BACK IN ACTION

2022 ANNUAL YEARBOOK
2021-22 Division II Facts and Figures

Life in the Balance
Division II supports the educational mission of college athletics by fostering a balanced and inclusive approach in which student-athletes learn and develop through their desired academic pursuits, in civic engagement with their communities and in athletics competition. Division II gives student-athletes the unique opportunity to compete in the classroom, on the field, in their career, for their causes, and on their terms.

23 conferences
300 active members
6 schools in membership process
- 2 schools in year three
- 1 school in year two
- 3 schools in year one

Type of School
Percentage of active members only

Composition of Enrollment

53% 159 institutions with fewer than 2,500 students
2.3% 7 institutions with more than 15,000 students
37% 111 institutions with 2,500-7,499 students
7.7% 23 institutions with 7,500-15,000 students

Graduation Rates
(2011-14 cohorts)

- Student body federal rate: 52%
- Student-athlete federal rate: 60%
- Academic Success Rate: 76%

Championships

- Men’s championships: 12, 7,234 participants total
- Women’s championships: 13, 7,060 participants total
- 14,294 participants total

* These numbers are based on participation data from 2018-19, which is the most recent cohort not affected by the cancellation of championships due to COVID-19.

Composition of Enrollment

Women 58%
- Undergraduate enrollment: 642,908
- Student-athletes: 51,029 (8%)
- 8.7 Average number of sports sponsored

Men 42%
- Undergraduate enrollment: 471,874
- Student-athletes: 68,817 (15%)
- 7.4 Average number of sports sponsored

Median Total Expenses
By quartile (in millions). Overall median expenses: $6.8 million

1st quartile of schools
(with football) (without football)
- $11.7 $8.8

2nd quartile of schools
(with football) (without football)
- $8.5 $6.9

3rd quartile of schools
(with football) (without football)
- $6.5 $5.3

4th quartile of schools
(with football) (without football)
- $4.4 $3.5

Average Number of Student-Athletes

Schools with football
- 474
  - 291 men
  - 184 women
Schools without football
- 318
  - 183 men
  - 154 women

*2019-20 NCAA participation data. Numbers are based on the 300 active DII schools in 2022. Totals do not add up due to rounding.

Conferences

[List of conference logos]
TERRI STEEB GRONAU, VICE PRESIDENT OF DIVISION II

Division II begins anew

Last year in this space I wrote about Division II’s resiliency to navigate our way through the most devastating global pandemic any of us had ever witnessed. Now this year, just when we perhaps thought we had turned the corner and were settling back to a pattern that at least resembled normal, here comes the announcement from the NCAA Board of Governors to redefine the NCAA constitution and in turn the collegiate model of athletics.

Not that it wasn’t called for – groundbreaking legal outcomes that affected the NCAA’s ability to self-govern, and the rapidly changing athletics and higher education landscape exposed the NCAA’s current model as outdated and not responsive enough to satisfy the needs of the modern student-athlete.

So now, here we are facing another challenge, but this time, our leadership in Division II - as it so often does - recognizes the opportunities at hand.

When NCAA President Mark Emmert briefed groups after the Board of Governors’ announcement, he framed the initiative as seeking to define “why we are in this business.” In other words, why do we believe in the collegiate model - what about it makes us commit wholeheartedly to excelling in our jobs on campuses and in conference offices? Answering those questions would go a long way toward painting a blank canvas with an NCAA constitution that reflects who we are, what we believe in, and yes, “why we are in this business.”

Division II faced a similar canvas a little more than a decade ago when the division’s membership was decreasing at a rate that was causing concern. Leaders within the division saw the need to define and celebrate what the division represented, and what made it unique within the menu of college choice. In short order the blank space was filled with the division’s unique attributes and characteristics – our answers to “why we are in this business.”

To this day, the core attributes identified at that time continue to define who we are:

- Provide student-athletes a balanced, co-curricular experience that enables student-athletes to achieve their academic goals and provides the skills necessary for success in life after college.
- Assure a collegiate experience for everyone in athletics that protects health and safety; welcomes and values equity, diversity and inclusion; and develops the total person.
- Commit to and demonstrate fiscal responsibility through a governance structure that is strategic, innovative, representative and responsive.
- Elevate the student-athlete voice at the campus, conference and national levels.

These are what the Division II representatives on the NCAA Constitution Committee emphasized, and their voices were heard.

I want to thank those members: California State University, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson; Pittsburg State University Athletics Director Jim Johnson; Northeast-10 Conference Commissioner Julie Ruppert; Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Athletics Director Harry Stinson III; and former California University of Pennsylvania Volleyball Student-Athlete Madeleine McKenna.

In particular, “Mads,” as she is called, showed the leadership we have come to expect. Like many of her student-athlete peers, she has been such a force as a Division II SAAC member - she has blossomed into what I call a positively enthusiastic leader - it’s impossible not to be inspired by her will to make a difference.

Those five members now join 23 other Division II leaders on the Implementation Committee, which has been tasked to oversee a review of the Division II structure to ensure our membership has the tools it needs to continue providing student-athletes a balanced experience that prepares them for success in all aspects of their lives.

This is not so much about reinventing the Life in the Balance wheel as it is about shining a bright light on balance as the right approach for the modern student-athlete. I am confident Division II will emerge from this challenge as it has before – better, brighter and bolder. This is a timely opportunity for the division to continue distinguishing itself with new and innovative ideas and initiatives that support student-athlete success.
After a year without championships, it was time to celebrate in 2021.
WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Cloud State wrestlers pose with the trophy after winning the program’s third consecutive NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships team title and fifth in the last six years.

DILIP VISHWANAT/ NCAA PHOTOS

Forming a wrestling sculpture of sorts, West Liberty’s Cole Laya takes the advantage over Nick Daggett of UNC Pembroke in the 125lb championship match.

DILIP VISHWANAT/ NCAA PHOTOS

Isiah Royal of Newberry celebrates after beating Joey Bianchini of St. Cloud State in the 141lb championship match.

DILIP VISHWANAT/ NCAA PHOTOS

WRESTLING

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. St. Cloud State, 107
2. Nebraska-Kearney, 105.5
3. Lindenwood, 72.5
4. West Liberty, 72
5. McKendree, 71.5

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

125 POUNDS
Cole Laya, West Liberty, def. Nick Daggett, UNC Pembroke (MD 12-2)

133 POUNDS
Tyler Warner, West Liberty, def. Garrett Vos, St. Cloud State (Dec. 9-4)

141 POUNDS
Isiah Royal, Newberry, def. Joey Bianchini (Dec. 7-6)

149 POUNDS
Lukas Martin, Fairmont State, def. Garrett Aldrich, St. Cloud State (Dec. 12-5)

157 POUNDS
James Wimer, Findlay, def. Ronald Gentile, Lindenwood (Dec. 7-3)

165 POUNDS
Fred Green, Colorado Mesa, def. Alex Farenchak, Gannon (Dec. 7-3)

174 POUNDS
Abner Romero, Lindenwood, def. Trevor Turriff, Minnesota State Mankato (Dec. 8-2)

184 POUNDS
Heath Gray, Central Oklahoma, def. Connor Craig, West Liberty (Dec. 3-2)

197 POUNDS
Ryan Vasev, McKendree, def. Dalton Abney, Central Oklahoma (Dec. 1-0)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Kameron Teacher, St. Cloud State, def. Weston Hunt, Colorado School of Mines (Dec. 6-5)

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Josh Portillo, Senior, Nebraska-Kearney, Health and Physical Education, 3.988 GPA
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

ELITE EIGHT
Lander 88, Azusa Pacific 76
Central Missouri 65, Belmont Abbey 42
Drury 74, Charleston (West Virginia) 66
Lubbock Christian 66, Daemen 49

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Lubbock Christian 69, Drury 59

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Gigi McAtee,
Senior, Central Missouri, Biology, 4.0 GPA

Allie Schulte, who scored 18 points, was one of four Lady Chaps in double figures. Lubbock Christian went 6-of-10 from beyond the arc in the first quarter to help build a 32-24 halftime lead that the Lady Chaps increased to 60-39 with 6:26 remaining in the game.

Drury’s Paige Robinson finished with a game-high 20 points, six rebounds, five assists and one steal. The Panthers closed the game on a 20-9 run and Allie Clevenger’s 3-pointer brought them within four at 63-59 but the comeback fell short.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

ELITE EIGHT
Lincoln Memorial 90, Colorado School of Mines 76
Northwest Missouri State 98, West Liberty 77
West Texas A&M 87, Daemen 83
Flagler 70, Truman 69

SEMIFINALS
West Texas A&M 87, Lincoln Memorial 88
Northwest Missouri State 77, Flagler 46

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Northwest Missouri State 80, West Texas A&M 54

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Jaran Richman,
Senior, Northwest Missouri State, Physical Education, 4.0 GPA

Northwest Missouri State dominated West Texas A&M, 80-54, to win its second consecutive NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Championship and their third in the last five years.

Ryan Hawkins led all scorers with 31 points on 10-of-16 shooting and grabbed a game-high 18 rebounds. He was one of four Bearcats that scored in double figures. Northwest Missouri State shot 50 percent (27 of 54) from the floor and 47 percent (7 of 15) from beyond the arc.
## WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

### TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)

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Drury’s Bec Cross won the 200-yard breaststroke to help the Panthers place second in the team standings. Drury head coach Brian Reynolds called the junior’s victory both spectacular and unexpected. “Bec just had a phenomenal meet,” Reynolds said afterward. “That was an unexpected win in the 200 breaststroke, but we’ve worked hard on that to make her a better IM’er, and for her to come up with that individual win was spectacular.”

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

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ELITE 90 HONOREE: Hana van Looke, Senior, Tampa, International Business and Management, 4.0 GPA

The Queens (North Carolina) women’s team adopts a familiar pose on the podium (though this time with appropriate mask-wear) after winning a sixth consecutive NCAA Division II Women’s Swimming and Diving Championships team title.
CHAMPIONSHIPS

50-YARD FREESTYLE
Karol Ostrowski, Drury, 19.12 (meet record; old record 19.18, Serghei Golban, Lindenwood, 3/10/2016)

100-YARD FREESTYLE
Karol Ostrowski, Drury, 41.25 (meet record; old record 41.73, Marius Kusch, Queens (North Carolina), 3/16/2019)

200-YARD FREESTYLE
Karol Ostrowski, Drury, 1:33.29

500-YARD FREESTYLE
Fabio Dalu, McKendree, 4:19.88

1,000-YARD FREESTYLE
Fabio Dalu, McKendree, 8:54.10 (meet record; old record 8:56.76, Alex Kunert, Queens (North Carolina), 3/13/2019)

1,650-YARD FREESTYLE
Fabio Dalu, McKendree, 14:55.12 (meet record; old record 15:00.51, Mitch Snyder, Drury, 3/14/2009)

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
Giulio Brugnoni, Delta State, 46.77

200-YARD BACKSTROKE
Nathan Bighetti, Drury, 1:43.51

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
Gerald Brown, Lindenwood, 52.77

200-YARD BREASTSTROKE
Filipe Pinheiro, McKendree, 1:55.80

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
Tim Stollings, Findlay, 45.57

200-YARD BUTTERFLY
Alex Kunert, Queens (North Carolina), 1:42.85

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Emanuel Fava, Delta State, 1:43.92

400-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
Fabio Dalu, McKendree, 3:45.84

ONE-METER DIVING
Ammar Hassan, Colorado Mesa, 568.50

THREE-METER DIVING
Ammar Hassan, Colorado Mesa, 560.95

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
Drury (Karol Ostrowski, Drury, 19.12 (meet record; old record 19.18, Serghei Golban, Lindenwood, 3/10/2016)

Drury (Karol Ostrowski, Kham Glass, Caleb Carlson, Alex Bowen), 1:16.90 (meet record; old record 1:17.27 Tampa (Martin Hammer, Jordan Augier, Runar Borgen, Jeremy Parker), 3/10/2016)

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
Drury (Alex Bowen, Kham Glass, Ahmed Wahby, Karol Ostrowski), 2:50.98

800-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
Queens (North Carolina) (Balazs Berecz, Skyler Cook-Weeks, Luke Erwee, Alex Kunert), 6:22.59

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
Drury (Nathan Bighetti, Dawid Nowodworski, Dominic Karacic, Alex Bowen), 1:24.69 (meet record; old record 1:24.83 Queens (North Carolina) (Paul Pijulet, Nicholas Arakelian, Marius Kusch, Dmytro Sydorchenko), 3/14/2018)

400-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
Drury (Nathan Bighetti, Caleb Carlson, Dominic Karacic, Alex Bowen), 3:08.66

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Andy Huffman, Junior, Missouri S&T, Engineering Management, 4.0 GPA
MEN’S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. Ashland, 70
2. Grand Valley State, 53
3. West Texas A&M, 39
4. Lee, 34
5. Pittsburg State, 30

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-METER DASH
Benjamin Azamati, West Texas A&M, 6.60

200-METER DASH
Trevor Bassitt, Ashland, 20.48 (meet record; old record 20.91, Josh Scott, Saint Augustine’s, 3/9/2010)

400-METER DASH
Jalon While, Quincy, 47.36

800-METER RUN
Dennis Mbuta, Grand Valley State, 1:48.62

MILE RUN
James Young, Academy of Art, 4:00.40

3,000-METER RUN
Christian Noble, Lee, 8:00.45

5,000-METER RUN
Christian Noble, Lee, 13:47.45

60-METER HIGH HURDLES
Trevor Bassitt, Ashland, 7.83

1,600-METER RELAY
Ashland (Tim Rumas, Channing Phillips, Brayden Chaney, Trevor Bassitt), 3:10.15

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY
Pittsburg State (Conner Southard, Graham Hudelson, Matt Wilson, Mason Strader), 9:46.68

HIGH JUMP
Ushan Perera, Texas A&M-Commerce, 2.26 (7-5)

POLE VAULT
Dorian Chaigneau, Harding, 5.27 (17-3 ½)

LONG JUMP
Kizan David, Lincoln (Missouri) 7.66 (25-1 ¾)

TRIPLE JUMP
Dakota Abbott, Colorado-Colorado Springs, 15.69 (51-5 ¾)

SHOT PUT
Ralph Casper, Tiffin, 19.18 (62-11 ¼)

WEIGHT THROW
Sterling Mungro, Findlay, 22.45 (73-8)

HEPTATHLON
Trey Mooney, Pittsburg State, 5,567

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Ben Nagel, Junior, UIndy, Actuarial Science, 4.0 GPA

Trevor Bassitt of Ashland won the 60-meter high hurdles and also set a meet record in the 200-meter dash.

