

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
5 March 2014

A winter blast of icy rain in the late afternoon caused the cancelation of our 18th Annual Red and Black Banquet on Sunday, an event that was ready to go—with tables set for over 330 scholar athletes and their faculty mentors and advisors who were planning to attend! Yet despite the bitter disappointment of the Committee on Academic Performance which planned the banquet and the Athletics Department which sponsors it, Tom Jurich and his administration have devised an alternative way to honor our superb scholar athletes and their faculty mentors. Yesterday I was told that all will be invited to the Spring Football Game on April 11th, where they will be publicly recognized and honored. Thank you, Tom!

Too, yesterday I received notice that Emily Juhl, outside hitter on Women's Volleyball and our nominee for an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, has indeed been awarded a \$7,500 scholarship, which she will use to attend the School of Dentistry. This is a significant honor for Emily and for the University of Louisville.

Our alliance with the Atlantic Coast Conference is bearing good fruit. The ACC continues to include our FAR, AD, President, and Senior Woman Administrator in all of its meetings and its deliberations concerning NCAA restructure and the future of the conference. Faculty collaborations are under way, and it is a joy to deliberate with my ACC counterparts both on conference calls and at in-person meetings. Some of our brightest student-athletes are hard at work on a set of videos to spotlight their academic success at U of L, inspired by the new company that we will keep in the ACC.

So, while I am temporarily disappointed that we had to cancel the banquet, I am ever so proud of our faculty, our student-athletes, and our administration as we work together to take our institution into prime time.

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