



The Blue Ribbon

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Dear DePaul Community,

As the university settles into the New Year, Athletic Academic Advising and the Department of Athletics are proud to share our Blue Ribbon Newsletter. This annual publication highlights the academic achievements of DePaul student-athletes during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Detailed in this newsletter are the numerous academic achievements received by our DePaul student-athletes last year. The program as a whole recorded a 3.460 GPA. Six teams earned the highest GPA in the BIG EAST Conference for their respective sport—women's indoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, men's soccer, softball, women's tennis and volleyball—the most in the conference. Additionally, both our women's basketball and softball teams were among the best in the country academically. Women's basketball ranked #21 in the country and softball was #7 for the 2015-2016 academic year out of all Division I women's basketball and softball programs respectively. We are especially pleased that 83.2% of our student-athletes were named to the 2015-2016 BIG EAST All-Academic Team by earning a 3.0 or higher GPA for the year.

2016-2017 is off to a great start as well. 178 student-athletes were named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll (3.0 or higher term GPA) and 127 to the DePaul University Dean's List (3.5 or higher term GPA) after Fall Quarter. 45 earned perfect 4.0s.

We are very proud of these accomplishments and we know that many of you have played an important role in the academic success of student-athletes. We wish to thank you for your support. Student-athletes work hard to balance the rigors of academics and the demands of their sport. The assistance and support they receive from faculty and staff on campus is greatly appreciated.

To celebrate these accomplishments, we ask that you join us in honoring our BIG EAST All-Academic Team at our annual half-time ceremony during the men's basketball game versus Georgetown on January 31st.

Our departments work hard every day to make DePaul Athletics something of which the university community can be proud. We want to thank you in advance for your continued support of our student-athletes' efforts both in the classroom and in competition. We hope you can join us at an athletic event in the near future—the student-athletes would love to see you at one of their competitions.

If we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jean Lenti Ponsetto
Director of Athletics

Kate O'Brien, Ph.D.
Associate Athletic Director for Academic
Advising and Life Skills Programs

Athletic Director's Honor Roll and Dean's List Fall 2016

To be named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, student-athletes must earn a term GPA of 3.0 or greater. To be named to the Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must earn a term GPA of 3.5 or higher—those named to the Dean's List for Fall are noted with *.



Men's Basketball

Eli Cain
Levi Cook
Rolando Curington*
Brandon Cyrus
Algevon Eichelberger*
Joseph Hanel*
David Leitao
Peter Ryckbosch*
Max Strus*



Golf

Jonathan Goldstein*
Ronald Griggs
Jonathan Hewett*
James Lelliott
Charles Spencer-White
Robert Thomas*
Frederick Thomas*
Kyle Vincze



Men's Soccer

Kevin Beyer*
Joshua Bowser
Konstantin Brkovic*
Max de Bruijne*
Zachary El-Shafei
John Freitag*
Austin Harrell*
Henry Hilling
Philipp Koenigstein*
Aleksander Labovic
Daniel Lojek
Quentin Low
Ryan Martire*
Simon Megally
Michael Mojarro
Caleb Pothast*
Jacob Scheper
Anton Sell*
Kyle Smith*
Peyton Smith*
Stijn van der Slot*
Spencer Ward*
Trevor Wilson
Hans Wuestling*



Men's Tennis

Christopher Casati*
Timothy Corwin*
Nathan de Veer
Alex Galoustian
Yahn Gawrit*
Conor O'Meara*
Fran Tonejc*
Tripp Tuff*
Tamas Zador*



Men's Cross Country/ Track & Field

Matthew Almeranti*
Scott Arsenault
Babajide Bamgbose
Charles Bottoms*
Alex Campanella*
Noah Deck
Kyle Decker*
Sebastian Feyersinger
Aaron Harris*
Scott Jonske*
Trevor Kintyhtt
Christopher Korabik*
Sergio Llanes*
Evan Lowry*
Jeremy Lozano
Dominic Marshall*
Kyle Mastrangeli*
Steven McEvilly
Mackenzie Melto*
Adam Nelson*
Joshua Pearson*
Jake Pecorin*
Daniel Peterson
Conner Rafferty
James Ryan*
Salomon Wright



