

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative  
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Welcome new senators and welcome back to those of you who continue your service!

I write as the Faculty Athletics Representative for the University of Louisville. The FAR is appointed by the President to serve as a liaison between the our athletics program and our academic mission to help ensure academic and compliance integrity. My duties are many (and I will share them with you next month), but one of the most important is to report to the Faculty Senate regularly concerning the activities of the committee I chair, the Committee on Academic Performance of the ULAA Board, and concerning the academic successes of our student-athletes. To the latter end, I am sharing with you this month the annual report on our student-athletes' academic achievements. The report, which we call "academic highlights," is attached.

This year's list is astounding in its scope and its numbers. Please join me in congratulating these student-athletes and their many mentors for this commendable record for 2017-2018.

Best Regards,  
Elaine Wise

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**2017-2018 Academic Highlights**

- 470 student-athletes, managers, trainers and spirit group members earned Red and Black Scholar-Athletes honors for maintaining at least a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average.
- 18 of 19 teams had a 3.0 or higher in the Fall 2017 semester and 16 of 19 teams had a 3.0 or higher in the Spring 2018 semester. The overall student-athlete GPA for Fall 2017 was 3.177 and for Spring 2018 was 3.233.
- A total of 99 former or current University of Louisville student-athletes and managers earned their degrees between the 2017 summer and fall commencements.
- Mia Ross was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Cross Country team.
- Tim Kubel, Adrien Cabon and Tate Schmitt were named to the 2017 All-ACC Academic Men's Soccer Team. It is Kubel's fourth time earning this honor.
- Soccer player Tim Kubel was named to the 2017 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division I Scholar All-America First Team. It marks the second consecutive season Kubel has earned the Scholar All-America accolade after being chosen as a First Team selection in 2016. He was also named a finalist for the Senior CLASS award.
- Emina Ekic was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Women's Soccer team.
- Five football players have been named to the 2017 Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic Football Team. Robbie Bell, Seth Dawkins, Dorian Etheridge, Mason King and G.G. Robinson earned academic accolades – the most for a UofL team since joining the league in 2014.
- The volleyball team placed a league-leading six players on the 2017 All-ACC Academic Volleyball team. Honorees include Jasmine Bennett, Tess Clark, Maggie DeJong, Melanie McHenry, Wilma Rivera and Molly Sauer.
- The University of Louisville earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 2017-2018 season.
- Field Hockey placed 17 student-athletes on the 2017 Zag Field Hockey National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division I National Academic Squad. Seniors Abby Grimes, Marigrace Ragsdale and Nicole Woods each earned the award for the fourth time in their careers. Elizabeth Allgeier, Carter Ayars, Ali Bitting, Maria Gomez, AnnMarie Habelow, Isabella Leeker, Annie Mulford, Mercedes Pastor, Sarah Sabaluski, Meghan Schneider, Taylor Stone, Sydnie Swartwood, Katie Walsh and Madison Walsh joined them on the squad. In addition, the team was named to the 2017 ZAG Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association National Academic Team Award list. This marks the seventh straight year Louisville has earned the honor.
- Elizabeth Allgeier, Mercedes Pastor, Meghan Schneider, and Madison Walsh were named 2017 Zag Tours National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Scholars of Distinction. The Division I Scholars of Distinction program recognizes those student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher through the first semester of the 2017-18 academic year. Louisville's four selection in 2017 are the most in program history.
- Nicole Woods was named the 2017 Atlantic Coast Conference Field Hockey Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Woods is one of six players representing the Cardinals on the All-ACC Academic Team. Carter Ayars, Abby Grimes, Marigrace Ragsdale, Taylor Stone and Madison Walsh were named to the squad as well.
- Swimming and Diving placed 20 members on the All-ACC Academic Teams. Honorees include Mariia Astashkina, Rachael Bradford-Feldman, Avery Braunecker, Sophie Cattermole, Mallory Comerford, Casey Fanz, Molly Fears, Morgan Friesen, Alina Kendzior, Grace Oglesby, Arina Openysheva, Ashlyn Schoof, Lainey Visscher, Nicolas Albiero, Andrej Barna, Carlos Claverie, Daniel Fecteau, Zach Harting, T.C. Smith, and Nikolaos Sofianidis.
- Both Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams earned College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-America honors for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters. The women were one of two NCAA Division I teams to finish among the top ten nationally in both team GPA and at their respective national championships. In addition, 24 Cardinals were selected as a part of the CSCAA Scholar All-America team.
- Women's basketball players Arica Carter, Sam Fuehring and Jazmine Jones were named to the All-ACC Women's Basketball Academic Team.