CLIFF WILLIAMS/NCAA PHOTOS

Jalon White of Quincy nips a host of competitors at the finish line to win the 400-meter dash.

CLIFF WILLIAMS/NCAA PHOTOS

Ashland’s 1,600-meter relay team of Trevor Bassitt, Channing Phillips, Tim Rumas and Brayden Chaney celebrate their victory during the NCAA Division II Men’s Indoor Track and Field Championships. The Eagles compiled 70 points to win their second straight team title.

CLIFF WILLIAMS/NCAA PHOTOS
WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)

1. Grand Valley State, 93
2. Minnesota State Mankato, 40
3. West Texas A&M, 37
4. Central Missouri, 36.5
5. Saginaw Valley State, 35

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

60-METER DASH
Angelica Floyd, Grand Valley State, 7.44

200-METER DASH
Kajsha Johansson, Hillsdale, 24.03

400-METER DASH
Nicole Sreenan, Grand Valley State, 54.21

800-METER RUN
Berenice Cleyet-Merle, UIndy, 2:07.43

MILE RUN
Stephanie Cotter, Adams State, 4:51.72

3,000-METER RUN
Celine Ritter, Lee, 9:22.03

5,000-METER RUN
Lauren Bailey, UIndy, 16:03.98 (meet record; old record 16:06.37, Caroline Kurget, Alaska Anchorage, 3/7/2019)

60-METER HURDLES
Cheyenne Williamson, Saginaw Valley State, 8.41

1,600-METER RELAY
Colorado Mesa (Jill Payne, Mica Jenrette, Sierra Arceneaux, McKenna Molder), 3:47.09

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY
Grand Valley State (Hannah Roeske, Jessica Eby, Taryn Chapko, Allie Ludge), 11:21.94

HIGH JUMP
Alexandra Hart, Fort Hays State, 1.83 (6-0)

POLE VAULT
Ellaine Kimes, Grand Valley State, 4.15 (13-7 ¼)

LONG JUMP
Cheyenne Williamson, Saginaw Valley State, 6.35 (20-10)

TRIPLE JUMP
Taylor Nelloms, West Texas A&M, 13.27 (43-6 ½)

SHOT PUT
Zada Swoopes, West Texas A&M, 17.48 (57-4 ¼)

WEIGHT THROW
Katie Taylor, Minnesota State Mankato, 21.17 (69-5 ½)

PENTATHLON
Cheyenne Williamson, Saginaw Valley State, 4,113

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Zoe Baker, Sophomore, Colorado School of Mines, Computer Science, 4.0 GPA

UIndy's Berenice Cleyet-Merle is thrilled with her victory in the 800-meter run.
**SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SOFTBALL**

**GAME 1**
Augustana (South Dakota) 10, Valdosta State 1 (6 inn.)

**GAME 2**
Biola 4, North Georgia 0

**GAME 3**
Saint Anselm 3, West Chester 2

**GAME 4**
West Texas A&M 1, Grand Valley State 0

**GAME 5**
Biola 3, Augustana (South Dakota) 0

**GAME 6**
West Texas A&M 9, Saint Anselm 3

**GAME 7**
North Georgia 8, Valdosta State 4

**GAME 8**
Grand Valley State 6, West Chester 1

**GAME 9**
North Georgia 1, Saint Anselm 0

**GAME 10**
Augustana (South Dakota) 13, Grand Valley State 2 (5 inn.)

**GAME 11**
Biola 5, North Georgia 2

**GAME 12**
West Texas A&M 9, Augustana (South Dakota) 4

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**
Biola 5, West Texas A&M 0
West Texas A&M 7, Biola 4
West Texas A&M 4, Biola 1

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Laken Chambers, Junior, North Georgia, Middle Grades Education, 4.0 GPA

West Texas A&M’s Gabriella Valforte reacts to her grand slam in the bottom of the sixth inning in Game 3 of the Championship Series. Biola’s Kayla Neff homered in the top of the inning to snap a scoreless tie, but Valforte ensured the Buffs’ second national championship with her bases-clearing blast to center.

C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

Biola’s Ruth Munoz makes a diving catch in Game 3.

C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

In this version of “dive beats slide,” Biola’s Rilee Ruvalcaba gets to West Texas A&M’s Ruby Salzman before Salzman can get to third base.

C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

West Texas A&M starter Kyra Lair pitched a complete game, allowing just four hits and one earned run in the Buffs’ decisive 4-1 win in Game 3 of the Championship Series.

C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS
**BASEBALL**

**GAME 1**
Tampa 7, Trevecca Nazarene 6 (10 inn.)

**GAME 2**
Central Missouri 9, Northwest Nazarene 3

**GAME 3**
Angelo State 6, Wingate 2

**GAME 4**
Seton Hill 4, Southern New Hampshire 3

**GAME 5**
Central Missouri 8, Tampa 4

**GAME 6**
Angelo State 9, Seton Hill 4

**GAME 7**
Northwest Nazarene 9, Trevecca Nazarene 3

**GAME 8**
Wingate 3, Southern New Hampshire 2

**GAME 9**
Wingate 5, Seton Hill 1

**GAME 10**
Tampa 5, Northwest Nazarene 2

**GAME 11**
Wingate 5, Angelo State 4

**GAME 12**
Tampa 8, Central Missouri 1

**GAME 13**
Wingate 8, Angelo State 7 (11 inn.)

**GAME 14**
Central Missouri 3, Tampa 1

**GAME 15**
Wingate 5, Central Missouri 3

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Ben Johnson, Senior, Northwest Nazarene, Biochemistry and Biology, 3.981 GPA

Wingate hurler Sam Broderson worked five no-hit innings in relief, striking out five and walking just one.

GRANT HALVERSON/NCAA PHOTOS

Brennen van Breusegen of Central Missouri breezes by third base umpire Sean Howard on his way to scoring the run that gave the Mules their only lead of the championship game.

GRANT HALVERSON/NCAA PHOTOS

Wingate’s Michael Dansky makes a diving catch in foul territory early in the Bulldogs’ 5-3 win over Central Missouri. Offensively, Dansky contributed a hit and scored a run to help Wingate win its first Division II Baseball Championship.

GRANT HALVERSON/NCAA PHOTOS

Wingate second baseman McCann Mellett fires to first. Mellet scored two of Wingate’s five runs and helped the Bulldogs become only the third team in the history of the NCAA Division II tournament to win the title after losing the opening game in the eight-team field format, and the first since 2005.

GRANT HALVERSON/NCAA PHOTOS
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

**QUARTERFINALS**
- Queens (North Carolina) 14, Limestone 4
- East Stroudsburg 13, West Chester 9
- Roberts Wesleyan 10, Bentley 7
- Lindenwood 17, UIndy 13

**SEMIFINALS**
- Lindenwood 12, Roberts Wesleyan 9
- Queens (North Carolina) 17, East Stroudsburg 14

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**
- Lindenwood 14, Queens (North Carolina) 12

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:**
- **Paige Sutton,** Junior, Lindenwood, Exercise Science, 4.0 GPA

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

**QUARTERFINALS**
- Le Moyne 11, Saint Anselm 7
- Mercyhurst 0*, Mercy 0
- Lenoir-Rhyne 16, Tampa 15 (ot)
- Wingate 10, UIndy 9

*Mercyhurst advanced per the NCAA’s “No contest” rule as Mercy was unable to participate due to COVID-19 concerns.

**SEMIFINALS**
- Le Moyne 11, Mercyhurst 9
- Lenoir-Rhyne 18, Wingate 10

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**
- Le Moyne 12, Lenoir-Rhyne 6

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:**
- **Mitchell Linklater,** Senior, Lenoir-Rhyne, Business Marketing and Management, 3.983 GPA

**LENOIR-RHYNE**

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**LENOR-RHYNE senior Eric Dickinson tallied four of the Bears’ five goals in the first half, but the Dolphins’ defense limited the Bears to their lowest goal output since March 2016.**

**JOHN JOYNER/NCAA PHOTOS**

**LINDENWOOD**

**LINDENWOOD’s Lexy Biller celebrates one of her four goals during the Division II Women’s Lacrosse Championship game in which the second-seeded Lions defeated No. 1 Queens (North Carolina), 14-12.**

**JOHN JOYNER/NCAA PHOTOS**
WOMEN’S ROWING

TEAM STANDINGS
1. Central Oklahoma, 20
2. Mercyhurst, 15
3. Florida Tech, 10
4. Embry-Riddle, 5

EVENT RESULTS

EIGHTS GRAND FINAL
1. Central Oklahoma [Kateryna Klymenko (8), Meghan Dwarshuis (7), Shelby Wackerly (6), Cameron Blunk (5), Hope Brooks (4), Faith Brooks (3), Keyna Holleman (2), Siobhan Quirke (1); Madisyn Kitchell (coxswain)], 6:39.731
2. Mercyhurst, 6:53.147
3. Florida Tech, 6:59.295

FOURS GRAND FINAL
1. Central Oklahoma [Sage Kroeker (4), Allison Staley (3), Danielle Dick (2), Kelsey Woellmer (1); Yesenia Gil-Salazar (coxswain)], 7:42.655
2. Mercyhurst, 8:06.219
3. Florida Tech, 8:13.981

A dramatic sky provided the perfect backdrop for a dramatic Eights Grand Final, as the Florida Tech crew prepares for the race.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Henley Spracklen, Senior, Mercyhurst, Biology, 3.96 GPA

Central Oklahoma rowers react after winning the Fours Grand Final with a time of 7:42.655.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

The Eights Grand Final was close for a while between Central Oklahoma (background) and Mercyhurst, but the Bronchos pulled away to win both the race and their third consecutive overall title at the Division II Women’s Rowing Championships.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS
MEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. Grand Valley State, 76
2. West Texas A&M, 55
3. Angelo State, 43
4. Ashland, 37
4. Pittsburg State, 37

EVENT CHAMPIONS

100-METER DASH
Benjamin Azamati, West Texas A&M, 10.02

200-METER DASH
Benjamin Azamati, West Texas A&M, 20.23

400-METER DASH
Channing Phillips, Ashland, 46.41

800-METER RUN
Butare Rugenerwa, West Texas A&M, 1:49.46

1,500-METER RUN
James Young, Academy of Art, 3:52.95

5,000-METER RUN
Isaac Harding, Grand Valley State, 14:13.78

10,000-METER RUN
Ezra Mutai, American International, 29:09.48

110-METER HURDLES
Samuel Hartman, Seton Hill, 13.88

400-METER HURDLES
Samuel Hartman, Seton Hill, 50.50

3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE
Taylor Stack, Western Colorado, 8:41.72

400-METER RELAY
Texas A&M-Commerce (Malcolm Woods, J.T. Smith, Andre Norman, Delan Edwin), 39.69

1,600-METER RELAY
Ashland (Travis Marx, Brayden Chaney, Channing Phillips, Trevor Bassitt), 3:09.38

HIGH JUMP
Ushan Perera, Texas A&M-Commerce, 2.17 (7-1 ½)

POLE VAULT
Ryan Stanley, Fort Hays State, 5.25 (17-2 ¾)

LONG JUMP
Cameron Burrows, Tiffin, 7.74 (25-4 ¾)

TRIPLE JUMP
Shemar Miller, Benedict, 15.79 (51-9 ¾)

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Levi Wyrick, Graduate Student, Pittsburg State, Educational Leadership, 4.0 GPA

SHOT PUT
Rajindra Campbell, Missouri Southern State, 19.99 (65-7)

DISCUS THROW
Rajindra Campbell, Missouri Southern State, 55.98 (183-8)

HAMMER THROW
Austin Combs, Findlay, 71.99 (236-2) [meet record; old record 71.21 (233-7), Darian Thornton, Grand Valley State 5/26/2016]

JAVELIN THROW
Devoux Deyesel, Angelo State, 75.54, (247-10)

DECATHLON
Sam Black, Saginaw Valley State, 7,583

Fort Hays State’s Ryan Stanley heads up and over the bar on his way to winning the pole vault.

AL GOLDIS/NCAA PHOTOS

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Grand Valley State’s Isaac Harding was first to the finish line in the 5,000 meters, helping his Lakers capture their first Division II Men’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships team title.

AL GOLDIS/NCAA PHOTOS

Ashland’s Channing Phillips celebrates after winning the 400-meter dash that helped the Eagles place fourth in the team standings.

