2025–2026

YEAR IN REVIEW

BERRY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

DR. ANGEL MASON



Dear Viking Family,

This year was another exceptional year for Viking Athletics. Our student-athletes competed at the highest levels, bringing home multiple conference championships and earning NCAA appearances, as well as AVCA beach, IHSA, and NCEA qualifiers.

If "rising to the occasion" could be defined by a group, it would be our Viking student-athletes. They continue to demonstrate that excellence extends far beyond competition. Academically, our student-athletes achieved tremendous success, with members of our 2026 senior class graduating with honors, cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. I could not be prouder of the scholar-athletes we have the privilege to support.

In competition, our Vikings earned:

- 10 All-American honors
- 17 Individual SAA championships
- 4 Individual national championship qualifiers
- 51 All-Region selections
- 6 Conference Athletes of the Year

But what makes Viking Athletics truly special is who our student-athletes are beyond the field, court, course, and arena. Throughout the year, our Vikings served the Berry College campus and greater Rome community with dignity, compassion, and respect. From partnering with the Salvation Army and being recognized for their service, to hosting a play day and panel with Special Olympics, and continuing our strong partnership with Helsinki's Hope, our student-athletes consistently demonstrated what it means to lead through service.

At Berry, we have the tremendous responsibility, and privilege, to make Berry better than we found it. Every day, our student-athletes, coaches, and staff contribute to that mission through their commitment to excellence, service, leadership, and one another.

To our Vikings: thank you for rising to every occasion, representing Berry with pride, and showing us what it means to be a champion in every sense of the word.

Keep rising. Keep leading. Keep making Berry better.

BattleBerry!

Angel Mason
Director of Athletics

ATHLETIC PILLARS

Vikings athletic programs are built on three core pillars: academic success, student-athlete well-being, and competitive excellence. Coaches and administrators are entrusted with upholding these values by creating an environment that champions academic achievement, prioritizes the mental and physical health of student-athletes, and equips teams with the coaching, preparation, and resources necessary to compete at the highest level.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE



FOOTBALL

11-2 OVERALL, 7-0 SAA CHAMPIONS

SAA Champions
NCAA Quarterfinals for the first time
Finished regular season ranked #9 by D3football.com
Hosted three rounds of NCAA Playoffs for the first time v Maryville , v LaGrange v John Carroll
Michael Clark First Team Team and Reed Richards Third Team AP All-American
Michael Clark and Reed Richards AFCA All-Americans
2024 Walter Camp Division III All-America Team - Reed Richards
D3football.com All-Americans – Second Team Cade Petty, Fourth Team McCormack Langford
D3football.com All-Region 3: First team – McCormack Langford, Second Team - Bryson Hill, Michael Clark, Third team – Reed Richards, Chaz Pope
Michael Clark - SAA Defensive Athlete of the Year
Tony Kunczewski: AFCA DIII Region 3 Coach of the Year and SAA Coaching Staff of the Year
First Team All-SAA: McCormack Langford, Bryson Hill, Reed Richards, Riley Stevens, Josh Rogers, Dawson Livingston, Cade Petty, Christopher Lewis, Chaz Pope
Second Team All-SAA: Hunter Coleman, Tyler Martin, Colby Sikes, Khamari Smith, Trey Richards, Jaden Melville, Trey Richards
All-SAA Honorable Mention: Brendan Gray, Nate Lyons, Cameron Coleman, Walker Williams, Gian Traverzo, Jack Murray, Brycen Williams, Steven Pickett, Miles Hamby, Ben Brookshire
SAA All-Sportsmanship: Riley Stevens
SAA Athlete of the Week and D3football.com Team of the Week: Sammy Kunczewski
Records Broken - Tied for Rushing Touchdowns in a Game (4): Andrew Hunter, Tied for Highest Completion Percentage in a Game (83.3): Christian Lewis (x2) vs Trinity and Sewanee, Highest Completion Pecentage in a Season (67.4): Christian Lewis, Most Career Wins (17): Christian Lewis, Tied Record for Longest Scoring Play (100): Zavion Plunkett and Sammy Kunczewski, Longest Kickoff Return (100): Zavion Plunkett and Sammy Kunczewski, Tied for Most Interceptions in a Single Season (5): Chaz Pope, Tied for Most Fumble Recoveries in a Season (3): Christopher Lewis, Tied for Most Career Fumble Recoveries (4): Alex Mincey, Tied for Most Forced Fumbles in a Season (3): Dreshawn Stevens, Tied for Most Career Forced Fumbles (4): Dreshawn Stevens, Team Records Broken - Tied for Most Rushing Touchdowns in a Game (7 vs Rhodes), Highest Completion Percentage Game (.824 vs Sewanee) and Season (.632), Most Kickoff Return Yards in a Game (260 vs Huntingdon), Tied for Most Punt Returns in a Game (6 vs Sewanee), Most Games Played (13), Tied for Most Wins (11), Most First Down in a Season (272), Tied for Fewest Points Allowed in a Game (0 vs LaGrange), Fewest Points Allowed per Game (13.6)





