

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Athletics Department to create and foster an environment which provides opportunities for all student-athletes to enrich their collegiate experience through participation on athletic teams which are competitive at the conference and national level. In concert with the mission and values of Washington State University, the department is dedicated to providing opportunities which will enhance the intellectual, physical, social, moral, and cultural development of the whole person, while conducting all activities with honesty and integrity in accordance with the principles of good sportsmanship and ethical conduct. The Athletics Department values gender and ethnic diversity and is committed to providing equitable opportunities for all students and staff. The department will pursue its mission while upholding the values, purposes, and policies of Washington State University, the Pacific-10 Conference, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

GOALS

In pursuit of its mission, the WSU Athletics Department strives to:

- Conduct all activities with the health, education, and welfare of all student-athletes as the highest priority.
- Conduct a program that is an integral part of the educational system, with the student-athlete as an active participant in the student body.
- Conduct a program that maintains a clear line of demarcation between college athletics and professional sports.
- Enhance the culture of opportunity for diversity, including providing equitable opportunities for all students and staff.
- Recruit athletically talented students who are capable, prepared, and motivated to succeed academically.
- Provide staff, resources, and facilities to support programs that are competitive in the Pacific-10 Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.
- Maintain financially viable, fiscally responsible programs.
- Foster a sense of community among students, alumni, staff, and the larger community
- Provide a viable student development program which will guide and assist student-athletes in defining and developing their academic potential, career vision and preparation, sense of responsibility toward community service, and personal values and skills.
- Establish and adhere to standards of conduct for staff and students that are consistent with the development of strong moral character, responsible behavior, and mutual respect.

The mission and goals of the WSU Athletics Department will be reviewed and evaluated annually by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Athletics staff, Athletic Council, the University Executive Committee, and the Athletics Foundation Board.

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