AL GOLDIS/NCAA PHOTOS

Benjamin Azamati of West Texas A&M was a double winner, here taking the 100-meter dash and later the 200-meter dash.
WOMEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. Azusa Pacific, 81
2. Grand Valley State, 77
3. West Texas A&M, 49
4. Adams State, 46
5. Saginaw Valley State, 39

EVENT CHAMPIONS

100-METER DASH
Mechaela Hyacinth, Azusa Pacific, 11.67

200-METER DASH
Hiba Mahgoub, Northwest Missouri State, 23.25

400-METER DASH
Nicole Sreenan, Grand Valley State, 53.48

800-METER RUN
Bailey Sharon, Western Colorado, 2:04.23

1,500-METER RUN
Stephanie Cotter, Adams State, 4:14.96

5,000-METER RUN
Ida Narbuvoll, UMary, 15:37.50 (meet record; old record 15:59.34, Julie Bowers, West Chester, 5/25/1985)

10,000-METER RUN
Ida Narbuvoll, UMary, 33:36.59

100-METER HURDLES
Melanie Welsing, Queens (North Carolina), 13.43

400-METER HURDLES
Jaylah Walker, Azusa Pacific, 57.29

3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE
Eilish Flanagan, Adams State, 9:57.44

400-METER RELAY
Grand Valley State (Ashley Perryman, Nicole Sreenan, Marcedes Chandler, Angelica Floyd), 44.86

1,600-METER RELAY
Saginaw Valley State (Lauren Huebner, Alona Olshevska, Morgan Fuerst, Cheyenne Williamson), 3:39.46

HIGH JUMP
Chinenye Agina, Azusa Pacific, 1.85 (6-0 ¾)

POLE VAULT
Journey Gurley, North Georgia, 4.25 (13-11 ¼)

LONG JUMP
Marie-Jeanne Ourega, West Texas A&M, 6.40 (21-0)

TRIPLE JUMP
Taylor Nelloms, West Texas A&M, 13.29 (43-7 ¼)

SHOT PUT
Zada Swoopes, West Texas A&M, 17.59 (57-8 ½) (meet record; old record 17.54 (57-6 ½), Adriane Blewitt, Ashland, 5/23/2003)

DISCUS THROW
Zada Swoopes, West Texas A&M, 53.49 (175-6)

HAMMER THROW
Judith Essemiah, Grand Valley State, 62.62 (205-5)

JAVELIN THROW
Danielle Collier, Slippery Rock, 53.18 (174-6)

HEPTATHLON
Cheyenne Williamson, Saginaw Valley State, 5,595

ELITE 90 HONOREE:
Rachel Sweeney, Senior, Cedarville, Pharmaceutical Science, 4.0 GPA

Chinenye Agina helped the Azusa Pacific Cougars capture their first Division II Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships team title by winning the high jump with a leap of 1.85 meters.

AL GOLDIS/NCAA PHOTOS

Javelin champion Danielle Collier of Slippery Rock prepares her winning throw. Her very first throw of the competition (48.15m) would have been good enough to hold up for the win, but she unloaded a throw of 53.18 meters on her third throw to shatter her own school record (50.72m) and the all-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference record in the process.

AL GOLDIS/NCAA PHOTOS

Cheyenne Williamson anchored Saginaw Valley State's winning 1,600-meter relay team and celebrates crossing the finish line ahead of competitors.

AL GOLDIS/NCAA PHOTOS
**QUARTERFINALS**

- **WOMEN’S TENNIS**
  - UIndy 4, St. Mary’s (Texas) 2
  - Columbus State 4, Hawaii Pacific 3
  - Central Oklahoma 4, Indiana (Pennsylvania) 0
  - Barry 4, Franklin Pierce 0

- **MEN’S TENNIS**
  - UIndy 4, Bluefield State 0
  - Hawaii Hilo 4, Concordia (New York) 2

**SEMIFINALS**

- **WOMEN’S TENNIS**
  - Barry 4, Central Oklahoma 1
  - UIndy 4, Columbus State 1

- **MEN’S TENNIS**
  - Columbus State 4, Barry 0
  - UIndy 4, Hawaii Hilo 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

- **WOMEN’S TENNIS**
  - Barry 4, UIndy 0
  - No. 1 doubles: Deniz Khazan/Madeline Bosnjak (Barry) def. Nikol Alekseeva/Anna Novikova (UIndy), 6-4.
  - No. 3 doubles: Kim Moosbacher/Daniela Farfan (Barry) def. Sofia Sharonova/Maria Solnyshkina (UIndy) 6-3 (The No. 2 doubles match was unfinished at the time Barry clinched the doubles point.)
  - No. 1 singles: Deniz Khazan (Barry) def. Nikol Alekseeva (UIndy), 6-1, 7-6(5).
  - No. 2 singles: Jill Engelmann (Barry) def. Anna Novikova (UIndy), 6-4, 6-1.
  - No. 6 singles: Daniela Farfan (Barry) def. Sofia Sharonova (UIndy), 6-0, 6-1.
  - TheNos. 3,4 and 5 singles matches were unfinished at the time Barry clinched the title.

- **MEN’S TENNIS**
  - Barry 4, Columbus State 1
  - No. 1 doubles: Alvaro Regalado/Javier Cueto Ramos (Columbus State) def. Ignasi Forcano/Martin Gutiierrez (Barry), 6-0.
  - No. 2 doubles: Alessandro Giuliatos/Tim Buttnert (Barry) def. Felix Steen/Christian Garay (Columbus State), 6-1.
  - No. 3 doubles: Arnau Rodriguez/Tommaso Schold (Barry) def. Pietro Martinetti (Columbus State), 6-4.
  - No. 1 singles: Deniz Khazan (Barry) def. Nikol Alekseeva (UIndy), 6-1, 7-6(5).
  - No. 2 singles: Jil Engelmann (Barry) def. Anna Novikova (UIndy), 6-4, 6-1.
  - No. 6 singles: Daniela Farfan (Barry) def. Sofia Sharonova (UIndy), 6-0, 6-1.
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**ELITE 90 HONOREE: Joanna Straika**, Sophomore, Indiana (Pennsylvania), Biology, 4.0 GPA

**ELITE 90 HONOREE: Luke Busse**, Senior, Bluefield State, Mechanical Engineering, 4.0 GPA

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**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

- **NO. 1 TRENDS**
  - Barry’s Deniz Khazan returns a shot against UIndy’s Nikol Alekseeva in the No. 1 singles match. Khazan won the match to help the Buccaneers win their sixth national championship and fourth in a row.

- **NO. 2 TRENDS**
  - Barry’s Jil Engelmann grits it out against UIndy’s Anna Novikova in the No. 2 singles match.

- **NO. 3 TRENDS**
  - Barry’s Arnau Rodriguez teamed with Alejandro Gallego to defeat Pietro Martinetti and Tommaso Schold of Columbus State in the No. 3 doubles match to help the Buccaneers win the doubles point.

- **NO. 4 TRENDS**
  - Tommaso Schold won Columbus State’s lone point in the championship match with a win over Barry’s Alejandro Gallego in No. 3 singles.

- **NO. 5 TRENDS**
  - Alejandro Palacios sealed the Division II Men’s Tennis Championship for the defending-champion Barry Buccaneers after beating Columbus State’s Christian Garay in No. 2 singles, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. Barry jumped to a 3-1 lead after winning the doubles point and closing out two singles matches in just two sets before Palacios clinched Barry’s fifth national title.
**WOMEN’S GOLF**

**QUARTERFINALS**
Grand Valley State def. Limestone, 3-2
Lynn def. Arkansas Tech, 4-1
DBU def. UIndy 3-1-1
St. Mary’s (Texas) def. Findlay, 3-2

**SEMIFINALS**
DBU def. Grand Valley State, 3-2
Lynn def. St. Mary’s (Texas), 2-2-1 (via stroke tiebreaker)

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**
DBU def. Lynn, 2-2-1 (via stroke tiebreaker)
- Adrianna Iribarren (Lynn) def. Julia Garcia (DBU).
- Alice Gatti (Lynn) def. Jaycie Stewart (DBU).
- Faith DeLaGarza (DBU) def. Honor Keilty (Lynn).
- Hanna Harrison (DBU) def. Camila Madariaga (Lynn).
- Olivia Mitchell (DBU) tied Helen Kreuzer (Lynn).

**INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5; PAR 72)**
1. Helen Kreuzer, Lynn, 71-71-68 - 210
2. Pilar Eschaquirri, UIndy, 71-71-70 - 212
3. Stina Wikstrom, Limestone, 76-72-71 - 219
4. Alice Gatti, Lynn, 79-68-72 - 219
5. Meredith Wipper, Findlay, 76-68-75 - 219

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Allie Weiner,
Senior, Arkansas Tech, Criminal Justice and Psychology, 3.95 GPA

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**MEN’S GOLF**

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**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Ian Barnes,
Senior, Central Missouri, Sport Management, 4.0 GPA

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Helen Kruezer of Lynn won medalist honors during the stroke-play portion of the Division II Women’s Golf Championships. JUSTIN TAFLOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

Santiago De La Fuente of the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys tees off during the Division II Men’s Golf Championships team title match against Georgia Southwestern’s Jack Tharrington. De La Fuente won the match to help the Wonder Boys clinch their first championship. JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS

UIndy’s Keegan Bronnenberg won medalist honors at the Division II Men’s Golf Championships by two shots over four other golfers. The junior became UIndy’s first national champion in golf. JAMIE SCHWABEROW/NCAA PHOTOS
**MEN’S SOCCER**

**QUARTERFINALS**

Charleston (West Virginia) 2, Millersville 1 (2OT)
UIndy 2, Fort Hayes State 0
Nova Southeastern 3, Auburn Montgomery 1
Cal State LA 1, Cal Poly Pomona 0

**SEMFINALS**

Cal State LA* 0, Nova Southeastern 0
Charleston (West Virginia)^ 1, UIndy 1

*Advanced on the basis of penalty kicks, 3-1.
^Advanced on the basis of penalty kicks, 5-3.

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

Cal State LA 1, Charleston (West Virginia) 0

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Henrik Berg,
Graduate Student, Nova Southeastern,
Finance, 3.96 GPA

**FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MEN’S SOCCER**

Morten Bjoershol (No. 22) of the Cal State LA Golden Eagles gets his head on the ball before Alejandro Larrayoz (No. 19) of the Charleston (West Virginia) Golden Eagles during the Division II Men's Soccer Championship match. The Los Angeles version of the Golden Eagles bested the Charleston version, 1-0 for the program's first soccer title. Cal State LA went through a double-overtime semifinal (decided in PKs) and the final without allowing a goal.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

The range of emotions was visually apparent as the title match concluded. Cal State LA’s Carl Olsen is clearly elated while Charleston (West Virginia) goalkeeper Marc Torrado is not. Cal State LA’s Simon Johansen scored the lone goal in the match’s 21st minute and teammate Alvaro Unanua made four saves in goal to secure the victory.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

QUARTERFINALS
Saint Rose 3, Concord 2 (OT)
Dallas Baptist University 1, Seattle Pacific 0
Grand Valley State 1, Central Missouri 0
Lenoir-Rhyne* 1, Florida Tech 1

*Advanced on the basis of penalty kicks, 4-3.

SEMIFINALS
Saint Rose 2, Dallas Baptist University 1
Grand Valley State 3, Lenoir-Rhyne 0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Grand Valley State 3, Saint Rose 2 (2OT)

ELITE 90 HONOREE:
Melissa Jones, Graduate Student, Dallas Baptist University, Business Administration, 4.0 GPA

Saint Rose goalkeeper Marika Laurendeau makes one of her six saves in the championship match.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

Kennedy Bearden (right) scored two goals in Grand Valley State’s victory, including the golden one in the 100th minute. Ironically, it was Bearden who registered the assist on the Lakers’ golden goal in 2019.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS

Grand Valley State players celebrate their second straight Division II Women’s Soccer Championship and the program’s seventh overall after defeating Saint Rose, 3-2, in double overtime.

JUSTIN TAFOYA/NCAA PHOTOS
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**2022 DIVISION II YEARBOOK**

**TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)**

1. Grand Valley State, 43 (Team member place finishes*: Isaac Harding, 1; Tanner Chada, 2; Andrew Hylen, 12; Enael Woldemichael, 14; Jacob Lee, 21)
2. Adams State, 84
3. Colorado School of Mines, 123
4. Augustana (South Dakota), 222
5. Colorado, Colorado Springs, 254

*Based on a points system among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis.

**INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)**

1. Isaac Harding, Grand Valley State, 29:58.3
2. Tanner Chada, Grand Valley State, 30:07.1
3. CarLee Stimpfel, Saginaw Valley State, 30:09.0
4. Dylan Ko, Colorado School of Mines, 30:19.3
5. Isaiah Rodarte, Adams State, 30:26.3

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:** Alex Herbst, Junior, Alabama Huntsville, Mechanical Engineering, 4.0 GPA

**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**

Grand Valley State runners hoist the team trophy after capturing the school’s second national championship in three seasons.

MARY HOLT/NCAA PHOTOS

Joshua Chepkesir of UNC Pembroke leads eventual first- and second-place finishers Isaac Harding (far right) and Tanner Chada (far left) of Grand Valley State during the Division II Men’s Cross Country Championships. Chepkesir would finish eighth.

MARY HOLT/NCAA PHOTOS
WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. Adams State, 59 (Team member finishes*: Brianna Robles, 6; Franziska Atlhaus, 10; Precious Robinson, 11; Morgan Hykes, 15; Nicole Lawrence, 21)
2. Grand Valley State, 79
3. Augustana (South Dakota), 118
4. Colorado School of Mines, 197
5. Wingate, 208

*Based on a point system among runners with institutions vying for the team championship; does not include runners competing on an individual basis.

