



Item: ATH: I-1

Athletics Sub-Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

SUBJECT: ATHLETICS PRESENTATION

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

No action is necessary. This item is only informational.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Brian White, Vice President of Athletics, will give a general update on Athletics

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

Supporting Documentation:

Athletics Update PowerPoint

Submitted by:

Brian White, VP of Athletics



Board of Trustees
Athletics Update



Brian White

Vice President and Director of Athletics

Vision Statement:

Florida Atlantic University Athletics will build an inclusive culture of academic and athletic excellence and prepare its student-athletes for success in life. Through its success, the athletics department will positively promote the brand of the university and instill pride in its constituents. FAU Athletics will be the fastest improving athletic department in the country, building a nationally relevant brand, competing for championships and establishing itself as the hometown team for “Paradise” to include Broward and Palm Beach County.

Mission Statement: Winning in Paradise

To create a brighter future for FAU through student-athlete success.

Core Values:

Purpose, Inclusion, Integrity, Enthusiasm, Ambition



Academic and Community Service Highlights

- FAU student-athletes have achieved a 3.0 or higher for nine straight semesters
- 14 teams earned a perfect 1,000 single year APR score
- Five teams were publicly recognized for being in the top 10% in the country (**Men's Cross Country, Men's Golf, Softball, Women's Sand Volleyball, and Women's Tennis**)
- Single year Federal Graduation Rate is 7.5% higher than the student body
- FAU student-athletes have served over 4,500 community service hours for the past three years.
 - The service hours were performed across 43 locations throughout Broward and Palm Beach County.



Fall 2018- Fall 2019 Athletics Department Achievements

- **Football, Baseball, and Women's Soccer** earned Conference USA regular season championships in 2019
- **Football** defeated SMU 52-28 in the 2019 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl and finished 27th in the AP poll
- **Baseball** qualified for 2019 NCAA Regionals for the fourth time in five years.



Fall 2018- Fall 2019 Athletics Department Achievements

- Both **Devin Singletary** (third round) and **Kerrith Whyte** (seventh round) were drafted in the NFL Draft
- **Harrison Bryant** was named the 2019 John Mackey Award winner, given to the nation's top tight end
- **Harrison Bryant** was a unanimous All-American selection - marking the second consecutive season Bryant has earned All-America honors
- **Natalliah Whyte** was the first FAU Track & Field Athlete to qualify for NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships and earned All-America honors for her finish in the 100m dash
- Women's Soccer coach, **Patrick Baker** (2018, 2019), and Baseball coach, **John McCormack** (2019) were both named C-USA Coach of the Year
- Baseball Coach **John McCormack** also earned his 400th career win
- **Dusty May** led the men's basketball team to its best record since 2010-11 season and is currently tracking for another successful season. Coach May is currently the winningest coach in program history and his first season (2018-19) was the most successful season in the history of FAU Men's Basketball for a first year head coach.





Super Bowl Champion



Keith Reiser is the first FAU football alum to become a Super Bowl Champion!



Competitive Success Across The Board

As part of the strategic plan, the athletics department is tracking each team's conference finish and national rankings while also determining our average finish in each area as an entire department.

National Ranking

↑ 34.57

The number of percentage points FAU's national ranking average has improved between 2014-15 to 2019-20.

2014-15: 59.36%	2017-18: 48.32%
2015-16: 52.69%	2018-19: 45.41%
2016-17: 62.85%	2019-20: 24.79%

