

# ***EMBRY-RIDDLE ATHLETICS***



2021-22  
ANNUAL REPORT





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# EMBRY-RIDDLE ATHLETICS



ATHLETIC  
PERFORMANCE





# ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

## EMBRY-RIDDLE EAGLES

**\*NACDA DIRECTOR'S CUP RANKING - 26<sup>TH</sup> OF 303 NCAA DII INSITUTIONS\***

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>CONFERENCE RANK</b>	<b>REGIONALS</b>	<b>NCAA POST-SEASON</b>
<b>MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY</b>	SSC Champions	4 <sup>th</sup> of 18	29 <sup>TH</sup> NATIONALLY
<b>WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> of 8	10 <sup>th</sup> of 18	
<b>MEN'S SOCCER</b>	T10 <sup>th</sup> of 11		
<b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>	SSC Champions		REGION SEMIFINALS
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 11		REGION SEMIFINALS
<b>MEN'S BASKETBALL</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 11		REGION FINALS
<b>WOMEN'S BASKETBALL</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> of 11		
<b>BASEBALL</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> of 11		
<b>CHEERLEADING</b>	N/A		11 <sup>TH</sup> NATIONALLY
<b>MEN'S GOLF</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> of 11		INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER
<b>WOMEN'S GOLF</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> of 10		
<b>MEN'S LACROSSE</b>	T6 <sup>th</sup> of 8		
<b>WOMEN'S LACROSSE</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> of 8		
<b>MEN'S ROWING</b>	n/a		
<b>WOMEN'S ROWING</b>	SSC Champions		3 <sup>RD</sup> NATIONALLY
<b>SOFTBALL</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> of 11		REGION QUARTERFINALS
<b>MEN'S TENNIS</b>	T3 <sup>rd</sup> of 8		NCAA QUARTERFINALS
<b>WOMEN'S TENNIS</b>	T6 <sup>th</sup> of 10		
<b>MEN'S TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>	PBC Champions		
<b>WOMEN'S TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>	PBC Champions		34 <sup>TH</sup> NATIONALLY



# ***EMBRY-RIDDLE ATHLETICS***



ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE





# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

## EMBRY-RIDDLE EAGLES

### FALL 2021

**TOTAL TERM GPA: 3.384**  
**TOTAL CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.401**

SPORT	TERM GPA	CUMULATIVE GPA
BASEBALL	3.276	3.356
MEN'S BASKETBALL	3.463	3.232
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	3.808	3.765
CHEERLEADING	3.113	3.277
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	3.514	3.401
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	3.385	3.368
MEN'S GOLF	3.628	3.461
WOMEN'S GOLF	3.299	3.519
MEN'S LACROSSE	3.399	3.277
WOMEN'S LACROSSE	3.210	3.389
MEN'S ROWING	3.450	3.466
WOMEN'S ROWING	3.373	3.251
MEN'S SOCCER	3.592	3.584
WOMEN'S SOCCER	3.575	3.732
SOFTBALL	3.404	3.325
MEN'S TENNIS	3.910	3.783
WOMEN'S TENNIS	3.745	3.647
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD	3.240	3.243
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD	3.281	3.350
VOLLEYBALL	3.225	3.458

### OF THE 468 STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 107 EARNED A 4.0 (23%)
- 261 EARNED AT LEAST A 3.5 (56%)
- 376 EARNED AT LEAST A 3.0 (80%)



# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

## EMBRY-RIDDLE EAGLES

### SPRING 2022

**TOTAL TERM GPA: 3.298**  
**TOTAL CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.390**

SPORT	TERM GPA	CUMULATIVE GPA
BASEBALL	3.167	3.319
MEN'S BASKETBALL	3.146	3.216
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	3.674	3.749
CHEERLEADING	3.091	3.272
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	3.277	3.352
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	3.120	3.308
MEN'S GOLF	3.703	3.511
WOMEN'S GOLF	3.387	3.491
MEN'S LACROSSE	3.139	3.263
WOMEN'S LACROSSE	3.299	3.394
MEN'S ROWING	3.423	3.516
WOMEN'S ROWING	3.192	3.244
MEN'S SOCCER	3.466	3.555
WOMEN'S SOCCER	3.753	3.750
SOFTBALL	3.465	3.429
MEN'S TENNIS	3.747	3.791
WOMEN'S TENNIS	3.850	3.700
MEN'S TRACK & FIELD	3.171	3.223
WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD	3.056	3.324
VOLLEYBALL	3.052	3.248

