

Year in Review

Achievements

As you have heard, increasing public awareness of Indiana State University's accomplishments is crucial to building student enrollment, influencing policy makers, and developing a place of pre-eminence in the Midwest. What do you consider to be your department's accomplishments for the 2006-07 year that will contribute to this effort? (Please list in priority order and limit to no more than 8.)

Several of our sports have excelled in the area of academic achievement. The GPA and graduation rates of our student-athletes are significantly higher than the general student body.

We hosted the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships this year at the Wabash Valley Family Center. It was televised live on CBS television and much mention of Indiana State University was made.

Men's Cross Country won the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Championship this year.

Women's Soccer advanced to the MVC tournament.

Volleyball received the academic merit award for the 8th straight year.

Men's Basketball defeated Butler, Purdue, and Creighton this year and was mentioned several times on national News for their accomplishments.

Women's Basketball was rated the second highest academic achievers in the country. they finished third in the MVC and advanced to the MVC tournament.

Softball has defeated 5 nationally ranked teams.

Baseball has defeated Indiana University 2 times and Illinois University and has received widespread regional recognition.

Women's Tennis is ranked in the top 75 teams in the nation.

Women's Tennis, Men's Tennis, Women's Track and Field and Men's Track and Field have all qualified for MVC tournament appearances this spring.

Enrollment

What steps did you take this year to aid ISU in overcoming enrollment challenges?

The Indiana State University Athletics Department recruits and retains approximately 350 student-athletes each year. The coaches work hard to identify students that are excellent in the classroom and excellent on the surface of competition.

What can your office do next year to help overcome enrollment challenges?

We will be proposing the addition of another women's sport to assist with enrollment challenges and also to assist in the accomplishment of gender equity responsibilities. This could bring in as many as 40-100 new female students over the course of the next few years.

Action Steps

Do you have any further progress you would like to report?

By establishing successful programs in the Athletics Department, the regional and national reputation of Indiana State is enhanced. ISU Athletics is in the news nearly every day identifying the accomplishments of the program and the quality of the programs and university. Not only are the teams showing success at our competitions, but also in the classroom.

Assessment

What are two ways in which you evaluated the quality or effectiveness in your area last year?

What changes did you make based on those assessments?

Evaluation of the coaching staff and student-athlete surveys were conducted to assess the quality and effectiveness in the Athletics Department. The Athletics Department administration evaluates coaches on an annual basis. All student-athletes take an anonymous survey at the end of each competition year. We also do formal face to face discussions with seniors in an exit interview format.

Several staff and some coaching changes were made this year to bolster up the quality of several of our programs. These personnel adjustments were difficult but necessary.

Budget

As you know, ISU is facing significant budget challenges. Finding ways to overcome these while increasing efficiency requires innovation. How are you overcoming your budget challenges this year?

Fund raising has increased. Attendance at events has increased. Expectations of coaches and staff are to be diligent in their spending practices and find ways to operate excellent programs without overspending their budgets.

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Please provide 1-2 suggestions to increase the ability of your department or the University to meet the criteria above.