MEN'S SOCCER

11-6-5 OVERALL, 3-3-1 SAA / SAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

SAA Tournament Champions
Finished 4th in SAA Regular Season
Advanced to the NCAA Tournament
United Soccer Coaches All-Region: Jack Raulston, Cooper Cherry, Max Albertson
United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Region: Max Albertson, Cooper Cherry
First Team All-SAA: Jack Raulston
Second Team All-SAA: Cooper Cherry
All-SAA Honorable Mention: Mitch Register, Brock Shoultz, Max Albertson
SAA All-Sportsmanship Team: Cooper Cherry
Jack Raulston: First in the SAA in Game-Winning Goals (8)
Jack Raulston: Second in the SAA in Goals (12)
Jack Raulston: Second in the SAA in Points (24)
Jack Raulston: Tied for Third in the SAA in Shots (58)
Max Albertson: Fourth in the SAA in Goals (9)
Led the SAA in Saves (91)
Most Wins in a Season Since 2014
CSC Academic All-District: Jack Raulston, Cooper Cherry, Max Albertson, Mitch Register, Jaxon Champ, Tyler Whitaker
Records Broken: Jack Raulston broke the school record for most game-winning goals in a single season (8). Cooper Cherry broke the school record for most saves in a single-season (87). The team tied the school record for most shutouts in a single season (10).
19 SAA Academic Honor Roll





WOMEN'S SOCCER

7-4-5 OVERALL, 1-2-4 SAA

Finished 7th in SAA Regular Season
Second Team All-SAA: Giselle Aitken
All-SAA Honorable Mention: Olivia Bryan, Kate Hill, Nichole Knight, Teresa Rodriguez, Maddie Owen
SAA All-Sportsmanship Team: Caroline Crimi
SAA Athletes of the Week: Kate Hill (x2)
Kate Hill: First in the SAA in Save Percentage (.897)
Kate Hill: Third in the SAA in Saves (70)
Kate Hill: Third in the SAA in Goals Per Game Allowed (.60)
CSC Academic All-District: Giselle Aitken, Nichole Knight, Ide Strickland, Caroline Crimi, Mia Ries, Maddie Owen
Records Broken: Kate Hill broke the school record for Goals Against Average in a Single Season (0.60). The team broke the school record for Goals Against in a Single Season (10).
31 SAA Academic Honor Roll





MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

3RD PLACE AT SAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Finished Fifth at the NCAA DIII South Region Championship
Keenan Smith and T Harris both earned NCAA DIII South All-Region honors
USTFCCCA All-Academic Team: Troy Blackwood, T Harris
SAA Rookie of the Year: Keenan Smith
First Team All-SAA: Keenan Smith, T Harris
All-SAA Honorable Mention: Troy Blackwood
Keegan Smith: Third Fastest Time at the 2025 SAA Championship (25:17.40)
T Harris: Fifth Fastest Time at the 2025 SAA Championship (25:38.30)
SAA All-Sportsmanship: Troy Blackwood
CSC Academic All-District: T Harris, Brooks Johnson, Troy Blackwood
9 SAA Academic Honor Roll





WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

4TH PLACE AT SAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Finished Ninth at the NCAA DIII South Region Championship
Ella Williams and Olivia Lambert both earned NCAA DIII South All-Region Honors
USTFCCCA All-Academic Team: Ella Williams, Olivia Lambert
Second Team All-SAA: Ella Williams
Ella Williams: 10th Fastest Time at the 2025 SAA Championship (23:12.30)
SAA All-Sportsmanship Team: Leine Burke
CSC Academic All-District: Ella Williams, Olivia Lambert
9 SAA Academic Honor Roll