#### OF THE 433 STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 111 EARNED A 4.0 (26%)
- 236 EARNED AT LEAST A 3.5 (55%)
- 327 EARNED AT LEAST A 3.0 (76%)



# ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

## EMBRY-RIDDLE EAGLES

### FOUR YEAR RETENTION RATES

Retention & Graduation Rates for Fall 2017 First-time Degree-seeking Undergraduates: by Sport

		DAYTONA BEACH							
		Fall 2017 new students							
		UG First Time							
		After 4 years							
		Initial Headcount		Returned		Graduated		Attrited	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Athlete	Men's Crew	18	100.0%	8	44.4%	7	38.9%	3	16.7%
	Men's Lax	12	100.0%	3	25.0%	7	58.3%	2	16.7%
	Men's Baseball	3	100.0%	3	100.0%				
	Men's Basketball	2	100.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%		
	Men's Cross Country/Track/Field	11	100.0%	5	45.5%	3	27.3%	3	27.3%
	Men's Golf	3	100.0%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%
	Men's Soccer	3	100.0%			3	100.0%		
	Men's Tennis	1	100.0%	1	100.0%				
	Softball	4	100.0%			4	100.0%		
	Women's Basketball	3	100.0%	1	33.3%			2	66.7%
	Women's Crew	10	100.0%			9	90.0%	1	10.0%
	Women's Lax	13	100.0%	3	23.1%	10	76.9%		
	Women's Cross Country/Track/Field	6	100.0%	2	33.3%	3	50.0%	1	16.7%
	Women's Golf	2	100.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%		
	Women's Soccer	3	100.0%			3	100.0%		
	Women's Volleyball	1	100.0%			1	100.0%		
	Total	95	100.0%	29	30.5%	53	55.8%	13	13.7%
	No sport	1261	100.0%	394	31.2%	472	37.4%	395	31.3%

Source: Institutional Research. Retention = enrolled at DB/PC in Fall, or at WW in any July-Sept term. Graduated = earned a degree at any campus (DB/PC/WW). Athlete status determined by participation during 2017-18.

ERAU Cum GPA for Fall 2017 First-time Degree-seeking Undergraduates Who Either Graduated by or Returned in Fall 2021: by Sport

		DAYTONA BEACH					
		Fall 2017 new students					
		UG First Time					
		After 4 years					
		Returned			Graduated		
		Valid N	Mean	Median	Valid N	Mean	Median
Athlete	Men's Crew	8	3.35	3.36	7	3.39	3.49
	Men's Lax	3	2.88	3.18	7	3.34	3.32
	Men's Baseball	3	3.17	2.89			
	Men's Basketball	1	2.40	2.40	1	3.97	3.97
	Men's Cross Country/Track/Field	5	3.23	3.19	3	2.77	2.64
	Men's Golf	1	2.62	2.62	1	3.62	3.62
	Men's Soccer				3	3.63	3.72
	Men's Tennis	1	3.37	3.37			
	Softball				4	2.66	3.37
	Women's Basketball	1	4.00	4.00			
	Women's Crew				9	3.57	3.46
	Women's Lax	3	2.98	3.13	10	3.17	3.47
	Women's Cross Country/Track/Field	2	2.60	2.60	3	3.33	3.30
	Women's Golf	1	3.08	3.08	1	3.97	3.97
	Women's Soccer				3	3.63	3.65
	Women's Volleyball				1	3.65	3.65
	Total	29	3.13	3.18	53	3.34	3.46
	No sport	394	3.04	3.04	472	3.36	3.39

Source: Institutional Research. Retention = enrolled at DB/PC in Fall, or at WW in any July-Sept term. Graduated = earned a degree at any campus (DB/PC/WW). Athlete status determined by participation during 2017-18.



