RE-ENGINEERING THE
STUDENT-ATHLETE NETWORK

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NACADA recommendations

• Be knowledgeable about basic NCAA regulations
• Acknowledge huge transitions for student-athletes
• Know the campus well enough to gauge pressure on student-athletes and give advice, know day-to-day schedules of athletes
• Get to know students as individuals and have ready access to the support systems all students need
• Be respectful and help students value both their athletic and intellectual efforts
• Keep in mind that you’re working with young people in transition
NACADA recommendations

• Advisors should make clear that they care about the student’s purpose for being in college
• Help student-athletes identify goals, emphasizing academic success
• Encourage student-athletes to make the right choice of friends
• Assess student-athletes based on their results
• Inform student-athletes about essential techniques for juggling classes and sport
• Teach them how to communicate appropriately with professors and staff
• Be especially persistent with international athletes and their additional requirements
• Advisors should demonstrate to student-athletes that they are an advisor outside of the office as well as within it
• South Campus advisement appointments prior to registration
• Athletic advisor college liaisons
• Life Skills coordinator serves on NSO committee
• Mandatory 1-on-1 appointments with major advisors every semester
• Pre-enrollment forms
• Staff and faculty invitations to scholar-athlete banquet
• Major-specific athletic societies
NEW ATHLETIC ADVISOR
TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

Derek Sokoloff: Football
DaDa Willis-Gregory: Men's Basketball, Men's & Women's Tennis
Andrea Pierson: Football, Softball, Women's Golf
Brian Ferguson: Women's Basketball, Track & Cross Country, Volleyball
Ashlynn Yeagle: Men's & Women's Soccer, Men's & Women's Ski
Chris Baca: Baseball, Men's Golf
Vacant Position: Football, Women’s Swimming & Diving
THANK YOU!