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS (TOP 5)
1. Hannah Becker, Grand Valley State, 20:22.0
2. Klaudia O’Malley, Grand Valley State, 20:26.9
3. Fatima Alanis, Queens (North Carolina), 20:28.1
4. Celene Ritter, Lee (Tennessee), 20:30.5
5. Lara Orrock, Wingate, 20:35.8

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Rachel Rairdon, Senior, Augustana (South Dakota), Accounting, Business Administration and Finance, 4.0 GPA

Grand Valley State’s Hannah Becker crosses the finish line as the individual champion. She bested teammate Klaudia O’Malley by nearly five seconds. Both runners slowly worked their way up from being in the mid-30s at the 1.3k mark to ninth and 10th at the 3k. The women took the race over at the 4.3k mark and maintained their lead the rest of the race.

MARY HOLT/NCAA PHOTOS

The Adams State women’s cross country team celebrates after winning the national championship for the second consecutive year. Adams State won thanks to four runners finishing in the top 15 (Brianna Robles, Franziska Atlhaus, Precious Robinson and Morgan Hykes).

MARY HOLT/NCAA PHOTOS

Runners cast their championship-caliber shadows on the Abbey Course in Saint Leo, Florida, during the Division II Women’s Cross Country Championships.

MARY HOLT/NCAA PHOTOS
**FIELD HOCKEY**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**FIRST ROUND**
- West Chester 4, Adelphi 1
- East Stroudsburg 2, Bentley 1

**SEMIFINALS**
- West Chester 3, Assumption 0
- Shippensburg 2, East Stroudsburg 1

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**
- Shippensburg 3, West Chester 0

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:**
- Hannah Barbush, Senior, East Stroudsburg, Special Education/Early Childhood Education, 4.0 GPA

Jazmine Petrantonio scored Shippensburg's second goal of the Division II Field Hockey Championship match against West Chester. Shippensburg head coach Tara Zollinger said the game plan worked to perfection, particularly early on, to earn the school's sixth national crown. "In those opening moments, we were playing SHIP Hockey - we're passing, we're moving, we've got our eyes off the ball and we're finishing in the circle. These are all things that were part of our game plan."

LARRY FRENCH/NCAA PHOTOS

Shippensburg's Valu Paul tallied the third goal in the contest's first eight minutes, virtually sealing the 3-0 victory and capping a 20-0 campaign. It was Shippensburg's 11th consecutive NCAA tournament win and also the 14th straight match in which Shippensburg either shut out the opponent or allowed only one goal.

LARRY FRENCH/NCAA PHOTOS

West Chester's Emily Ingalls advances the ball up the field against Shippensburg defenders. The Golden Rams, who finished 17-5 on the season, came up short in a national championship contest for the first time in eight attempts in school history.

LARRY FRENCH/NCAA PHOTOS

FOOTBALL

**QUARTERFINALS**
- Shepherd 30, Kutztown 28
- Ferris State 41, Northwest Missouri State 20
- Valdosta State 41, Bowie State 17
- Colorado School of Mines 34, Angelo State 26

**SEMIFINALS**
- Ferris State 55, Shepherd 7
- Valdosta State 34, Colorado School of Mines 31

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**
- Ferris State 58, Valdosta State 17

**ELITE 90 HONOREE:**
- Nick Thomas, Sophomore, Ferris State, Building Construction Technology, 3.82 GPA

Ferris State quarterback Jared Bernhardt ran for three scores in the first half to help the Bulldogs build an unsurmountable halftime lead. Bernhardt, a graduate transfer from Maryland playing in his only collegiate football season, was one of the nation's top lacrosse players in his four seasons with the Terrapins. In the Division II football final, he finished with 148 yards rushing on 14 carries.

C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

Valdosta State quarterback Ivory Durham threw for 158 yards and two touchdowns in what turned out to be the highest scoring Division II Football Championship game since 2000 when Delta State beat Bloomsburg, 63-34. The 2021 final was a rematch of the 2018 championship Valdosta State won, 49-47.

C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

Ferris State players and coaches celebrate the school's first Division II Football Championship after the undefeated Bulldogs overpowered Valdosta State, 58-17. It was the largest margin of victory in a Division II title game since 1997 when Northern Colorado whitewashed New Haven, 51-0.

C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY

Valdosta State quarterback Ivory Durham throws a pass.
CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

ELITE EIGHT
Western Washington def. Daemen, 25-12, 25-16, 25-19

SEMIFINALS

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
Tampa def. Washburn, 25-21, 26-24, 25-21

ELITE 90 HONOREE: Faith Rottinghaus, Senior,
Washburn, Kinesiology, 4.0 GPA

Claudia Rivera converts one of her 23 digs during Tampa’s victory over Washburn.
C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

Washburn’s Kelsey Gordon is pumped after scoring one of her 12 kills in the championship match against Tampa.
C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS

Tampa’s Mackenzie Dufresne joyously displays her keepsake during the net-cutting ceremony after Tampa’s three-set sweep over Washburn in the Division II Women’s Volleyball Championship. It was the Spartans’ fourth title and the only one so far not captured during a Division II National Championships Festival.
C. MORGAN ENGEL/NCAA PHOTOS
COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

- Approved the celebration of Division II Day on February 22, 2022 (2/22/22). (See page 32.)
- Received regular updates from SSI and the work of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.
- Sponsored six pieces of legislation for the 2022 Convention focused on improving processes, addressing student-athlete health and safety, and having widespread impact on student-athlete well-being.
- Oversaw implementation of gender equity recommendations specific to Division II.
- Provided feedback to Division II representatives on the Constitution Committee.

STEVEN SHIRLEY (CHAIR)
President, Minot State University / January 2025

GAYLE HUTCHINSON (VICE CHAIR)
President, California State University, Chico / January 2023

ROSLYN ARTIS
President, Benedict College / January 2028

CARLOS CAMPO
President, Ashland University / January 2026

MICHAEL DRISCOLL
President, Indiana University of Pennsylvania / January 2024

JOHN Y. GOTANDA
President, Hawaii Pacific University / January 2026

DONNA HENRY
President, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise / January 2026

COLLEEN PERRY KEITH
President, Goldey-Beacom College / January 2026

CHERYL LOVELL
President, Adams State University / January 2027

DWAYNE MCCAY
President, Florida Institute of Technology / January 2026

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OUTGOING MEMBERS
JOHN DENNING
President, Stonehill College
ELWOOD ROBINSON
Chancellor, Winston-Salem State University

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

- Before the adoption of the NCAA interim policy in July regarding name, image and likeness, the committee continued its focus on how the membership can successfully navigate the complex NIL space, including potential educational resources that the Division II membership can use.
- Reviewed whether legislative changes and waivers were needed to continue helping the membership manage issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee also reviewed actions the Division II Administrative Committee took in response to COVID-19 to consider whether any should be made permanent.
- Continued reviewing legislation in both Divisions I and III to determine what changes would be beneficial in Division II. This review resulted in the recommendation of NCAA Proposal No. 2-2 regarding notification of transfer for the 2022 NCAA Convention.

CARLIN CHESICK (CHAIR)
Associate Commissioner and Senior Woman Administrator, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference / August 2023

BRENDA GATES
Faculty Athletics Representative, University of Mount Olive / January 2024

TAMMY IKERD
Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator, Southern Nazarene University / August 2025

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Deputy Commissioner, Peach Belt Conference / August 2022

KARA LINDAMAN
Faculty Athletics Representative, Winona State University / August 2024

CHRISTINE LOWTHER
Director of Athletics, Assumption College / August 2023

PENNIE PARKER
Director of Athletics, Rollins College / August 2023

JASON STOCK
Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance, California State University, San Marcos / August 2023

MELINDA TERRY
Senior Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, St. Edward’s University / August 2025

OUTGOING MEMBERS

JOHN MICHAEL ETHERIDGE
Student-Athlete, Kentucky State University

SCOTT LARSON
Director of Athletics, Lubbock Christian University

SCOTT YOUNG
Director of Athletics, University of Indianapolis
GOVERNANCE AND NEWS

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

- Continued focus on mitigating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., extending some of the flexibility granted in 2020-21 to 2021-22.)
- Identity Subcommittee developed Make Game Day Yours Initiative with Disney Institute; ready for implementation in January 2022. (See page 28.)
- Finalized recommendations for enforcement and infractions process enhancements.
- Examined enhancing diversity of committee members in the division.
- Provided feedback to Division II representatives on the Constitution Committee.

JIM JOHNSON (CHAIR)
Director of Athletics, Pittsburg State University / January 2023

CARRIE MICHAELS (VICE CHAIR)
Senior Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania / January 2024

BRENDA GATES
Faculty Athletics Representative, University of Mount Olive / January 2024

TERESA CLARK
Faculty Athletics Representative, Cedarville University / January 2023

MARCUS CLARKE
Senior Associate Commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association / January 2025

MARK CORINO
Director of Athletics, Caldwell University / January 2024

J. LIN DAWSON
Director of Athletics, Clark Atlanta University / January 2023

ROBERT DRANOFF
Commissioner, East Coast Conference / January 2023

LAURA L. CLAYTON EADY
Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator, University of West Georgia / January 2023

COURTNEY LOVELY EVANS
Director of Athletics, Palm Beach Atlantic University / January 2023

AMY FOSTER
Associate Director of Athletics for Business and Senior Woman Administrator, Seattle Pacific University / January 2023

MARTY GILBERT
Director of Athletics, Dominican University of California / January 2025

AMY HENKELMAN
Director of Athletics, Fairmont State University / January 2024

DANIEL S. KUEHLMEIER
Faculty Athletics Representative, Valdosta State University / January 2023

ERIN LIND
Commissioner, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference / January 2026

DANNY MCCABE
Director of Athletics, Adelphi University / January 2025

SANDEE MOTT
Director of Athletics, Texas Woman's University / January 2026

JULIE ROCHESTER
Faculty Athletics Representative, Northern Michigan University / January 2023

HARRY STINSON III
Director of Athletics, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) / January 2025

JERRY WOLLMERING
Director of Athletics, Truman State University / January 2024

OUTGOING MEMBERS

BRAYDON KUBAT
Student-Athlete, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADELEINE MCKENNA
Student-Athlete, California University of Pennsylvania

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PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

- Reviewed impact of reduced revenue and increased expenses in FY21 on the division's long-range budget and made recommendations to maintain fiscal health in Division II.
- Implemented significant championships triennial budget increases, including per diem increase, local ground transportation and officials’ fee increases.
- Oversaw the completion of a Strategic Plan SWOT analysis for Division II. (See page 33.)
- Approved reports for the final year of the Foundation for the Future program that provided funding to implement the Division II strategic plan. (See page 34.)

GAYLE HUTCHINSON (CHAIR)
President, California State University, Chico / January 2023

CARLOS CAMPO
President, Ashland University / January 2026

MARK CORINO
Director of Athletics, Caldwell University / January 2024

AMY FOSTER
Associate Director of Athletics for Business and Senior Woman Administrator, Seattle Pacific University / January 2023

JIM JOHNSON (EX OFFICIO)
Director of Athletics, Pittsburg State University / January 2023

CARRIE MICHAELS
Senior Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania / January 2024

STEVEN SHIRLEY (EX OFFICIO)
President, Minot State University / January 2024
COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

FEBRUARY - After reviewing the most recent sponsorship numbers obtained with the help of a Division II Conference Commissioners Association survey and participation data from the NCAA statistics staff, coaches associations and sport-specific NGBs, the Championships Committee agreed to continue conducting winter sport championships as planned with the reduced brackets/field sizes previously approved.

JUNE - Acknowledging that the policy/operational changes implemented for 2020-21 because of the pandemic were to be considered strictly as exceptions to the rule, the committee noted that it expects to conduct all 25 national championships in 2021-22 following pre-pandemic policies and regulations (i.e., brackets/field sizes at full capacity, traditional regional site selection procedures, etc.) unless public health and safety conditions dictate otherwise.

