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The NCAA honored eight University of Dayton athletics programs this week with Public Recognition Awards for their academic progress rate (APR) scores. NCAA Public Recognition Awards go to teams that have posted multiyear APR scores in the top 10 percent of the teams in their respective sports.

The Flyers squads honored were men's and women's basketball, football, men's and women's golf, women's soccer, men's tennis and women's indoor track. Only 19 NCAA Division I schools had more teams receive public recognition awards. Dayton led the Atlantic 10 conference.

"This is an accomplishment that is shared throughout the University," Dayton Vice President and Director of Athletics Tim Wabler said. "We hold true to the belief that with all the victories and accomplishments our teams are earning on the court and the playing field, they can also be successful in the classroom. News like this simply confirms that it can be done. It's a commitment that is campus-wide. There are so many people at the University who help us year-in-and-year-out and share in this achievement."

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester or quarter by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete. The APR includes eligibility, retention and graduation in the calculation, and provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport. The 767 teams publicly recognized this year for high achievement represent 11.9 percent of the approximately 6,484 Division I teams. The number of teams in some sports may exceed 10 percent due to mathematical ties. The most recent APRs are multi-year rates based on scores from the academic years 2004 to 2008.