



## **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 26 NCAA Division III varsity sports
  - 14 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:
  - **Sustainability Committee**
    - Multiple Green Sport Alliance Games
    - Earth Week Activities
      - Green Sport Alliance Games
      - Shoe Drive
      - Campus Clean-Up
  - **Diversity Committee**
    - Inclusion Awareness Games Women's Soccer, Women's Lacrosse and Men's Basketball
    - Around the world food potluck for D3 Week
  - **D3 Week**
    - Pie the Coaches Fundraiser
    - Over 100 student-athletes from all 26 sports spent every day from 11am-1pm at Roosevelt Elementary School promoting positive play with the Pointers

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- NMDP (National Marrow Donor Program) Event
- **Other Notables:**
  - Trick or Can- 3,490.6 lbs collected and distributed to facilities in Stevens Point
  - FAB Fridays at Plover-Whiting
  - Try It Out Program at Boys and Girls Club
  - Multiple Teams worked at Stevens Point Cultural Festival to set-up and tear down

### 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:

- ✓ 3.20 GPA (Higher than the general student population)
- ✓ 597 student athletes with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- ✓ 8 – Chancellor Award winners and 1 Albertson Medallion Award winner
- ✓ Women's Soccer- Earns Silver Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award
- ✓ Women's Volleyball Team earned AVCA Team Academic Award – 6<sup>th</sup> Straight
- ✓ Women's Basketball earned the #4 best GPA in the country for all women's basketball programs – 3.82 GPA
- ✓ Ann Ninnemann named Tucker Center Women's Coaches Symposium College Coach of the Year
- ✓ Women's Volleyball Qualified for the NCAA Tournament for fifth straight season
- ✓ Softball – NCAA Regional Champion, first Super-Regional in program history
- ✓ Women's Wrestling had 8 National Qualifiers
- ✓ Men's Cross Country finished 16<sup>th</sup> at Nationals first time back at NCAA's since 2010 in Bambach's third season
- ✓ Collectively, 4 WIAC Player of the Year (Goalkeeper WSOC, Kopp, Fletcher Anderson, WIAC Diver), 57 WIAC All-Conference Selections, 4 All-Americans (MHOC, WBB, Softball, WVB)
- ✓ Cheer-Multiple National Competition Recognition
- ✓ Athletics Residential Community Experience was at 70 participants
- ✓ Athletics was a partner in the 6-Week Engagement Program to assist in campus initiatives to improve retention and engagement on campus

### 2024-2025 Service Indicators

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

<b>Total Roster Count –</b> A Multi-sport student athlete counted multiple times	<b>934</b>
<b>Total Unique Student-Athletes -</b> Regardless of number of sports, student athlete only counted once	<b>734</b>

\*\*\*Not included in this data – Cheerleading Student-Athletes (53 Members) and Band Members (40 Members)

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## **Student Athlete Care**

The athletics department took major strides in 2024-2025. With various partnerships throughout the university, athletics conducted educational training for everyone in the department. Topics of centered on 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 mental health screenings for all student athletes.

## **2025-2026 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
- Host, minimally, one NCAA post-season event
- Continue to develop new revenue streams, including by not limited to, the sales of beer at home contests and a branding relationship with Point Brewer
- 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

## ***SAAC Goals***

- SAAC partnership with Academic and Career Advising Center to attend one SAAC meeting every semester to provide programming on resume building and interview skills
- Athletic Community Experience is partnering with Academic and Career Advising Center to provide career exploration and study skills programming specifically for the community.
- Continuing partnership with Northwestern Mutual to provide mental health and team building programming