

Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative
3 April 2019

First, I want to congratulate our women's basketball team for representing us so well on the national stage. Although they did not go to the Final Four, this team played exceedingly well and with great heart, inspiring their fans and making their university proud. Of special note is Asia Durr, a true scholar-athlete who has been named a First Team All American for the second year in a row and who is a serious contender for the coveted Wooden Award.

Membership in the ACC has many advantages that are not always so readily apparent or widely known. One of them is participation in the ACC Academic Consortium. This last week-end, Louisville, for our first time, was host for the ACC Meeting of Minds Conference. This annual conference is a showcase for undergraduate research and scholarship. Each of the 15 ACC institutions sends six pre-selected students to engage in oral and poster presentations that highlight the depth and diversity of research being conducted at member institutions and that enable the students to share their scholarship with peers from the ACC.

Attended by some 100 students and faculty mentors, the conference presentations were held in the Belknap Research Building, while students enjoyed downtown Louisville by staying at the historic Brown Hotel. The conference kick-off was held at the Muhammad Ali Center, with the keynote address being given by Aruni Bhathager, director of our Envirome Institute, who spoke on "The Environment, Health and Well Being." U of L students Maria Shields, Caleb Bridgewater, Noela Botaka, Alisha Deshmukh, Kennedy Walls and Lloyd Bartley represented us. Thanks go to Provost Boehm and Charlie Leonard, executive director of the U of L Grawemeyer Awards who organized the event for us and to those faculty whose mentorship made possible our students' participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Wise, Faculty Athletics Representative
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