### FIRST YEAR RETENTION RATES

Retention & Graduation Rates for Fall 2020 First-time Degree-seeking Undergraduates: by Sport

		DAYTONA BEACH					
		Fall 2020 new students					
		UG First Time					
		After 1 year					
		Initial Headcount		Returned		Attrited	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
Athlete	Men's Crew	3	100.0%	3	100.0%		
	Men's Lax	10	100.0%	10	100.0%		
	Men's Baseball	16	100.0%	15	93.8%	1	6.3%
	Men's Cross Country/Track/Field	14	100.0%	12	85.7%	2	14.3%
	Men's Golf	2	100.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
	Men's Soccer	7	100.0%	7	100.0%		
	Men's Tennis	2	100.0%	2	100.0%		
	Softball	2	100.0%	2	100.0%		
	Women's Basketball	4	100.0%	4	100.0%		
	Women's Crew	4	100.0%	4	100.0%		
	Women's Lax	6	100.0%	5	83.3%	1	16.7%
	Women's Cross Country/Track/Field	14	100.0%	12	85.7%	2	14.3%
	Women's Golf	1	100.0%	1	100.0%		
	Women's Soccer	5	100.0%	5	100.0%		
	Women's Volleyball	5	100.0%	5	100.0%		
	Total	95	100.0%	88	92.6%	7	7.4%
Not an athlete	No sport	1404	100.0%	1103	78.6%	301	21.4%

Source: Institutional Research. Retention = enrolled at DB/PC in Fall, or at WW in any July-Sept term. Graduated = earned a degree at any campus (DB/PC/WW). Athlete status determined by participation during 2020-21.

First-year ERAU Cum GPA for Fall 2020 First-time Degree-seeking Undergraduates Who Returned in Fall 2021: by Sport

		DAYTONA BEACH		
		Fall 2020 new students		
		UG First Time		
		After 1 year		
		Valid N	Mean	Median
Athlete	Men's Crew	3	3.54	3.89
	Men's Lax	10	3.34	3.28
	Men's Baseball	15	3.32	3.44
	Men's Cross Country/Track/Field	12	3.32	3.55
	Men's Golf	1	4.00	4.00
	Men's Soccer	7	3.69	3.80
	Men's Tennis	2	3.30	3.30
	Softball	2	3.26	3.26
	Women's Basketball	4	3.87	3.91
	Women's Crew	4	3.27	3.38
	Women's Lax	5	3.52	3.81
	Women's Cross Country/Track/Field	12	3.46	3.59
	Women's Golf	1	3.23	3.23
	Women's Soccer	5	3.32	3.71
	Women's Volleyball	5	3.25	3.36
	Total	88	3.41	3.59
Not an athlete	No sport	1102	3.33	3.47

Source: Institutional Research. Retention = enrolled at DB/PC in Fall, or at WW in any July-Sept term. Graduated = earned a degree at any campus (DB/PC/WW). Athlete status determined by participation during 2020-21.



# ***EMBRY-RIDDLE ATHLETICS***



HOME ATTENDANCE  
& TICKETING





# **HOME ATTENDANCE & TICKETING**

## **OVERALL**

***TOTAL TICKETED EVENTS: 122***

***TOTAL OVERALL ATTENDANCE: 29,699***

***TOTAL TICKET REVENUE: \$127,640.00***

Season Ticket Revenue: \$61,650.00

Single Game Ticket Revenue: \$65,990.00





# HOME ATTENDANCE & TICKETING

## FALL SPORTS



### ***Soccer (MEN'S)***

Average Attendance: Up 7.6% YoY  
4<sup>th</sup> in SSC in Attendance

### ***Soccer (WOMEN'S)***

Average Attendance: Up 96.6% YoY  
1<sup>st</sup> in SSC in Attendance  
4<sup>th</sup> in NCAA DII in Attendance



### ***Volleyball***

Average Attendance: Up 30.1% YoY  
1<sup>st</sup> in SSC in Attendance





# HOME ATTENDANCE & TICKETING

## WINTER SPORTS

### **BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**

Average Attendance: Up 7.3% YoY  
1<sup>st</sup> in SSC in Attendance



### **BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**

Average Attendance: Up 10.1% YoY  
1<sup>st</sup> in SSC in Attendance





# HOME ATTENDANCE & TICKETING

## SPRING SPORTS

### BASEBALL

- Average Attendance:
- Up 9.1% YoY
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in SSC in Attendance

### SOFTBALL

- Average Attendance:
- Up 43.2% YoY
- 1<sup>st</sup> in SSC in Attendance



### MEN'S LACROSSE

- Average Attendance:
- Up 64.5% YoY
- 4<sup>th</sup> in SSC in Attendance

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

- Average Attendance:
- Up 38.1% YoY
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in SSC in Attendance