KEY POLICY/FORMAT MODIFICATIONS:

- Approved changing the Division II Women’s Rowing Championships from a three-day to a two-day format (moving the final races from Sunday to Saturday).
- Approved a regional tournament format change for the Division II Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships from Friday/Saturday (one gender) and Sunday/Monday (the other gender) to Friday/Saturday (one gender) and Monday/Tuesday (the other gender), thus establishing Sunday as a day off between championships for each gender.
- Approved that conference tournament games count toward the minimum number of contests required to be eligible for championship selection in men’s and women’s basketball.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

JESSICA SWINEY (CHAIR)
Director of Athletics, California State University / August 2024

TIMOTHY BRILES
Faculty Athletics Representative, Georgian Court University / August 2023

BENNETT CHERRY
Faculty Athletics Representative, California State University, San Marcos / August 2024

DAVID HAASE
Associate Director of Athletics, University of West Georgia / August 2023

KAREN Hjerpe
Director of Athletics, California University of Pennsylvania / August 2024

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

REID AMOS (CHAIR)
Commissioner, Mountain East Conference / August 2023

KRISTY BAYER
Director of Athletics, Rockhurst University / August 2024

LINDA BELL
Director of Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator, Fort Valley State University / August 2025

MARCUS CLARKE
Senior Associate Commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association / January 2025

CHRIS COLVIN
Commissioner, Conference Carolinas / August 2025

COURTNEY LOVELY EVANS
Director of Athletics, Palm Beach Atlantic University / January 2023

NATHAN GIBSON
Director of Athletics, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs / August 2024

MATT KILCULLEN
Director of Athletics, Mercy College / August 2023

GRACE MARTIN
Student-Athlete, West Virginia State University / January 2023

CARRIE MICHAELS
Senior Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania / January 2024

GARY PINE
Director of Athletics, Azusa Pacific University / August 2025

CAROL RIVERA
Associate Commissioner and Senior Woman Administrator, California Collegiate Athletic Association / August 2024

SUZANNE SANREGRET
Assistant Vice President and Director of Athletics, Michigan Technological University / August 2022

OUTGOING MEMBERS

STEVE CARD
Director of Athletics, Western Washington University

DICK CHRISTY
Director of Athletics, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

TERRI HOLMES
Assistant Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, Northern State University

Committee Members

Jessica Swiney
Director of Athletics, California State University

JESSICA SWINEY (CHAIR)
Director of Athletics, California State University / August 2024

TIMOTHY LADD
Faculty Athletics Representative, Palm Beach Atlantic University / January 2023

MAGGIE LANGHEIM
Student-Athlete, Mars Hill University / January 2024

ERIN LIND
Commissioner, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference / January 2026

DANNY MCCABE
Director of Athletics, Adelphi University / January 2025

KELLI PETERSON
Records Manager, Cameron University / August 2023
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

In light of COVID-19, the committee met on multiple occasions to discuss and provide flexibility to the Division II membership in areas such as sports sponsorship waivers.

The committee granted active status to the University of Texas-Tyler, effective September 1, which sets the total membership now in Division II at 300 institutions.

Six other schools are currently in the membership process:

- Provisional Year Three: College of Staten Island and Frostburg State University.
- Provisional Year Two: D’Youville College.
- Provisional Year One: Allen University, Edward Waters University and Emory and Henry College.

MACKENZIE O’NEILL (CHAIR)
Soccer, Missouri Western State University

MOLLY HANSEN
Swimming and Diving, University of Montevallo / January 2023

EMMA KRAMER
Basketball, Simon Fraser University / January 2024

MAGGIE LANGHEIM
Soccer, Virginia Union University / January 2023

GRACE MARTIN
Volleyball, West Virginia State University / January 2023

LESLIE RAMIREZ
Volleyball, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez / January 2023

SKYLAR ROSS
Tennis, Dominican College (New York) / January 2025

COURBIN THAETE
Soccer, California State University, San Marcos / January 2024

THOMAS WEBB JR.
Football, Western New Mexico University / January 2024

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Football, Western New Mexico University / January 2024

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ALEXIA AUTREY
Swimming and Diving, King University

JOHN MICHAEL
ETHERIDGE
Baseball, Kentucky State University

BRAYDON KUBAT
Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, University of Minnesota Duluth

MADELEINE MCKENNA
Volleyball, California University of Pennsylvania

KATE PIGSLEY
Field Hockey, Southern New Hampshire University

BILLY WILDEMAN
Baseball, Molloy College

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021

Continued to focus on its “Total Package Student-Athlete” goal, which empowers student-athletes through diversity and inclusion, mental health and professional development.

Collaborated with Division I and Division III SAACs on the design of a new SAAC logo that is intended to create a cohesive look among campus, conference and national SAACs and strengthen the student-athlete voice. [The attachment SAAC Logo_PMS is the mark that conferences and campuses can co-brand with their athletics logo. The attachment DII_SAAC_Disk Lockup is intended to be used by DII National SAAC only.]

Worked with NCAA research to encourage student-athletes to complete a survey examining current student-athlete experiences and well-being in fall 2021. Survey findings will be used to inform NCAA policy and decision making during spring 2022.

Hosted the third Division II SAAC Super Region Convention for the Central and Midwest Regions in November in Chicago.

Provided feedback to the Division II SAAC representative on the Constitution Committee.
DII and Disney collaborate to ‘Make Game Day Yours’

Division II partnered with the Disney Institute to develop a “Make Game Day Yours” initiative to promote a more positive game day environment and provide an enhanced customer service for fans. The training encourages the Division II membership to be even more intentional with their game day processes and help re-attract fan bases that have been unable to attend athletics contests because of the pandemic.

“Disney is a perfect partner for this initiative,” said Terri Steeb Gronau, vice president of Division II. “Disney’s consistent business results are driven by strategically focusing on specified business functions and opportunities in which companies fail to see the value and potential. In effect, Disney has learned to be intentional when others may be unintentional.

“The timing also is opportune: With campuses welcoming fans back to athletics contests, it’s a chance to rethink the customer experience and services they want to receive. It’s also a chance for Division II administrators to view the game day experience and the services they typically provide in a different and, as Disney would say, more intentional manner.”
KEY DATES/TIMELINE

- The Disney Institute conducted a Champions meeting (a small working group to develop the initiative) this spring.
- The Division II Conference Commissioners Association and the Division II Athletics Directors Association boards previewed the initiative during their October 2021 joint meeting.
- The first workshop for the Division II membership will be held Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in conjunction with the NCAA Convention.

The Make Game Day Yours initiative frequently uses the word “intentional” to direct how we relate to customers and how we think about our services. The champions were asked how they have interpreted this word as they’ve gone through this process and how they would advise their colleagues to think about what it means to be “intentional.”

- Taking the time to make a conscious decision on not only what you need to do, but why and how.
- Always being mindful of purpose/end goal; keep that in mind through the entire process of planning, discussion and execution.
- Thinking about the experience from our customers’ point of view, not just from an athletics department point of view. Creating an experience that can be positive even in the midst of a difficult situation.
- I equate being intentional to “responsibility.” Most administrators within a Division II athletics department will have a role in the game day experience at some point, so it’s vital that all of them develop an intentionality in learning how our game day environment will be successfully staged.
- Being intentional is giving your staff the power to make decisions that continue to create a positive fan experience.

MAKE GAME DAY YOURS CHAMPIONS

DOUG BABCOCK, Director of Public Safety, Saint Michael’s College
JAMIE CARRIG, Associate Director of Athletics, Barry University
BRENDA CATES, Faculty Athletics Representative, University of Mount Olive
TERESA CLARK, Faculty Athletics Representative, Cedarville University
ISMAEL CONTRERAS, Student-Athlete, Purdue University Northwest
ROBERT COURTNEY, Assistant Athletics Director – Facilities and Events, Colorado Mesa University
ROBERT DRANOFF, Commissioner, East Coast Conference
AMY FOSTER, Associate Athletics Director for Business/SWA, Seattle Pacific University
CHRIS GRAHAM, Commissioner, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
JIM JOHNSON, Director of Athletics, Pittsburg State University
DAVID B. KUHLMEIER, Faculty Athletics Representative, Valdosta State University
COURTNEY LOVELY EVANS, Director of Athletics, Palm Beach Atlantic University
DANNY MCCABE, Director of Athletics, Adelphi University
MADELEINE MCKENNA, Student-Athlete, California University of Pennsylvania
SANDEE MOTT, Director of Athletics, Texas Woman’s University
WILLIAM PARRISH, Chief of Police, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
BILL POWERS, Assistant Athletics Director – Strategic Communications, Hawaii Pacific University
MELANIE ROBOTHAM, Assistant Commissioner – Media Relations, Lone Star Conference
ERIC SCHOH, Director of Athletics, Winona State University
CHRISTIE WARD, Senior Associate Athletic Director/SWA, Colorado State University Pueblo
STEVEN WINTER, Former Faculty Athletics Representative, Sonoma State University
NCAA adopts uniform NIL policy in midst of national uncertainty

While the NCAA membership spent 2020 trying to understand how to deal with a pandemic, members spent much of 2021 trying to navigate a nebulous name, image and likeness landscape.

The NCAA was close to handling the issue with proposals supported by all three divisions and poised to be adopted at the 2021 Convention, but the U.S. Department of Justice intervened with concerns about how restrictive the policies were going to be and prompted the Association to table the measures.

With the environment still unsettled and various (and differing) state laws set to take effect July 1—and no congressional conclusion in sight as far as a federal standard is concerned—governance bodies in all three divisions on June 30 adopted a uniform interim policy suspending NCAA name, image and likeness rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports.

The policy provides the following guidance to college athletes, recruits, their families and member schools:

- Individuals can engage in NIL activities that are consistent with the law of the state where the school is located. Colleges and universities may be a resource for state law questions.
- College athletes who attend a school in a state without an NIL law can engage in this type of activity without violating NCAA rules related to name, image and likeness.
- Individuals can use a professional services provider for NIL activities.
- Student-athletes should report NIL activities consistent with state law or school and conference requirements to their school.

While opening name, image and likeness opportunities to student-athletes, the policy in all three divisions preserves the commitment to avoid pay-for-play and improper inducements tied to choosing to attend a particular school. Those rules remain in effect.

“The new policy preserves the fact college sports are not pay-for-play,” said then Division II Presidents Council chair Sandra Jordan, former chancellor at the University of South Carolina Aiken. “It also reinforces key principles of fairness and integrity across the NCAA and maintains rules prohibiting improper recruiting inducements. It’s important any new rules maintain these principles.”

The temporary policy will remain in place until federal legislation or new NCAA rules are adopted. With the NIL interim policy, schools and conferences may choose to adopt their own additional policies.

NIL TIMELINE

OCT. 29, 2019
NCAA Board of Governors directs all three divisions to create flexibility in name, image and likeness rules.

JAN. 22-25, 2020
NCAA Convention attendees are provided with a status update and discuss general concepts during division-specific delegate sessions.

SEPT. 1, 2020
Each division develops initial legislative proposals.

NOV. 1, 2020
Each division drafts legislation to update NIL rules.

JAN. 11-15, 2021
The NCAA Board of Governors supports decisions by each division to delay votes on new name, image and likeness legislation pending future discussions with the U.S. Department of Justice, which had stated its interest in future changes.

APRIL 2021
Each division discusses future action on proposed name, image and likeness rules. The Board of Governors reaffirms its commitment to updating rules.

JUNE 30, 2021
All three divisions adopt a uniform, interim policy suspending NCAA name, image and likeness rules for all incoming and current student-athletes. The temporary policy will remain in place until federal legislation or new NCAA rules are adopted.
Words matter

The evolving focus on diversity and inclusion is also having a positive influence on language. The NCAA office of inclusion issued several guidelines this year to help the language we use in correspondence, promotional materials and reports reflect the premise that all people should feel welcomed and valued.

Words can deeply impact how people view ability, nationality, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status and other salient identities. Here are just some of the examples of words and expressions that may seem insignificant to one but may be meaningful to another.

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ADDITIONAL TIPS:

- Use “they/them” instead of “he/she” when writing about a hypothetical person or unsure of a person’s pronouns.
- Exercise prudence before using “citizen” as a generic term for people who live in the United States. Be careful with the terms “Americans” or “the American public” as they are ambiguous and are often used as synonyms for “citizens.”
- Exercise prudence when using idioms, especially those with militant connotations (“holding down the fort”).
- Spell out acronyms the first few times you use them.
- Do not use the term “minority” to refer to individuals/students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Instead, use “people of color/students of color.”
- Capitalize the terms Black and Asian. Refer to these groups as Black/Asian students, Black/Asian faculty members, etc., not Blacks or Asians.
Standardized test scores may no longer be tied to initial eligibility

A task force including members from the NCAA Eligibility Center, the Division I Committee on Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee, recommended that initial-eligibility standards for high school students preparing to play Division I or II sports no longer include a standardized test score requirement. Throughout its work, the task force engaged several groups for feedback, including governance groups, the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and the testing agencies, specifically the College Board and ACT. The group also surveyed the Division I and II membership for additional input.

The task force, led by David Wilson, president at Morgan State University, made its recommendation based on the best available data - as well as a national trend in NCAA member schools moving away from requiring standardized test scores for admissions purposes.

The task force was formed as a result of the NCAA’s eight-point plan to advance racial equity. Reviewing initial-eligibility requirements, particularly the SAT/ACT score component, was a significant part of that plan.

February 22, 2022 will mark the inaugural Division II Day (and it’s a Tuesday, too!), which will celebrate the division’s unique characteristics, Life in the Balance philosophy and Make It Yours brand. The Presidents Council supported this initiative, which was recommended by the Division II Management Council’s Identity Subcommittee. The goal of the day will be to promote the division through several platforms, including social media, by collaborating with Division II schools, conferences and national committees.
Sultans of SWOT

As part of the task to develop a successor strategic plan to the division’s current plan, governance committees were asked to conduct a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) to help inform the next membership census and in turn shape the next strategic plan.

While the original timing for the new plan may still occur as planned, the July 30 announcement by the NCAA Board of Governors to convene a special convention in November to rework the NCAA constitution prompted the division to pause its strategic planning process until after the annual NCAA Convention in January when the Association will determine its broader strategic direction going forward.

However, the SWOT responses had an immediate impact, as they helped inform the broader discussion regarding the Association’s future.

SWOT analyses were conducted with the following committees:

- Division II Legislation Committee (12 members), March 1
- Division II Committee for Legislative Relief (5 members), March 31
- Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (28 members), April 10
- Division II Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (6 members), May 11
- Division II Nominating Committee (9 members), May 12
- Division II Academic Requirements Committee (9 members), May 25
- Division II Degree-Completion Awards Committee (6 members), June 9
- Division II Championships Committee (11 members), June 10
- Division II Committee on Infractions (7 members), June 29
- Division II Infractions Appeals Committee (4 members), July 8
- Division II Membership Committee (11 members), July 8
- Division II Management Council (28 members), July 19
- Division II Presidents Council (16 members), August 4

SWOT HIGHLIGHTS

STRENGTHS: The balance theme by far was the most frequently mentioned – and often the first mentioned – strength of the division by every group, which means that people within the governance structure uniformly understand Division II’s mission and vision, and for the most part they believe the division successfully delivers on its balanced promise.

