

Athletics Assessment

Highlights

2016-17

The academic year 2016-17 was another highly successful year in athletics. New programs were started and our teams continued to succeed both on and off the field. Following are some highlights from the year:

1. Launched two new sports, Men's and Women's soccer. Both teams were highly successful in their inaugural seasons. The Men's team won the regular season SWAC championship and the Women's team took second in the Region 18.
2. All of our teams had tremendous success this year:
 - a. Volleyball- won SWAC championship and finished 5th in the NJCAA National Championship
 - b. Men's soccer – SWAC champions
 - c. Women's soccer - SWAC runner up and 2nd place in Region 18
 - d. Men's basketball – 20 plus wins and 3rd place in the SWAC
 - e. Women's basketball- SWAC champions and a 4th place finish in NJCAA National Championship
 - f. Baseball – 2nd place in the SWAC and 2nd place in Region 18
 - g. Softball – SWAC championship, National runner –up in the NJCAA championships
3. Again this year, student athletes at SLCC earned degrees and transferred to 4-year institution at a rate higher than the general student body
4. Eighteen athletes were honored by the NJCAA as Academic All Americans
 - a. 9 were third team
 - b. 6 were second team
 - c. 3 were first team. One athlete, Rian Rawlings was 1st team in two different sports!
5. Our Know Greater Heroes programs, designed to introduce SLCC to elementary students in the area, while also providing leadership training to the students. We conducted 31 assemblies and reached over 12,500 young people. We had 78 SLCC student athletes complete the course and participate in the program.
6. SLCC athletics completed a major partnership with the Utah Jazz to host an NBA D-League team. The Salt Lake Stars played 24 home games in Bruin arena and drew crowds averaging around 800 per game. As a result of this partnership, Bruin arena benefitted from some major infrastructure upgrades which included:
 - a. Upgrade of wireless access throughout the LAC
 - b. A new high definition video board
 - c. 2 new scoreboards
 - d. A new LED scorer's table

- e. Two renovated locker rooms
 - f. New paint and marking on the floor
 - g. New chair back seating and other upgrades to the bleachers
 - h. Upgrades to the ticket office
7. Even after participating in the upgrades, SLCC was able to see significant revenues campus wide as a result of the partnership. The deal runs for another four years.