



Mission Statement

The department of athletics facilitates student-athlete development by assisting student-athletes in their efforts to achieve academic and athletic excellence. The department of athletics provides an environment that supports the educational mission of the university. Pointers Athletics is committed to an inclusive culture that fosters equitable and competitive participation for student-athletes and career opportunities for coaches and administrators from diverse backgrounds.

Successful teams and student-athletes develop academically, athletically, and individually through ability-based learning by demonstrating:

- Intrinsic motivation
- Integrity and responsible decision making
- Qualities of leadership through effective communication and teamwork
- Active membership within their team, on campus, and in the community
- Commitment to themselves, their team, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Our department prepares student-athletes to take this success into current and future professional global settings.

UWSP Athletics is committed to upholding the mission of University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and the WIAC as well as the NCAA Division III philosophy, including those principles of fair play, amateur athletics competition, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct.

Services and Programs

- The athletics department currently offers 25 NCAA Division III varsity sports
 - 13 male sports offerings
 - 12 female sports offerings
- Over 125 home contests, serving 1000's of spectators, including UWSP students
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) highlights include:
 - Partnered with the Center for Prevention to offer a Make It Okay program highlighting mental health.
 - Partnered with Northwestern Mutual for featured speakers on financial literacy
 - Sustainability Committee
 - Partnered with The Closet on a fashion show
 - Two Green Sport Alliance Games – Each game raised funds to plant additional trees
 - Diversity Committee
 - Held the first Pride Game at a Men's Basketball event
 - Trick or Can, FAB Fridays at Plover Whiting, reading in elementary schools
- NOTE: for the 2024-25 school year Men's Soccer will be added. This will bring our student athlete count over 900

25 Sports, 700 Student-Athletes, 1 POINT



Unit Achievements

Pointers Athletics continued the long tradition of athletic excellence, academic rigor and exploration, and community service and impact in 2024-25. Pointer Athletics continued as one of the top NCAA Division III programs in the country. Some notable highlights include:

- ✓ 3.16 GPA (Higher than the general student population)
- ✓ 435 student athletes with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- ✓ 3 – Chancellor Award winners
- ✓ Women’s Soccer-United Coaches Academic Award
- ✓ Women’s Volleyball Team earned AVCA Team Academic Award
- ✓ Women’s Basketball earned the #7 best GPA in the country for all women’s basketball programs
- ✓ Women’s Tennis earned national recognition for their team GPA
- ✓ Women’s Volleyball Qualified for the NCAA Tournament for fourth straight season
- ✓ Men’s Hockey – WIAC Championship, NCAA National Quarterfinalist
- ✓ Softball – NCAA Regional, Most wins since 2007
- ✓ Women’s Wrestling had 9 National Qualifiers
- ✓ Collectively – 2 WIAC Coach of the Year, 2 WIAC Player of the Year, 2 WIAC Conference Championships, 3 WIAC Newcomer of the Year, 87 WIAC All-Conference Selections, 4 All-Americans
- ✓ Cheer-Multiple National Competition Recognition
- ✓ Athletics Residential Community Experience grew from 42 to 72
- ✓ Athletics partnered with the Tutoring and Learning Center to restart the First-Year experience for student athletes presenting a risk-factor for persistence or retention

2023-2024 Service Indicators

The following numbers indicate student’s participation in our varsity sports.

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| Total Roster Count – A Multi-sport student athlete counted multiple times | 898 |
| Total Unique Student-Athletes - Regardless of number of sports, student athlete only counted once | 700 |

***Not included in this data – Cheerleading Student-Athletes (50 Members) and Band Members

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Inclusive Excellence

The athletics department took major strides in 2023-2024. With various partnerships throughout the university, athletics conducted educational training for everyone in the department. Topics centered on racial diversity, academic preparedness, bystander intervention, Title IX (sexual assault and misconduct) training, and students that come from poor socioeconomic backgrounds. Additionally, athletics partnered with counseling services to conduct 653 mental health screenings. One notable addition, men's basketball conducted the first Pride Game in program history.

2024-2025 Department Goals

The athletics department strives to be national leaders in Athletic Competitive Excellence, Community Service, Academic Performance and Inclusive Excellence.

- Finish in the Top 4 in the WIAC All-Sports Award
- Finish in the Top 50 in the Learfield Cup for National Standings
- Make a tangible difference in the community including on campus, in the region and national through service
- Cumulative GPA higher than the average undergraduate GPA
- Continuous development of Inclusive Athletic Programs and Teams; each team to participate in one new event/program supporting inclusion/diversity
- Successful launch of Men's Soccer