

**2023-24 Report from
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Overview

- Academic Success of Student-Athletes
- Update on Athletics Policy and Culture Task Force
- Assessment of Student-Athlete Experiences
- Questions and Answers

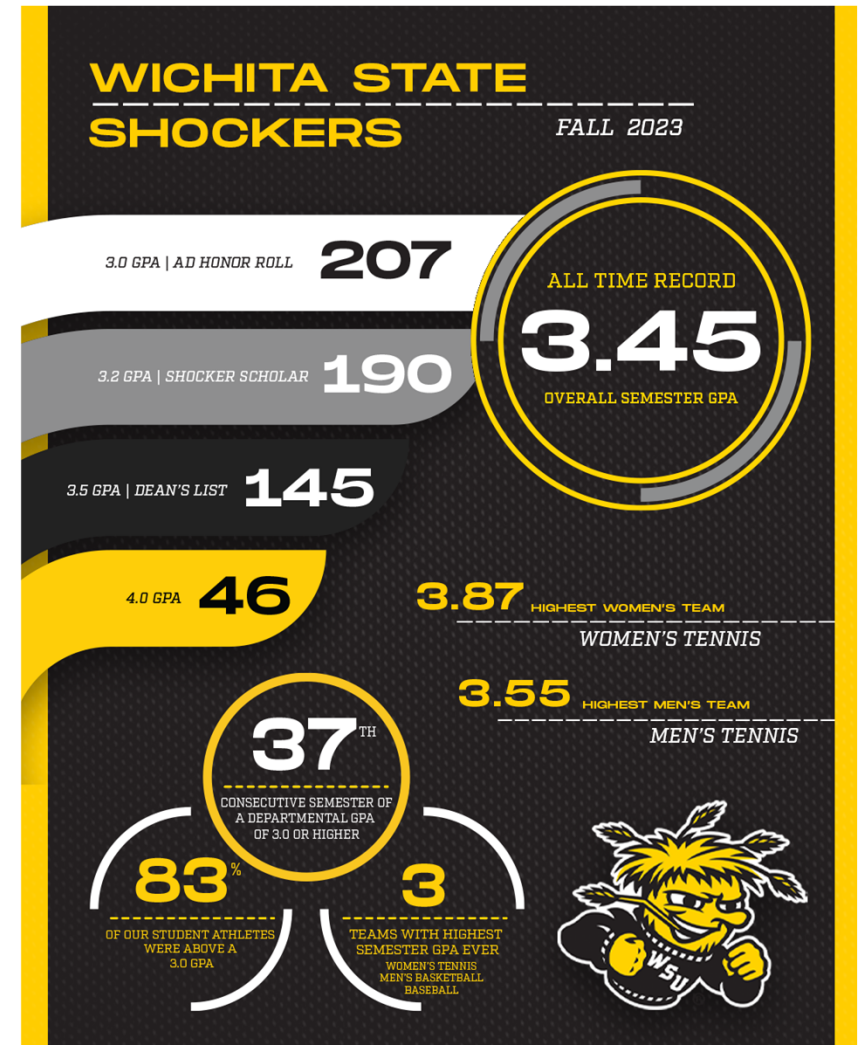
Academic Success of Student Athletes



- 2022 Five-Year Strategic Objectives
- 3.40 Department GPA
 - Never before attained
 - 2022 Stretch Goal: 3.40 once in next 10 semesters

Academic Success of Student Athletes

- Spring 2023: 3.406!
- Fall 2023: 3.450!!!
- Other Indicators
 - Academic Progress Rate: 988.3
 - Every team's APR score above NCAA requirement
 - Graduation Success Rate: 90%



Athletics Policy & Culture Recommendations

- APC Task Force (2021): 41 recommendations
- Spring 2023: 37 substantially completed
- Update: 39 enacted, progress on remaining 2
- The Shocker Way – New First-Year Seminar
- Commitments:
 - Keep living APC Task Force’s work
 - Allow for natural adaptation to the student-athlete development service framework

Student-Athlete Experiences

- Quality assurance/continuous improvement system
 - Continuous communication via Real Response application
 - Program surveys administered twice per year
 - Survey and exit interview of transfer portal departures
 - Survey and exit interview of completers

