

**Student-Athletes Experience Academic Success with
Support from U of M's Center for Athletic Academic Services**

March 26, 2014 - The Center for Athletic Academic Services (CAAS) at the University of Memphis provides an umbrella of services and support designed to assist student-athletes. The CAAS staff works tirelessly to challenge U of M student-athletes to grow academically, socially and pre-professionally while they pursue challenging majors that will lead to a career upon graduation.

"The University of Memphis places tremendous value on the academic success of our student-athletes," said Interim President Brad Martin. "This is evidenced by the ongoing investment that our staff, faculty and coaches make toward helping them succeed not only in the classroom, but also in preparing them for a career after graduation."

Over the last five years, the academic performance of the U of M's student-athletes has improved as evidenced by overall grade point average, academic performance rate and graduation success rate. The overall GPA for all student-athletes at the U of M was 3.01 for the fall 2013 semester. In the last five academic years, measured by the NCAA for Academic Performance Rate (2008-09 through 2012-13), the University of Memphis has improved its mark each year. In four of those years, the men's basketball team posted a perfect APR of 1000. During that same period, Memphis improved its graduation success rate from 73% in 2008-09 to 84% in 2012-13, the last reported year.

The charts below illustrate the commitment to academic success at the University of Memphis.

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Fall 2013
Departmental GPA	2.78	2.98	3.05	2.96	3.01
% of student-athletes w/ Academic Honors (3.0 GPA or above)	49%	55%	57%	59.5%	54%
C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll (3.0 GPA in season)	166 (school record)	186 (school record)	218 (school record)	228 (school record - #1 in C-USA)	n/a
C-USA Academic Medal (3.75 GPA in season)	49 (school record - #1 in C-USA)	56 (school record)	60 (school record)	54 (#2 in C-USA)	n/a

APR (Academic Performance Rate, as measured by the NCAA)

APR - Institutional Averages		Teams with a perfect 1000 APR
2008-09	965	Men's basketball, Men's tennis, Women's golf, Women's tennis, Volleyball, and Rifle
2009-10	968	Men's basketball, Baseball, Men's golf, Women's golf, Softball, Women's soccer, and Women's tennis
2010-11	973	Men's basketball, Men's cross country, Men's golf, Men's tennis, Women's basketball, Women's golf, Women's tennis, Volleyball, and Rifle
2011-12	975	Baseball, Men's basketball, Men's cross country, Men's golf, Men's tennis, Women's cross country, Women's golf, Women's tennis, Volleyball, and Rifle
2012-13	978	*Men's basketball, Men's cross country, Women's golf, Women's tennis, Women's Track, Volleyball, and Rifle

**MBB APR scores - 09-10, 10-11, 11-12, 12-13 = 1000 (Tigers' MBB program is one of 13 in the nation to receive the NCAA Public Recognition Award for APR score in top 10% and also participate in the 2012 NCAA Tournament).*

***The NCAA announced Public Recognition Awards for 2012-13 APR scores in top 10% nationally for: Baseball, Men's Basketball, Women's Golf and Women's Tennis*

GSR (Graduation Success Rate)

2008-09	73%
2009-10	76%
2010-11	80%
2011-12	81%
2012-13	84%

Support services provided by the CAAS include orientation programs, tutoring, mentoring, academic counseling, study hall and academic advising. The staff also conducts all academic eligibility evaluations of prospective student-athletes for the athletic department and works with the Registrar's office to monitor academic compliance of prospective and current student-athletes, including certification of eligibility.