Softball

Erin Andris*
Haydn Christensen*
Dylan Christensen*
Jessica Cothorn*
Krista Dalgarn*
Madison Fisher
Micah Fitzgerald*
Celeste Franco*
Kennedy Garcia*
Morgan Greenwood*
Skylor Hilger*
Cara Jimenez*
Sabrina Kuchta*
Kayla Landwehrmier
Megan Leyva
Nicole Pihl*
Alysia Rodriguez
Angela Scalzitti
Brianna Viles*
Marissa Zoch



Volleyball

Claire Anderson
Rachel Breault*
Haley Bueser*
Alexa Chanos*
Caitlyn Coffey*
Kathleen Dolan*
Kelsey Horvath*
Dominika Kowalska*
Jameson MacPhie*
Ashley Marshall
Brittany Maxwell*
Myah Reed
Mackenzie Savage*
Madeline Torti*



Women's Basketball

Tanita Allen*
Meredith Bennett-Swanson*
Deja Cage*
Kelly Campbell*
Amarah Coleman
Jacqueline Grant
Marte Grays*
Jessica January*
Claire McMahan*
Ashton Millender*
Lauren Prochaska*
Brooke Schulte*
Chante Stonewall
Meghan Waldron*



Women's Soccer

Alexa Ben*
Abigail Callahan*
Kassandra Cerda*
Franny Cerny*
Lucy Edwards*
Elizabeth Endy*
Lauren Frasca
Ana Greik*
Avery Hay*
Kelli Hubly
Sydney Hunt*
Sonia Johnson*
Jaimie Leas
Elizabeth Parrilli
Danielle Pitaro*
Abigail Reed*
Blerina Saiipi*
Jessica Schmidt*
Adrian Walker*



Women's Tennis

Florence Abbott*
Aspasia Avgeri*
Keisha Clousing
Marina Cozac*
Patricia Lancranjan
Yuliya Shupenia*
Milica Tesic*
Ana Vladutu*



Women's Cross Country/ Track & Field

Batya Beard
Simone Carr*
Rebecca Chouinard*
Katerina Ciron*
Kaitlen Crawford*
Ariel Davis*
Laura Edwards*
Emily Eller*
Corinne Franz*
Jessica Harris
Alexia Harvey
Gabrielle Howard*
Caroline Kurdej*
Morgan Maize*
Dylan Marshall*
Caroline Muller*
Jade Nolan*
Shayna Nwokenkwo*
Sabrina Olsen*
Courtney Pickering*
Miranda Rea*
Jessica Sanborn*
Lauren Sharp*
Arlene Sisson
Paige Skorseth*
Courtney Tedeschi*
Jessica Watkins

Join us for the Annual Half-Time
Ceremony honoring DePaul's
BIG EAST All-Academic Team
during the men's basketball game
versus Georgetown.

Tuesday, January 31 | 8 p.m.

ALLSTATE ARENA , ROSEMONT, IL

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SAVE THE DATE

Reverend John R. Cortelyou Award Winners

Gena Lenti from softball and Adrian Halimi from golf topped the 2015-2016 senior class with their outstanding GPAs and received the Reverend John R. Cortelyou Awards.



Gena Lenti

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 4.0 Cumulative GPA
- Health Sciences Major
- Environmental Studies, Biological Sciences and Applied Psychology Minors
- Named to the DePaul University Athletic Director's Honor Roll Every Quarter
- Named to the DePaul University Dean's List Every Quarter
- Named to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Named DePaul's 2015-2016 BIG EAST Institutional Female Scholar-Athlete and earned a \$2,000 scholarship toward graduate or professional studies



Adrian Halimi

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 3.988 Cumulative GPA
- Finance and Accountancy Double Major
- Named to the DePaul University Athletic Director's Honor Roll Every Quarter
- Named to the DePaul University Dean's List Every Quarter
- Named to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Named DePaul's 2015-2016 BIG EAST Institutional Male Scholar-Athlete and earned a \$2,000 scholarship toward graduate or professional studies

Six Programs Post Perfect Academic Progress Rates

Women's basketball, men's cross country, men's golf, softball, women's tennis and volleyball each recorded perfect rates and were recognized with Public Recognition Awards from the NCAA for having multi-year Academic Performance Rate scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.

