

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS



CARDINAL RECAP

2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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Welcome to the second annual Ball State Athletics digital annual report. Within this app, you will find highlights from the 2013-14 athletics season at Ball State. We are excited to once again utilize this method to tell the story of the past year through photos, videos and informative pieces. Inside you will find sections highlighting our athletic and academic successes, our work in the community and our accomplishments as a department. Just swipe your way through the app for all that and more. We thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Cardinals, and we hope you enjoy this look back at 2013-14.



**ATHLETIC
SUCCESS**

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All-Americans

MATT LESKE

ZACH PLESAC

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICANS

SOFTBALL

JENNIFER GILBERT

- Softball player Jennifer Gilbert was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Second Team.
- The senior outfielder, who earned third-team honors a year earlier as the first All-American in Ball State softball history, became the fourth two-time All-American in Mid-American Conference annals. She was the first All-American from the conference since 2001.
- The three-time MAC Player of the Year finished her career as the league's all-time leader in RBI (246), runs scored (215), home runs (75) and doubles (62). During the 2014 season, she was the nation's active leader in each of those categories.
- Gilbert ranks seventh in NCAA Division I history with 75 career home runs and ninth with 246 RBI. Her .810 career slugging percentage ranks 10th all-time.



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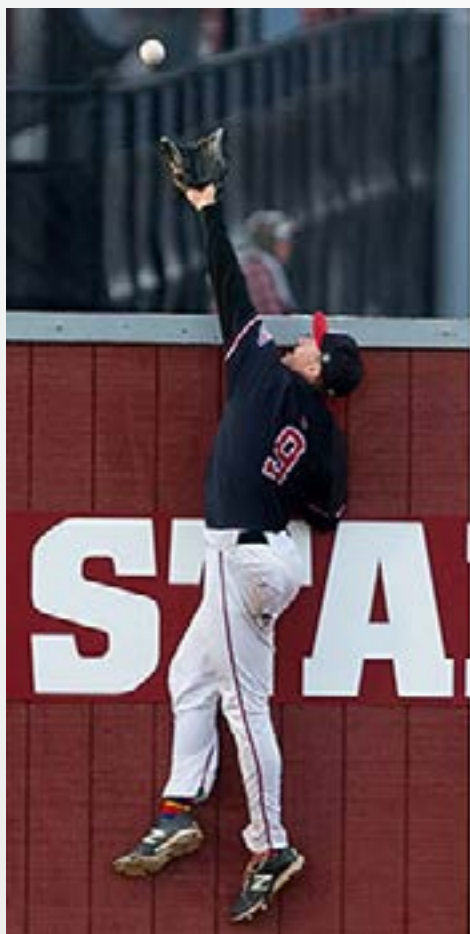
ZACH PLESAC

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICANS

BASEBALL

SEAN GODFREY

- Baseball player Sean Godfrey was a third-team selection on both the Louisville Slugger and Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association All-America teams.
- A senior outfielder, Godfrey batted .333 with nine home runs in 2014. The MAC Player of the Year ranked 13th in the country in doubles (22), 17th in RBI per game (1.00) and 38th in total bases (128).
- Godfrey and teammate Zach Plesac accounted for two of the three Mid-American Conference players to earn a spot on the Louisville Slugger All-America teams, selected by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.



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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

MATT LESKE

- Men's volleyball player Matt Leske was selected to the All-America Second Team by the American Volleyball Coaches Association and earned third-team recognition from Volleyball Magazine.
- The senior middle blocker became the fifth player in the history of the program to be named to both All-America squads in the same season.
- He is the sixth Ball State men's volleyball player to earn All-America honors in consecutive seasons, having earned third-team recognition from Volleyball Magazine in 2013.
- Leske ranked second in the nation with 1.54 blocks per set in 2014. Offensively, he notched 176 kills and hit for a .386 attack percentage. His 1.44 career blocks-per-set average ranks sixth in program history.



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- Baseball player Zach Plesac was selected to the Louisville Slugger All-America Third Team, as was teammate Sean Godfrey.
- Collegiate Baseball Newspaper also selected Plesac as its National Freshman Pitcher of the Year.
- He went 12-2 on the mound, tying for fifth in the country in wins, to go along with six saves and a 2.11 ERA.
- Plesac and Godfrey accounted for two of the three Mid-American Conference Players to earn a spot on the Louisville Slugger All-America teams, selected by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.



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In addition to its All-America selections, the Ball State baseball program also had three players earn Freshman All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball Newspaper: outfielder Alex Call, pitcher Zach Plesac and catcher Jarett Rindfleisch.

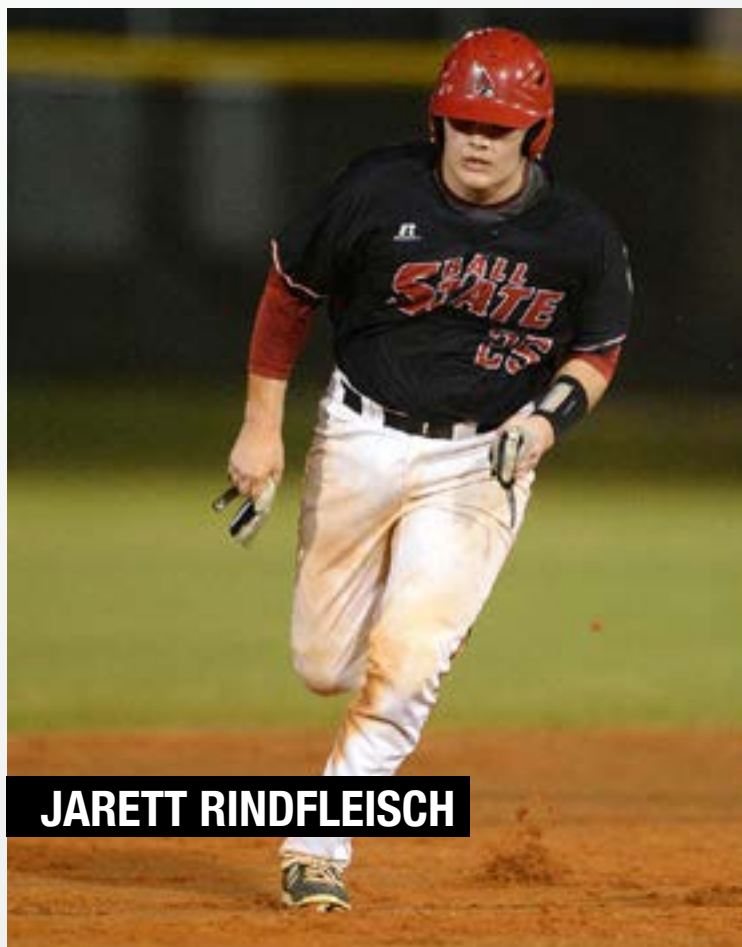
- **Call** led the Cardinals with a .354 batting average while recording 15 doubles and 24 RBI.
- **Plesac**, Collegiate Baseball's National Freshman Pitcher of the Year and the MAC Freshman Pitcher of the Year, went 12-2 with six saves and a 2.11 ERA. He was also a Freshman All-America selection by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.
- **Rindfleisch**, the MAC Freshman Player of the Year, hit .352 with 44 RBI. He also threw out 16 of 32 potential base stealers.



