrad, Southwest Minnesota State University
Marnie Kusakavitch, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Jose Rojas Liquidano, Western New Mexico University
Chelsea Martus, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Kristiin Mets, Clayton State University
Dana Mogren, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Eri Morabito, Queens University of Charlotte
Tatiana Nikitin, Alderson Broaddus University
Chelsea Nooker, St. Cloud State University
Rachel Olson, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Maison O’Neill, Regis University (Colorado)
Olivia Oswalt, Lindenwood University
Samantha Peters, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Guilherme Plentz de Líz, Roberts Wesleyan University
Rachel Polacek, Lee University
Brandon Raleigh, Lee University
Meg Riebau, Winona State University
Laura Roberts, Lake Superior State University
Morgan Ryffe, Augusta University
Farhan Sadique, Emporia State University
Margaret Salomone, Molloy College
Madalyn Seidl, California State University, Stanislaus
Emily Semo, University of Central Oklahoma
Cooper Sesselman, Molloy College
Breanna Setree, University of Tampa
Haley Shackelford, Montana State University
Hyung-Chul Shin, St. Edward’s University
Kathleen Sigwart, Limestone College
Samantha Smith, Southern Nazarene University
Harris Stevens, University of West Alabama
Vandella Suico, Arkansas Tech University
Alvin Ray Swoope, University of Mount Olive
Jessica Tisdale, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Taylor Tokach, Montana State University
Taylor Trohkimoinen, Black Hills State University
Jennifer Tuttle, Winona State University
Collin Vest, Clarion University of Pennsylvania
Sarah Vicory, Washburn University of Topeka
Hannah Vinyard, Lindenwood University
Anton Waern, Georgia College
Ronald Wardleigh, Western State Colorado University
Savannah Waters, University of Central Oklahoma
Shelby Watts, Saginaw Valley State University
Sara Watts, Saginaw Valley State University
Holly Weyand, Colorado School of Mines
Casey Wilcox, Clarion University of Pennsylvania
Darin Winkleman, McKendree University
Nobody does community engagement like Division II. Community engagement is a hallmark of the Division II experience, especially the Division II championships experience. The division conducts activities annually at all 25 national championship finals sites, as hundreds of student-athletes from various backgrounds interact with thousands of community members who view them as role models.

But as the term suggests, engagement means a two-way interaction, as the community members the student-athletes engage return to watch them in action. In many ways, that is what distinguishes the Division II community engagement philosophy. Engagement means expanding your footprint, be it a campus or conference, to reach out to community members in order to bring them back in.

“We are committed to developing leaders through the powerful life lessons of intercollegiate athletics,” said Jill Willson, former athletics director at Texas A&M University-Kingsville who now coordinates engagement activities at all Division II championships. “I for one am proud to be part of a division so committed to that type of engagement. We put our philosophy into action, and the rewards are obvious.”

In 2017, that engagement at DII championships included interaction at veterans’ and children’s hospitals, elementary schools, boys and girls clubs, YMCAs, homeless shelters and retirement villages, as well as participation in meaningful initiatives like the Folds of Honor program in golf, visits with veterans and their families, and something as simple as signing autographs for kids at the championships venues.

In the spring and winter championships alone, more than 1,300 student-athletes and coaches engaged 6,250 youth, community members and veterans in ways that are indelibly memorable to both parties.

Engagement done well is lasting. It sure has lasted in Division II, as community engagement has become an expectation at all campuses and conferences.

“It’s become part of who we are as a division,” Willson said. “And at the championships, our institutions anticipate these activities as benefits rather than obligations, because they trust how they are conducted will not only leave their schools in good standing in that community, but more importantly they’ll leave a lasting and perhaps even life-changing impression on their student-athletes.”
MEN’S ELITE EIGHT

100+ student-athletes
Eight elementary schools
500 visitors on a field trip to the Sanford Pentagon
50 veterans and their families

WOMEN’S ELITE EIGHT

100+ student-athletes
Five elementary schools
Two YMCAs
One homeless shelter
Three school field trips
One retirement village field trip
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FESTIVAL

Indoor Track and Field
145 student-athletes; 75 veterans and service members

Wrestling
63 student-athletes; 355 youth

Swimming and Diving
58 student-athletes; 75 youth
Two field trips — 500 youth

Military Appreciation Day
Veterans hospital visit
Three elementary school visits
Backpack stuffing
Two Boys and Girls Clubs
Field trips
Make-A-Splash event
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tennis
Boys and Girls Club field trip
Championship Saturday — 25 student-athletes; 30 youth

Golf
Folds of Honor Program
100% participation

Rowing
Special Olympics

Outdoor Track and Field
112 student-athletes
Veterans hospital visit — 30 veterans
Elementary school visits
One field trip — 250 youth

Softball
Six elementary schools
Two Boys and Girls Clubs
Four field trips — 350 youth

Baseball
Four elementary schools
Four YMCAs

Men’s Lacrosse
Autograph signing party

Women’s Lacrosse
Three elementary schools
One YMCA
Two field trips — 300 youth
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Field Hockey
Bus transportation for community members to the championship venue
Field-sized flag honoring veterans

Men’s & Women’s Cross Country
30 student-athletes
One YMCA
Flag honoring veterans
Tailgate party

Men’s & Women’s Soccer
Eight teams; 600+ youth
Bus transportation for community
Make-A-Wish recipient honored
Flag unveiling — 40 student-athletes

Women’s Volleyball
100+ student-athletes; 750 youth
Flag unveiling — 20 soldiers
Autograph signing

Football
Eight teams
Veterans hospital visit
Bus transportation for veterans and youth to the championship venue
Field-sized flag honoring veterans
Make-A-Wish recipient honored
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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