

## SIUE student-athletes lauded for academic performance

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EDWARDSVILLE – Three SIUE Athletics programs were honored by the NCAA Wednesday by earning multi-year Academic Progress Rates (APR) in the top 10 percent of all squads in each sport.

SIUE men's cross country, men's golf and women's tennis were listed among the nation's best for their high marks academically.

"We are very pleased these teams have been honored by the NCAA," said SIUE Director of Athletic Dr. <u>Brad Hewitt</u>. "We continue to be very proud of our student-

athletes, our coaches and the academic support staff for the countless hours put into being able to receive this honor."

The NCAA recognized more than 1,200 Division I teams for outstanding academic achievements. Based on their most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rates, these teams have earned NCAA Public Recognition Awards for posting scores in the top 10 percent of their sport.

The APR is an annual scorecard of academic achievement calculated for all Division I sports teams. This year, 1,203 teams are being recognized for academic performance: 746 women's teams and 457 men's teams or co-ed teams. The total number of teams being recognized increased by 132 from a year ago, largely as a result of an increase in perfect scores. Scores for programs in the top 10 percent ranged from 984 to a perfect 1,000, with 1,090 teams earning a perfect score.

The most recent APRs are multi-year rates based on scores from the 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 academic years.