

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
5 April 2017

As the academic year draws to a close, I commend our student-athletes who have competed so successfully this year—in their sports and in the classroom. Not only did Lamar Jackson delight us with a Heisman Trophy, but also our men's basketball team went to regionals and our women's basketball teams stayed in the running to the Sweet 16, our men's and women's swim and dive teams fared well at the NCAAs (11th and 6th), our baseball team is ranked #2 (and beat UK on Tuesday in front of a sell-out crowd), while softball beat Notre Dame in the series finale, our 2V8+ was named ACC Crew of the Week, Men's Outdoor Track and Field is ranked #25 in the first USTFCCA rankings, and our spirit groups are headed to the national championships. And these do not begin to reflect all of our teams' successes this year. Too, the APR rankings which will come out in the next weeks will show that our student-athletes are scoring very well in their Academic Performance Rate.

To honor those student-athletes who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for all semesters at U of L , we will be holding our 21st Annual Red and Black Celebration of Scholar Athletes and their Faculty Mentors—on Sunday, May 7, at noon, in the new Thorntons' Academic Center. We will also celebrate the graduating seniors. It is quite an honor to be named a Red and Black Scholar or to be chosen to attend as one of these student's chosen mentor. Hope to see you there!

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