Conference Ranking

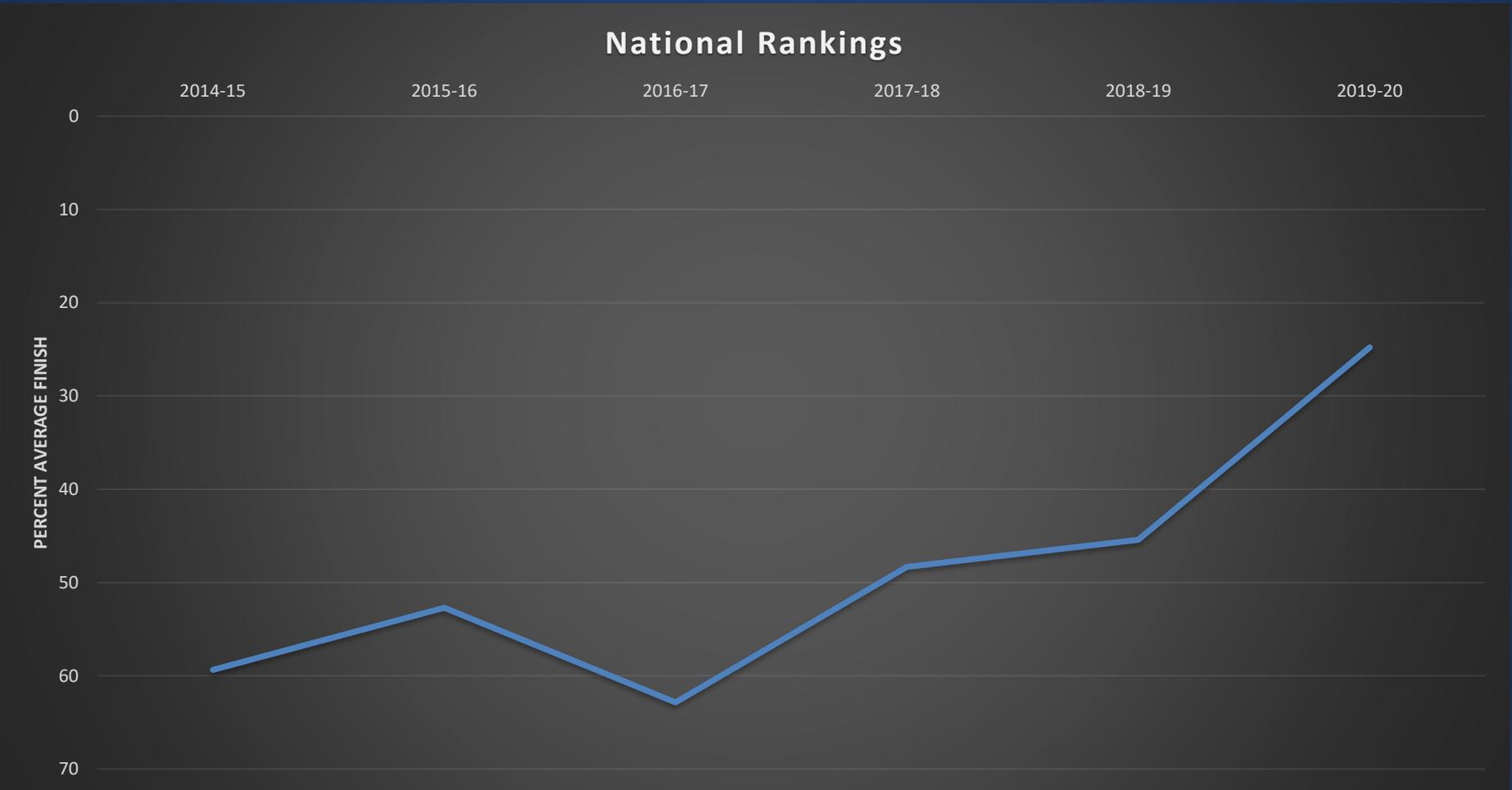
↑ 3.91

The number of points FAU's conference ranking average has improved between 2014-15 to 2019-20. in the past two years, there has been a 36% improvement.

2014-15: 9.27	2017-18: 8.24
2015-16: 9.37	2018-19: 8.58
2016-17: 8.77	2019-20: 5.36



Competitive Success Across The Nation



Competitive Success Across The Conference

