

# 2023-2024 Annual Board Report for Athletics

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# 2023-2024 Cohort Overview – By the Numbers

- Total Student-Athletes:136
  - Men: 92 (68%)
  - Women: 44 (32%)
  
- Residency of Student-Athletes
  - In-County: 73 (54%) (48 men, 25 women)
  - Out-of-County: 19 (14%) (17 men, 2 women)
  - Out-of-State: 44 (32%) (27 men, 17 women)
    - WV: 18 (9 men, 9 women)
    - PA: 18 (11 men, 7 women)
    - Other: 8 (7 men, 1 woman)
  
- Living Situation
  - Local at home with family: 115 (85%) (74 men, 41 women)
  - Local – living on own 4 (3%) (1 man, 3 women)
  - Out of area – Living alone or with others/with other athletes: 17 (12%)(17 men, 0 women)

\*\*\*please note all numbers listed above are unduplicated & residency based on High School.

# Timeline of Changes/Roles of Athletic Advisor

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- Fall 2021
  - Coordinator of Academic Advising and Transfer Services – position created to allow for an advisor to work with the student-athlete cohort. In addition, faculty advising and transfer services was included in this role. Office was located in the Student-Center.
- Summer 2024
  - The Coordinator of Academic Advising and Transfer Services position was changed to Coordinator of Athletic Advising and Eligibility, and moved to the Athletic, Recreation, and Community Center (ARCC) – with an office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway. This location made it more convenient for student-athletes and coaches to meet with advisor. This advisor was also able to interact more frequently with the athletic department.

Reflections, Academic  
Successes, and  
Challenges:

*Class of 2023-2024*

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# 2023-2024 Reflections, Academic Successes, and Challenges (Academic Honors)

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- 17 student-athletes recognized for achieving Region XX and MDJUCO academic honors
  - Minimum of 3.5 GPA
    - 2 Baseball, 2 Men's Basketball, 3 Golf, 2 Men's Soccer, 4 Women's Soccer, 3 Volleyball, and 2 Track and Field (note – one athlete was dual sport)
- 12 student-athletes recognized for achieving NJCAA National Academic Honors
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team – 4.0 GPA (3 student-athletes – Baseball, Golf, and Women's Soccer)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – 3.8-3.99 GPA (4 student-athletes – Golf, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, and Volleyball)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team – 3.6-3.79 GPA (5 student-athletes – Golf, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Volleyball, and Track and Field)
- 4 student-athletes were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa (National Honor Society)

# 2023-2024 Reflections, Academic Successes, and Challenges (GPA)

- GPA used represents the institutional GPA. This GPA includes both college level and developmental coursework. Student-athletes have three different GPA's that can be calculated: College level, Institutional, and Athletic
- Total GPA above 3.0 in Fall 2023: 48 (35%)
- Total GPA above 3.0 in Spring 2024: 53 (39%)
- Athletes with GPA's (Unduplicated) of:

	<u>Fall 23</u>	<u>Spring 24</u>
- <u>3.0 to 3.49</u>		
▪ Men	18	13
▪ Women	7	6
- <u>3.50 to 3.99</u>		
▪ Men	6	16
▪ Women	7	7
- <u>4.0</u>		
▪ Men	9	5
▪ Women	1	6

# 2023-2024 GPA Review (Men's Athletics)

Team (participants)	Fall 23	Spring 24
Baseball (36)	2.54	2.95
Men's Basketball (14)	2.74	2.50
Golf (6)	3.29	2.88
Cross Country (8)	2.00	2.53
Indoor Track (13)	2.62	2.48
Outdoor Track (15)	2.72	2.36
Men's Soccer (19)	2.12	2.18
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>2.58</b>	<b>2.55</b>
<b>HCC Male GPA - Overall/Full Time</b>	<b>2.47*/2.68*</b>	<b>2.52*/2.73*</b>

- Based on Institutional GPA (note - \* is based on college level GPA)
- Most sports followed the trend that you would expect. GPA's were slightly lower in the season of competition (exception was baseball)
- Overall GPA is above a 2.5, which is the benchmark GPA we try to have athletes reach for transfer purposes.
- Men's GPA tended to match overall GPA, but was slightly lower than the full time average.

