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University of Dayton athletics is tied for first in the Atlantic 10 Conference and tied for 21st in the nation in the NCAA Graduation Success Report released Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The Flyers’ overall score is 94. Ten programs — baseball, women’s basketball, men’s cross country, men’s golf, women’s golf, women’s rowing, women’s soccer, men’s tennis, women’s tennis and volleyball — have a perfect 100, the most of any school in the A-10. Two other programs, football in the Pioneer Football League and men’s basketball in the A-10, are second in their conferences.

The University of Dayton department of athletics further enhanced the academic experience for student-athletes earlier this year when it created the Anthony A. Riggs Academic Center. The center, located on the second floor of the Frericks Center, the home for Dayton Flyer athletics, will provide top-tier academic support services for more than 350 student-athletes. The renovations include 54 workstations and two conference/tutoring rooms.

"Our work toward enhancing the opportunities for student-athletes to be successful academically isn't finished, but we continue to make progress," NCAA President Mark Emmert said. "Our student-athletes are engaged on their campuses, they are competing hard in all that they do, and they are achieving important successes on-and-off the field and court."

The Graduation Success Rate measures graduation in a six-year time period from initial college enrollment. The rate for all Division I student-athletes beginning college in 2003 is 79 percent.

Colgate is the only school with a 100 Graduation Success Rate for all of its sports programs. Notre Dame is second at 99. Duke, Furman, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Loyola (Maryland) and Northwestern are next at 97. Boston College, Davidson and the United States Naval Academy are at 96. Bucknell, Creighton, Fairfield, New Hampshire, Rice, Siena, William & Mary, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Wofford have a 95. The Flyers are tied with American, Boston University, Bradley, Georgetown, Stanford and Xavier at 94.

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