WEAKNESSES: Overall, there were fewer weaknesses cited than strengths, but across the board people believe the division’s primary hinderance is its Roman numeral “II,” which to most audiences not familiar with the NCAA’s divisional structure positions Division II as secondary or “less than” Division I, particularly when it comes to athletics. Many respondents said this perception comes from the lack of exposure and being able to adequately tell the division’s story, especially at the high school level where prospective students are most influenced by what they see and hear regarding college choice.

OPPORTUNITIES: While there’s the acknowledgement that the Roman numeral II is a challenge, most SWOT-takers thought the division’s best opportunity is to explain that its athletics are highly competitive and that the student-athlete experience is exemplary because Division II members collectively strive to deliver a balanced experience for student-athletes (the “we take care of our student-athletes” phrase was frequently mentioned).

THREATS: Continued uncertainties resulting from the pandemic – from school closures and mergers, to eliminating certain sports – were consistent concerns. As with the Weaknesses category, some respondents saw various threats as opportunities for Division II to fill a void, particularly with less expensive college choices and still offering students the ability to enjoy a rewarding educational experience that includes high-level athletics competition.
Among the most important decisions the Division II Presidents Council made in 2015 when adopting the Division II Strategic Plan was to sufficiently fund it, committing $5.7 million through the course of the strategic plan to support a 10-program “Foundation for the Future” initiative that would not only bolster the plan but benefit the division overall for years to come.

The 10 programs were selected from among more than two dozen concepts and ideas submitted to a representative task force that included members of the Presidents Council and the Division II Planning and Finance Committee.

Many of these programs were so successful that they became intertwined permanently within the Division II fabric. Five in fact were approved to continue being funded as part of the Division II base budget even after the Foundation for the Future allocation ended in the 2020-21 fiscal year:

- Division II University
- Division II Coaches Connection Program
- Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Super Region Convention
- Enhanced Sessions for the Division II Mentor Program
- National Association for Athletics Compliance Grant

The following report provides a synopsis of the 10 programs and the indelible impact they’ve made on Division II, thanks to the vision and commitment the Division II Presidents Council exhibited upon adopting the strategic plan in 2015.
FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE TIMELINE

APRIL 2011
Following the signed extension of the NCAA’s media rights agreement with CBS/Turner through 2023-24, the Division II Presidents Council approves a long-range budget coinciding with the length of the contract. (Note: Part of the long-range budget included purchasing a $15 million event cancellation insurance policy to guarantee the division a portion of revenue if an unexpected event occurred that affected the Division I Men’s Basketball Championship. While likely regarded as a safety net of extreme proportions at the time, the policy certainly helped the division stabilize its budget in the wake of the 2020 pandemic.)

APRIL 2014
The NCAA Board of Governors approves a 10-year long-range budget for the Association that reflects revenue from the NCAA’s media rights agreements and NCAA championships (e.g., ticket sales). The championships revenue – particularly ticket sales – had not been previously captured in Division II’s long-range budget. Accordingly, the division’s reserve plus insurance is projected to be close to 100 percent by the end of 2023-24.

APRIL 2015
The Division II Presidents Council formally approves the 2015-21 Division II Strategic Plan and agrees to amend the division’s reserve policy to 70 percent through 2023-24, which frees up $5.2 million to help fund the newly approved plan. (An additional $500,000 would be added to the effort through subsequent revenue surpluses.)

JANUARY 2016
The Division II Management Council and the Division II Presidents Council during their joint meeting at the NCAA Convention discuss potential priorities for the Foundation for the Future initiative.

JANUARY–FEBRUARY 2016
Division II and Association-wide committees are asked to submit proposals for using the Foundation for the Future funds by March 1.

MARCH–APRIL 2016
A task force composed of Division II chancellors and presidents, athletics directors, conference commissioners, faculty athletics representatives and student-athletes reviews the proposals and recommends 10 to the Division II Planning and Finance Committee and the Division II Presidents Council to consider funding. The Division II Presidents Council subsequently approves the recommendations.

DIVISION II FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE TASK FORCE

Linda Bleicken (Chair)
President, Armstrong State University

Bob Boerigter
Commissioner, Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Brenda Cates
Faculty Athletics Representative, University of Mount Olive

Debbie Chin
Director of Athletics, University of New Haven

Jody Harpster Jr.
President, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

Glen Jones
President, Henderson State University

Marcus Manning
Director of Athletics, Maryville University of Saint Louis

Katie McGann
Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Compliance Administrator, University of California, San Diego

Jacqie McWilliams
Commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

Pat O’Brien
President, West Texas A&M University

Chris Pike
Football Student-Athlete, Gannon University of Pennsylvania

Fran Reidy
Director of Athletics, Saint Leo University

Steve Scott
President, Pittsburg State University
## Foundation for the Future Allocations

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Division II University
(Online Coaches Education Program)

What has come to be regarded as the fundamental delivery method for education, training and information sharing - not only for Division II but the NCAA in general - began modestly as an Online Coaches Education Program designed to deliver legislative and health and safety content to a constituency that was too frequently left out of the communication loop.

The immediate goal was for “DII U” to replace the antiquated annual coaches certification exam, a proposal that was resoundingly approved at the 2019 NCAA Convention. DII U was much preferred because of its interactive and easy-to-access courses that creatively and more practically educated constituents on everything from recruiting and eligibility rules and governance to improving student-athlete health and wellness.

Since then, DII U has literally changed the way members understand and follow Division II operating procedures and principles.

Coaches Connection Expansion

As was the case with Division II University, the Coaches Connection program was but a fledgling in 2015, having been established in 2012-13 as a pilot program for football and women’s volleyball. The pilot’s initial success warranted an expansion in 2014-15 to include men’s and women’s tennis and men’s and women’s soccer.

Foundation for the Future funding allowed Coaches Connection to encompass all Division II sports and be among the most transformative programs in Division II history.

Coaches Connection is successful because it accomplishes exactly what the program’s title implies: It connects coaches with a forum for sharing information and, more importantly, sharing their voice in the governance of Division II athletics. The program enhances coaches’ engagement and fortifies their role as advocates for the value of Division II athletics, and it more actively engages coaches associations in the process.
SAAC SUPER REGION CONVENTION

The Foundation for the Future initiative focused on enhancing student-athletes’ roles in the governance structure as well. While the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee participates annually at the NCAA Convention, the “Super Region” conventions provide a convention experience for conference and institutional SAACs, which means even more student-athletes can participate in the governance structure and better understand issues affecting all Division II student-athletes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ATHLETICS DIRECTORS

This effort enhances an existing mentoring program that the Division II Athletics Directors Association helps administer, targeting aspiring ADs, particularly women and ethnic minorities. It also targets programming for veteran ADs to help them manage their athletics operations more effectively.

The program for first-year Division II athletics directors has helped new ADs hit the ground running. Originally, programming was limited to one-half day at the annual NCAA Convention, but the program was upgraded to feature one and one-half days at the NCAA national office in October (in conjunction with the existing D2 ADA and CCA meetings there at that time) to allow D2 ADA officers to be presenters at the orientation sessions and to allow the new ADs to interact with D2 ADA officers and NCAA staff (and to familiarize themselves with the NCAA national office). A follow-up session is offered at the annual NACDA convention in June. (These sessions were conducted virtually in 2020-21 due to the pandemic but will resume in person in 2022-23.)

The ADA also launched a pilot program in which each of the four DII ADA officers in a given year “adopt” a new AD and sponsor an on-campus visit to provide in-person mentorship and experience.

NAAC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

The Foundation for the Future initiative has allowed the National Association for Athletics Compliance to provide Division II schools and conferences an interactive educational training program to help administrators maintain ethical compliance programs.

Integral to the program is the Learning Management Platform, which features a library of reference materials for use by the on-campus professional in a location that allows them to be updated regularly with little or no expense. These materials are also being incorporated into the Division II University platform.
ACADEMIC METRICS REVIEW

This grant allowed Division II to review metrics for academic success, improve the accuracy of data collection and strengthen the foundation upon which academic policy decisions are made.

DEGREE-COMPLETION AWARDS

A total of $440,000 was distributed to provide additional funding to student-athletes who have exhausted their athletics eligibility to help them complete their undergraduate degrees.

HELPER HELPER

Helper Helper is an online community engagement platform that makes it simple for schools and organizations to connect student-athletes to meaningful volunteer experiences and track their community engagement efforts. Division II student-athletes logged community service hours through the Helper Helper app.

TRANSPORTATION FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This FFF grant added to a Division II staple of community engagement by providing bus transportation to Division II championships for community members who participate in community engagement events.

CONFERENCE DISTRIBUTION

The FFF also allocated a one-time distribution of $50,000 to each Division II conference to be used in any of the following areas: academic support, broadcast support, officiating improvement and branding efforts. Division II conferences used these dollars to fund programs that have benefitted their membership and increased their footprint both regionally and nationally.
Kendall Cornick of Augustana (South Dakota) named 2021 NCAA Woman of the Year

Kendall Cornick, an All-America softball player at Augustana (South Dakota) where she majored in biology and psychology, was named the 2021 NCAA Woman of the Year during a streamed awards show conducted November 9.

Established in 1991 and now in its 31st year, the NCAA Woman of the Year award honors graduating female college athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service and leadership throughout their collegiate careers.

A total of 107 nominees this year came from Division II colleges and universities, part of 535 nominations from all NCAA schools. From that pool, conferences selected their own recipients (36 in all from Division II; conferences are permitted to recognize two nominees if at least one is a woman of color or an international student-athlete). The NCAA Woman of the Year Selection Committee chose 30 honorees (10 from each division), from which three in each division were named as finalists.

Cornick helped her team win the 2019 NCAA Division II Softball Championship. In 2021, she was named first-team All-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and the Division II Conference Commissioners Association.

Cornick was a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America Team Member of the Year for softball also earned second-team honors in 2020. She received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in 2021.

Cornick said the award is a testament to every woman and mentor that influenced her life. “There are many life lessons in softball that I’ve learned and come to trust in, the biggest of which was adapting my mindset from being goal oriented to process oriented,” Cornick said. “Another lesson was how empowered women can keep empowering more women. My coach always said this to us: Empowered women empower women. My role as a now-empowered woman is to keep providing newer generations of females that mentorship and that leadership to become strong and independent and accomplish great things.”

ADDITIONAL DIVISION II FINALISTS

Attacker Alison Johnson was a three-time Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association All-American, including first-team honors in 2017 and 2018, and she led her team to NCAA Division II national titles in 2017 and 2019. The 2018 Northeast-10 Player of the Year led Division II in assists per game in 2018 and was a first-team all-conference selection in 2017, 2018 and 2019. She is Adelphi’s all-time leader in assists and ranks second in career points.

The three-time CoSIDA Academic All-American earned first-team honors in 2020 and 2021. Johnson was the 2021 Northeast-10 Elite 24 Award Winner, an award presented at each conference championship finals site to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average. In 2020 and 2021, she won the NE10 Sport Excellence Award for her outstanding athletic and academic accomplishments. A two-year team captain, in 2020 Johnson received the Division II Athletics Directors Association Academic Achievement Award. In 2021, she became the third Adelphi student-athlete to be named NE10 Woman of the Year.

Johnson volunteered with the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation to support her team’s adoptee, Lexi. She also helped Adelphi raise the second-highest total in the Headstrong Foundation’s Game Hair Havoc campaign in her final season while overcoming personal adversity.

Guard Irisa Ye earned honorable mention Women’s Basketball Coaches Association All-America honors in 2019 and 2020. Ye was the CACC Player of the Year in 2020, leading her team to a conference championship title in 2018 and three conference regular-season titles. The 2019 East Regional All-Tournament Team selection led her team to its first regional final in 2018. She ranks second in program history in field-goal percentage (52.9), third in 3-point percentage (40) and fourth in free-throw percentage (83.2).

A 2020 and 2021 first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American for women’s basketball, Ye was the 2021 CACC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year and the 2020 Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area Performer of the Year. She received the Division II Athletic Directors Association Academic Achievement Award three times.

Ye was a four-year member of the Black Student Union and the Pilipino Cultural Association. She served as volunteer lead for the Hospital Elder Life Program, coordinating volunteers across four buildings and training new volunteers. As a student researcher in 2017-18, Ye performed guided research to isolate a novel virus from a soil sample and annotate the genome.
### Division II Conference Honorees

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*Denotes top 30 finalist*
Roberts Wesleyan earns 2021 Award of Excellence

Roberts Wesleyan College earned the 2021 Division II Award of Excellence for an initiative that began with student-athletes receiving as much joy as they provided during a trip to Golisano Children’s Hospital in early 2020. The experience drove the Redhawks to do more than make an occasional visit.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Roberts Wesleyan raised more than $10,000 for the acute care children’s hospital located about 10 miles from its campus in Rochester, New York. Led by student-athletes, the month-long fundraiser culminated with the final basketball doubleheader of the season in February 2020. All the funds raised during the game were added to the total donation, and three children from the hospital were invited as honorary captains for the games.

Also, during the doubleheader, Roberts Wesleyan student-athletes celebrated winning a fundraising challenge against Director of Athletics Bob Segave. For his loss, Segave received a pie to the face from Roberts Wesleyan President Deana Porterfield.