# ***EMBRY-RIDDLE ATHLETICS***



FUNDRAISING





## ***CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP REVENUE:***

**\$361,725.00**

Cash – \$163,625.00

Trade – \$198,100.00







## **WEEK OF GIVING**

**NET: \$108,000.00**



## **HOOPS & HEELS**

**Revenue: \$14,494.00**

**Expenses: \$4,530.79**

**NET: \$9,963.21**



## **EAGLE OPEN**

**Revenue: \$29,243.00**

**Expenses: \$7,781.14**

**NET: \$21,461.86**



## **BLUE & GOLD GALA**

**Revenue: \$158,845.00**

**Expenses: \$43,006.13**

**NET: \$115,838.87**



## **CORPORATE CHALLENGE**

**Revenue: \$124,550.00**

**Expenses: \$30,804.49**

**NET: \$93,745.51\***



# ***EMBRY-RIDDLE ATHLETICS***



DIGITAL IMPACT







### **ERAUATHLETICS.COM**

**Total Page Views – 1,365,567**  
**Unique Visitors - 351,110**



### **SSC LIVE STREAM**

**Total Time Streamed – 31,164.4 hours**  
**Total Streamed Events – 135**  
**Unique Viewers – 41,313**



### **EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS**





**8,416 subscribers**  
**(Up 160.2% YoY)**



### **ATHLETICS MOBILE APP**

**4,074 users**  
**(New in FY22)**

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

<b>PLATFORM</b>	<b>FOLLOWERS</b>	<b>GROWTH</b>	<b>IMPRESSIONS</b>
 Facebook	4,312	8.1% increase	86,147
 Instagram	6,030	45.8% increase	201,658
 Tik Tok	794	New in FY22	103,562
 Twitter	4,202	11.9% increase	470,500



# ***EMBRY-RIDDLE ATHLETICS***



PROMINENT  
NEWS







### ***ERAU GRABS HIGHEST FINISH EVER IN NCAA DIVISION II LEARFIELD DIRECTORS' CUP; PLACES 26TH WITH 472 POINTS IN 2021-22***

CLEVELAND, Ohio – NCAA Division II postseason appearances by 11 different programs (men's basketball, men and women's cross country, men's golf, women's rowing, softball, women's soccer, men's tennis, men and women's track and field, and volleyball) during 2021-22 season aided Embry-Riddle in recording the Eagles' best finish in the LEARFIELD Directors' Cup since becoming a full Division II member back in 2017.

Embry-Riddle earned 472 total points to slot in 26th out of 306 Division II schools in the standings, a mark 64 spots higher than the previous best result of 90th back in 2017-18. Additionally, the Eagles accumulated the third-most points out of the 11 Sunshine State Conference members.

The LEARFIELD Directors' Cup honors institutions in all three NCAA divisions, as well as the NAIA, that achieve success in a multitude of sports. For Division II, only scores from the top 15 programs are counted, although men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball and volleyball must be included. Programs receive points based on where they finish in the national postseason tournament.



### ***ERAU ATHLETICS PLACES FIFTH-MOST STUDENT-ATHLETES ON 2021-22 D2 ADA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT LIST***

CLEVELAND, Ohio – A record 215 Embry-Riddle student-athletes received the 2021-22 Division 2 Athletics Directors Association Academic Achievement Award, the fifth-most from any institution and more than any other Sunshine State Conference member. This is an increase of 85 after the Eagles had 130 meet the qualifications last year.

In order for a student-athlete to receive an Academic Achievement Award, he/she must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have attended a minimum of two years (four semesters) of college level work, and have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during his/her last academic year.





### **FELPS-DARLEY RECEIVES DIVISION II EXCELLENCE AWARD**

CLEVELAND, Ohio – Embry-Riddle's Director of Compliance Mea Felps-Darley was named the 2022 Division II Excellence Award winner by the National Association for Athletic Compliance on Tuesday. The Division II Excellence Award is a prestigious annual award given to a compliance professional who is a leader in the compliance field at the Division II level.

"I'm extremely grateful to be recognized for this award," Felps-Darley said. "NCAA Compliance can be a tough job at times, but it can also be the most rewarding. Thank you to my peers in compliance and to NAAC for the honor of this award."

An alumnus of Embry-Riddle and the Eagles' cheerleading program, Felps-Darley returned to ERAU as the Athletics program's first director of compliance in 2014. In 2017, she was named Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and was designated Senior Woman Administrator in 2021.



