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The NCAA Graduation Success Rate report on Division I student-athletes released today places the University of Dayton in familiar territory – among the top 20 schools in graduating its student-athletes. Dayton's GSR of 96 in this year's report ranks the University 16th in the nation and first in the Atlantic 10.

This year's score of 96 is the department's highest since the inception of the GSR reporting system in 1995 and is the highest rating of any current member of the Atlantic 10. Of the nine years the GSR has been compiled, the Flyers have never rated below a 94 or 27th nationally.

"We're proud to say that our 96 GSR score is as good as we have ever done, and prouder still that our scores in the nine years the NCAA has compiled them have been 94, 95 or 96," Tim Wabler, University of Dayton vice president and director of athletics said. "But frankly, it's not something our student-athletes spend a lot of time thinking about. They know that the culture put in place by the University — from our faculty, to our academic support team, to our coaches — is one where our student-athletes are expected to do their best in the classroom. They are focused on competing at the highest level, and working toward winning championships."

The Flyer men's and women's basketball teams both posted 100 GSR scores, two of seven Flyer teams with a perfect score. Dayton is one of 23 schools, and only the A-10 member, with perfect scores for both basketball teams. Dayton's five other perfect teams are men's golf, women's golf, women's soccer, women's rowing and women's tennis. Thirteen of Dayton's 14 teams posted Graduation Success Rates above the national average of 82.

Women's basketball has posted a perfect GSR and qualify for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship during the past four years. It's one of seven in the nation to do so with Duke, Iowa State, Notre Dame, St. John's, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

The NCAA's Graduation Success Rate includes transfer students and student-athletes who started in 2006 and leave in good academic standing, unlike the federal graduation rate, which does not count transfers. Overall, the Division I GSR is 82 — the highest ever.

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