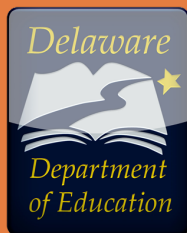


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Playing Sports in College

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Welcome!

Introductions:

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- Steve Dolan – University of Pennsylvania
- Jerry Oravitz – University of Delaware

*This is not a recruiting event being sponsored by or for the University of Delaware or the University of Pennsylvania, rather this is an opportunity to learn more about the general recruitment process for a prospective student-athlete and family members.

What is “Recruiting”?

- What does “being recruited” mean?
 - Does receiving a letter from a university count as being recruited?
- Recruiting calendars are different, by sport
- When can you contact a coach?
- When can a coach contact you?
- What are some tips/strategies for trying to attract the attention of coaches?

How Important Are Academics?

- How important are academics in your pursuit of becoming a collegiate student-athlete?
- Do your grades matter?
- Do the classes you choose to take matter?
- What grade does your GPA start to matter?

Division I, II, III – What's the Difference?

- Division I, II, and III – what does this mean?
 - Scholarships
 - Competitiveness
 - Commitment required – practice times, travel to games
 - Describe the difference between a Preferred Recruit vs Walk-on

Communications

- What's appropriate regarding communications with a coach?
- Is it okay to also reach out to others on the coaching staff, like position coaches, assistant coaches
- How often should I reach out?
- What updates do coaches want to receive – sports performance, academic accomplishments, what else?
- Is it okay for parents to reach out, or should communications come from the student?
- Can I ask to meet with a coach in person (or via Zoom)?
- Will college coaches want to speak to my high school/travel team coach?

Camps & Clinics

- What's the difference between a camp and a clinic?
- Is attending a camp or clinic a necessary part of the recruitment process?
- Do coaches attend these?
- How do I choose what to attend?
- How do I stand out at a camp?
- Should I try to speak with a coach at a camp or clinic about attending their university?

More Info...

- Can a coach tell you what to major in?
- Students can check college athletic websites to see what current athletes are achieving in their sport
 - For example, a high school swimmer or track athlete could check the times of college athletes in their events to see what coaches might be looking for
- There are only certain numbers of spots on teams – a baseball team will need a certain number of pitchers or first baseman – so coaches may not always be looking to bring in athletes for every position
- Have a lot of options - your choice should match your academic and career goals with your sport
- Ask if there are set practice times for your sport – some colleges have afternoon practice times for all sports that do not compete with classes; other colleges may practice at the convenience of a coach, and then what choice is a student expected to make if a class or lab is a conflict?
- Most colleges have GPA requirements to be on a sports team

- Perspective student athletes must register with ncaa.org
- Want to play college sports? <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- College athletes making it to the pros:
<https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/estimated-probability-competing-professional-athletics>

	NCAA Participants	Approximate # Draft Eligible	# Draft Picks	# NCAA Drafted	% NCAA to Major Pro	% NCAA to Total Pro
Baseball	36,011	8,002	1,217	791	9.9%	--
M Basketball	18,816	4,181	60	52	1.2%	21%
W Basketball	16,509	3,669	36	31	0.8%	6.9%
Football	73,712	16,380	254	254	1.6%	--
M Ice Hockey	4,323	961	217	71	7.4%	--

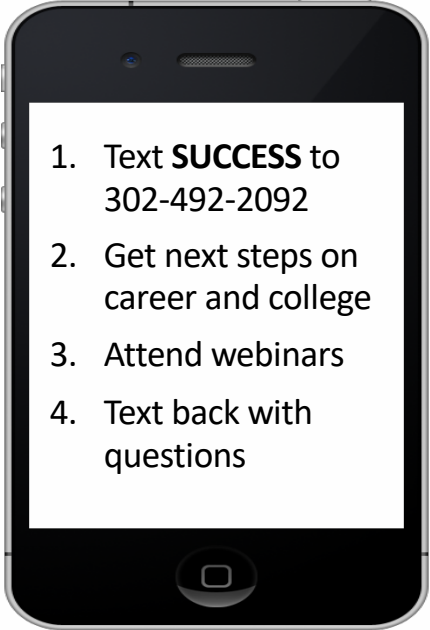
Texting to Connect – for high school students and parents/caregivers

Welcome to the Delaware Student Success texting program!

It's all so confusing.
Where do I start?

Attend the webinars this week to learn more.

Thanks!

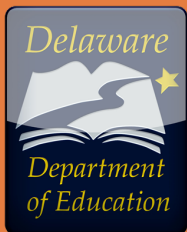
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 2. Get next steps on career and college
 3. Attend webinars
 4. Text back with questions

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