

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS: 2011-12 ACADEMIC REPORT

DEPARTMENT

- ◆ For the 5th year in a row, a school record was broken as the student-athletes posted a 3.113 fall semester GPA.
- ◆ A school record was achieved for male student-athletes who posted a combined 2.975 GPA and for female student-athletes who posted a combined 3.341 GPA in Fall 2011.
- ◆ 61% of student-athletes posted a 3.0 GPA or higher in the Fall 2011 semester followed by 54% in Spring 2012.
- ◆ All 17 teams have now posted their highest semester team GPA's in the last 10 years with 12 of those teams achieving this within the last 4 years.

CONFERENCE USA

- ◆ 218 student-athletes (school record) were named to the **Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll** for achieving a 3.00 cumulative GPA or above through the fall semester in a conference sponsored sport.
- ◆ 60 student-athletes (school record) received the **Conference USA Academic Medal**. This award is given for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher through the fall semester in a conference sponsored sport.
- ◆ *Marissa Steen-WGO, Courtney Collins-WTE, and Jack Belote-MGO* were named **Conference USA Scholar Athletes of the Year**.
- ◆ *Parker Duncan-MSO* was the recipient of the **Jim Castañeda Conference USA Postgraduate Scholarship Award**.
- ◆ The highest departmental GPA ever (3.019) was submitted for the **Conference USA Institutional Academic Excellence Award**.
- ◆ *Baseball* (3.225), *Men's Cross Country* (3.736), *Men's Golf* (3.402), *Women's Golf* (3.711), and *Women's Tennis* (3.614) posted the highest team GPA of all Conference USA for 2011-12 and received the **Conference USA Sport Academic Award**. Baseball and Women's Golf achieved this honor for the third consecutive year and Men's Golf for the second year in a row.

INDIVIDUAL

- ◆ 46 student-athletes achieved a 4.0 during the fall or spring semester (six of which achieved a 4.0 for the year).
- ◆ *Lizzy Simonin-WSO* won a **2011 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award**, given to the most outstanding senior student-athlete in 10 NCAA Division I sports. She was also awarded an **NCAA Ethnic Minority Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics**.
- ◆ *Altrese Hawkins-WVB* and *Tiago Reichert-MSO* were named finalists for the **2012 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Awards**, honoring the contributions made by minority students to their respective institutions as both scholars and as athletes. Only ten male and ten female finalists were chosen from over 600 minority athletes nominated.

TEAM

- ◆ *Women's Golf* was nominated for the **NGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award** and finished 8th in the nation for its 3.711 GPA.
- ◆ *Baseball* (991), *Men's Basketball* (1000), *Women's Golf* (1000), and *Women's Tennis* (1000) received **NCAA Public Recognition Awards** from the 2012 Division I Academic Performance Program for their APR's. This is the third consecutive year that Men's Basketball and Women's Golf have been recognized.