VOLLEYBALL

28-8 OVERALL, 10-4 SAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

SAA Tournament Champions
Finished 3rd in SAA Regular Season
Advanced to NCAA Championship Semifinals for the first time
Upset #1 undefeated Texas Baptist in the NCAA Quarterfinals
Madie Whitehead named to NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team
NCAA Division III Virginia Wesleyan Regional Champions
AVCA All-Region 6: Madie Whitehead and Ava Brovet
AVCA First Team All-American: Madie Whitehead
AVCA National Freshman of the Year and All-American Third Team
SAA All-Tournament: Keira Kruk (MVP), Andrea Hurt, Ava Brovet
First Team All-SAA: Madie Whitehead, Ava Brovet (Rookie of the Year)
Second Team All-SAA: Lura Underwood
All-SAA Honorable Mention: Keira Kruk
SAA All-Sportsmanship: Maddie Dahl
SAA Athletes of the Week: Madie Whitehead (x3), Andrea Hurt (x2)
First among SAA Teams in Service Aces (300) and per set (2.31)
Madie Whitehead: Led SAA in Kills (482), Kills per set (3.77), Points (571), Points per set (4.46)
Ava Brovet: Led SAA in Assists (1273) and Assists per set (9.95)
Lura Underwood: Led SAA in Service Aces (73)
Blakely Barnes: Second in the SAA in Blocks (127), Fourth in Blocks per set (0.98)
Andrea Hurt: Led the SAA in Digs (615), Third in Digs per set (4.73)
CSC First Team Academic All-American: Madie Whitehead
Four CSC Academic All-District: Madie Whitehead, Lura Underwood, Keira Kruk, Andrea Hurt
Records Broken: Points in a Four Set Match: Madie Whitehead (26 vs East Texas Baptist), Digs in a Three Set Match: Andrea Hurt (33 vs Washington & Lee), Most Kills in a Single Season: Maddie Whitehead (482), Most Assists in a Single Season: Ava Brovet (1,273), Most Total Attacks in a Single Season: Madie Whitehead (1,243), Most Service Aces in a Single Season: Lura Underwood (73), Most Team Attempts Three Sets (160 vs Washington & Lee), Tied for Most Team Assists Three Sets (49 vs Washington & Lee), Tied for Most Team Digs Three Sets (88 vs Washington & Lee), Tied for Most Team Kills in a Season (1,634), Most Total Attempts in a Season (4,741

18 SAA Academic Honor Roll





EQUESTRIAN

Hunt Seat and Western

Hunt Seat Team Qualified for IHSA Nationals (Willa Akins, Kyra Eno, Madilyn Wynn, Camden Waldo, Ansley Scheilbauer, Mackenzie Campbell, Emily Sudderth, Haven Beam)
Alex Beasley individual qualifier for IHSA Nationals
First Place finish at Auburn and Mississippi State IHSA Western
ODAC Fences Competition Rider of the Week: Meaghan Kursman
Second NCEA win vs Bridgewater
IHSA Hunt Seat Regional Runner Ups
8 Zones Qualifiers + Team - Hunt Seat
Zones Individual Qualifiers – Willa Akins, Kyra Eno, Madilyn Wynn, Camden Waldo, Ansley Scheilbauer, Mackenzie Campbell, Emily Sudderth, Haven Beam





MEN'S BASKETBALL

9-16 OVERALL, 5-9 SAA

Finished 7th in SAA Regular Season
Drew Winegarden became the All-Team Leader in Career Three-Pointers Made (153)
All-SAA Honorable Mention: Cameron Pope
SAA All-Sportsmanship: Ethan Morgan
CSC Academic All-District: Cameron Pope, Canon Armstead, Ryan Luttrell, Drew Winegarden
NABC Honors Court: Cameron Pope, Canon Armstead, Drew Winegarden, Grant Stubbs, Ryan Luttrell
NABC Team Academic Excellence Award
12 SAA Honor Roll





WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

16-11 OVERALL, 9-5 SAA

Finished Fifth in the SAA Regular Season
Elly Callihan Eclipsed 1,000 Career Points
Second Team All-SAA: Briaiah Lewis, Elly Callihan
All-SAA Honorable Mention: Lauren Ellard
SAA All-Sportsmanship: Lauren Ellard
Records Broken: Career Rebounds – Elly Callihan (666), Career Steals – Elly Callihan (198), Career Steals Per Game (1.98), Career Games Started - Elly Callihan (90)
CSC Academic All-District: Elly Callihan, Callie Jackson, Briaiah Lewis
14 SAA Honor Roll