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ZACH PLESAC



JARETT RINDFLEISCH

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Coaches of the Year

BASEBALL

RICH MALONEY

- Named the Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year for the third time in his career and the first time since returning to Ball State before the 2013 season.
- Led the Cardinals to their first MAC regular season championship since 2001 with a record of 39-18 (22-4 MAC).
- Coached a pair of All-Americans in Sean Godfrey and Zach Plesac, both of whom earned third-team honors from Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.
- Mentored six players to All-MAC recognition, including a program-record-tying five on the All-MAC First Team.
- Broke the program record for wins by a head coach and now owns 326 over nine seasons at Ball State.



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Coaches of the Year

SOFTBALL

TYRA PERRY

- Became the first first-year coach in program history to earn Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year accolades.
- Coached the Cardinals to the MAC regular season championship with a record of 33-19 (12-4 MAC) and a victory at then-No. 3 Arizona State.
- Helped Jennifer Gilbert earn All-America Second Team honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.
- Mentored four players to NFCA All-Great Lakes Region teams. Ball State's four overall selections were one fewer than the other 11 league teams combined.
- Helped Ball State garner a program-record five All-MAC First Team selections.



ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Postseason Competition

GODADDY BOWL

WNIT

NCAA WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

NCAA MEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

NCAA MEN'S DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOOTBALL

GODADDY BOWL

- After finishing the regular season with a record of 10-2, the football team was rewarded with a trip to the GoDaddy Bowl for its second consecutive bowl appearance.
- The Cardinals played the Arkansas State Red Wolves at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala., on Jan. 5.
- Ball State scored a touchdown in the final two minutes to take a 20-16 lead, but Arkansas State answered with a touchdown of its own and blocked a last-second field goal attempt for a 23-20 win.
- Running back Jahwan Edwards carried the ball 28 times for 146 yards and one touchdown, while quarterback Keith Wenning threw for 215 yards.



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Postseason Competition

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WNIT

- The women's basketball team made a second consecutive appearance in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.
- The Cardinals went on a late run to finish the regular season at 18-16 and reach the championship game of the Mid-American Conference Tournament.
- Ball State drew Northwestern in the first round of the WNIT, traveling for a road game March 20 in Evanston, Ill.
- The Cardinals were within a possession of Northwestern in the final minute, but the Wildcats prevailed with a 69-65 win.



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Postseason Competition

WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Jenna Hague was selected to compete in the NCAA Central Regional as an individual.
- The junior became the second women's golfer in program history to advance to the postseason.
- The Central Regional was contested May 8-10 at Oklahoma State's Karsten Creek Golf Club in Stillwater, Okla.
- Hague fired a three-round total of 16-over par 232 (77-77-78) to tie for 60th among a field of 126 golfers.



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Postseason Competition

MEN'S TENNIS

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- The men's tennis team returned to the NCAA tournament for the eighth time.
- The Cardinals earned an automatic bid into the field after taking down Buffalo in the Mid-American Conference Tournament finals.
- Ball State was sent to the regional in Champaign, Ill., and played a first-round match May 10 against No. 12 overall seed Illinois.
- Illinois won the doubles point and claimed the first three singles matches off the court to advance with a 4-0 victory.



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Postseason Competition

MEN'S DIVING

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Jake Brehmer earned a spot in the NCAA Zone Diving Championships, becoming the first Ball State male diver to compete in the postseason since 2007.
- The senior competed in both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events at the Columbus, Ohio, site.
- He placed 28th in the 1-meter and 35th in the 3-meter.



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CROSS COUNTRY

- The Ball State cross country team placed 12th at the 2013 Mid-American Conference Championships with a combined team score of 350 points.
- The Cardinals' placed 28th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, with five of their six runners posting career-best efforts.
- Twin sisters Courtney and Caitlynn Edon were named to the 2013 Academic All-Mid-American Conference team after both competed in all seven meets during the 2013 campaign.



Caitlynn Edon was named to the Academic All-MAC squad after competing in all seven meets and leading Ball State to the finish line six times.

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FIELD HOCKEY

- The field hockey team ended the 2013 season with a 6-12 record.
- The Cardinals posted back-to-back wins in the middle of the season over UC Davis and Vermont, leading to a sweep of the Mid-American Conference weekly honors with Bianca Velez earning the MAC Offensive Player of the Week award and Shelby Henley receiving the MAC Defensive Player of the Week nod.
- Freshman Lexi Kavanaugh was named MAC Rookie of the Year after leading the team in goals. It was the first time since 2003 that Ball State had a MAC Rookie of the Year.
- Velez, a sophomore, earned a spot on the All-MAC Second Team after leading the squad in defensive saves for the season.
- The team had eight players named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I National Academic Squad: Bryce Barnes, Cameron Daniels, Bethany Han, Natalie Jardell, Colleen McGlynn, Mikayla Mooney, Morgan Nash and Jenna Rosenberry.



Bianca Velez was a second-team All-MAC selection and tied for second on the team with four goals.

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- The football team ended the 2013 season with a 10-3 overall record and an appearance in the GoDaddy Bowl, marking only the second time in program history the Cardinals played in a bowl game in two straight years.
- According to footballscoop.com, Ball State is the only Football Bowl Subdivision school in the country to have increased its season win totals every year from 2010 to 2013.
- Ball State reached the 10-win mark for the third time in program history and posted seven Mid-American Conference wins for the fifth time since joining the league in 1975.
- The team finished second in the MAC West Division in 2013, which is the best finish for the program since winning the West in 2008.
- The Cardinals scored a school record 501 points in 2013. The team scored at least 40 points seven times and at least 50 points three times, both of which are also school records.
- The Cardinals had 13 players named to All-MAC teams, including first-team selections Zane Fakes, Jordan Hansel, Jonathan Newsome and Willie Snead.



