

Student-Athlete Mentor Program

By creating a multicultural environment in the WSU Athletics Department, this program reflects in part the University's commitment to diversity. A mentoring relationship provides the mentor with the opportunity for providing student-athletes with professional and personal growth, and the satisfaction of assisting students to develop the skills necessary to become successful in all of their endeavors. This program will provide benefits to students-athletes by:

- Promoting communication among student-athletes, coaches, and athletic administrators on minority issues.
- **Providing feedback and insight into athletics department issues.**
- Generating a student-athlete voice within the Athletics Department.
- Equipping student-athletes with information of what a positive image means on campus.
- Improving minority retention and graduation rates by demonstrating an interest in the personal growth of the student-athlete.
- Helping nurture the competencies that are required for success.
- Improving morale and commitment.
- Improving the number of minority graduates available for employment.

In achieving this process, the Student-Athlete Mentor Program will:

- Help Student-Athletes in preparation for success in life.
- Meet the changing needs of student-athletes.
- Enhance interpersonal relationships in the lives of the student-athlete.
- Assist student-athletes in building positive self-esteem.
- Enable student-athletes to make meaningful contributions to their communities.
- Help student-athletes realize their academic, athletic, personal and social responsibilities.
- Equip student athletes with time management skills, organization skills, and leadership skills.
- Provide a supportive learning environment that encourages academic achievement.

The development of the Student-Athlete Mentor Program will include feedback, advice, and input from the mentors, head coaches, student-athletes, student services, and athletic department executive staff. For student-athletes interested in being a part of the Student-Athlete Mentor Program, please contact Milford Hodge, Student-Athlete Mentor Program Coordinator, 335-7404, Physical Education Building 102.