SWIMMING

10 ALL-SAA SWIMMERS

WOMEN'S

Team Finished Sixth at the SAA Championships

SAA Championship Finishes:

Second Place (Second Team All-SAA)

800 Free Relay - Campbell Cummins, Ashley Young, Lily Groves, GG Brackett

200 Free - Campbell Cummins

SAA All-Sportsmanship Team: Ella Quigley

11 SAA Academic Honor Roll

MEN'S

SAA Athlete of the Week: Nick Fonzo

CSCAA Academic All-American: Nick Fonzo

Team Finished Fourth at the SAA Championships

SAA Championship Finishes:

Third Place (All-SAA Honorable Mention)

200 Free Relay – Blake Ferdinand, Evan Pelletier, JC Cook, Logan Carroll

200 Back – Nick Fonzo

SAA All-Sportsmanship Team: James Patillo

11 SAA Academic Honor Roll





BEACH VOLLEYBALL

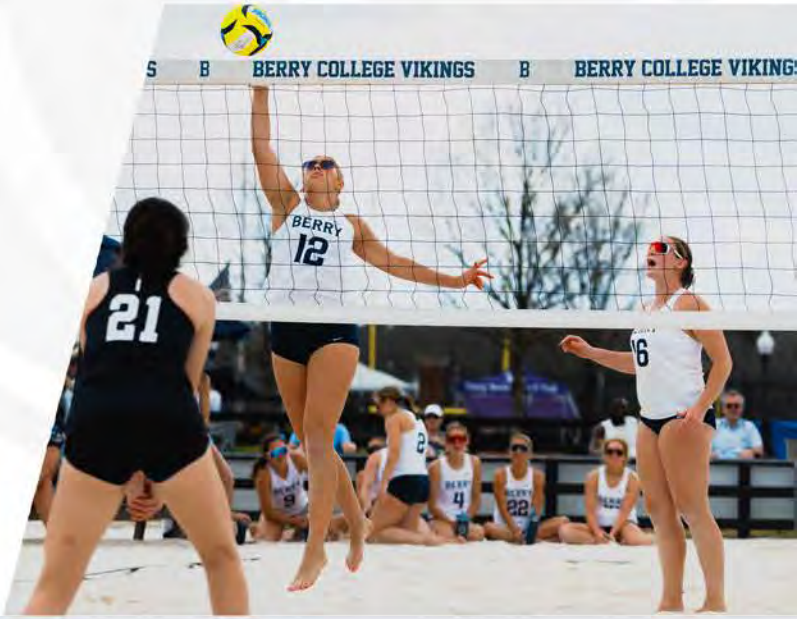
21-10 Overall, National Runner Up

21-10 Overall
AVCA Small College Championship Runner-Ups
AVCA First Team All-Americans: Kara Schmit and Kat Kelyman
AVCA Team Academic Honor Roll
AVCA Pool G Pairs Champions: Maddie Dahl and Lura Underwood









GOLF

WOMEN: 8TH IN SAA / MEN: 7TH IN SAA

WOMEN'S

All-Sportsmanship: Emery Bryant

3 SAA Academic Honor Roll

MEN'S

SAA Athlete of the Week: Landon Painter

Chick-Fil-A Invitational Champions

All-Sportsmanship: Zack Lim

CSC Academic All-District Team: Zack Lim

6 SAA Academic Honor Roll





TENNIS

Women: 5-14 Overall, 2-4 SAA Men:7-11 Overall, 3-3 SAA

WOMEN'S
5-14 Overall, 2-4 SAA
Second Team All-SAA: Sara Mejia
All-Sportsmanship: Maggie Cox
CSC Academic All-District: Maggie Cox, Charlee Eidson, Paige Evans, Carolina Hanson
SAA Academic Honor Roll: 8

MEN'S
7-11 Overall, 3-3 SAA
First Team All-SAA Singles: Jake Chapman
Second Team All-SAA Doubles: Jake Chapman and Aiden Benoualid
All-Sportsmanship: Aiden Benoualid
CSC Academic All-District: Aiden Benoualid, Jake Chapman, Jace Goode
SAA Academic Honor Roll: 12