Keith Wenning finished his career as Ball State's all-time leader in almost every passing category, including yards (11,187) and touchdowns (91).

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SOCCER

- The soccer team finished 11-7-4 overall, improving its winning percentage for the fourth season in a row. The 11 wins were the most for the team since 2007.
- The Cardinals reached the championship game of the Mid-American Conference Tournament for the first time in program history, falling just short of an NCAA bid in a 1-0 loss to Western Michigan.
- The team ranked among the top 50 in the country in both goals against average and save percentage, while goalkeeper Layne Schramm ranked 20th nationally in individual save percentage at .847.
- Sophomore midfielder Madison Oyer was named to the All-MAC Second Team, while defender Leah Mattingly was named to the MAC All-Freshman Team.
- Victoria Jacobs, Kelsey Shapiro and Cailey Stack each earned Academic All-MAC honors.



Kelsey Wendlandt tied for second on the team with four goals as just a freshman.

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- The 2013 Mid-American Conference West Division Co-Champions, the Cardinals finished the season with a 24-8 overall record, including a 12-4 mark in MAC action.
- Ball State led the MAC with five student-athletes earning all-conference honors. Mindy Marx, Hayley Benson and Alex Fuelling were named to the All-MAC First Team, while Catie Fredrich and Jacqui Seidel earned second-team recognition.
- Hayley Benson was named to the Academic All-MAC squad.
- Ball State finished the 2013 season with the top-ranked defense in the MAC, limiting opponents to a .161 attack percentage. In addition, the Cardinals boasted the second-best offense in the league, hitting for a .242 rate of success.
- Ball State also finished the 2013 campaign ranked seventh nationally with a 14.84 kills-per-set average, while its 16.76 digs-per-set average was 31st among the 328 ranked teams.



Alex Fuelling was named to the All-MAC First Team after leading the Cardinals with 350 kills and a 3.65 kills-per-set average.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

GYMNASTICS

- Ball State's Denasiha Christian won the Mid-American Conference Floor Exercise Championship, while the Cardinals finished fifth at the league meet.
- Christian tallied a 9.925 on the floor to outdistance the 9.900 mark of Taylor Bolender of Central Michigan. The 9.925 mark tied for the sixth-best floor score in Ball State history. Christian became Ball State's first individual MAC Champion since Nicole Allen won the floor and the vault at the 2011 league championship meet.
- Behind the strength of first-place finishes from Erin Patchey on the floor and the vault and a first-place performance from Angela Durkac on the bars, the Cardinals defeated Iowa from the Big Ten Conference early in the season.



Denasiha Christian won the MAC floor exercise championship and was a second-team all-conference selection.

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- The Cardinals completed their first season under the direction of head coach James Whitford.
- Point guard Zavier Turner was named the MAC Freshman of the Year, while senior center Majok Majok was named to the All-MAC Third Team for a second straight year.
- Majok led the Mid-American Conference in rebounding at 10.0 per game and added 11.2 points per game to finish the season averaging a double-double.
- Seniors Jesse Berry and Chris Bond each surpassed 1,000 career points during the season, giving the Cardinals two 1,000-point scorers on the same team for the first time since 2001-02.
- Berry became the program's all-time 3-point leader, finishing his career with 224 made 3-pointers.



Zavier Turner was named the MAC Freshman of the Year after leading all league rookies in points per game (12.1), assists per game (3.7) and 3-point percentage (.409).

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- The Cardinals capped their season with a sixth-place finish at the Mid-American Conference Championships.
- Senior diver Jake Brehmer became the first Ball State male diver to qualify for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships since the 2006-07 season.
- Tanner Barton swam a time of 1:50.86 in the 200 fly finals at the MAC Championships, marking the second-fastest time in program history.
- Drew Tharp, who was twice selected as the MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week, was named to the Academic All-MAC Team.



Conner Snare managed Ball State's fastest times of the season in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

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- The team ended the season with an 18-17 overall mark and a 9-9 Mid-American Conference ledger.
- After a thrilling run to the 2014 MAC Tournament championship game, Ball State was extended an at-large invitation to play in the 64-team Women's National Invitation Tournament.
- It is only the second time in program history the Cardinals have gone to back-to-back WNITs. The last time it happened was 2001-02 and 2002-03.
- Ball State became postseason eligible by winning seven of its final eight games en route to advancing to the MAC Tournament championship game for the first time since winning it all in 2009.
- Nathalie Fontaine was named to the All-MAC Second Team, while Brandy Woody received All-MAC Honorable Mention recognition.



Nathalie Fontaine was named to the All-MAC Second Team after leading Ball State with 16.4 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

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- The team finished eighth at the Mid-American Conference Championships after compiling a 3-6 dual record during the regular season.
- Senior Bridgette Ruehl defended both her 100 and 200 breaststroke MAC titles, and the 400 medley relay defended its MAC title.
- The 200 free relay broke a 17-year-old school record at the MAC Championships.
- The Cardinals brought home six individual medals and two relay medals from the 2013 MAC Championships.
- Ball State put two swimmers on the Academic All-MAC First Team – Haley Richter and Bridgette Ruehl – and three on the second team – Mallory Miles, Emily Wisolek and Jackie Iglesias.



Bridgette Ruehl was an All-MAC First Team selection for the second consecutive season and defended her MAC titles in the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

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BASEBALL

- The team completed its season with a 39-18 overall record, a 22-4 Mid-American Conference record, the MAC regular season championship and the MAC West Division title.
- Ball State's .846 conference winning percentage was the sixth best in the nation.
- Head coach Rich Maloney was named the MAC Coach of the Year, Sean Godfrey the MAC Player of the Year, Zach Plesac the MAC Freshman Pitcher of the Year and Jarett Rindfleisch the MAC Freshman Player of the Year.
- Godfrey and Plesac were each selected as third-team All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.
- The Cardinals were ranked as high as 26th in the nation when they were ranked in the Collegiate Baseball Poll in May.
- Ball State was 13-2 at home in 2014, which marked the best home mark for the team since going 13-2 at Ball Diamond in 2010.
- Rich Maloney became the all-time winningest baseball coach in Ball State history when he recorded his 324th win for the Cardinals in a 4-1 victory May 16 at Northern Illinois.



TJ Weir hit and pitched for the Cardinals. On the mound, he emerged as the team's Friday starter.