4.0 Club Fall 2016

Matthew Almeranti—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
Aspasia Avgeri—Women's Tennis
Meredith Bennett-Swanson—Women's Basketball
Kevin Beyer—Men's Soccer
Charles Bottoms—Men's Track & Field
Rachel Breault—Volleyball
Kostantin Brkovic—Men's Soccer
Abigail Callahan—Women's Soccer
Dylan Christensen—Softball
Katerina Cirone—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Timothy Corwin—Men's Tennis
Marina Cozac—Women's Tennis
Kyle Decker—Men's Track & Field
Emily Eller—Women's Track & Field
Elizabeth Endy—Women's Soccer
Celeste Franco—Softball
Ana Greik—Women's Soccer
Austin Harrell—Men's Soccer
Avery Hay—Women's Soccer
Skylor Hilger—Softball
Kelsey Horvath—Volleyball
Sydney Hunt—Women's Soccer
Jessica January—Women's Basketball
Philipp Koenigstein—Men's Soccer
Christopher Korabik—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
Caroline Kurdej—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Morgan Maize—Women's Track & Field
Mackenzie Melto—Men's Track & Field
Jake Pecorin—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
Nicole Pihl—Softball
Caleb Pothast—Men's Soccer
Lauren Prochaska—Women's Basketball
Miranda Rea—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Abigail Reed—Women's Soccer
Peter Ryckbosch—Men's Basketball
Anton Sell—Men's Soccer
Lauren Sharp—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Paige Skorseth—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Courtney Tedeschi—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Frederick Thomas—Men's Golf
Fran Tonejc—Men's Tennis
Tripp Tuff—Men's Tennis
Ana Vladutu—Women's Tennis
Hans Wuestling—Men's Soccer
Stijn van der Slot—Men's Soccer

2015-2016 BIG EAST All-Academic Team

A total of 159 DePaul student-athletes were named to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team for the 2015-2016 academic year. The 2015-2016 total is the third-highest since DePaul joined the BIG EAST Conference.

Men's Basketball

Oumar Barry
Eli Cain
Rolando Curington
Cory Dolins
William Garrett
Erten Gazi
Joseph Hanel
Mycheal Henry
David Leitao
Frederick Scott
Peter Ryckbosch

Men's Cross Country

Joseph Atria
Alex Campanella
Andrew Diehn
Regen Hatcher
Christopher Korabik
Jeremy Lozano
Jake Pecorin
Daniel Peterson
James Ryan

Golf

Fredrik Eimeren
Jonathan Goldstein
Ronald Griggs
Adrian Halimi
Jonathan Hewett
Robert Thomas
Frederick Thomas

Men's Soccer

Kevin Beyer
Konstantin Brkovic
John Freitag
Austin Harrell
Jalen Harvey
Brian Hindle
Philipp Koenigstein
Quentin Low
Ryan Martire
Simon Megally
Michael Mojarro
Caleb Pothast
Macklin Robinson

Francesco Sinopoli
Jacob Scheper
Anton Sell
Spencer Ward
Hans Wuestling

Men's Tennis

Timothy Corwin
Nathan de Veer
Ivan Divkovic
Jan-Willem Feilzer
Paul John
Kyle Johnson
Sten Leusink
Conor O'Meara

Men's Track and Field

Matthew Almeranti
Scott Arsenault
Charles Bottoms
Noah Deck
Kyle Decker
Aaron Harris
Kyle Hedge
Jarvis Hill
Isaac Jimenez
Evan Lowry
Mackenzie Melto
Scott Midgett
Blake Thompson
Brandon Threats