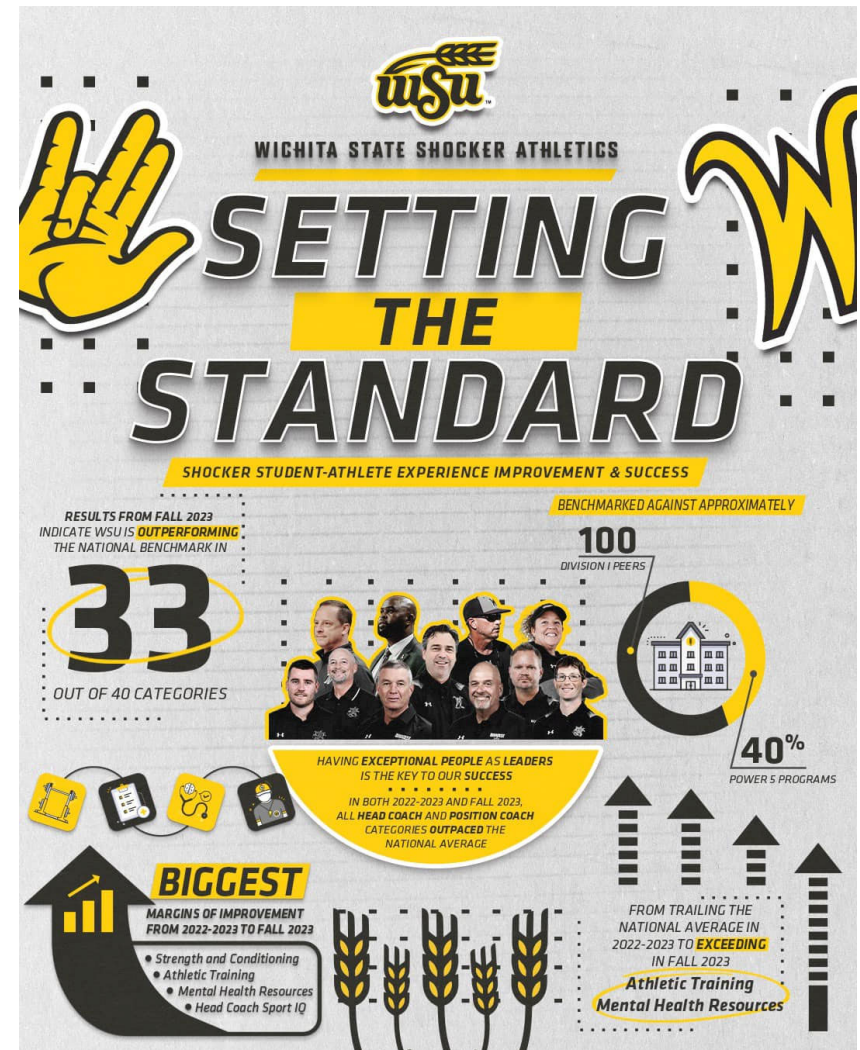
Student-Athlete Experiences: Survey Results



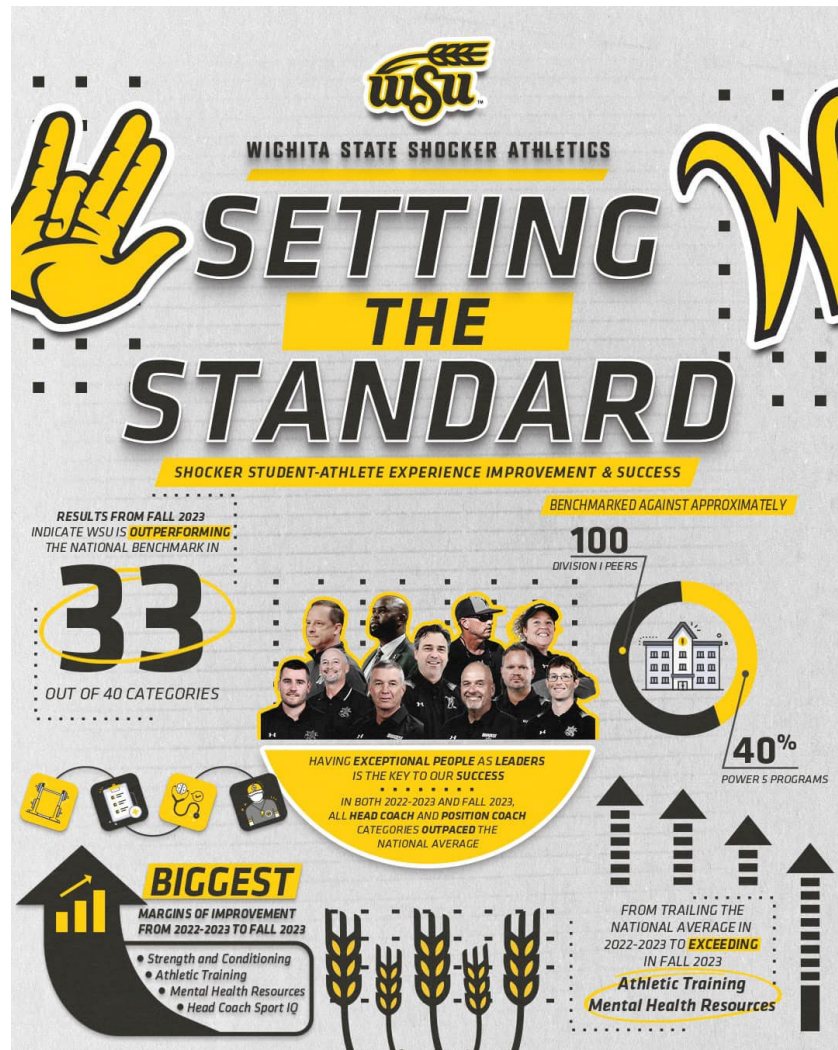
- Fall 2023 Survey
- Benchmarked against 100 NCAA Division I programs, 40% in “Power 5” conferences
- Overall Experience (0-5 scale)
 - WSU: 4.3
 - National: 4.1

Student-Athlete Experiences: Survey Results

- 36 of 40 items: 4.0 or better
- 33 of 40 items: Higher score than national average (3 even)
- Head coaches and position coaches exceed national average



Student-Athlete Experiences: Survey Results



- Areas of improvement
 - Athletic training
 - Mental health resources
- Additional feedback from Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Questions?



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Thank You!

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