“Our work in higher education at Roberts Wesleyan is really a mission to provide an educational experience that connects students’ heads to their hearts and engages their hands in service to others,” Porterfield said. “Although the hospital is located only 10 miles from the Roberts Wesleyan campus, the efforts of our Redhawks have had tremendous impact nationwide through the children and families who are cared for at the hospital.”

As the winner of the award, the school received $2,500 to use toward future community engagement efforts.

Belmont Abbey College received the runner-up prize of $1,250 for its Student-Athlete Advisory Committee’s Mr. Crusader Pageant, a fundraiser that tallied more than $1,700 for Make-A-Wish.

Texas A&M University-Commerce earned the third-place prize of $1,000 for its #MakeItImportant social media campaign that focused on key actions like voter registration, civic engagement, dialogue on social justice, and inclusion.

This is the eighth year Division II has issued the Award of Excellence to recognize schools for their community and campus engagement initiatives. Schools are selected by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee based on events over the previous year that exemplify the Division II philosophy, community engagement and student-athlete leadership.

Strategic Alliance Matching Grants

Entering its 22nd cycle, the Division II Strategic Alliance Matching Grant is a program through which the NCAA funds recipients at 75 percent of the proposed salary and benefits for the first year, 50 percent for the second year and 25 percent for the third year to help create full-time senior-level administrative positions or enhance current positions. The NCAA also provides recipients with $12,500 of professional development and technology funding during the first three years. The following institutions and conferences were selected to receive the grants for 2021-22:

- **Bluefield State College**, Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Success and Community Engagement
- **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association**, Coordinator of Creative Services and Digital Content
- **Concordia University, St. Paul**, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement
- **Davenport University**, Compliance and Academic Coordinator
- **East Central University**, Assistant Athletics Director for Resource Development
- **Lee University**, Director of Student-Athlete Welfare and Athletics Counseling
- **St. Thomas Aquinas College**, Assistant Director of Athletics for Academic Success
- **University of Texas Permian Basin**, Assistant Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Success
- **Upper Iowa University**, Director of Athletics Development
- **Benedict College**, Academic Support Counselor
- **University of Central Oklahoma**, Athletics Administration Intern
- **Kentucky Wesleyan College**, Compliance and Student-Athlete Development Coordinator
- **Lindenwood University**, NCAA Experiential Internship for Diverse Populations
- **Pace University**, NCAA Compliance/Academic Success Coordinator
- **Texas A&M University-Commerce**, Athletics Administration Intern

Ethnic Minorities and Women’s Internship Grants

These are one-year grants that provide funding for full-time, entry-level administrative positions. The NCAA provides $30,000 to support the salary of the hired intern and $3,000 in professional development funding. The following institutions were selected to receive the grants for 2021-22:

- **Benedict College**, Academic Support Counselor
- **University of Central Oklahoma**, Athletics Administration Intern
- **Kentucky Wesleyan College**, Compliance and Student-Athlete Development Coordinator
- **Lindenwood University**, NCAA Experiential Internship for Diverse Populations
- **Pace University**, NCAA Compliance/Academic Success Coordinator
- **Texas A&M University-Commerce**, Athletics Administration Intern
Mount Olive professor honored with Division II faculty award

The NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee selected Brenda Cates from the University of Mount Olive as the winner of the 2021 Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award.

Cates, a math professor at Mount Olive who has served as the school's faculty athletics representative since 2003, was selected for her consistent and passionate devotion to student-athlete excellence in the classroom and her advocacy on behalf of student-athletes on campus and within the Division II governance structure.

“Dr. Cates truly embodies the spirit of Division II,” Kate Pigsley, the chair of Division II SAAC’s Honors, Awards and Recognition Subcommittee and SAAC’s Northeast-10 Conference representative. “She embraces the balanced approach to the student-athlete experience we all believe in and has consistently focused her efforts on ensuring that student-athletes get the most from their college experience, particularly in academics but also in achieving their goals in athletics and in their extracurricular pursuits.”

The Dr. Dave Pariser Faculty Mentor Award is named after a Bellarmine University physical therapy professor who died in 2013 and recognizes faculty members at Division II institutions for their dedication to supporting and mentoring student-athletes, as well as their commitment to Division II student-athletes’ lifelong learning, competition and well-being.

Cates will receive the award at the Division II Faculty Mentor Award presentation and reception during the 2022 NCAA Convention in Indianapolis along with Joan Davison of Rollins College, who received the award in 2020 but was not recognized in person due to the 2021 Convention being held virtually because of the pandemic.

Cates is well known for keeping lines of communication open between coaches and faculty members at Mount Olive, and she provides academic support to student-athletes who may need additional attention while also developing recognition programs for student-athletes who are excelling in the classroom.

“I can’t overstate what it means to me to be honored by the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee with this award,” Cates said upon being informed of the recognition. “I’ve always believed in helping student-athletes maximize their potential and blossom into leaders who will have a positive impact on our society, so to be recognized by such an influential group of student-athletes for my passion in this regard is truly humbling and rewarding.”

Coaching Enhancement Grants

These grants help member schools create full-time assistant coaching positions in any of the 24 NCAA-sponsored sports. The NCAA provides $25,000 in funding in the first year, $15,000 in the second year and $8,000 in the third year. The school is required to supplement the funding, as well as commit to funding the position in full for the fourth and fifth years. Additionally, the NCAA provides $1,200 during each of the first three years of the grant toward professional development opportunities for the hired coach.

The following institutions and conferences were selected to receive the grants for 2021-22:

- Benedict College, Assistant Coach for Men’s and Women’s Cross Country/Track and Field
- Bluefield State College, Assistant Wrestling/Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Northwest Missouri State University, Assistant Women’s Soccer Coach
- Purdue University Northwest, Assistant Softball Coach
- Saint Augustine’s University, Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach/Assistant Academic Advisor
- Texas A&M International University, Assistant Women’s Soccer Coach
- University of Central Oklahoma, Associate Head Coach – Soccer

Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients

The NCAA awards $7,500 post-graduate scholarships annually to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition. Each sports season, there are 29 scholarships available for men and 29 scholarships available for women for use in an accredited graduate program. The following includes Division II awardees for winter and spring sports in 2021, and for fall sports in 2020, since awardees for fall sports in 2021 had yet to be announced by press time.

MEN’S FALL SPORTS 2020
- Stefano Cammarota, Barry University, Soccer

WOMEN’S FALL SPORTS 2020
- Mariika Laurendeau, The College of Saint Rose, Soccer
- Megan Welliver, Rollins College, Soccer

MEN’S WINTER SPORTS 2021
- Ahmed Ahmed, Wayne State University (Michigan), Swimming and Diving

WOMEN’S WINTER SPORTS 2021
- Maia Austin, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Indoor Track and Field
- Patricia Kuhlman, Belmont Abbey College, Basketball

MEN’S SPRING SPORTS 2021
- Roy Stepanov, Wingate University, Tennis

WOMEN’S SPRING SPORTS 2021
- Alyssa Callans, Maryville University of Saint Louis, Softball
- Kendall Cornick, Augustana University (South Dakota), Softball
- Elizabeth Magee, Azusa Pacific University,Acrobatics and Tumbling
A record 43 Division II member schools received the Presidents’ Award for Academic Excellence in 2021. The award is presented to Division II member schools earning an Academic Success Rate of 90% or higher.

Bentley University and Saint Michael’s College were the top performers in the division, with each turning in a four-year ASR of 99%, followed by Biola University, Hillsdale College and Thomas Jefferson University with 98% each.

The Northeast-10 Conference led the division with eight athletics programs achieving scores of 90% or more, followed by the Great Lakes Valley Conference with five.

“The Presidents’ Award for Academic Excellence recognizes Division II member schools for their commitment to a balanced college experience that supports student-athletes achieving success in the academic curricula of their choice,” said Steven Shirley, president of Minot State University and chair of the Division II Presidents Council. “It is an honor to recognize this many institutions and their student-athletes for their hard work and dedication to achieving such academic excellence.”

The Division II Academic Success Rate includes transfers into a school in the calculation and removes likely transfers out who left school while academically eligible. The ASR also includes the more than 31,000 nonscholarship student-athletes who were enrolled in the four years covered in the most recent data.

Even when using the less-inclusive federal graduation rates, student-athletes are outperforming their peers in the general student population by 8%. For Division II athletes, the federal rate increased 1 percentage point to 60%, and the general student body increased 1 point to 52%.

2021 marks the 10th year since the inception of the presidents’ award’s. For a decade, 10 schools have consistently earned this award – Assumption, Bentley, Eckerd, Hillsdale, Rockhurst, Rollins, Saint Michael’s, Seattle Pacific, Stonehill and University of the Sciences.

**PRESIDENTS’ AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS**

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Degree Completion Award Recipients

The NCAA Division II Degree Completion Award Committee selected the following recipients for the 2021-22 academic year.

Lauren Alarie, Northern Michigan University
Milena Baigorria, Lake Superior State University
Sydney Balderrama, Northeastern State University
Wyatt Baxter, California State University, Chico
Cassidy Beem, Emporia State University
Nicola Boutwell, Colorado Mesa University
Ashlyn Bradley, Fayetteville State University
Jaelyn Brown, University of Mount Olive
Ashlynn Burgess, Seattle Pacific University
Tahya Campbell, University of West Georgia
Frankie Campbell Jr., California State University, Stanislaus
Lindsey Carpenter, Harding University
Ashley Carson, Coker University
Amos Chebli, Benedict College
Robert Anthony Cruz, Biola University
Joshua Curls, California State University, Chico
Madison deMetropolis, Biola University
Dunja Drobac, Northern Michigan University
Morgan Duschell, Auburn University at Montgomery
Matthew Flanagan, Holy Family University
Megan Flom, Winona State University
Toby Fura, Barry University
Richard Glemawu, Davis & Elkins College
Kayla Gooch, Lee University
Andrew Hanson, Wayne State College (Nebraska)
Kalley Harris, Winona State University

Joshua Hewing, Augusta University
Brennan Hockett, Northeastern State University
Alejandro Ibanez Gallego, Barry University
Jasmine Jacinto, Fayetteville State University
Hanna Jones, Harding University
Tracey Kemp, Johnson C. Smith University
Cassie Kennedy, Holy Family University
Emmeline Klefsaas, North Greenville University
Natalia Leaks, Virginia State University
Da'Quan Lewis, Virginia State University
Brooklyn Liegel, Minnesota State University Moorhead
Chandler Livingston, Colorado Mesa University
Alex Logelin, Wayne State College (Nebraska)
Matthew Mamatas, Georgia Southwestern State University
Jessica Miklos, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Michael Miller, University of West Georgia
David Mitter Jr., Lake Superior State University
Zoe Mooney, Flagler College
Myles Moore, Johnson C. Smith University
Toni Moore, Lee University
Eileene Naniseni, Lake Superior State University
Austin Nelson, Johnson C. Smith University
Jayden Nelson, King University
Andrew Ni, Colorado State University Pueblo

Phydelia Nwanze, St. Edward's University
Chaija Olsson, University of Mount Olive
Ed'Zaviah Paul, Claflin University
Elizabeth Pautz, Winona State University
Teagan Payne, Eckerd College
Shonna Penney, Lee University
Jeremiah Phifer, University of Mount Olive
Torey Richards, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Luis Rodriguez, Biola University
Mark Rowan, Cedarville University
Anna Ruhstorfer, Wayne State University (Michigan)
Shaelyne Sanchez-Czerniecki, Northeastern State University
Jazmine Santiago, University of West Georgia
Toby Scoles, Colorado School of Mines
Jacob Shamblin, Palm Beach Atlantic University
Zoe Skinner, Ursuline College
Michelle Slaughter, Holy Family University
Courtney Stanton, Colorado School of Mines
Tayla Stuttley, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Shelby Summer, McKendree University
Garrett Takamatsu, University of Central Oklahoma
Nichel Tampa, Barry University
Jordan Taylor, Flagler College
MacKenzie Ward, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Derrian Wright, Augusta University
NCAA Constitution

Preamble
The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a voluntary, self-governing organization of four-year colleges, universities and conferences committed to the well-being and development of student-athletes, to sound academic standards and the academic success of student-athletes, and to diversity, equity and inclusion. Member institutions and conferences believe that intercollegiate athletics programs provide student-athletes with the opportunity to participate in sports and compete as a vital, co-curricular part of their educational experience. The member schools and conferences likewise are committed to integrity and sportsmanship in their athletics programs and to institutional control of and responsibility for those programs. The basic purpose of the Association is to support and promote healthy and safe intercollegiate athletics, including national championships, as an integral part of the education program and the student-athlete as an integral part of the student body.
How Division II will emerge under a recrafted constitution

For those of you who’ve been in and around intercollegiate athletics for a while, you know that occasionally an issue comes along that causes you to wonder what the future will be like. Of course nowadays “occasionally” is seemingly every few days. The cancellation of championships in 2020, the ongoing uncertainty of the pandemic, the wakeup call with gender and racial equity, and the nebulous boundaries surrounding the name, image and likeness space have caused even the most seasoned administrators and coaches to say: “I used to be able to at least sort of plan ahead for 1-3 years out, but now it’s hard to foresee the next 1-3 months very clearly.”

Oh, and now throw in the real curve ball – an announcement from the NCAA Board of Governors that we’re going to rewrite the NCAA constitution. How’s that for change?

