

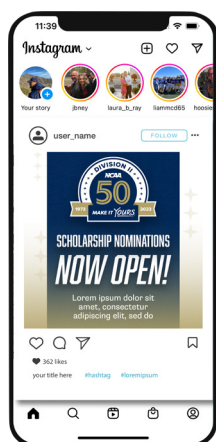
DIVISION II 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Division II was established Aug. 6, 1973. With Aug. 6 landing on a Sunday this year, the division will begin celebrating its 50th anniversary Monday, Aug. 7. The celebration will last through the 2023-24 academic year and culminate with the 2024 Division II Baseball Championship finals.

Here's what the division has in store to help conferences and institutions participate in the celebration and create plans to honor their own Division II history.



COMMUNICATIONS KIT AND DIGITAL DOWNLOADS



A 50th anniversary communications kit and digital downloads package was distributed to athletic communicators in June to prepare for the Aug. 7 launch and a social media blitz. The communications kit resembles what was provided for DII Day, outlining the celebration, available logos, ways to celebrate, information on editable social media graphics, etc. The kit also includes links to digital assets for membership use throughout the 2023-24 academic year.

CHAMPIONSHIPS JERSEY PATCH

Commemorative jersey patches will be provided to all student-athletes competing during the preliminary rounds and final sites of the division's 2023-24 championships.



LAPEL PINS

Commemorative lapel pins will be provided for presidents and chancellors, athletics directors, senior woman administrators, senior compliance administrators, head athletic trainers, head athletic communications directors and faculty athletics representatives at Division II active and provisional member institutions. All conference office staff members will receive them as well.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

Conferences and institutions will be provided a 50th anniversary PSA to promote and showcase during athletics events.



FREE SIGNAGE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP

Conferences and active member institutions have been provided a \$200 credit to order 50th anniversary signage. Division II will display 50th anniversary signage at all final sites during the division's 2023-24 championships.



50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLD AWARD

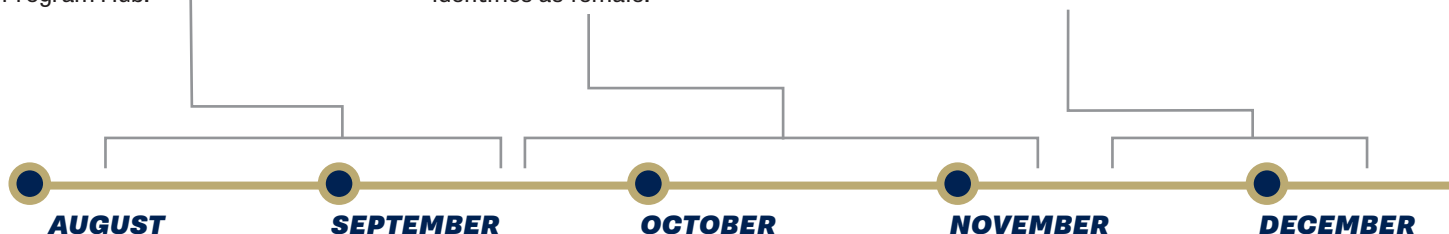
The Gold Award will recognize two individuals (one that identifies as male and one that identifies as female) who have made a positive impact in Division II. They may be a current or former student-athlete, coach, faculty or administrator from an active member institution or a current or former conference office administrator. Nominees should be individuals who have distinguished themselves in the areas of athletics or professional achievement, service and leadership.

Gold Award Timeline:

Aug. 7-Sept. 18: Nominations open; schools and conference offices nominate one individual that identifies as male and one individual that identifies as female in the NCAA Program Hub.

Sept. 25-Nov. 6: Conferences review nominated individuals and choose two conference winners: one individual that identifies as male and one individual that identifies as female.

Nov. 13-Dec. 11: The NCAA Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee reviews nominees from all 23 conferences and independent institutions and selects the overall winners: one individual that identifies as male and one individual that identifies as female.



- Gold Award overall winners will be recognized at the 2024 NCAA Convention in Phoenix.



50TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The division will provide a commemorative scholarship opportunity for student-athletes from active member institutions who exhibit the core values of Division II and have not yet exhausted their athletics eligibility.

Scholarship Timeline:

Jan. 22-March 4, 2024: Nominations open; schools nominate one student-athlete that identifies as male and one student-athlete that identifies as female in the NCAA Program Hub.

March 11-April 15, 2024: Conferences review nominated student-athletes and choose two individuals that identify as male and two individuals that identify as female.

April 22-May 20, 2024: The NCAA Division II Management Council Identity Subcommittee reviews nominees from all 23 conferences and independent institutions and selects the final recipients: one student-athlete that identifies as male and one student-athlete that identifies as female from each conference and independent institutions.



- Recipients will be announced during the 2024 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival in Orlando, Florida.



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