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- Ball State won one tournament in 2014 – the Mid-American Match Play – and finished second at the Earl Yestingsmeier Memorial Invitational.
- The Cardinals ended the season with a seventh-place finish at the Mid-American Conference Championships in head coach Mike Fleck's 16th year leading the program.
- The Cardinals played a challenging schedule in 2014, competing in tournaments throughout the season with 21 of the 30 teams that went on to reach the NCAA Nationals.
- McCormick Clouser and Keegan McKinney were each named to the All-MAC Second Team.
- Tyler Merkel finished his career second on Ball State's all-time scoring average list at 73.99 for his four years with the program.



Keegan McKinney was a second-team All-MAC selection in his freshman season.

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- The team won the Mid-American Conference Tournament to earn an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.
- The Cardinals' season came to an end with a first-round NCAA loss at Illinois, the tournament's No. 12 overall seed.
- The team finished the season with an overall record of 14-12 and a 2-2 mark in league action.
- Austin Smith was named the Most Outstanding Player of the MAC Tournament.
- Ray Leonard earned All-MAC First Team honors for the third straight season, while Patrick Elliott and Lucas Andersen were named to the second team.
- Leonard and Smith earned Academic All-MAC recognition
- Head coach Bill Richards completed his 42nd season at the helm of the program, having now led the Cardinals to MAC regular season or tournament titles 38 times.



Austin Smith was named the Most Outstanding Player of the MAC Tournament after leading Ball State to the championship.

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- The team boasted a 33-19 overall record on the year, including a 3-0 victory at then-No. 3 Arizona State March 2, marking the highest-ranked opponent the Cardinals had defeated since a 2-1 victory at then-No. 3 Missouri in 2010.
- The Cardinals won the program's third consecutive Mid-American Conference regular season title with a 12-4 record in league action. It was the program's fifth MAC title in the past six seasons.
- Gilbert became the first ever three-time MAC Player of the Year and just the 11th player in NCAA Division I history to earn a conference's player of the year award three times.
- Four Ball State players were named to NFCA All-Great Lakes Region teams, just one fewer than the other 11 MAC teams combined. Gilbert earned first-team honors, Taylor Rager picked up second-team accolades and Audrey Bickel and Briana Evans were named to the third team
- The Cardinals garnered a program-record five All-MAC First Team selections. It was only the third time in MAC history five players from one team earned first-team recognition.



Emily Dabkowski slides home to give the Cardinals a win.

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- The team placed 12th at both the indoor and outdoor Mid-American Conference Championships.
- Haley Austin tied for seventh in the high jump at the 2014 MAC Indoor Championships, earning one-and-a-half points for the Cardinals.
- Christina Crawford placed eighth in the long jump at the 2014 MAC Outdoor Championships, earning one point for the Cardinals.
- Hannah Ciasto-Poor broke the Ball State outdoor record in the pole vault by successfully clearing the bar at 3.72m at the Dave Rankin Invitational hosted by Purdue.
- Elizabeth Eversole, Rebecca Lomax and Marie Lumpkin each posted the third-best marks in school history in their respective events. Eversole jumped 3.50m in both the indoor and outdoor pole vault. Lomax recorded a score of 3725 in the indoor pentathlon. Lumpkin posted a distance of 18.09m in the weight throw.



Caitlynn Edon crosses the hurdle in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

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- Jenna Hague became the second women's golfer in school history to compete in the NCAA Championships when she was selected as an individual for the 2014 NCAA Central Regional.
- Hague has won six tournaments in her three years at Ball State, including two as a junior in 2013-14, and will enter her senior campaign next year already tied for the Mid-American Conference career wins record.
- The Cardinals, under the direction of 10th-year head coach Katherine Mowat, won the Dolores Black Falcon Invitational in the 2014 spring season.
- They went on to finish ninth at the MAC Championships.
- Hague was a first-team All-MAC selection, and Sarah Westaway was selected as the MAC Sportswoman of the Year.



Jenna Hague became the second Ball State women's golfer ever selected for NCAA Regional competition.

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- The team finished 16-9 overall under first-year head coach Max Norris in 2014, marking the most wins for the program since 1995.
- The Cardinals posted their best ever Mid-American Conference record at 6-2 and earned the No. 2 seed in the MAC Tournament.
- Ball State reached the semifinals of the MAC Tournament for the second year in a row.
- Courtney Wild and Courtney Earnest were each named to the All-MAC First Team.
- The Cardinals placed three players on the Academic All-MAC Team, while two others received honorable mention recognition.



Kristel Sanders plays a volley at the net.

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- The men's volleyball team finished 22-8 overall, 10-4 in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, and reached the semifinals of the MIVA Tournament.
- The Cardinals won 10 straight matches during the middle of the season and were ranked No. 13 in the final national poll.
- Ball State ranked second in the nation with 2.96 blocks per set.
- Senior Matt Leske earned All-America honors for the second straight season, claiming a spot on the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America Second Team.
- Leske and David Ryan Vander Meer were named to the All-MIVA First Team, while Kevin Owens and Graham McIlvaine earned second-team honors.
- Marcin Niemczewski was recognized during the season as the Sports Imports/American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I-II Men's National Player of the Week – a feat that had not been accomplished by a Cardinal since the 2010 season.
- Head coach Joel Walton earned the 300th win of his career in the Cardinals' 3-1 victory March 20 against NJIT.



Kevin Owens ranked ninth in the nation with a .422 attack percentage.

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ATHLETIC SUCCESS

All-Conference

Ball State had a total of 55 all-conference selections in 2013-14 on first, second, third or honorable mention teams. The Cardinals led all Mid-American Conference schools with 15 all-league selections in football, six in baseball, six in softball and five in women's volleyball. Ball State also had numerous players selected to conference all-freshman teams and all-tournament teams. Additionally, seven Cardinals were honored in their sports with specialty awards such as league player of the year recognition. Here is a complete listing of Ball State's 2013-14 all-conference performers in the MAC (or Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association for men's volleyball).