- Men's basketball players Deng Adel, Ray Spalding, V.J. King, Jordan Nwora and Darius Perry were named to the 2018 All-ACC Academic Men's Basketball Team. Adel and Spalding earn the honor for the third straight time while King earns it for the second straight season.
- The Track and Field team placed seven athletes on the 2018 Indoor Track and Field All-ACC Academic Team, as announced by the conference office on Thursday. Carsen Cassell, Makenli Forest, Holly Hankenson, Gabriela Leon, and Linda Mutter were named to the women's team. Christian Buckley and Joe Delgado were named to the men's team.
- Women's Golfer, Lauren Hartlage, was voted to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District Women's At-Large Team.
- Olivia Cason, Lauren Hartlage, and Molly Skapik were named to the 2017-18 All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Women's Golf Team on Thursday.
- Women's golfers Molly Skapik, Lauren Hartlage, Delaney Shah, Olivia Cason, and Kristin Engle were named Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholars.
- Men's golfers Simon Zach and Matthias Schmid were named to the 2017-18 Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic Golf Team.
- Men's golf earned recognition by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) for earning a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Keegan de Lange and Simon Zach were named Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars.
- Thirteen Cardinal Rowers were named as College Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) scholar athletes, the second highest total in school history. Sophie Schulz, Gillian Burns, Rebecca Busk, Abbi Fitts, Kirsti Harrison, Perie Howard, Madison Luetze, Callie McGowan, Elizabeth Patrick, Rachael Schmetzer, Kim Streetz, Rebecca Yaklic and Allison Zimmermann were all honored. Louisville ranked second in the nation with its 13 CRCA scholar athletes this season.
- Rowing set a program record with 10 student-athletes named to the 2018 All-ACC Academic Rowing Team. Rebecca Busk, Abbi Fitts, Kirsti Harrison, Violette Legrand, Callie McGowan, Sarah Podwojski, Hannah Richardson, Sophie Schulz, Kim Streetz and Allison Zimmermann represented the Cardinals on this year's team.
- Rower Rebecca Busk was presented with the UofL College of Business Award for Academic Achievement in Economics, given to the student with the highest GPA and outstanding research contributions. Rower Kim Streetz was awarded the Departmental Alumni Award by the Speed School of Engineering Alumni Association for outstanding graduate work in bioengineering.
- Lacrosse's Caroline Blalock and Emily Howell were named to the 2018 All-ACC Women's Lacrosse Academic Team.
- Lacrosse's Emily Howell, Casey Madura and Brenna Shanahan were named to the IWLCA Academic Honor Roll, while the entire team has been recognized as an Academic Honor Squad.
- Softball's Jenna Jordan and Celene Funke earned 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division I Softball honors, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Jordan was named to the second team while Funke was a third team selection. Earlier, the two had been named to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District® Softball Team.
- Softball player Jenna Jordan graduated with magna cum laude honors and a 4.0 G.P.A., while receiving the UofL College of Education and Human Development Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Exercise Science Award.
- Softball players Caitlin Ferguson, Celene Funke, Megan Hensley, Jenna Jordan, Sidney Melton and Maddy Newman were named to the All-ACC Academic Softball Team.
- Seven student-athletes were named to the 2018 All-ACC Academic Baseball Team. Nick Bennett, Sam Bordner, Tyler Fitzgerald, Bryan Hoeing, Danny Oriente, Jake Snider and Josh Stowers were named to the team.
- The UofL baseball program was honored with a 2018 American Baseball Coaches Association Team Academic Excellence Award.
- Women's tennis placed four players on the 2018 All-ACC Academic squad. Mariana Humberg, Raven Neely, Abbie Pahz, and Sena Suswam were the academic standouts for the Cardinals.
- Women's tennis was named an Intercollegiate Tennis Association 2018 All-Academic Team. Tiffany Huber, Mariana Mayer Humberg, Aleksandra Mally, Abigail Pahz, Mia Schmidt-Jorgensen, Maya Smith, and Sena Suswam all were named ITA scholar-athletes.

