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The NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report on Division I student-athletes released today places the University of Dayton in familiar territory – among the nation's best in graduating its student-athletes. The University of Dayton's score of 94 in this year's report places the University tied for 27th in the nation and tied for second in the Atlantic 10.

Six of Dayton's teams - men's basketball, women's basketball, men's golf, women's rowing, women's soccer and women's tennis - have a perfect 100 score in this year's report.

Dayton is one of just four institutions whose men's and women's basketball programs have perfect GSR numbers and won at least 20 games in each of the last two seasons. That exclusive club's membership consists of Dayton, Duke, Notre Dame and Princeton.

Additionally, Dayton and Creighton had the highest GSR (94) of any school to have four teams as NCAA tournament automatic qualifiers during the 2011-12 school year.

In the A-10, which ranked second among all Division I conferences in overall GSR score, the men's basketball team is one of only three and the women's basketball team is one of seven in the conference to have a perfect score.

"It might be tempting for people to look at this as 'business as usual' for the University of Dayton, but that would short-change how important our student-athletes' academic success is to everyone at the University of Dayton," Tim Wabler, UD vice president and director of athletics said. "It speaks to the type of young person we attract to the University, as well as the commitment to success in and out of the classroom by our student-athletes, our coaches and our academic support team."

Dayton is tied for 27th with Boston University, Creighton, Furman, George Washington, Georgetown, Pepperdine, Richmond, Valparaiso and Villanova.

Dartmouth is the only school with a 100 GSR for all of its sports programs. Brown, Bucknell and Notre Dame are second at 99. Colgate, Columbia, Duke, Harvard, Holy Cross and Yale tie for fifth with an overall score of 98.

The NCAA's Graduation Success Rate includes transfer students and student-athletes who leave in good academic standing, unlike the federal graduation rate, which does not count transfers. The GSR and federal rate calculations measure graduation over six years from first-time college enrollment.

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