### **ERAU SPORTS MARKETING WINS MULTIPLE NACMA AWARDS**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – The 2021-22 Embry-Riddle Sports Marketing team collected eight awards at the 2022 "Best of" Awards Ceremony presented by the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators at the Mandalay Bay Resort. The ERAU Sports Marketing team of Director Mitch Van Sumeren, Assistant Director Emily Briske and interns Brennan Hale, Ethan Klohr and Kenzie Whiting won three golds, three silvers and two bronzes.





### **ORTIZ COUDER HONORED AS SSC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

MELBOURNE, Fla. – Embry-Riddle men's tennis standout Juan Ortiz Couder added yet another honor to his impressive list of accolades on Tuesday when he was named the 2021-22 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the Sunshine State Conference.

Throughout his storied career, Ortiz Couder has epitomized the Eagles' Student-Person-Player mantra having excelled in the classroom and on the court, as well as giving back to the community. Additional years of competition gained due to COVID allowed the Madrid, Spain native to complete his undergraduate and master's degrees in Software Engineering and pursue a doctorate degree. After compiling a 3.78 GPA as an undergrad and a perfect 4.0 in the master's program, Ortiz Couder currently has a 4.0 in pursuit of his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Ortiz Couder has been named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll and ITA Scholar-Athlete rosters five times each. He was a two-time Eagles of Excellence scholarship recipient and was awarded the 2017-18 Steve & Vicky Ridder scholarship. He was also named ERAU's Undergraduate Student of the Year in Software Engineering in 2019 and was the program's Graduate Student of the Year in 2021.

Ortiz Couder has also been active on campus and in the community. On campus, he was involved with the ERAU Tech Eagles, was the men's tennis representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, helped with campus showcases for prospective students and participated in campus clean-up activities. He was also the men's tennis team's Team Impact liaison, and volunteered with the Halifax Humane Society, hurricane preparation and clean-up, and a variety of tennis clinics for children, as well as Food Brings Hope and the Marine Science Center.

On the court, Ortiz Couder graduated as the most decorated student-athlete in ERAU men's tennis' NCAA II era. He finished the 2022 season ranked No. 5 nationally in singles play with a 21-5 ledger. In doubles, he was 19-9 overall and held the distinction of featuring in the national rankings twice with two different partners. He teamed up with Andres Donayre for a 10-3 ledger at the top doubles position and a No. 11 national ranking, while his partnership with Luke Paschal yielded a 6-3 record and a ranking of No. 38.

Ortiz Couder is the second Embry-Riddle student-athlete to win an SSC End-of-the-Year award since the Eagles became full members of the SSC in 2017-18, joining last year's winner Elijah Jenkins. Voting for the SSC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year is conducted among Athletic Directors, Senior Woman Administrators, Athletic Communication Directors, and Faculty Athletic Representatives from the 11 SSC member institutions.





### **BECKWITH, AGUSTSDOTTIR NOMINATED FOR NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Seniors Ukeyvia Beckwith and Anita Agustsdottir have been nominated for the 2022 NCAA Woman of the Year Award, one of the most prestigious NCAA awards.

A standout on ERAU's cross country and track & field teams, Beckwith is one of the most decorated student-athlete in program history. A three-time All-American at 800m, she finished fourth at the 2022 NCAA Indoor National Championships and followed that with a third-place performance at outdoor nationals. Beckwith is a two-time Peach Belt Conference Track Athlete of the Year and has earned US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Region recognition 30 times. The PBC record holder in the high jump (1.71m), she is a four-time PBC champion in that event and won conference titles in the 800m, 400m and 4x400m relay at the 2022 PBC Championships.

Beckwith (Orlando, Fla.) completed her undergraduate degree in Aerospace and Occupational Safety with a 3.35 grade point average and has a 3.50 GPA in pursuit of her master's degree in Business Administration. A three-time Eagles of Excellence scholarship recipient, she was also the inaugural recipient of the Howard Walls Jr. Track & Field Memorial Scholarship and is spending the summer as a Safety and Security Intern Allegiant Airlines where Walls was the Director of Quality, Compliance and Safety-Stations.

The Orlando, Florida native is also active on campus and in the community. She is the women's track & field representative on ERAU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, was on the College of Aviation's Dean of Students Advisory Board and has served as president and vice president of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators. She also helps coach middle school runners and has volunteered as a pacer and course monitor at several local races.

Agustsdottir transferred to Embry-Riddle in 2019 and played virtually every minute of every game in her two seasons wearing the Blue and Gold. Hailing from Akranes, Iceland, Agustsdottir graduated with a 3.68 GPA in Human Factors Psychology in May. She was named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll three times and was awarded an Eagles of Excellence scholarship in 2020-21.