SPECIALTY AWARDS

Sean Godfrey – MAC Player of the Year (Baseball)
Zach Plesac – MAC Freshman Pitcher of the Year (Baseball)
Jarett Rindfleisch – MAC Freshman Player of the Year (Baseball)
Zavier Turner – MAC Freshman of the Year (Men's Basketball)
Lexi Kavanaugh – MAC Freshman of the Year (Field Hockey)
Sarah Westaway – MAC Sportswoman of the Year (Women's Golf)
Jennifer Gilbert – MAC Player of the Year (Softball)

FIRST TEAM

Ryan Spaulding (Baseball)	Jennifer Gilbert (Softball)
T.J. Weir (Baseball)	Taylor Rager (Softball)
Sean Godfrey (Baseball)	Bridgette Ruehl (W. Swimming)
Zach Plesac (Baseball)	Haley Richter (W. Swimming)
Jarett Rindfleisch (Baseball)	Ray Leonard (Men's Tennis)
Zane Fakes (Football)	Courtney Wild (W. Tennis)
Jordan Hansel (Football)	Courtney Earnest (W. Tennis)
Jonathan Newsome (Football)	Matt Leske (M. Volleyball)
Willie Snead (Football)	David Ryan Vander Meer (M. Volleyball)
Jenna Hague (Women's Golf)	Mindy Marx (W. Volleyball)
Audrey Bickel (Softball)	Hayley Benson (W. Volleyball)
Sammi Cowger (Softball)	Alex Fuelling (W. Volleyball)
Briana Evans (Softball)	

HONORABLE MENTION

Brandy Woody (W. Basketball)

MAC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Zavier Turner (M. Basketball)
Leah Mattingly (Soccer)

SECOND TEAM

Sean Kennedy (Baseball)
Nathalie Fontaine (Women's Basketball)
Jahwan Edwards (Football)
Jeffery Garrett (Football)
Ben Ingle (Football)
Nathan Ollie (Football)
Jamill Smith (Football)*
Keith Wenning (Football)
Lexi Kavanaugh (Field Hockey)
Bianca Velez (Field Hockey)
McCormick Clouser (Men's Golf)
Keegan McKinney (Men's Golf)
Denasiha Christian (Gymnastics)
Madison Oyer (Soccer)
Nicole Steinbach (Softball)
Emily Wisolek (Women's Swimming)
Mallory Miles (Women's Swimming)
Patrick Elliott (Men's Tennis)
Lucas Andersen (Men's Tennis)
Kevin Owens (Men's Volleyball)
Graham McIlvaine (Men's Volleyball)
Catie Fredrich (Women's Volleyball)
Jacqui Seidel (Women's Volleyball)

THIRD TEAM

Jacob Richard (Football)
Scott Secor (Football)
Jamill Smith (Football)*
Jordan Williams (Football)
Majok Majok (Men's Basketball)

MAC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Brandy Woody (Women's Basketball)
Shelbie Justice (Women's Basketball)
Denasiha Christian (Gymnastics)
Jenna Hague (Women's Golf)
Lucas Andersen (Men's Tennis)
Austin Smith (Men's Tennis)**
Victoria Jacobs (Soccer)
Elaina Musleh (Soccer)
Kelsey Shapiro (Soccer)

*Jamill Smith was named to the All-MAC Second Team as a kickoff return specialist and to the All-MAC Third Team as both a wide receiver and a punt return specialist. **MAC Tournament Most Outstanding Player

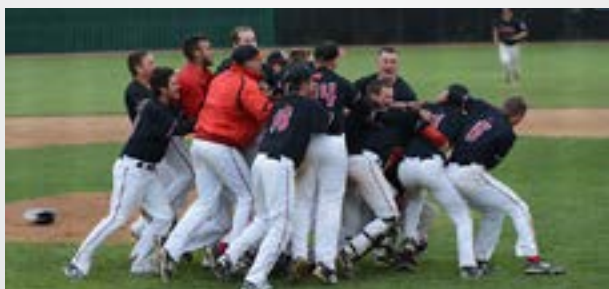
ATHLETIC SUCCESS

Championship Teams

BASEBALL

Regular Season Champion West Division Champion

- The baseball team went 22-4 in league play (39-18 overall) to claim the MAC regular season championship and West Division title by 3.5 games over Central Michigan.
- It was the first regular season crown for the program since 2001 and the first West Division championship since 2009.



SOFTBALL

Regular Season Champion West Division Champion

- The softball team finished 12-4 in conference play (33-19 overall) to win the MAC regular season championship by one game over Buffalo.
- The Cardinals also claimed the West Division title by a wide margin over a Central Michigan team that finished .500 in league play.
- Ball State won the MAC regular season crown for the fifth time in the past six years.



MEN'S TENNIS

Tournament Champion

- The men's tennis team won the MAC Tournament to claim a spot in the NCAA Championships.
- The Cardinals, serving as the tournament host, defeated Toledo 4-1 in the semifinals and topped Buffalo 4-3 in a thrilling championship match.
- The team finished the year with a record of 14-12 (2-2 MAC).