- Men's tennis placed three student-athletes on the 2018 All-ACC Academic Men's Tennis Team. George Hedley, Christopher Morin-Kougoucheff and Parker Wynn earned the honor.
- Men's tennis was selected as an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team while Christopher Morin-Kougoucheff and Santiago Salazar earned ITA Scholar-Athlete honors.
- Ten Cardinals were named to the 2018 All-ACC Academic Outdoor Track and Field Team. Christian Buckley, Joe Delgado, Marcus Jegede, John Kolb, Bailey Davis, Alexis Gibbons, Holly Hankenson, Emma Ison, Gabriela Leon and Dorcas Wasike represented the Cardinals.
- Track and Field athletes Kassidy Manning and Joe Delgado were named to the 2017-18 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division I Cross Country/Track & Field Teams. Both Delgado and Manning were third team selections. The pair were previously named to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District® Track & Field/Cross Country Teams.
- Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field were named USTFCCCA All-Academic Teams. Bailey Beery, Bailey Davis, Holly Hankenson, Gabriela Leon, Kassidy Manning, Linda Mutter, Natalie Uhl and Morgan Zacharias earned USTFCCCA All-Academic honors during the 2017-18 track & field season for the women and Christian Buckley, Joe Delgado, Marcus Jegede, John Kolb and Oliver Newport earned USTFCCCA All-Academic honors during the 2017-18 track & field season for the men.
- Student-athletes Inger Katrine Bjerke (women's soccer), Kirsti Harrison (rowing), Gabbie Wiley (volleyball) and Nicole Woods (field hockey) were among 52 recipients of the 2018 Weaver-James-Corrigan ACC postgraduate scholarships and awards.
- The University of Louisville placed 364 student-athletes on the 62nd annual Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll for the 2017-18 academic year.
- UofL student-athletes combined for a record 86 percent graduation rate in the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) Report, which was developed 13 years ago to account for transfers into the university that graduate and those who leave in good academic standing. The Cardinals' GSR, most recently reported for freshmen who entered in the 2010-11 academic year, has risen 20 percent since the reporting began 13 years ago. Thirteen sports -- men's and women's basketball, women's cross country/track, field hockey, women's golf, women's lacrosse, women's rowing, women's soccer, softball, women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball -- reached a GSR at 85 percent or above in the most recent report. Five teams -- Field hockey, women's golf, women's tennis, softball, and volleyball -- achieved perfect marks. The four-class average for UofL freshmen student-athletes who entered in 2010-11 was 67 percent. Six University of Louisville athletic teams -- men's and women's basketball, football, men's and women's golf and men's tennis -- received NCAA Public Recognition Awards for ranking among the top 10 percent nationally in Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores for the most recent four-year period from 2012-16, including five teams with perfect scores. Cardinal athletic teams posted a collective 3.18 GPA during the 2016-17 academic year, with 19 of 23 teams achieving a 3.0 or better for the 2017 spring semester.
- Ten University of Louisville athletic teams posted a perfect score in the most recent single-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) data. The ten UofL sports with a perfect 1,000 single-year APR score for the most recent 2016-17 figures are baseball, women's basketball, women's cross country, women's golf, women's lacrosse, women's soccer, men's tennis and women's tennis, women's track and volleyball. Six additional Cardinal sports teams had a 2016-17 APR at 970 or above. UofL's men's and women's basketball, women's cross country, 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. Four of the sports programs have a perfect 1,000 multiyear score for the most recent four-year period from 2013-17, with men's basketball just short of that mark with a 995 score, and each received public recognition from the NCAA last week. Fifteen sports are among the upper half of scores in the nation within their respective sports for their multiyear APR and nine rank among the upper third. All of the 23 Cardinals sports teams — including 10 men's and 13 women's sports — have a four-year APR score at 960 or above, well above the minimum of 930 necessary to participate in post-season competition and to avoid penalties.