# 2023-2024 GPA Review (Women's Athletics)

Team (participants)	Fall 23	Spring 24
Women's Basketball (5)*	2.26	2.63
Cross Country (3)	3.31	3.27
Indoor Track and Field (11)	3.02	2.95
Outdoor Track and Field (10)	3.02	2.96
Women's Soccer (15)	2.76	2.83
Softball (6)*	2.42	2.72
Volleyball (8)	2.45	2.63
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>2.74</b>	<b>2.85</b>
<b>HCC Female GPA - Overall/Full Time</b>	<b>2.76*/2.80*</b>	<b>2.76*/2.90*</b>

- Based on Institutional GPA (note - \* is based on college level GPA)
- Most sports followed the trend that you would expect. GPA's were slightly lower in the season of competition (exceptions were Cross Country and Softball)
- Overall GPA is above a 2.5, which is the benchmark GPA we try to have athletes reach for transfer purposes.
- Women's GPA tended to match HCC females as a whole



# 2023-2024 GPA Review – 2022-2023 Report Comparison

Class	Fall	Spring
2022-2023 Total Roster - GPA	2.53	2.20
2023-2024 Total Roster - GPA	2.66	2.70
2022-2023 Total Roster - Percent Eligible	91%	86%
2023-2024 Total Roster - Percent Eligible	94%	85%
2022-2023 Scholarship Athletes- GPA	2.46	2.23
2023-2024 Scholarship Athletes- GPA	2.42	2.89
2022-2023 Scholarship Athletes – Percent Eligible	90%	93%
2023-2024 Scholarship Athletes – Percent Eligible	93%	97%

- Based on Institutional GPA (note - \* is based on college level GPA)
- GPA's in 2023-2024 were higher in both spring and fall, with Spring 2024 actually increasing (as opposed to decreasing from the previous year for total rosters).
- GPA went down slightly in the fall for scholarship athletes, however, it increased in the spring of 2024 for this same group.
- In all cases (with the exception of spring 2024 – total roster), eligibility increased.

# 2023-2024 Retention Review

<b>Class (2023-2024) 129 unduplicated student-athletes</b>	<b>Returned to HCC after 2023-2024 academic year</b>	<b>Transfer to a 4 year school after 2023-2024 academic year</b>	<b>Enlisted in Military</b>	<b>Transferred to another 2 year school or are working/other</b>
First year student-athletes (90)	65 (72%)	6 (6%)	1 (1%)	18 (20%)
Second year student-athletes (39)	5 (13%)	21 (54%)	0 (0%)	13 (33%)
Total	70 (54%)	27 (21%)	1 (1%)	31 (24%)

# 2023-2024 Retention Review – 2022-2023 Comparison

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- 54% (70 of 129) of the 2023-2024 class returned to HCC, as compared to 46% (51 of 111) of the 2022-2023 class. Of the first year class, 72% returned to HCC for a second year, as compared to 51% from the 2022-2023 class.
- 21% (27) transferred from the 2023-2024 class to a four year college or university. The 2022-2023 class saw 39 (35%) student athletes transfer to a four year college or university.
- Of the 2023-2024 class, 1 joined the military, and 31 student-athletes either transferred to another two year school or began work.

# 2023-2024 Reflections, Academic Successes, and Challenges (Graduation)

- There were 26 total student-athletes in the 2023-24 cohort that graduated in Fall 2023, Spring 2024, or Summer 2024
- In addition, there were 14 former student-athletes that graduated in that same time period.
- Currently, we expect 38 rostered student-athletes to graduate in the 2024-25 year cohort class, with an additional 10 former student-athletes graduating.
- The changes in percentages from 23-24 to 24-25 could be that men's teams have a large number of second year players and women's team have more first year players.

Class	Men	Women	Total
2023-2024 rostered athletes actual FY24 (136 – 92 male, 44 female)	13 (14.1%)	13 (29.5%)	26 (19.1%)
2023-2024 former athletes	3	11	14
2024-2025 rostered athletes projected FY25 (147 – 94 male, 53 female)	29 (30.8%)	9 (16.9%)	38 (25.8%)
2024-2025 former athletes	7	3	10

Questions?

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# 2024-2025: Fall 2024 semester review

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- Weekly meetings with at-risk student athletes (about 30-40 students)
  - This became challenging in October trying to balance spring registrations and weekly meetings.
  - Based on GPA and/or coaches recommendation
- Fall 2024 (late October/early November) – Granted access to D2L Brightspace to monitor specific student-athlete academic progress during semester
  - Set up meetings with both Baseball and Women's Basketball bi-weekly.
  - All student-athletes on both teams were eligible for the spring 2025 semester.
- Interacting with coaches for 2025-26 recruiting class visits
- Reviewing Academic Programs and Financial Aid
- Tours as needed

## 2024-2025: Spring 2025 semester plans

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- Hold Bi-Weekly/Monthly meetings with coaches to review roster and grades.
- Conduct “Group Athletic Scheduling” to ensure students are registered in best possible courses/sections not conflicting with game schedules and to free up more time to have meetings with at-risk student-athletes and those struggling in the Spring 2025 semester.
- Identify ways to honor Scholar-Athletes
- Play an active role in communicating with faculty regarding student-athletes missing classes due to representing HCC for athletic competitions.
- Begin to review data on student-athletes who begin with developmental coursework and specifically review the eligibility and retention data on this specific cohort.