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Annual Report to the Student Affairs Policy Committee (SAPC) on the 2012-13 Academic, Athletic, and Community Engagement Performance of Georgia College (GC) Student-Athletes

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2012-13 was another great academic year for GC student-athletes.

- GC was once again ranked #22 nationally among NCAA Division II colleges/universities in the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) Athletic/Academic Power Rankings. (The Collegiate Power Rankings from NCSA are calculated for each college/university at the NCAA Division I, II and III levels by averaging the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup ranking, the NCAA student-athlete graduation rate of each college/university and the U.S. News & World Report ranking. The collegiate power rankings, based off of the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup rating, evaluates the strength of NCAA athletic departments, while the U.S. News & World Report rating recognizes institutions of academic excellence. The student-athlete graduation rates are based on those provided by the NCAA.)
- The Georgia College *Faculty Associate Program*, which began in 2010, has now expanded to all teams. The program was created to enhance the relationship between academic programs on campus and athletics. At its core is a faculty member who is chosen as the *faculty associate* for a Georgia College athletic team. The faculty member is able to attend team practices, games, and team events. The *Faculty Associates Program* allows the *faculty associate* an inside look at Georgia College athletics and the daily life of a student-athlete.

Selected community service and academic performance highlights of 2012-13 GC student-athletes:

- GC student-athletes participate in numerous campus and community engagement projects. Some examples include:
 - Men's basketball hosted students from the Milledgeville Housing Authority "After School Program"
 - Women's soccer hosted a Valentine's Day Youth soccer clinic
 - Men's baseball hosted "Halloween on the Hill" for community youngsters
 - Student-athletes from all teams supported various breast cancer awareness events
 - Men and women basketball teams hosted students from the Early Learning Center
 - Women's basketball team hosted the Stair South Basketball Clinic, a free youth clinic in the Centennial Center, where boys are girls ages six to twelve are invited to have fun while learning the fundamentals of basketball from the Bobcat coaches and players
 - Women's basketball team helped with the Red Cross Blood Drive in the Magnolia Ballroom
 - PAWS for a CAUSE
 - Tennis donated \$1,000.00 from the "Milledgeville Open" to Make-A-Wish
 - Athletic Department staff volunteered at Café Central-Soup Kitchen

- The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SACC) won the Peach Belt Conference Make-A-Wish Most Improved Award for the second year in a row
- SACC members, student-athletes, and athletic staff sang Christmas carols at Green Acres Retirement Home
- SAAC also held the first annual Student-Athlete Semi-formal dance to raise money for Make-A-Wish
- 5 GC student-athletes were chosen for the **2012-13** Peach Belt Conference (PBC) All-Academic Teams with 17 receiving Honorable Mention.¹
- GC placed 95 of its students-athletes on the **2012-13 PBC Presidential Honor Roll**. The Presidential Honor Roll recognizes all student-athletes at the 14 PBC member institutions who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the academic year. GC student-athlete academic performance was as follows:
 - 24 Gold Scholars (3.75-4.0)
 21 Silver Scholars (3.50-3.74)
 22 Bronze Scholars (3.25-3.49)
 28 Presidential Scholars (3.0-3.24)
- GC student-athlete GPAs and graduation rates compare favorably with other students across the GC campus (see excel spreadsheet on page 6)

Selected athletic highlights of 2012-13 GC teams:

Women's Cross Country

- 5th place finish in the PBC
- 9th place finish in the NCAA Southeast Regional
- Team named to USTFCCCA All-Academic List(U.S. Track and Field & Cross Country Coaches Association)
- 2 Bobcats on the PBC All-Academic Team

Men's Cross Country

- 6th place finish in the PBC
- 14th place finish in the NCAA Southeast Regional

¹ To be eligible for the PBC All-Academic team, a student-athlete must 1) participate in at least half of his/her team's events and be either a starter or significant contributor; 2) achieved a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) and 3) completed at least one full academic year at his or her current institution.

• Philip Laskey chosen to the CoSida Academic All-District Team

Soccer (10 wins /18 losses)

- 6th place finish in the PBC
- Awarded on of the NSCAA Team Ethic Awards
- #10 in NSCAA Southeast Region Final Ranking

Women's Basketball (12 wins /14 losses)

- 5th place finish in the PBC West Division
- Shanteona Keys named Second Team All-PBC

Men's Basketball (9 wins /17 losses)

- Ferguson Named All-PBC Third Team
- Earned the PBC Team Sportsmanship Award

Baseball (39 wins /19 losses)

- Daniel Bick named All-Southeast Region Second Team Player
- 4 PBC Players of the Week
- #21 Final NCAA Division II National Ranking

Softball (37 wins /17 losses)

- 3th place finish in the PBC
- Dani Gallucci named to Daktronics All-Region Team
- #24 Final NCAA Division II National Ranking

Women's Tennis (16 wins /12 losses)

- 6th place finish in the PBC
- Received bid to the NCAA postseason tournament for the 19th straight season
- 3 Bobcats on the PBC All-Academic Team
- #38 Final NCAA Division II National Ranking

Men's Tennis (19 wins / 7 losses)

- 4th place finish in the PBC
- Received bid to the NCAA postseason tournament for the 7th straight season
- #11 Final NCAA Division II National Ranking

<u>Golf</u>

- #22 Final NCAA Division II National Ranking
- NCAA Super-Regional appearance
- 1 Bobcat on the PBC All-Academic Team

Volleyball

- Hired Gretchen Krumdieck in August 2012
- Recruited 19 student-athletes
- First match on September 5th with an attendance of 2500 people

