

# How We Support College Athletes

NCAA 101

## Opportunities and Experiences

▶ Each year, the NCAA funds **90 championships in 24 sports**, including paying for almost 14 million miles of travel to get athletes to the competitions.



▶ More than **90%** of former student-athletes surveyed 10 years after finishing their eligibility **reported they were satisfied** with their overall college experience.

## Financial Assistance

▶ NCAA schools **award more than \$3.2 billion in athletics scholarships** every year to more than 175,000 student-athletes.

▶ The NCAA finances a Student Assistance Fund of more than \$80 million each year to **help Division I athletes with essential needs**, from flying home for a family emergency to buying a winter coat.



## Wellness and Insurance

▶ The NCAA's Sport Science Institute **promotes health and safety** through research and training on concussions, overuse injuries, drug testing, mental health, sexual assault and more.



▶ The NCAA **funds an insurance policy** covering all college athletes who experience catastrophic injuries while playing or practicing their sport — providing up to \$20 million in lifetime insurance benefits.



## Academic Services



▶ NCAA schools **help student-athletes succeed in the classroom** by providing state-of-the-art technology, tutoring and access to academic advisors.

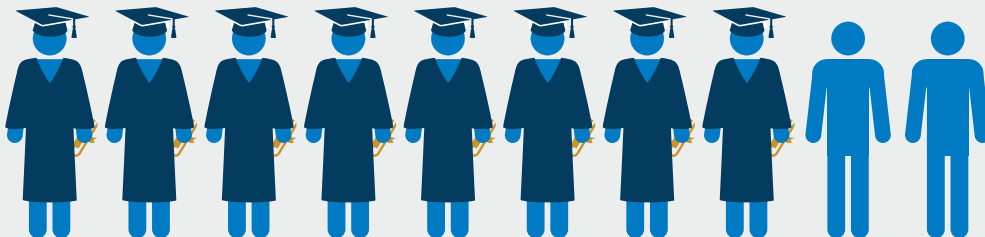
▶ Since 2004, more than **15,000** former college athletes in Division I have **returned to campus to complete their degrees**. The NCAA offers a degree-completion program, and schools can fund additional scholarships to help former athletes graduate.



▶ To support the nutritional needs of student-athletes, Divisions I and II schools can **provide unlimited meals**. Some schools have nutritionists and other health professionals to work with players.



▶ More than 8 in 10 student-athletes at Division I schools **earn bachelor's degrees**. That is their highest rate ever and higher than the rate for the general student body.



## Personal and Professional Development

▶ The NCAA **offers education and training programs**, such as the Student-Athlete Leadership Forum and Career in Sports Forum, which are designed to enhance the well-being and personal development of college athletes.



▶ The NCAA After The Game Career Center **connects former student-athletes** with career-seeking advice and job postings for various industries and levels of experience.



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