

Student-Athlete Briefing

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The document outlines key initiatives, projects, and priorities for student-athlete academic success, community engagement, holistic support, competitive success, and facilities master plan progress.

This year, student-athletes demonstrated exceptional academic achievements with record-breaking cumulative GPAs and high individual performance across terms.

Student-athletes actively contributed to the community through initiatives like clothing drives, sports events for empowerment, and collaborative activities with Special Olympics Oregon, impacting various local organizations and groups.

Oregon State student-athletes continued to benefit from holistic support programs, mental health resources, career development initiatives, leadership opportunities, and Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) partnerships, all aimed at fostering their personal and professional growth.

Once again, student-athletes achieved significant competitive success in various sports, earning individual and team accolades, while also earning recognition for excelling in leadership and sportsmanship.

The provision of comprehensive care, programming, and services for student-athletes is essential for their academic and competitive success. Given the anticipated reduction in conference distribution revenues, department leadership is proactively exploring cost-saving measures and budget reductions, alongside new revenue-generating initiatives. The aim is to achieve budgetary balance while maintaining a focus on the holistic development and well-being of the student-athletes.

CONNECTION TO PROSPERITY WIDELY SHARED

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics emphasizes the importance of academics and degree completion, which is connected to the goal of every student graduating in Prosperity Widely Shared.

The student-athlete development unit oversees our affinity groups (Beavs United), DEIB workshops, other annual events for student-athletes, all of which are tied to the foundational values identified in PWS.

METRICS

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics follows the Build the Dam Strategic Plan 2.0, which includes seven goals with sub-objectives and measurable sub-strategies.

KEY INITIATIVES, PROJECTS, AND/OR PRIORITIES

Student-Athlete Academic Success

- The student-athlete cumulative GPA for the Winter term was 3.39, the highest cumulative GPA ever recorded for a winter term. This followed a Fall term cumulative

GPA that reached a record-breaking 3.413, the highest in the past 10 years (our data begins with Fall 2014 when the CUM GPA was 2.99).

- All teams achieved above a 3.0 CUM and term GPA in both the Fall and Winter.
- 84 student-athletes in the Fall and 81 student-athletes in the Winter achieved a 4.0 term GPA.
- 29 student-athletes currently hold a 4.0 cumulative GPA.

Community Engagement Highlights

- By March 2025, 84% of student-athletes have been involved in community engagement, contributing over 1,600 service hours.
- ASOSU x BAST Clothing Drive
 - Student-athletes, ASOSU, and the Sustainability Council organized a clothing drive for the community swap, promoting sustainable upcycling to reduce overconsumption.
- National Girls and Women in Sports Day
 - Student-athletes held a field day for girls from Corvallis and nearby areas, where they played games, shared inspirations, and interacted with female role models.
- Dam Able
 - For the third year, student athletes hosted Dam Able with Special Olympics Oregon. SOO and OSU athletes spent the afternoon trying various sports and activities together.
- Other key partnerships: Vina Moses, Boy & Girls Club, local elementary schools, South Corvallis Food Bank, Corvallis Water Coalition, Team Impact

Student-Athlete Holistic Support and Programming

The holistic well-being of student-athletes remains a priority amid the ever-changing landscape of collegiate athletics. The Sport Psychology team supports student-athletes in coping with these changes as well as the daily stressors of balancing life, school, and sport. The Sport Psychology team has continued to increase their presence with teams by providing mental skills workshops that promote elite performance. Exploring and implementing new modalities of communication and service provision to meet the generational demands of student-athletes are continual goals of our sport psychologists.

Student-athletes have access to various events and programs designed to support them during their time as athletes and as they transition to life after sports. These opportunities include financial literacy workshops to help student athletes become financially knowledgeable and career development events that introduce them to professionals, resources, and careers of potential interest. The programming also includes several affinity groups (Beavs United), DEIB workshops, events, and initiatives aimed at supporting their personal growth and development.

The department relaunched the Woodshop, a Name, Image, Likeness marketplace for student-athletes, in partnership with Teamworks Influencer. This platform allows individuals and businesses to connect and collaborate with student-athletes on NIL opportunities. Athletes can review, accept deals, and receive compensation easily in one place.

Professional development and leadership opportunities are vital for student-athletes. Programs such as Beavs Lead offer leadership workshops, teaching team captains to identify their

strengths and weaknesses and effectively lead diverse teams. Another initiative is Beaver Nation Networking Night, which provides freshmen and sophomore athletes the chance to network with professionals from various industries, offering insights into career exploration and selection.

Competitive Success

- Team Highlights
 - Women's basketball won the WCC Tournament and participated in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.
 - Men's soccer competed in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.
 - Indoor track & field captured the MPSF team championship.
 - Wrestling claimed the Pac-12 championship.
 - Cross Country finished in the top 10 at the NCAA West Regional Championships.
 - Gymnastics placed fourth at NCAA Regionals and Jade Carey advanced to the NCAA Championships.
 - Women's Golf was selected to participate in NCAA Regionals.
 - Football player Dylan Black was one of the 20 semi-finalists for the Witten Man of the year award, an award presented for athletes demonstrating exceptional courage, integrity and sportsmanship both on and off the field.
- Individual Highlights
 - Grace Fetherstonhaugh was announced as a Top 30 honoree for the 2024 NCAA Woman of the Year Award.
 - Head coach Louie Quintana was named MPSF Women's Coach of the Year.
 - Three individual wrestlers won Pac-12 Titles, and five individuals qualified for the NCAA Championships. Trey Munoz placed 3rd, the best individual finish for the program since 2018.
 - Jade Carey was named one of the six finalists for the AAI award, which recognizes the top senior female gymnast in the nation for "their dedication, leadership, and excellence in the sport."

Facilities Master Plan Progress

Reser Stadium was completed in August 2023. Since then, it has hosted 383 events, including the 2024 Special Olympics Oregon opening ceremonies, Student Athlete Development programs, and numerous University and community banquets and gatherings.

The volleyball locker room was remodeled with new lockers, a lounge, a film room, and new flooring, funded by donations to the FEARLESS: Women in Oregon State Athletics initiative.

Completed in September 2024, the Goss Baseball Development Center features analytical technology for hitters, hitting bays, a weightlifting room, and extra offices and meeting space. This \$7.5 million project was privately funded.

The Field Sports Building project, which is currently in progress, had its design architect selected in November 2025, with the construction manager/general contractor expected to be chosen by May 2025. The project is budgeted at \$25 million and aims to provide a facility for track and field, softball, men's soccer, and women's soccer, with an anticipated completion date in Fall 2027. The current design includes locker rooms, lounge space, coaches' offices, training and treatment spaces, equipment room space, and direct access to their fields of competition.

The final design will be altered as needed to fit within the budget of fundraising dollars secured. With \$17.5 million secured in gifts and pledges, active fundraising efforts are ongoing for the Field Sports Building, with all commitments needing to be fully executed by the end of 2025.

OPPORTUNITIES, THREATS & NATIONAL TRENDS

The comprehensive care, programming, and services provided to student-athletes are crucial for their academic and competitive achievements. In light of the expected decrease in conference distribution, department leadership is actively seeking cost-saving measures and reductions, along with new revenue initiatives. The objective is to balance the budget while continuing to prioritize the holistic development and well-being of the student-athletes.