

VC Athletics Commitment to Informed Citizenry (II.C.4.18)

Evidence of the Athletic Department's commitment to developing an informed citizenry lies in the alumni panel discussion on Race, Diversity and the Student Athlete held in June 2020 in the wake of social unrest across the country (II.C.4.08). Additionally, in the fall of 2020, Athletics partnered with ASVC to promote voter registration with all athletics teams as well as through the Athletics website and social media (II.C.4.09). The Athletics Department services a highly diverse student population, with a significant percentage of African American, Hispanic, and mixed-race student athletes. (See chart below.)



The Athletics Department also produces a higher degree completion, certificate completion, and transfer to a four-year university rate than the campus in general. (See chart below.)



During the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020-21, only spring sports teams played intercollegiate competition and 36 student athletes from fall and spring sports transferred to four-year schools. Of those transfers, 19 plan to continue competing in their sport(s) across all divisions of intercollegiate competition. There were 15 transfers who received athletic scholarships while 20 received academic aid to their new school. The Pirate transfers headed to 29 different schools across 12 states around the country (II.C.4.10).

In 2019-20, 83 student athletes transfer to four-year institutions. Of those transfers, 60 planned to continue their athletic careers at the new school, most of them with an athletic scholarship. The transferring student athletes attended 58 different schools in 26 states around the country (II.C.4.11). Ventura College student athletes achieve success in the classroom. In spring 2021, student athletes had an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.22. A total of 106 student athletes earned recognition on the Dean's List with 49 recording perfect 4.0 GPA's. A total of 17 of the 19 intercollegiate teams had a team GPA above 3.0 (II.C.4.12).