



EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

Student Affairs 2009-10 Annual Report

Department- Athletics

Mission Statement: Intercollegiate athletics are integral to the overall educational experience at Eastern Oregon University. As a cultural attraction of campus life, EOU athletic programs endeavor to connect the University with the Eastern Oregon region, and reflect high standards of studentship, sportsmanship, fair play, and concern for the individual and community. All student participants and department personnel are dedicated to academic and athletic excellence at the conference, regional and national levels. EOU is dedicated to a philosophy of firm institutional control of athletics, to the unquestioned academic and financial integrity of the athletics program, and to the accountability of the athletics department to the values and goals befitting higher education.

2009-10 Goals and Goal Attainment Summary

Goal A: (attained) Increase athletic aid overall to achieve desired Tier 1 and Tier 2 Levels (need to continue to increase to reach desired levels)

STRATEGIES: Allows for more competitive athletic program that will have a dramatic effect on recruitment, retention and success. Overall success of program will also aid in overall marketing strategies and positive publicity for EOU.

TIME FRAMES: Jan 1, 2010 (necessary for recruiting)

Goal B: (tabled) Conduct Interest and Abilities Survey for underrepresented population (females) to gauge compliance with Participation prong of Title IX

STRATEGIES: Survey will provide necessary information to see if any programs need to be added for women

TIME FRAMES: Completed by fall 2009

Goal C: (Partially attained) Increase FTE in assistant coaches' positions as determined/indicated through Title IX consultant's review

STRATEGIES: Provide equitable access to assistant coaches for female student athletes

TIME FRAMES: Committed to prior to Interest and Ability survey for implementation July 1, 2010

GOAL D: (Partially attained and in process) Create Athletics Coordinator of Development Position.

STRATEGIES: Work with Marketing, Development and Public Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs, and President to create a development officer for athletics.

TIME FRAMES: July 1, 2010

GOAL E: (attained) Replace football Scoreboard

STRATEGIES: Replace 25 year old board using variety of funding

TIME FRAMES: September 1, 2009

GOAL F: (unattained) Begin discussions among OUS regional institutions to advocate for a larger percentage of lottery funding

STRATEGIES: Uniting the four OUS regional institutions and targeting specific Board members to help receive more of the lottery proceeds to enhance athletic programs

TIME FRAMES: July 1, 2010

GOAL G: (attained) Enhance Champions of Character program by partnering with Student Leadership

STRATEGIES: Partnering with Student leadership will enhance current Champions of Character program and eliminate duplication of efforts

TIME FRAMES: October 1, 2009

GOAL H: (in process) Provide a system for better tracking of members using the Fitness Center.

STRATEGIES: Research, purchase and install computerized system

TIME FRAMES: October 1, 2009

Summary of Service and Programs for Students

The Mountaineers enjoyed another stellar year in athletic competition. EOU finished 3rd in the competitive All-Sport Award race which is given to the most successful overall athletic program in the Cascade Collegiate Conference. The 3rd place follows a 1st place in 2007-2008 and a second place in 2006-2007 and a 3rd place in 2008-2009. The Mountaineers also finished 43rd in the prestigious Directors Cup standings.

Accomplishments of each sport are as follows:

Volleyball

- Third in Cascade Collegiate Conference
- 38th in the NAIA
- 15-9 (Overall) 13-5 (Conference)
- 1: All-America Honorable Mention
- 1: Co-Conference Player of the Year
- 1: First Team All-Conference
- 2: All-Northwest Region Team
- 4: Academic All-American
- 7: Academic All-Conference
- 7: Fall Deans List
- 4: Winter Deans List

Soccer

- Sixth in Cascade Collegiate Conference
- 4-9 (Overall) 4-5 (Conference)
- 2: Second Team All-Conference
- 2: Honorable Mention All-Conference
- 4: Academic All-Conference
- 8: Fall Deans List
- 4: Winter Deans List
- 7 Spring Deans List
- 5 Spring Deans List

Football

- Second in Frontier Conference
- 22nd in Final Poll, 21st in Spring Poll, Highest at 19th
- 7-4 (Overall) 7-3 (Conference)
- 1: Co-Offensive Player of the Year in Frontier Conference
- 9: First team All-Conference
- 7: Second team All-Conference
- 3: College Fanz.com All-American Honorable Mention
- 24 Academic All-Conference players
- 4: Academic All-American
- 10 Fall Deans List
- 7 Winter Deans List