MEN'S LACROSSE

6-8 Overall, 2-4 SAA

Finished Fifth in the SAA Regular Season
SAA Athletes of the Week: Griffin Smiles
Second Team All-SAA: Finn McClendon, Caleb Johnston
SAA Honorable Mention: Michael Beirne, Josep Brosovich
SAA All-Sportsmanship: Tad Zappa
CSC Academic All-District Team: Andrew Duffy, Finn McClendon
20 SAA Academic Honor Roll





WOMEN'S LACROSSE

5-9 Overall, 1-4 SAA

Dani Taraska: IWLCA Senior All-Star
SAA Athletes of the Week: Dani Taraska (x2), Shelby Klayman, Lillie Swanson
First Team All-SAA: Dani Taraska
Second Team All-SAA: Lillie Swanson, Elisabeth Vickery, Katie Collier
All-Sportsmanship: Isabel Pregont
IWCLA All-Region Second Team: Dani Taraska
IWLCA Division III Academic Honor Roll: Katie Collier, Bella Marrone, Sophia Pellegrino, Isabel Pregont, Dani Taraska, Katie Claire Smith, Elisabeth Vickery, Lydia Whitlock, Libby Pittman
CSC Academic All-District Team: Katie Collier, Libby Pittman, Katie Claire Smith, Dani Taraska, Elisabeth Vickrey
Individual Records Broken:
- *Most Caused Turnovers in a Game - Dani Taraska (7)*
- *Career Games Played - Dani Taraska (68)*
- *Career Games Started - Dani Taraska (68)*
- *Career Points - Dani Taraska (257)*

Team Records Broken: Points in a Single Game (40), Assists in a Single Game (17),
17 SAA Academic Honor Roll





MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

3RD PLACE IN THE SAA



INDOOR

SAA Athletes of the Week: Bryce Toomer, Braylon Kirkpatrick, Tommy Boudreaux, Corbin Dutcher, Berkey Powell

Dawson Livingston: Men's Throws Athlete of the Year

SAA Championship Finishes:

First Place (First Team All-SAA): *Dawson Livingston, Andrew Popp*

Second Place (Second Team All-SAA): *Andy Forsyth*

Third Place (SAA Honorable Mention): *Ethan Smith, Andy Forsyth, T Harris, Caleb Pritchett, Dawson Livingston*

SAA All-Sportsmanship: Liam Jeffries

USTFCCCA All-Region: Ethan Smith, Andy Forsyth, Caleb Pritchett, T Harris, Ryan Barch, Dawson Livingston, Andrew Popp



OUTDOOR

SAA Athletes of the Week: Andrew Popp

SAA Championship Finishes:

First Place (First Team All-SAA): *Andrew Popp, Andy Forsyth, Corbin Dutcher, Braylon Kirkpatrick, Cameron Hewling, Berkey Powell*

Second Place (Second Team All-SAA): *Dawson Livingston, Bryce Toomer, Berkey Powell, T Harris*

Third Place (All-SAA Honorable Mention) : *Clay Robinson, Bryson Hill, Troy Blackwood, Zion Gervais, Liam Jeffries, Braylon Kirkpatrick, Lucas Casaletta-Homes*

USTFCCCA All-Region: Ryan Barch, Corbin Dutcher, Andy Forsyth, Cameron Hewling, Braylon Kirkpatrick, Dawson Livingston, Berkey Powell, Clay Robinson, Bryce Toomer

USTFCCCA All-Academic: Dawson Livingston

CSC Academic All-District: T Harris, Berkey Powell, Brooks Johnson, Troy Blackwood, Caleb Pritchett, Liam Jeffries

21 SAA Academic Honor Roll

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

3RD PLACE IN THE SAA

INDOOR

SAA Women's Throws Athlete of the Year: Onoyeme Egure

SAA Championship Finishes:

First Place (First Team All-SAA): Onoyeme Egure (x2), Ella Pine

Second Place (Second Team All-SAA): Malysha Winston, Macy Murdock, Anna Ayers

Third Place (SAA Honorable Mention): Kris Williams, Avery Jones, Laney Ray

Onoyeme Egure qualified for the 2025 NCAA Indoor Championships

SAA All-Sportsmanship: Kris Williams

USTFCCCA All-Region: Anna Ayers, Onoyeme Egure, Avery Jones, Macy Murdock, Ella Pine, Laney Ray and Kris Williams

First Team All-American: Onoyeme Egure (Shot Put)

