

Olga Peers Academic Center for Student-Athletes
2015-2016 Academic Highlights

- Athletic Directors Honor Roll: 3.0 GPA or higher for the semester.
 - Fall 2015: 371 of 578 student-athletes
 - Fall 2015: 155 members of our spirit groups, managers, trainers and pep bands
 - Spring 2016: 362 of 532 student-athletes
 - Spring 2016: 168 members of our spirit groups, managers, trainers and pep bands
- 261 student-athletes were named Red and Black Scholar Athletes (3.25 cumulative GPA or better). Another 112 members of the spirit groups, managers, trainers and pep band earned this honor as well.
- 17 of 19 teams had a 3.0 or higher in the Fall 2015 semester and 16 of 19 teams had a 3.0 or higher in the Spring 2016 semester. This marks eleven straight semesters the total semester GPA has been above a 3.0.
- Five University of Louisville athletic teams posted a perfect score in the most recent single-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) data. The five UofL sports with a perfect 1000 APR score for the most recent 2014-15 figures consist of women's basketball, women's cross country, men's and women's golf, and women's track and field. UofL's men's basketball, women's lacrosse and men's and women's golf are among the top 10 percent in their respective sports in the latest multiyear APR, which measures academic eligibility, retention and graduation for student-athletes. All four sports have a perfect 1000 score for the four-year period from 2011-15 and received public recognition from the NCAA. All of the 23 Cardinals sports teams have a four-year APR score above 965, well above the minimum of 930 when penalties can be assessed.
- Seven track and field athletes were named to the 2016 Indoor Track and Field All-ACC Academic Team. On the women's side, Kelsey Cramsey, Raven Grant, Holly Hankenson, Chanel Krause, Dolly Nyemah and Bre'Yana Wash made the squad, while Edwin Kibichiy made the squad on the men's side..
- Three Cross Country athletes were named to the 2015 All-ACC Academic Cross Country teams. Japhet Kipkoech and Edwin Kibichiy were selected to the All-ACC Men's Academic Cross Country team for the second consecutive season while senior Benadate Cheruiyot was selected to the All-ACC Women's Academic Cross Country team.
- Runners Edwin Kibichiy and Japhet Kipkoech were both named U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic honorees. Each USTFCCCA All-Academic honoree must hold a 3.25 grade-point average or higher and finish in the top 10 percent of the student-athlete's regional meet. Both the Louisville men's and women's cross country teams earned USTFCCCA All-Academic Team honors.
- Four Men's Soccer players were named to the 2015 All-ACC Men's Soccer Academic Team. Andrew Brody, Daniel Johnson, Tim Kubel and Tate Schmitt earned the honor. It is the second time Kubel has earned this award.
- Women's Soccer player Taylor Bucklin was named to the 2015 All-ACC Academic Women's Soccer Team.
- Three Football players were named to the 201 All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic football team. Earning the honor for the Cardinals were Geron Christian, Tobijah Hughley and John Wallace.
- Katie George was named the 2015 ACC Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Katie George, Janelle Jenkins, Molly Sauer, Erin Fairs and Tess Clark were named to the 2015 All-ACC Academic Volleyball Team. George and Jenkins received this honor for the second time.
- All-American Kelsi Worrell was named the 2015-16 ACC Women's Swimming & Diving Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Mallory Comerford, Andrea Cottrell, Abigail Houck, Alex Sellers, Andrea Acquista, Andrea Kneppers, Mady Ingmire, Marah Pugh, Hannah Magnuson and Ashley LeClair joined Worrell on the 2015-16 All-ACC Academic Women's Swimming & Diving Team. Worrell and Kneppers earned this honor for the second time.
- World Record-Holder Kelsi Worrell was named to the 2016 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District 2 At-Large team, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom. She earned second team Academic All-American honors a year ago.
- Six Men's Swimmers were named to the 2015 All-ACC Academic Men's Swimming & Diving Team. Nolan Tesone, Trevor Carroll, Carlos Claverie, Zach Harting, Grigory Tarasevich and Aaron Greene all received this honor. It is the second time receiving this award for Carroll and Tarasevich.

- Women's Basketball player Briahanna Jackson was named to the 2016 All-ACC Women's Basketball Academic Team.
- Seven Men's Basketball players have been named to the 2016 All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Men's Basketball team. Earning the honor for the Cardinals are Deng Adel, Trey Lewis, Mangok Mathiang, Donovan Mitchell, Chinanu Onuaku, Quentin Snider and Raymond Spalding. The seven selections for Louisville was a league-high on the 26-member team. Onuaku, Mathiang and Snider received this honor for the second time.
- Men's Basketball player Chinanu Onuaku was named to the 2016 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District 2 Men's Basketball first team, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.
- Softball player Sidney Melton was named to the 2016 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District 2 team, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.
- Baseball player Nick Solak was named as a Second Team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).
- Fifteen Louisville rowers were named Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Scholar Athletes for 2016. Gabi Biedenharn, Rebecca Busk, Cynthia Doyle, Callie McGowan, Kylie Noltemeyer, Katie Nord, Sarah Podwojski, Rachael Schmetzer, Sophie Schulz, Hanna Spittel, Kim Streetz, Abbie Wade, Rebecca Yaklic and Allison Zimmermann earned this honor.
- Men's Tennis player, Alex Gornet, was named to the 2016 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District 2 At-Large team, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.
- Andrea Kneppers (Women's Swimming & Diving), Jerry Ramirez (Men's Soccer), Laura Restrepo (Women's Golf) and Katie Mitchell (Women's Golf) were selected as ACC Post Graduate Scholarship recipients.
- Jerry Ramirez (Men's Soccer) and John Wallace (Football) were named 2016 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipients.
- Katie Nord (Rowing) was named a 2016 Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Post-Graduate Scholarship recipient.
- The Field Hockey team placed four players on the 2015 All-ACC Academic Team. Senior co-captains Elisa Garcia and Victoria Stratton and juniors Lotta Kahlert and Erin McCrudden earned the academic honor for the Cardinals.
- The Field Hockey team was named to the 2015 ZAG Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Team Award list. 10 players were awarded spots on the 2015 ZAG Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I National Academic Squad. Elisa Garcia received special recognition as a four-time honoree and was joined by teammates Stephanie Byrne, Maria Gomez, Abby Grimes, Lotta Kahlert, Madison Land, Erin McCrudden, Marigrace Ragsdale, Shannon Sloss and Nicole Woods. In addition, Lotta Kahlert was named a 2015 ZAG Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I Scholar of Distinction. This marks the third straight year Kahlert has earned the honor which recognizes student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or higher.
- Field Hockey player Elisa Garcia was named the 2016 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award Winner for field hockey as announced by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* magazine.
- University of Louisville student-athletes continue to achieve at a high level academically, producing a level of success that is reflected in recent national graduation rates. UofL student-athletes achieved an 81 percent graduation rate in the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) Report, which was developed 11 years ago to account for transfers into the university who graduate and those who leave in good academic standing. The Cardinals' GSR, most recently reported for freshmen who entered in the 2008-09 academic year, has risen 15 percent since the reporting began 11 years ago. Ten sports -- women's basketball, field hockey, women's golf, women's rowing, women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming and women's tennis and volleyball -- attained a GSR at 90 percent or above in the most recent report. Women's golf, women's tennis and softball achieved perfect marks. Over the last 12 years, graduation rates for UofL student-athletes have risen 15 percent, improving from 48 percent for the freshman class which entered UofL in 1997-98 to a 63 percent graduation rate in the most recent 2008-09 figures. UofL student-athletes graduate at a nine percent higher rate than the overall university student population in the 2008-09 four-class average.