- 12 Spring Deans List

Women's Cross Country

- Fourth in Cascade Collegiate Conference
- 28th in Final Poll, Highest at 19th
- 1: All-American
- 2: National Qualifiers
- 3: Fall Deans List
- 5 Spring Deans List

Men's Cross Country

- Third in Cascade Collegiate Conference
- 18th in Final Poll, Highest at 18th
- 1: All-American
- Men qualified as a team for NAIA Championships
- 2: Academic All-Conference
- 3: Fall Deans List
- 1: Winter Deans List

Women's Basketball

- Second in Cascade Collegiate Conference Tournament, Fourth in Standings
- Highest at 26th
- 20-12 (Overall) 12-6 (Conference)
- Finished First Round National Tournament
- 1: All-Conference
- 2: All-Conference honorable mention
- 1: Academic All-American
- 5: Academic All-Conference
- 5: Fall Deans List
- 9 Winter Deans List
- 7 Spring Deans List

Men's Basketball

- Second in Cascade Collegiate Conference Standings
- 13th in Final Poll, Highest at 13th
- 23-9 (Overall) 14-4 (Conference)
- Finished in Sweet 16 at National Tournament
- 1: Second Team All-American
- 1: Academic All-American
- 2: All-Conference
- 2: Academic All-Conference
- 5: Fall Deans List
- 5: Winter Deans List
- 5 Spring Deans List

Indoor Track and Field

- 10 National Qualifiers, All 10 were top 15 finishes, eight of them finishing in the top 10. Seven finished in the top eight, and three were All-Americans
- 3: All-American
- 17 Fall Deans List
- 5 Winter Deans List
- 12 Spring Deans List

Outdoor Track and Field

- 18 NAIA National Championships "A" Qualifiers
- Women 2nd and Men 3rd in CCC Championships
- 3 Performance All Americans
- 1 CCC female Track Athlete of the Year
- 6 Current top 10 national event rankings
- 17 Academic All-Conference
- 17 Fall Deans List
- 5 Winter Deans List
- 13 Spring Deans List
- 7 Academic All-Americans

Softball

- Seventh in Cascade Collegiate Conference Standings
- 12-25 (Overall) 4-19 (Conference)
- 2: Academic All-Conference
- 2: Fall Deans List
- 2: Winter Deans List
- 3 Spring Deans List

Each term academic progress is tracked to effectively monitor the efforts by student athletes in the classroom. Benchmarks have been established and are measured for each team. The data show that Mountaineer student-athletes perform as well or better than the general student population at EOU. Benchmarks include:

- Overall student athlete GPA 3.02 (through winter term)
- Each EOU athletic team establish a leadership council to address any issues that arise and to increase effective communication
- Promote and participate in the campus Student Leadership program and annual conference
- Regularly seek leadership opportunities for student athletes on campus committees, student government, and encourage participation in clubs and organizations
- Reading Buddy program
- Breast Cancer Awareness (raised \$1900 for local Center for Human Development and received Susan B. Komen Grant)
- Strike Out Sexual Assault Program (raised over \$500 for local Shelter from the Storm)
- Annual Food Drive (collected over 2000 pounds of food)
- Athletics Campus Clean Up Day (collected over 200 bags of debris)
- Mothers Day Dance (Grande Ronde Retirement Center)

- Safety Fair (local schools)
- Shelter From the Storm Soup Supper Fundraiser
- Kids Night Out events
- Kids Night Outdoors (fundraiser to support city summer recreation program)
- Cascade Athletic Director of the Year Co-Winner – Rob Cashell
- NACDA West Region Athletic Director of the Year Winner – Rob Cashell

2009-10 Student Learning Outcomes & Assessment Results

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- Receive quality training that incorporates specificity within sport and individual position or event.
- Demonstrate the transmission of skills learned through repetitive practices to competitive situations seeking mastery of skills.
- Establish the ability to work in a collaborative setting to achieve agreed upon goals both individually and within a group.

2. By participating in Wellness and Recreation activities that compliment the students' University experience by use of available programs and facilities students will:

- Be exposed to lifelong recreation opportunities
- Comply with policies and procedures related to intramural activities that promote sportsmanship.

3. By participating in activities that are based on Positive Citizenship and Character Development student athletes will:

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Issues/Challenges Facing the Department

Budget/Finances – decreased state support and lottery funding continues to be an issue

Staffing – operating same number of sports with fewer support staff (need third athletic trainer)

Facilities – need to continue to improve facilities