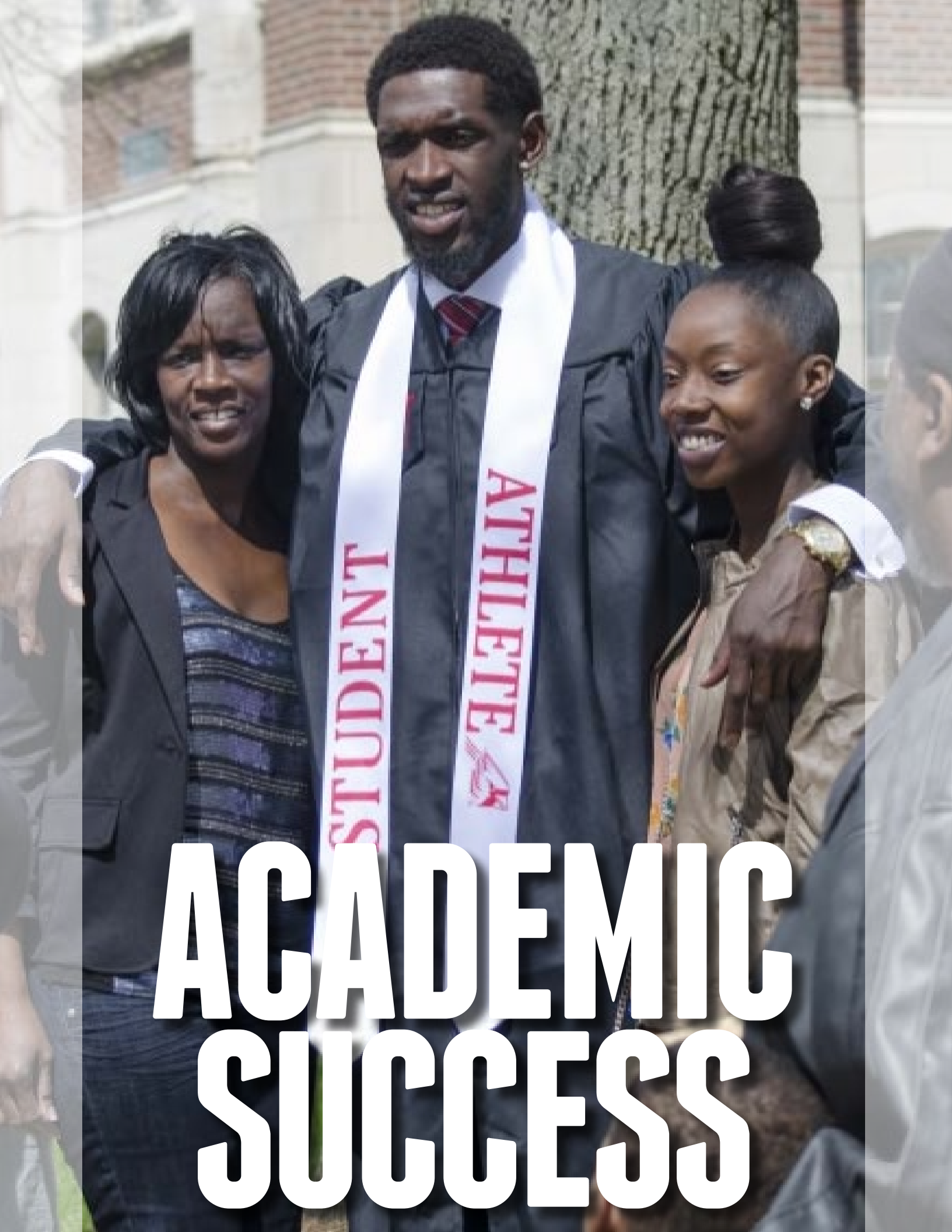


WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

West Division Co-Champion

- The women's volleyball team finished 12-4 in MAC play (24-8 overall) to share the league's West Division title with Toledo.
- It was the program's second West Division championship in the past four years.





ACADEMIC SUCCESS

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STRONG YEAR IN THE CLASSROOM

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

IMPRESSIVE ACADEMIC PROGRESS

NCAA PUBLIC RECOGNITION AWARDS



The 2013-14 academic year was another successful one for the Cardinals academically. In the spring semester, 256 Ball State student-athletes managed a GPA of at least 3.0, while 138 reached at least 3.5 and 28 posted a perfect 4.0.

The 19 Ball State teams ended the year with an average cumulative GPA of 3.188, and 15 of those teams wrapped up the year with a cumulative GPA better than 3.0. Those teams were:

- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Gymnastics
- Men's Golf
- Women's Golf
- Men's Swimming & Diving
- Women's Swimming & Diving
- Men's Tennis
- Women's Tennis
- Indoor Track & Field
- Outdoor Track & Field
- Soccer
- Softball
- Men's Volleyball
- Women's Volleyball

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN



Football player Zane Fakes was selected as a first-team Capital One Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Fakes earned his bachelor's degree in May 2013, graduating with a 3.59 GPA in exercise science. He spent his final season working toward his master's degree. Fakes, a tight end, caught 41 passes for 410 yards and two touchdowns for the Cardinals' team that reached the GoDaddy Bowl.

He was also a semifinalist for the 2013 Campbell Trophy, which recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership.



ZANE FAKES

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



BSU had 91 academic all-conference selections and placed 29 on Academic All-Mid-American Conference first or second teams and 49 on honorable mention lists. Thirteen members of

the men's volleyball program were named to the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Academic All-Conference Team.

Academic All-MAC

T.J. Weir, Baseball
 Caitlynn Edon, Cross Country
 Courtney Edon, Cross Country
 Zane Fakes, Football
 Jacob Richard, Football
 McCormick Clouser, M. Golf
 Tyler Merkel, M. Golf
 Jenna Hague, W. Golf
 Sarah Westaway, W. Golf
 Victoria Jacobs, Soccer
 Kelsey Shapiro, Soccer
 Cailey Starck, Soccer
 Audrey Bickel, Softball
 Sammi Cowger, Softball
 Kelsey Schifferdecker, Softball
 Ray Leonard, M. Tennis
 Austin Smith, M. Tennis
 Courtney Earnest, W. Tennis
 Kristel Sanders, W. Tennis
 Courtney Wild, W. Tennis
 Hayley Benson, W. Volleyball
 Courtney Edon,
 Indoor Track & Field
 Courtney Edon, Outdoor Track & Field
 Drew Tharp, M. Swimming & Diving
 Haley Richter, W. Swimming & Diving
 Bridgette Ruehl, W. Swimming & Diving
 Mallory Miles, W. Swimming & Diving*
 Emily Wisolek, W. Swimming & Diving*
 Jackie Iglesias, W. Swimming & Diving*



MIVA All-Academic Team (Men's Volleyball)

Hiago Garchet
 Connor Gross
 Matt Leske
 Jack Lesure
 Graham McIlvaine
 Marcin Niemczewski
 Austin Overby
 Kevin Owens
 Alex Pia
 Brendan Surane
 Matt Sutherland
 Shane Witmer
 Nate Wolf

*denotes
 second-
 team
 selections

Academic All-MAC Honorable Mention

Ryan Spaulding, Baseball
 Shelbie Justice, Women's Basketball
 Danielle Dahl, Cross Country
 Madelyn Webster, Cross Country
 Bethany Han, Field Hockey
 Natalie Jardell, Field Hockey
 Jenna Rosenberry, Field Hockey
 Allie White, Field Hockey
 Steven Bell, Football
 Joel Cox, Football
 Nick Miles, Football
 Karley Dobis, Women's Golf
 Mary Welch, Women's Golf
 Angela Durkac, Gymnastics
 Angie Hosbach, Gymnastics
 Brooklyn Schumacher, Gymnastics
 Madison Shorts, Gymnastics
 Michelle Blok, Soccer
 Lindsay Kempf, Soccer
 Maimee Morris, Soccer
 Madison Oyer, Soccer
 Nicole Pembleton, Soccer
 Layne Schramm, Soccer
 Becca Sutton, Soccer
 Loren Cihlar, Softball
 Emily Dabkowski, Softball
 Neal Fennig, Men's Swimming & Diving
 Andrew Lamb, Men's Swimming & Diving
 Conner Snare, Men's Swimming & Diving
 Sumaiyah Ahmad, Women's Swimming & Diving
 Carlena Magley, Women's Swimming & Diving
 Leighann Mattson, Women's Swimming & Diving
 Elaine Pitsas, Women's Swimming & Diving
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 Stacey Wierman, Women's Swimming & Diving
 Madie Zirzow, Women's Swimming & Diving
 Bethany Moore, Women's Tennis
 Ashlyn Rang, Women's Tennis
 Haley Austin, Indoor Track & Field
 Hannah Lange, Indoor Track & Field
 Michaela Hull, Indoor Track & Field
 Lauren Grant, Women's Volleyball
 Kati Vasalakis, Women's Volleyball
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 Haley Austin, Outdoor Track & Field
 Hannah Ciasto-Poor, Outdoor Track & Field
 Michaela Hull, Outdoor Track & Field
 Hannah Lange, Outdoor Track & Field

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Ball State University's athletic programs again earned high marks in the latest multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores released in May by the NCAA.