Softball

Cherelle Chambers
Dylan Christensen
Haydn Christensen
Micah Fitzgerald
Ellie Forkin
Celeste Franco
Kali Gardner
Morgan Greenwood
Sabrina Kuchta
Gena Lenti
Megan Leyva
Morgan Maize
Marsha Pendilton

Nicole Pihl
Alysia Rodriguez
Angela Scalzitti
Naomi Tellez
Stefanie Troja

Women's Basketball

Tanita Allen
Meredith Bennett-Swanson
Jacqueline Grant
Brandi Harvey-Carr
Jessica January
Chanise Jenkins
Elri Liebenberg
Megan Podkowa
Lauren Prochaska
Brooke Schulte
Meghan Waldron

Women's Cross Country

Katerina Cirone
Jessica Harris
Caroline Kurdej
Miranda Rea
Jessica Sanborn
Lauren Sharp
Paige Skorseth
Courtney Tedeschi

Women's Soccer

Alexa Ben
Kassandra Cerda
Franny Cerny
Lucy Edwards
Elizabeth Endy
Lauren Frasca
Madeline Frick
Alejandria Godinez
Kelli Hubly
Sonia Johnson
Vanessa Nigg
Danielle Pitaro
Abigail Reed
Brianna Ryce
Jessica Schmidt
Elise Wyatt
Gini Yost

Women's Tennis

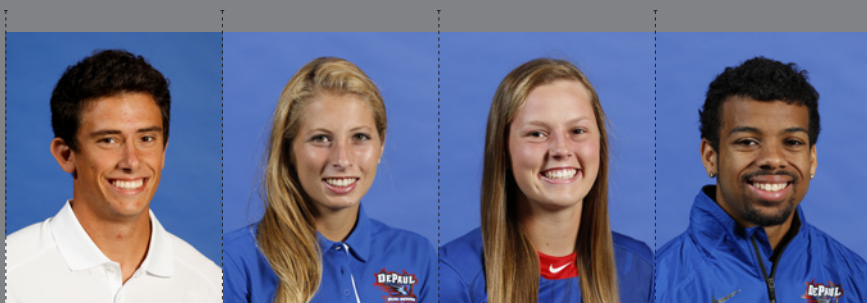
Marina Cozac
Jarret Fisher
Patricia Lancranjan
Rebeca Mitrea
Yuliya Shupenia
Zaina Sufi
Milica Tesic
Ana Vladutu

Women's Track and Field

Simone Carr
Sarah Chappell
Julie Dambra
Ariel Davis
Laura Edwards
Emily Eller
Taylor Farley
Corinne Franz
Alexia Harvey
Gabrielle Howard
Mashayla Kirksy
Caroline Muller
Shayna Nwokenkwo
Nora Smith
Jessica Watkins
Tayler Whittler
Sophia Wilson

Women's Volleyball

Rachel Breault
Haley Bueser
Alexa Chanos
Caitlyn Coffey
Saige Gallop
Tyler Graham
Kelsey Horvath
Callie Huebener
Dominika Kowalska
Randi Leath
Jameson MacPhie
Brittany Maxwell
Myah Reed



THE 2016-2017 CAPTAINS' COUNCIL

left to right:

Timothy Corwin | Men's Tennis, President
Paige Skorseth | Women's Cross Country and
Track & Field, Vice President
Nicole Pihl | Softball, Treasurer
Charles Bottoms | Men's Track & Field, Secretary

The captains from each team meet monthly to discuss issues in intercollegiate athletics and to provide feedback to the athletic administration. This group is extremely influential in the decision-making process on campus, within the conference and nationwide. In addition to their leadership, this group spearheads community service activities for student-athletes.

2015-2016 Academic Accomplishments by Team



Men's Basketball

- Men's Basketball received a National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Award.
- Four Men's Basketball student-athletes were named to the NABC Honors Court: Rolando Curington, Cory Dolins, Billy Garrett Jr. and Peter Ryckbosch.