OUTDOOR

SAA Athletes of the Week: Macy Murdock, Onoyeme Egure

SAA Championship Finishes:

First Place (First Team All-SAA): Ayla Husby, Laney Ray, Malysha Winston, Onoyeme Egure, Macy Murdock (x2)

Second Place (Second Team All-SAA): Ella Pine, Avery Jones, Macy Murdock

Third Place (All-SAA Honorable Mention): Onoyeme Egure, Reese Beckner, Darby Merritt, Macy Murdock, Laney Ray, Julianne Shirley

SAA Women's Rookie of the Year: Laney Ray

Two qualify for NCAA Championships: Onoyeme Egure and Macy Murdock

USTFCCCA All-Region: Onoyeme Egure, Ayla Husby, Avery Jones, Darby Merritt, Macy Murdock, Ella Pine, Laney Ray, Julianne Shirley, Malysha Winston

All-American: Onoyeme Egure (Shot Put), Macy Murdock (400M Hurdles)

CSC Academic All-District: Ella Williams, Hadley Williams, Madeline Campbell, Avery Jones, Olivia Lambert, Anna Ayers.

23 SAA Academic Honor Roll





BASEBALL

24-18 Overall, 12-9 SAA

SAA Athlete of the Week: Riley Uhls, Tanaka Mukono, Cam Welsh
All- American: Riley Uhls Third Team ABCA/Rawlings, Fifth Team D3baseball
D3baseball Team of the Week: Riley Uhls, Xavier Byams
SAA Athlete of the Year: Riley Uhls
SAA Golden Glove: Garrett Lang
First Team All-SAA: Riley Uhls, Cam Welsh
Second Team All-SAA: Garrett Lang
SAA Honorable Mention: Charles Pulaski, JohnMark Christopher, Chase Edmonds, Jacob Bridges, Chance Edmonds
SAA All-Sportsmanship: Marco Cabrera
CSC Academic All-District: Austin Jetmore, Riley Uhls, Tanaka Mukono, Cole Porter
Riley Uhls All-Region: First Team ABCA, First Team D3baseball
Garrett Lang: ABCA All-Defensive Team
Riley Uhls: CSC Second Team Academic All-American
SAA Academic Honor Roll: 27
NCAA D3 Era School Records Broken:
Highest Single Season Batting Average (.448): Riley Uhls, Most Hits in a Season (74): Riley Uhls, Most Total Bases in a Season (123): Riley Uhls, Most Single Season Hit by Pitch (19): Tanaka Mukono, Most Assists in a Season (135): Garrett Lang, Career Record Most Doubles (52): Riley Uhls, Career Record Runs Batted In (202): Riley Uhls, Career Record Most Pitching Appearances (84): Cole Porter, Career Record Most Putouts (831): Riley Uhls, Career Record Most Assists (511): Garrett Lang
Team Records Broken: Single Season Hit by Pitch (75) , Single Season Fielding Percentage (.971)
Head Coach David Beasley: 800th win





SOFTBALL

30-15 Overall, 9-9 SAA / SAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

SAA Tournament Champions
Advanced to the NCAA DIII National Championship Regional Round
NCAA Jackson Regional All-Tournament Team: JJ Sweat
SAA All-Tournament Team: JJ Sweat (MVP), Ava Fouts, Elly Bennett, Katelyn Boman
SAA Athletes of the Week: Ava Fouts, JJ Sweat (x3)
Wilson/NFCA National Pitcher of the Week: JJ Sweat
SAA Athlete of the Year: Lauren Cothern
First Team All-SAA: Lauren Cothern
Second Team All-SAA: Ava Fouts (P), Elly Bennett
SAA Honorable Mention: Ava Fouts (DP), Erica Bennett, JJ Sweat, Megan Rapillo, Kennedy Moody, Latifa Madesko
All-Sportsmanship: Cara Holland
NFCA All-Region: Elly Bennett (Second Team), Ava Fouts (Third Team), Lauren Cothern (Third Team)
CSC Academic All-District Team: Ava Fouts, Lauren Cothern, Kennedy Moody, Erica Bennett, Elly Bennett
Records Broken: Megan Rapillo broke the school record for Most Innings Pitched in a Signle Game (9.1). Ava Fouts broke the school record for Most Complete Games Pitched in a Season (19). The team broke the school record for Most Complete Games Pitched in a Season (34). Elly Bennett tied the school record for Most Doubles in a Single Game (3).
20 SAA Academic Honor Roll