All 19 of the Cardinals' teams boasted multiyear averages of at least 957. Miami University was the only other Mid-American Conference school with all of its programs at or above that mark, while Indiana University was the only other public school in the state to achieve the feat.

Ball State had eight programs record multiyear scores of 990 or better, matching Ohio University and Western Michigan University for the most of any MAC school.

The APR, which has a perfect score of 1,000, provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship.

Read More on Ball State's APR:

<http://ballstatesports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?ATCLID=209495754>

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Ball State University women's golf and cross country programs were honored with Public Recognition Awards from the NCAA for their commitment to academic progress and retention of student-athletes.

Both programs posted perfect scores of 1,000 in the latest multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR). The awards go to teams whose scores rank in the top 10 percent within their respective sports.

The women's golf team was honored for the first time and became the eighth different Ball State team recognized in the 10-year history of the award program. The cross country team has earned the distinction four times, more than any team at Ball State.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

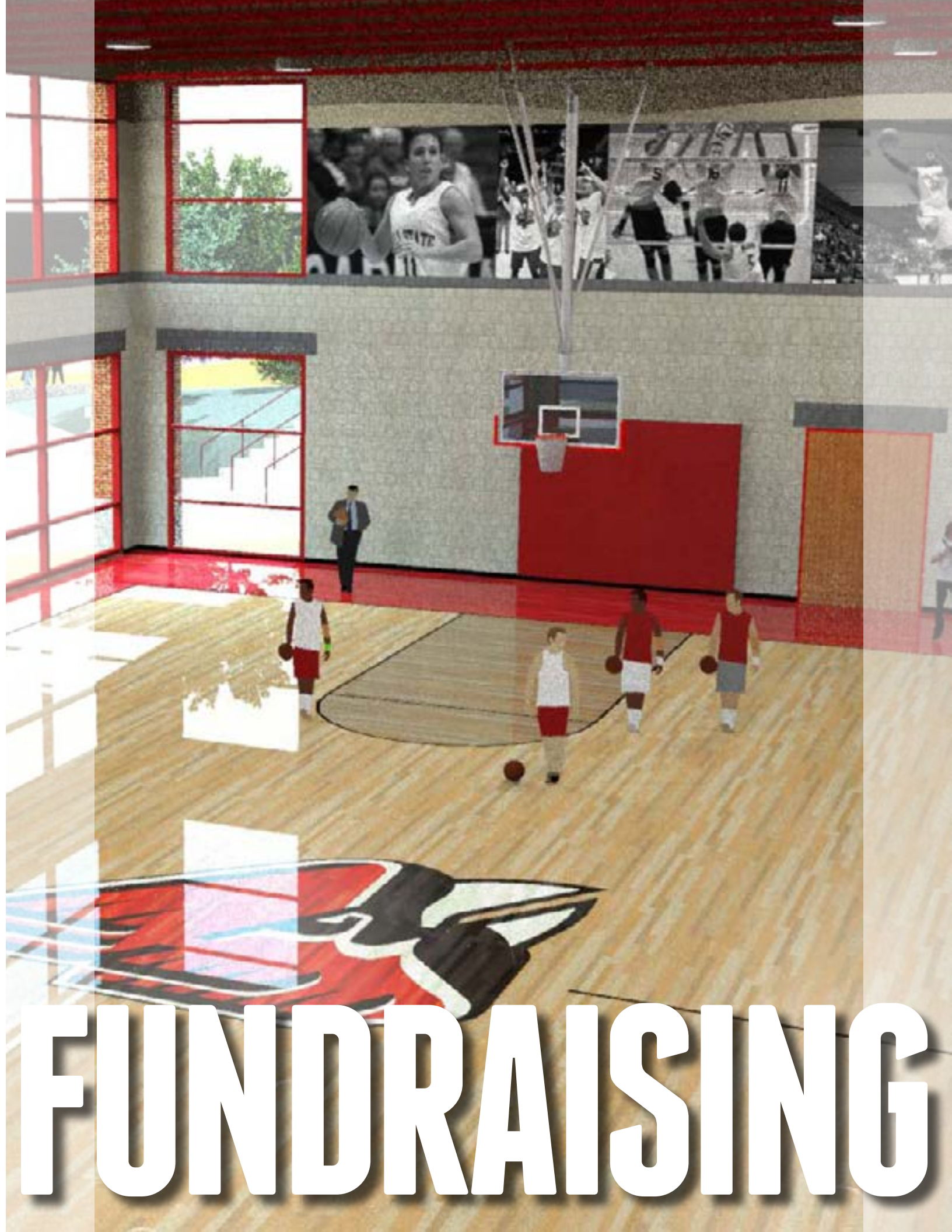
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Football player Steven Bell participates in the St. Jude Shave Off at the scramble light on campus.

Ball State coaches and student-athletes performed more than 2,000 hours of community service during the 2013-14 academic year. Here are just some of the organizations for which they volunteered:

Blood-N-Fire
Boys and Girls Club
Habit for Humanity
Muncie Mission
Muncie Soup Kitchen
Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund
Second Harvest Food Bank
Secret Families
Signature Healthcare of Muncie
Stroke Clinic at Muncie Central High School
St. Jude
Westminster Village
White River Clean Up
YMCA
Youth Opportunity Center



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Fundraising Accomplishments

Cardinal Varsity Club had another record year in 2013-

14 growing to over \$419,000 in unrestricted giving, including over 28 percent of our members making a gift of 110 percent or more of their 2012-13 gift.