Rest assured, though, that Division II has been able to navigate its way through unsettled waters over the years and will do so again. Particularly in the past few months, Division II has donned its leadership cap to start bringing what had been a fuzzy big picture into focus.
Saying the time is now to transform college sports, the NCAA Board of Governors announces that a special convention will be convened in November to rework the NCAA constitution, with action to be taken at the NCAA’s annual Convention in January.

The Division II Presidents Council conducts its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting that happens to occur just after the Board of Governors’ announcement. Taking advantage of the opportunity, Council members discuss Division II’s key attributes and characteristics that might apply to the broader review ahead of NCAA shared values that form the foundation of a revised constitution.

A SAMPLE OF COMMENTS REGARDING DIVISION II ATTRIBUTES:

- Division II’s “Life in the Balance” approach has certainly unified us as a division, but it also can apply more broadly to the student-athlete experience in intercollegiate athletics. It’s important for student-athletes to understand the broader benefits they get out of their sport and how they can relate to the rest of their lives (e.g., teamwork, perseverance, experiences with individuals from varied backgrounds, the pursuit of integrity and fair play, the enhancement of physical and mental well-being, etc.). The balanced approach to athletics excellence, academic achievement in a chosen field, meaningful community engagement and the focus on personal development and wellness means experiencing all the campus has to offer – that’s what balance means. Balance is a lifelong benefit for all student-athletes.

- Preparation for life after college. That’s what higher education is all about, and the way we as an Association have tailored athletics participation to be an integral part of preparing young people for lifelong success is a unique attribute – again not just in Division II but throughout higher education. It’s about taking people who are with us for a short time and teaching them how to win at life beyond the four years they’re with us.

- Holistic development through athletics participation. Division II has demonstrated over time the positive effects of a well-balanced experience that includes participation in highly competitive athletics at our institutions and through the Division II championships program. The Division II model should be the example used to change the public’s perception of college sports as a win-at-all-costs enterprise. Division II truly cares about all aspects of how athletics fits within the higher education experience, both from the student-athlete perspective as well as the institution perspective.
AUGUST 10

A 28-member Constitution Committee is revealed, featuring presidents, commissioners, athletics directors and students from Divisions I, II and III, and independent members of the NCAA Board of Governors. The Division II representatives are California State University, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson; Pittsburg State University Athletics Director Jim Johnson; California University of Pennsylvania Volleyball Student-Athlete Madeleine McKenna; Northeast-10 Conference Commissioner Julie Ruppert; and Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Athletics Director Harry Stinson III.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

- Identifying the core principles that define college sports;
- Proposing a new governance model that allows for quicker change without sacrificing broader values; and
- Proposing a new system of governance and rules enforcement that further contemplates the role of national oversight and places appropriate responsibility at the school and conference levels.

AUGUST 18

Constitution Committee Chair Robert Gates issues the following statement after the committee’s first meeting:

“The committee has begun its work to deliver proposals that will create transformational change. Broad-based and inclusive participation from NCAA schools and conferences will be important to identifying how to transform college sports. The committee approved a letter to the membership that will be sent this week outlining the process and opportunities to provide input. It also reviewed a survey that will be widely distributed next week to all constituent elements of the NCAA and discussed additional means of accessing diverse views on needed changes, including from student-athletes. In November, it will submit for membership feedback a working draft of its proposals, which will be discussed at a special virtual convention to be convened no later than Nov. 15. The final proposals will be provided to the NCAA Board of Governors by Dec. 15 and scheduled for votes in January by the full NCAA membership at the Association’s national Convention in Indianapolis.”
SEPTEMBER 22

More from Chair Gates in a Q&A with The New York Times on the desired outcomes: “We need to be very careful not to do anything that negatively impacts Divisions II and III, which are generally pretty content with things. One of the things in the current constitution that I think will have to be in the new constitution is the very specific allocation of resources to Divisions II and III ... Not only do those divisions have thoughts in this process, but they also have two-thirds of the votes. We cannot have a vote in January that is just Divisions II and III – we have to have the support for these changes from Division I, and it’s not just because of the revenues, but because of the size of the schools, the number of student-athletes who are involved, everything.”

SEPTEMBER 24

A compilation of survey responses from nearly 5,000 individuals who completed the committee’s survey – 3,492 campus, conference and coaches association administrators or executives, and 1,362 student-athlete leaders – indicated the following thoughts regarding the divisional structure:

- Approximately one-third of Division II and Division III respondents agreed that the current divisional structure needs to change. This was higher in Division I, with a slight majority of respondents endorsing such a change.
- However, when breaking out responses by those in Division I autonomy and nonautonomy conferences, more than two-thirds of autonomy conference administrators supported such a change to the structure as compared with approximately 45% of nonautonomy conference administrators in Division I.
- Those who agreed that the current divisional structure needed to change received an open-ended prompt asking them to describe their vision. Comments included calls to increase the number of divisions (often calling for an expansion of Division I, or in some cases Division III); break the autonomy conferences out of Division I and permit self-governance; reconsider Division I subdivisions by extracting FBS football from NCAA oversight; and restructure divisional membership, taking into account geography, campus enrollment or resource level.

SEPTEMBER 29

A group of eight Division II conference commissioners write to Constitution Committee Chair Gates regarding “integral” items from which they believe the NCAA should not waver in its redrafting of the constitution. “As a group of Division II commissioners,” the letter states, “we felt it important to collectively offer our thoughts, recommendations and insights. We speak only for ourselves, not as members of the Division II Conference Commissioners Association. Our collective experiences within the Association and our roles as commissioner offer a unique perspective.”

DIVISION II COMMISSIONERS:

PAT BRITZ, South Atlantic Conference
CHRIS COLVIN, Conference Carolinas
MITCH COX, California Collegiate Athletic Association
BOB DRANOFF, East Coast Conference

CHRIS GRAHAM, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference
BOB HOGUE, Pacific West Conference
STEVE MURRAY, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference
JIM NAUMOVICH, Great Lakes Valley Conference
THE EMPHASIS AREAS PERTAINING TO THE ASSOCIATION AS A WHOLE ARE:

- That graduation of all student-athletes should be the goal in determining all legislation managing initial and continuing eligibility.
- That safety regulations and playing rules development continue to be an Association-led endeavor.
- That national championship access, opportunities, experiences and recognition be paramount for the Association regardless of division, gender or sport notoriety.
- That Association resources be fairly distributed among the membership, while care is taken to not overburden the membership with unnecessary demands for their resources.
- That a commitment to equity and the support of opportunities for underrepresented groups remain a principle we continue to uphold.
- That while the advent of new opportunities for student-athletes to earn compensation through their experiences in collegiate athletics is now upon us, we should never allow pay for play.

THE EMPHASIS AREAS PERTAINING SPECIFICALLY TO DIVISION II ARE:

- That the concept of regionalization for determining access to championships remain intact as a mode to managing institutional expenses in regular-season scheduling, but also divisional budget allocations.
- That budget resources allocated for each division within the constitution be considered not merely as a flat percentage of revenue but tied as well to long-term potential changes in membership, and to the affirmation of guarantees originally outlined in the constitution adopted upon federation in 1995.
- That any changes in expectations for conference office management of current Association office administration be supported with additional funding.
- That a reengineered Management Council provide increased representation for athletics directors and conference officers, and that a reengineered Presidents Council include representation from every conference.
- That a more nimble governance process for Division II be adopted to permit its leadership councils greater autonomy in decision making.
- That consideration be given to moving to a biennial NCAA Convention format.

OCTOBER 7

NCAA Board of Governors Chair Jack DeGioia, president of Georgetown University, updates the membership regarding the work of the Constitution Committee, noting it has become clear “that there was more to be done outside of the committee’s charge to implement the transformational changes that are needed to improve the Association.”

DeGioia noted that ratification of a new constitution in January remains the essential first step in the process of transforming the governance of the NCAA, and that a new constitution will provide divisions the flexibility they need to act on the second step, which will require that each division review the rules governing the division to ensure that changes are consistent with the principles agreed upon in the new constitution.

The Division I Board of Directors and the Divisions II and III Presidents Councils will oversee the rewriting of rules governing their respective divisions. Following is the timeline to guide the work:

**NOV. 8:** Constitution Committee delivers initial concepts to member schools.

**NOV. 15:** Each division discusses concepts at the Special Convention.

**NOV. 15–20:** Initial membership comment and feedback period.

**NOV. 21–DEC. 5:** Constitution Committee reviews feedback and modifies concepts for membership review.

**DEC. 6–11:** Second membership comment and feedback period.

**DEC. 15:** Constitution Committee provides final recommendations to the Board of Governors.

**DEC. 15–JAN. 20:** The Board of Governors, divisional bodies and member schools and conferences sponsor amendments to be discussed and voted upon.

**JAN. 20:** Members participate in the 2022 NCAA Convention and vote on a new NCAA constitution.

**JAN. 20–AUG. 2022:** Each division reviews its rules and adopts changes in time for legislation to be effective Aug. 1 for the new academic year.
DECEMBER 2021

The Division II Administrative Committee appoints a 28-member Implementation Committee co-chaired by University of Wisconsin-Parkside Chancellor Debbie Ford and Delta State University President William LaForge to review the division’s rules and policies and make recommendations to ensure that changes are consistent with the principles agreed upon in the new constitution.

The committee includes one representative from all 23 Division II conferences and five current and former student-athletes (four of whom will be determined at the 2022 NCAA Convention). All five members who served on the Constitution Committee are on the Implementation Committee. Steven Shirley, president at Minot State University and chair of the Division II Presidents Council, will serve as an ex-officio member. (See roster on page 53.)

The committee, which will begin meeting in January, will also communicate with and gather feedback from the Division II membership, provide regular updates to the Division II Management Council and Division II Presidents Council, and work with Division I and Division III as needed to complete its work by August 2022. Any recommendations from the committee will follow the current Division II governance structure, legislation, and policies.

NOVEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER 8

The Constitution Committee unveils its initial draft constitution with six Articles that provide each division with more autonomy to reorganize their structures and operations. The draft recommends a reduced, nine-member Board of Governors, that essentially retains the same oversight duties as the current version.

NOVEMBER 15

The Special Convention is conducted, with each division holding individual business sessions to react to the draft constitution with straw poll voting. The Constitution Committee distributes a membership survey afterward to garner additional feedback.
DECEMBER 6

The Constitution Committee posts a revised draft of the constitution based on feedback from the special convention and additional membership input to date. Among other things, the revision broadens the scope surrounding NIL but continues prohibiting pay-for-play; combines the concepts of institutional control and compliance to minimize redundancy; and emphasizes protecting student-athlete well-being as a shared responsibility across higher education, including at the campus, conference, division and national levels. The draft also retains the nine-member Board of Governors but does clarify the scope of its oversight per concerns voiced during the special convention.

DECEMBER 16

The NCAA Board of Governors unanimously approves sending the final draft of the constitution forward for an Association-wide vote at the 2022 NCAA Convention. Board of Governors Chair Jack DeGioia calls the entire process “an example of how we can work together to modernize college sports and meet the needs of students engaged in intercollegiate athletics – today and for the future. The ratification of a new constitution in January will unlock the ability for the divisions to rewrite rules for each division by August that will enable us to realize the goal of transforming NCAA governance to better serve our students.”

DIVISION II IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

JACKIE ARMSTRONG*, Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance / Senior Woman Administrator, Point Loma Nazarene University; Pacific West Conference

CARRIE BODKINS*, Director of Athletics, Alderson Broaddus University; Mountain East Conference

CHRIS COLVIN, Commissioner, Conference Carolinas

DEVIN CROSBY*, Director of Athletics, Lynn University; Sunshine State Conference

LIN DAWSON, Director of Athletics, Clark Atlanta University, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

DEBBIE FORD (CO-CHAIR)*, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Parkside; Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

MARTY GILBERT, Faculty Athletics Representative, Mars Hill College; South Atlantic Conference

CHRIS GRAHAM, Commissioner, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

GAYLE HUTCHINSON*, President, California State University, Chico; California Collegiate Athletic Association

JIM JOHNSON*, Director of Athletics, Pittsburg State University; Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

COLLEEN PERRY KEITH, President, Goldey-Beacom College; Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference

WILLIAM LAFORGE (CO-CHAIR), President, Delta State University; Gulf South Conference

BRANDI LAURITA, Director of Athletics, Findlay University; Great Midwest Athletic Conference

KARA LINDAMAN, Faculty Athletics Representative, Winona State University; Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference

CARRIE MICHAES, Senior Associate Director of Athletics / Senior Woman Administrator, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference

MADELEINE MCKENNA*, Former Student-Athlete, California University of Pennsylvania; Former Member of the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

TRACI MURPHY, Director of Athletics, Daemen College; East Coast Conference

STEVE ROACH, Director of Athletics, Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Lone Star Conference

JULIE RUPPERT*, Commissioner, Northeast-10 Conference

KEVIN SCHRIVER, Faculty Athletics Representative, Southwest Baptist University; Great Lakes Valley Conference

STEVEN SHIRLEY (EX-OFFICIO), President, Minot State University, Division II Presidents Council Chair

WENDELL STATON, Director of Athletics, Georgia College; Peach Belt Conference

JACKSON STAVER, Director of Athletics, Seattle Pacific University; Great Northwest Athletic Conference

HARRY STINSON III*, Director of Athletics, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association

CHERRIE WILMOTH, Associate Director of Athletics for Internal Operations and Compliance / Senior Woman Administrator, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Great American Conference

*Also served on the Constitution Committee.

NOTE: Four additional student-athlete members will be determined at the 2022 Convention.)