

Dominican wins fifth PacWest Academic Achievement Award

In the seven years the conference has recognized the highest program GPA for the academic year, Dominican has been at the top of the list all five times since joining the conference. The Penguins improved on their 3.34 GPA from last season and eclipsed Notre Dame de Namur's mark of 3.36 in 2007-08 for the highest achievement ever in the PacWest.

"I applaud our student-athletes for setting the bar even higher this year," said [Dominican Athletics](#) Director Brandon Leimbach. "The academic achievement set forth by our student-athletes — as well as coaches, faculty, and staff who support academics and athletics at Dominican — is amazing. I would like to recognize our Faculty Athletics Representative, Dr. Christopher Leeds, who has helped guide our student-athletes as their primary academic mentor."

The PacWest as a whole set a new standard for academic excellence in 2013-14 with a combined GPA of 3.075, edging past the 3.07 recorded in 2011-12. Nine programs had a GPA above 3.00, the second-highest mark ever behind the 10 from last year.]

Point Loma came in second with a 3.30 GPA, followed closely by BYU-Hawaii at 3.255, Dixie State at 3.221, and Azusa Pacific at 3.15.

"Dominican's consistent success in the classroom is a credit to their student-athletes, professors, and staff — and this year's effort was off the charts," said PacWest Commissioner Bob Hogue. "Also, achieving the highest conference-wide grade point average ever is a credit to all of our PacWest student-athletes for their continued hard work and dedication."

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