Men's Soccer

- Highest Men's Soccer GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Men's Soccer received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 8th consecutive year.
- Simon Megally was named to the NSCAA's Scholar All-Region Second Team.



Women's Basketball

- Women's Basketball was ranked #21 in the Women's Basketball Coaching Association (WBCA) Team Academic Poll.
- Megan Podkowa and Jessica January were named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans—1st time two women's basketball student-athletes were named Academic All-Americans in the same year. Podkowa's second-team honor is the highest CoSIDA academic honor in program history.
- Jessica January was named the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association (DI-AAA ADA) Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year—only the 2nd in program history.
- Megan Podkowa joined Jessica January on the DI-AAA ADA Scholar-Athlete Team.
- Megan Podkowa was named BIG EAST Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and earned a \$2,000 scholarship toward graduate or professional studies.



Women's Soccer

- Women's Soccer received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 13th consecutive year.
- Elise Wyatt was selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team and All-District First Team and was selected to the NSCAA Scholar All-America Third Team and NSCAA All-Region First Team.
- Alexa Ben was named a second-team Academic All-District by CoSIDA.

2015-2016 Academic Accomplishments by Team

(Continued)



Volleyball

- Highest Volleyball GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Volleyball earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the ninth consecutive year.



Golf

- Frederick Thomas was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.
- Golf was named to the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) All-Academic team.
- Johnathan Hewett was named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar.



Men's Cross Country/Track & Field

- Men's Cross Country and Track & Field earned All-Academic Team distinction from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field

- Highest Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field team GPAs in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Women's Cross Country and Track & Field earned All-Academic Team distinction from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).
- 12th Highest Women's Track & Field GPA in the nation.

2015-2016 Academic Accomplishments by Team

(Continued)



Men's Tennis

- Men's Tennis was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as an All-Academic Team for the seventh time in eight years.
- The ITA recognized seven individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2015-2016 academic year: Timothy Corwin, Jan-Willem Feilzer, Paul John, Sten Leusink, Maxim Renke, Kyle Johnson and Ivan Divkovic.