SAA CHAMPIONS

4 Titles/Regular Season & Tournament









SNEAKER BALL AWARD WINNERS

JUSTUS EDWARDS INSIPIRATION AWARD
TROY BLACKWOOD AND ELLY CALLIHAN



MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SERVICE AWARD
MEN'S SOCCER TEAM AND DESTYNIE HUYNH



MEN'S SOCCER AND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR
AVA FOUTS AND AIDEN BENOUALID



SOFTBALL AND MEN'S TENNIS

"BE BERRY" AWARD
DAWSON LIVINGSTON AND BRADYNN BELCHER



FOOTBALL AND SOFTBALL

NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR
JOHNMARK CHRISTOPHER AND AVA BROVET



BASEBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

BERRY ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



MADIE WHITEHEAD

Volleyball



RILEY UHLS

Baseball

SAA COMMISSIONER'S CUP

YEAR	PLACE	POINTS
2025-2026	4	93
2024-2025	2	119.5
2023-2024	2	123
2022-2023	3	102.5
2021-2022	1	107.5
2020-2021	NA	COVID
2019-2020	NA	COVID
2018-2019	3	112
2017-2018	3	108.5
2016-2017	NA	No Cup
2015-2016	NA	No Cup
2014-2015	?	?
2013-2014	?	?
2012-2013	Inaugural Year-Berry not NCAA Postseason Eligible	

The Cup recognizes the all-sports champion among SAA member institutions with points awarded according to each program's finish in the regular season standings. Affiliate members count in figuring each sport's standings but are not eligible for the Commissioner's Cup.

All-Time Commissioner's Cup Champions
2026 – Trinity
2025 – Centre
2024 – Centre
2023 – Rhodes
2022 – Berry
2021 – No cup awarded
2020 - No cup awarded
2019 – Rhodes
2018 – Rhodes
2017 - No cup awarded
2016 - No cup awarded
2015 – Rhodes
2014 – Centre
2013 – Centre

SAA SOUTHERN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION™

LEARFIELD CUP FINISHES

YEAR	PLACE	POINTS
2025-2026	83	253
2024-2025	87	225.50
2023-2024	102	186.5
2022-2023	80	227.5
2021-2022	86	213
2020-2021	NA	COVID
2019-2020	NA	COVID
2018-2019	144	134
2017-2018	66	297
2016-2017	241	50
2015-2016	126	157
2014-2015	107	180
2013-2014	121	169
2012-2013	Inaugural Year-Berry not NCAA Postseason Eligible	

Program Philosophy:
The committee adjusted the philosophy of the program to read as follows - A program that honors institutions maintaining a broad-based program, achieving success in many sports, both men's and women's, in which all sports that the NCAA, NAIA or Two-Year College sector offers a championship, along with FBS football, and all student-athletes that compete in those sports, are treated equally.

Value by Sport:
Based on the adoption of the above philosophy, the committee reinstated all sports in which the NCAA or NAIA offers a championship, along with Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS, formerly I-A) football, to full scoring values. This means that for all sports that meet the above criteria, first place is worth 100 points. Scoring for the Two-Year College sector is determined using the NATYCAA Cup standings.

Sports Included:
Division III: Count top 18 (stayed the same, 17.8 avg)
- Four of which must be Men's Basketball, Men's Soccer, Women's Basketball and Women's Soccer
- The next highest 14 (max.) sports scored for each institution, regardless of gender, will be used in the standings

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

356
SAA ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

72
CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

SIGMA
20
ALPHA ALPHA

3.40
OVERALL GPA (HIGHEST EVER)

2 CSC ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

66
CHI ALPHA SIGMA

Notable Comments:

-GPA rose by .01 from last year
-Many teams captured team academic awards
-USTFCCCA, AVCA, NABC, CSCAA, and other organizations recognized individuals for academic excellence

COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE

1
TOP FLIGHT AWARD

NCAA APPEARANCES
7

6
ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

17
INDIVIDUAL SAA CHAMPIONS

31
SAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

10
ALL-AMERICANS

FIRST TEAM ALL-SAA
37

SECOND TEAM ALL-SAA
40

ALL-REGION PLAYERS **51**

1 COACH OF THE YEAR

4 NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

SAA HONORABLE MENTION
61