Cardinal Commitment

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Included in the plans are:

A new Ballpark Complex for softball and baseball that will include new press boxes, dugouts, grandstands and artificial turf fields as well as a team room, officials' and coaches' locker rooms and guest amenities such as restrooms and concessions.



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A dedicated Court-Sports Practice Facility for men's and women's basketball and men's and women's volleyball, including a large practice area, new basketball locker rooms, and renovated and expanded volleyball locker rooms.



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A men's and women's Indoor Golf Practice Facility to include hitting bays, a putting green, team locker rooms, coaches' offices and an area for swing analysis equipment.





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MARKETING & PROMOTIONS

Social media was a big focus in 2013-14:

- Twitter followers of @BallStateSports more than doubled from 4,200 to more than 9,500 as of July 1, giving Ball State the fourth-most followers in the Mid-American Conference.
 - All team handles were updated allowing for better branding of Twitter handles as well as making them consistent with one another and the University official Twitter handle.
 - Several head coaches opened accounts.
 - The department increased cross-promotion between Ball State Athletics and Ball State Sports Link accounts.
- Facebook likes increased by more than 100 percent.
- The Ball State Instagram account was launched and as of July 1, Ball State had the most followers in the MAC.

The athletic department unveiled a new concept for Ball State Football Fan Jam that incorporated our Fall Sports teams and more interaction between the fans and our teams. The new design allowed for more on-field activities and helped increase attendance by 15 percent.

- Winter Fan Jam was also redesigned and saw attendance increase by 27 percent.

The department presented the Grand Prize Game 2 in conjunction with Project 10,000, a partnership between Ball State Dance Marathon and Ball State Athletics.

- While weather did not cooperate that night, these two promotions helped secure a fairly-successful student crowd on a rainy and cold night.
- Through corporate partners, the largest amount of prizes were given away to those in attendance.
- Through a private donation, Ball State Athletics was able to present a gift to Ball State Dance Marathon and more importantly, helped start a partnership that will hopefully continue in the future.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

- Total 2013 football student attendance was 21,376, an increase of 29.8 percent from 2012 and a 112 percent improvement from 2011. When removing the game the day after Thanksgiving, 2013 student attendance was 21,262 in the five home games, averaging 4,252 students per game.
- Football home opener student attendance was 6,480, up 25.7 percent from the 2012 opener and an increase of 120.7 percent from the 2011 home opener.
- Overall student attendance at the women's volleyball home opener increased 20.6 percent from 2012 and was up 29 percent from 2011.
- The women's volleyball match against Toledo drew 751 students and 1,454 total fans. The student attendance more than doubled every individual match turnout by students in 2012 (best was 315 students at the home opener).
- Total students participating in the student rewards program improved 46.7 percent.
- Potentially fueled by a promotion of free beanie hats to students, the men's basketball game vs. Buffalo drew 591 students, the second-best student crowd of the season. Only the game vs. Butler attracted a larger student crowd.



DEPARTMENTAL SUCCESS

TICKET SALES

- Increased gross ticket revenue by 25.0% when compared to 2012-13
- Increased total tickets sold to football games by 36.1% when compared to 2012
- Increased total ticket revenue from football games by 41.4% when compared to 2012
- Football ticket revenue was best for a non-Lucas Oil Stadium year since 2008
- Men's basketball ranked fifth in the MAC in attendance despite only winning five games all season
- Increased tickets sold and ticket revenue to men's basketball games
- Increased women's basketball ticket revenue by 31.2%

ALUMNI SUPPORT

- Generous financial contributions from Brady and Laura Hoke and Jason Whitlock allowed over 200 students to travel for free to the football game at Northern Illinois. The gift from the Hokes and Whitlock allowed current Ball State students to travel, eat meals to and from the game plus attend the game for free.

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Deputy Athletics Director of Internal Affairs Pat Quinn was inducted into the Oak Hills High School Hall of Fame on Feb. 10. Quinn coached the Highlanders' baseball team from 1977-81 and led them to three league championships, two district titles, two regional titles, a state championship in 1980 and state runner-up in 1981.
- Senior Associate Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator Karin Lee successfully defended her dissertation this spring to earn her Ph.D. in organizational management. Dr. Karin Lee received her degree from Capella University.
- Associate Athletics Director Joe Hernandez was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America at the annual CoSIDA Convention for his 25 years of service in the industry.

CORPORATE SALES

- Director of Corporate Sales Jeff Weller increased his sales by \$116,200.00, a 22 percent improvement.
- In working with corporate partner Ford, Ball State Athletics presented the Ford Oval of Honor at the football game vs. Army. It represented a true partnership between a corporate partner, our department and the Ball State Sports Network.
 - Four World War II Veterans were recognized in a pre-game ceremony on the Fisher Complex grounds.
 - Colonel Dane Rideout, a Ball State Alum and current Garrison Commander at West Point, spoke at the ceremony along with Bill Scholl and Ford Team Detroit representative Frank Bodwell.
- The 45-minute ceremony featured audio and video highlights of the four Veterans, presentation of individual shadowboxes (provided by Ford), and the entire football team shook hands with the Veterans on their way into the Fisher complex.
 - The four Veterans were recognized on-field prior to the National Anthem at the game.
 - WIPB-TV aired the one-hour TV special twice during the month of September and once on Veterans Day in November.
- Ball State signed a new partnership with Play By Play Sports, outsourcing our corporate sales division and creating Ball State Sports Properties.
 - The new partnership combines local knowledge of Jeff Weller and Chris Ulm with experienced duo of Scott Correia and Tim Roth who possess solid connections on a regional and national level with potential sponsors.
 - The five-year agreement provides Ball State Athletics with base revenue, in excess of last year's profit. Escalators for years four and five improve the base revenue and adjustments to profit sharing are also beneficial to Ball State.

DEPARTMENTAL SUCCESS

MEDIA RELATIONS



- For the second year in a row, the football signing day show was a huge hit and Ball State was one of the only MAC schools that attempted to pull off a live show for multiple hours.
- The department introduced informative and creative infographics that were released through our social media sites every Monday. Created by Joel Godett, these became big hits with our fans and generated thousands of impressions.
- The video created by Joel Godett promoting Jennifer Gilbert for All-America honors was a finalist for a College Sports Media Award for best promo, PSA, tease or intro video. Joel's feature story on Katie Murphy's relationship with her mother earned honorable mention for best feature story this year.
- A social media campaign helped Jennifer Gilbert, Sean Godfrey and Zack Plesac all earn All-America honors this year.

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