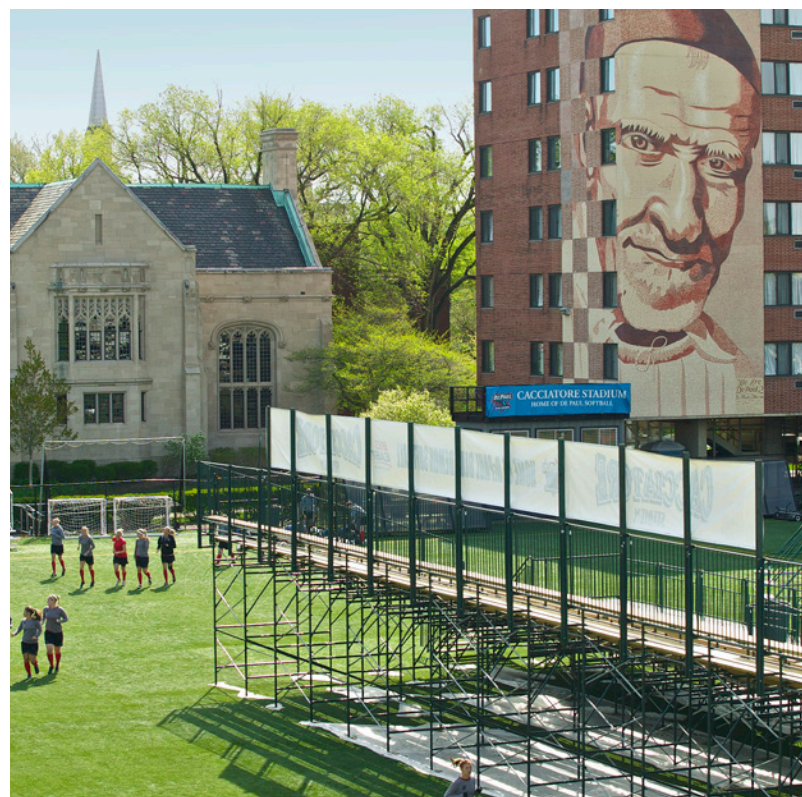
Women's Tennis

- Highest Women's Tennis team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Women's Tennis was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as an All-Academic Team for the ninth consecutive year.
- Rebeca Mitrea was selected by BIG EAST as an NCAA Woman of the Year Nominee and received the 2015-2016 BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for Women's Tennis.
- The ITA recognized seven individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2015-2016 academic year: Marina Cozac, Jarret Fisher, Patricia Lancranjan, Rebeca Mitrea, Yuliya Shupenia, Zaina Sufi and Milica Tesic.



Softball

- Highest Softball team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Softball was recognized by The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) for having the seventh highest GPA in the nation for Division I softball teams.
- Gena Lenti was named a 2015-2016 BIG EAST Institutional Female Scholar-Athlete Scholarship recipient.
- Morgan Maize was recognized with the 2015-2016 BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for Softball.
- The NFCA recognized 12 individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2015-2016 academic year—the most by any BIG EAST school: Cherelle Chambers, Dylan Christensen, Ellie Forkin, Kali Gardner, Morgan Greenwood, Gena Lenti, Morgan Maize, Nicole Pihl, Alysia Rodriguez, Angela Scalzitti, Naomi Tellez and Stefanie Troja.





Letter from the Captains' Council

Dear DePaul University Community,

The role of a student-athlete goes beyond that of either a student or an athlete. We cannot be complacent to simply show up to classes and meet exemplary grade standards, nor to singularly excel as competitors in our sports. While we have done both of these things, year after year, it is not enough. We have a responsibility to fill a larger niche. Our status and commitment to excellence places us as student leaders amongst the DePaul student body. Thus, it falls to us to embrace, preach, and carry out the Vincentian mission of service that already permeates the university. We understand the importance of giving back to our surrounding community as it has provided so much for us.

At our monthly meetings, Captains' Council discusses ways in which we can maximize our impact at DePaul and in the surrounding environs. Social outreach and community service initiatives take many forms within the athletic department. At the beginning of every school year, we make and deliver blankets to those in need. Every year, we help spearhead the "Be the Match Donor Drive," which helps people in need of bone marrow transplants by registering potential donors. We have started an annual dodgeball tournament, bringing together a diverse group of student organizations to raise money for charities. Teams volunteer at the Chicago Marathon, DemonTHON, Misericordia, the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Soup Kitchen, and Vincentian Service Day among many others. We engage with student leader groups around campus to further use our influence to have a lasting positive impact on our university. The year 2016 and those prior laid a foundation that we plan to build on in 2017 as we continue to bring the Vincentian values to the world.

Sincerely,

Timothy Corwin

Men's Tennis

Captains' Council President

2015-2016 Quick Statistics

79%

Over 79% of our student-athletes earned a 3.0 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Athletic Director's Honor Roll (80.7% in Fall, 79.2% in Winter and 83.6% in Spring).

54%

Over 54% of our student-athletes earned a 3.5 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Dean's List (58.4% in Fall, 54.5% in Winter and 61.2% in Spring).

13%

Over 13% of our student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 each quarter (17.3% in Fall, 13.9% in Winter and 18.9% in Spring).

3.46

2015-2016 Athletic Department GPA.

Our 2016-2017 Student-Athletes

27 States and 16 Countries

Our student-athletes come to DePaul from 27 states and 16 countries.

6 Colleges and 46 Majors

Our student-athletes are enrolled in six of DePaul's ten colleges and are pursuing 46 different majors.

31.4%	College of Science and Health
30.0%	Driehaus College of Business
16.4%	College of Communication
10.6%	College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
6.3%	College of Education
5.3%	College of Computing & Digital Media

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