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University of Dayton student-athletes are showing their commitment to the University's mission of educating the whole person and linking learning and scholarship with leadership and service by achieving unprecedented success in the classroom.

For the spring 2013 semester, the 385 student-athletes combined for a record 3.26 grade-point average. Twenty-one student-athletes reached perfection with a 4.0 grade-point average. Forty-one percent had GPAs greater than 3.5 while 74 percent had a GPA greater than 3.0.

The successful semester brings the total of University of Dayton student-athletes with a GPA greater than 3.0 for their entire college career to 72 percent. Fifteen of the 16 Flyer squads have cumulative GPAs greater than 3.0.

"The academic success of our student-athletes can be attributed to the high caliber of students that our coaches are recruiting, always making sure they are a good fit in meeting the University's standards of academic excellence," said Vera Gomes, an academic coordinator in the University of Dayton division of athletics. "Our student-athletes work really hard and there are many resources in place to help them achieve their academic goals which translates into the University of Dayton developing leaders in society."

The record success in the 2013 Spring semester is the latest in a long line of academic accomplishments for the Flyers.

Fifteen of the University's 16 teams performed above the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate (APR) national average in their respective sports in the latest report. Seven Flyer teams earned perfect APR scores. Seven teams have the top APR in their respective conferences; two others have the second-best APR.

Dayton joined Duke, Notre Dame and Princeton as the only institutions whose men's and women's basketball programs had perfect NCAA Graduate Success Rates (GSR) and won at least 20 games in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons.

The division of athletics started tracking these statistics in 2005.

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