**WSU Athletics Academic Report – 2013-2014**

**APR Progress**

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| **Sport** | **APR** | **Sport** | **APR** |
| **Multiyear** **Rate (N)** | **2012 -2013 (N)** | **Multiyear** **Rate (N)** | **2012 -2013 (N)** |
| Men’s Basketball |  980 (53) |  961 (13) | Women’s Basketball |  976 (57) |  1000 (14) |
| Men’s Cross Country |  969 (36) |  967 (8) | Women’s Cross Country |  983 (62) |  983 (17) |
| Football |  938 (325) |  951 (78) | Women’s Golf |  977 (35) |  973 (10) |
| Men’s Golf |  992 (32) |  962 (8) | Women’s Softball |  946 (68) |  944 (24) |
| Men’s Tennis |  966 (26) |  1000 (7) | Women’s Soccer |  1000 (112) |  992 (35) |
| Men’s Track, Indoor |  945 (112) | 963 (30) | Women’s Tennis |  937 (30) |  1000 (6) |
| Men’s Track, Outdoor |  944 (110) |  963 (30) | Women’s Track, Indoor |  975 (148) |  973 (40) |
|  |  |  | Women’s Track, Outdoor |  977 (147) |  973 (40) |
|  |  |  | Volleyball | 978 (50) | 1000 (12) |

-Scores below a minimum standard of 930 (multi-year) are subject to NCAA penalties (WSU Goal = 950).

-Football completed the NCAA penalty for low APR but continues to utilize its own academic improvement plan developed by the football staff and athletic department.

**Student Progress Report System (SPRS)**

Online grade check system is the only system for all student progress requests (Athletics, ROTC, EARS).

Academic advisors, coaches, and compliance personnel use faculty feedback to monitor individual student-athletes’ academic progress. Timely grade checks also allow efficient utilization of resources for students to assist them in being successful.

**Graduation Success Rates – WSU**

**2014 SA Graduates** – 50 total

Spring 2014 – 32 graduates

Summer 2014 – 7 graduates

Fall 2013 – 11 graduates

Spring 2013 - 45 graduates

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| **Cohort Year** | **Sport** | **GSR** | **FGR** | **WSU** |
| 1998 | Overall | 93% | 52% |  |
| 1999 | Overall | 88% | 51% | 39% |
| 2000 | Overall | 78% | 51% | 38% |
| 2001 | Overall | 75% | 47% | 40% |
| 2002 | Overall | 70% | 49% | 45% |
| 2003 | Overall | 64% | 49% | 42% |
| 2004 | Overall | 66% | 50% | 44% |
| 2005 | Overall | 62% | 48% | 43% |
| 2006 | Overall | 61% | 51% | 45% |

* Continued a Graduation Initiative to analyze reasons for the current graduation trend and develop programs to assist student-athletes in graduating in four years (GSR-six years).
* Utilizing Developmental Math program to increase success rate using an Accuprep course, Flipped Math classes, and tutoring sessions.

**Student Athlete Equity/Well-Being Reports**

The Committee for Student-Athlete Equity/Well Being collects data each year (surveys, exit interviews, focus groups, demographic statistics, etc.) and prepares a report analyzing how the WSU Athletic Department is implementing recommendations from each report. Dashboard view is available online.

**2013 Weber State Athletics Academic Achievements by WSU Student Athletes**

Weber State had 130 student-athletes earn Academic All-Conference honors for Autumn Semester, 2013.

* The women's track and field team was honored by the United States Track and Feild and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) for having a 3.51 G.P.A, the 10th best in the nation.
* The women's golf team had a cumulative GPA of 3.67, the 10th best in the nation.
* The men's and women's track and field teams both earned All-Academic team honors from the USTFCCCA.
* Sarah Callister and Amber Henry both earned Academic All-American honors and were named to the Academic All-District Team. Sarah Callister earned first team All-American honors, marking three straight years she has earned Academic All-American honors. Amber Henry was named to the Academic All-American third team.
* Amber Henry, Tiffany Hellstrom and Laken Hintze were all named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic women's team.
* Derek Harrebomee and Trevor Ricks were named to the men's All-Academic team.
* Tony Epperson was a nominee for the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award.
* Jordan Herzog and Jeff Jones were named men's golf All-America Scholars.
* Kelsey Chugg, Alli Cluff, Kristie Jensen and Courtney Smith-Saffell all earned All-America Scholar honors for women's golf.

**WEBER STATE, SOUTHERN UTAH** **TIE FOR SAAC CONFERENCE CUP**

OGDEN, Utah (May 2, 2014) - The Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAAC) from Southern Utah University and Weber State University tied for this year’s Big Sky Conference SAAC Cup, the league announced Friday.

SAAC members from across the Big Sky Conference competed in a year-long competition that included three separate contests. The groups held a “Quarter Drive,” solicited donations for a “School Supply Drive” and battled to accumulate the most volunteer hours from Oct. 15-April 15.

Southern Utah tallied 4,446 volunteer hours, raised $568 in the “Quarter Drive,” and garnered 2,275 total points in the “School Supply Drive.’’ Weber State led all institutions with 5,771 points in the “School Supply Drive,” raised $758 in the “Quarter Drive,’’ and registered 1,822 volunteer hours.

Northern Colorado, the defending Conference Cup champion, totaled a league-high 5,457 volunteer hours, while Montana led the way by raising $1,310.50 in the “Quarter Drive.’’ In all, the SAAC groups combined for more than 25,100 volunteer hours.

The money collected from the drives ($5,438.50) will be donated by the Big Sky Conference to two entities. In honor of the Big Sky’s 25th anniversary of sponsoring women’s sports, half of the money will be donated to the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA). NACWAA is the premier leadership organization that empowers, develops, assists, celebrates, affirms, involves and honors women working in all fields of intercollegiate athletics.   The other half will be donated to Samaritans Feet, which the National SAAC is working with. Samaritans Feet accepts donations in order to collect shoes that are primarily donated to Third World countries.

The Big Sky SAAC programs also combined for 12,652 points in the “School Supplies Drive.’’ Schools were awarded one point for every dollar donated, one point for items such as a notebook, package of crayons, or a package of pencils. A backpack donation was awarded with five points.

This is the third year the Big Sky Conference has sponsored the Conference Cup. Montana State was the inaugural winner. Northern Colorado captured the Cup last year. The winning school receives the traveling trophy. Since there was a tie this year, Weber State will gain the Cup for half of the upcoming year, while Southern Utah will hold it for the half the year.

The Big Sky SAAC is compromised of current student-athletes and serves five functions: addressing conference issues affecting student-athlete welfare, providing feedback and distributing information from the NCAA, increasing and improving student-athletes’ understanding of the legislative process, promoting student-athlete participation in the legislative process, and providing a forum for addressing student-athlete concerns.  The Big Sky Conference SAAC has also made it a priority to promote volunteerism in each institutions respective community.