On the field, Agustsdottir led the Eagles to back-to-back SSC tournament titles, as well as the 2021 regular season crown. Her performance on the Eagles' back line garnered SSC Defensive Player of the Year and SSC Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors in 2021. She was also D2CCA Third-Team All-American and was named to the United Soccer Coaches All-America Third Team.

Agustsdottir volunteered for several community events, including Me Strong 5K, the Tomoka Marathon and Food Brings Hope. She was also a Research Assistant for an FAA grant to examine aviation weather display interpretability and the implications for general aviation training.





### **WARD SIGNS WITH BLUE JAYS**

TORONTO - The Toronto Blue Jays have inked Embry-Riddle Baseball's Kelsey Ward as an undrafted free agent following the 2022 MLB Draft. The left-hander out of Vero Beach, Florida wrapped up his second season with the Blue and Gold in the spring and has been starring for the Waynesboro Generals of the Valley League over the summer.

"We're really very proud of Kelsey and excited for him to begin the professional chapter of his baseball career," Head Coach Randy Stegall said. "He has worked very hard to put himself in this position. We are eager to follow his journey to the big leagues."

Ward appeared in 22 games with 18 starts over his two campaigns with the Eagles. His 98 strikeouts in 90.2 innings were the most on ERAU's staff during that span. At 6-2, 200 lbs., the hard-throwing lefty most recently was named an All-Star in the Valley League after posting phenomenal numbers in his seven starts. Ward posted a 5-0 mark with a 1.80 ERA and 31 Ks in 30.0 innings of work. Last summer, Ward became the first Embry-Riddle baseball player ever to play in the Cape Cod League.

"I'm beyond grateful and humbled by the opportunity to continue my athletic career with the Blue Jays organization," Ward said. "This next chapter is truly a dream come true that could not have been made feasible without the help of Coach Stegall, Coach Koronka, Coach Diaz, Coach (Chuck) Stegall, my awesome teammates, the athletic department, and my professors & academic advisor. I will always be proud to be an Eagle and appreciative of the University and program for believing in me and enabling me."

Ward becomes the 33rd Eagle to either be drafted by or sign a contract with a MLB squad, and the first since Tyler Cyr and Zac Grotz in 2015. Two previous Blue and Gold pitchers have signed with the Blue Jays organization; Brian Letko was drafted in the 19th round of the 2007 Draft, and Tucker Jensen inked with Toronto as a free agent following his 2011 season with ERAU.





### ***MEN'S SOCCER RECEIVES TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD***

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – For the third consecutive season and 12th time in program history, the Embry-Riddle men's soccer team was tabbed as a United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award winner. The 27 student-athletes recorded a 3.53 team GPA during the 2021-22 academic year.

Eight student-athletes notched a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout the year while 24 achieved a GPA at or above 3.20 to make the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.



### ***WOMEN'S LACROSSE NAMED IWLCA HONOR SQUAD; FOUR EAGLES EARN ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL ACCOLADES***

NORTHBOROUGH, Mass. - The Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) announced its 2022 IWLCA Division II Academic Honor Roll on Wednesday, and four Eagles were among the student-athletes that received recognition. In addition, the Embry-Riddle women's lacrosse team was one of the programs that qualified as an Academic Honor Squad, earning the recognition for the second consecutive season.

For a team to be named as an Academic Honor Squad, the team must achieve a 3.2 grade point average for the academic year. For an individual to qualify for the Academic Honor Roll, the player must be a junior, senior, or graduate student, and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.





### **THREE TABBED AS CRCA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES FOR WOMEN'S ROWING**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Three Eagles from the women's rowing team received Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Scholar-Athlete honors, the association announced on Friday. Sofia Lorenzini (Aerospace Engineering) is included for the second consecutive year while Shelby Ernst (Aerospace & Occupational Safety) and Helena Schmidt (Homeland Security) received the distinction for the first time.

In order to receive the award, a student-athlete must be in her second, third, fourth or fifth year of eligibility and maintain a cumulative GPA at or above 3.50 through the end of the fall semester for the current year of competition. Additionally, the student-athlete must have competed one of their institution's NCAA-eligible boats for at least 75 percent of races in the spring or rowed in an NCAA boat at the conference championship.



### **ERAU TRACK & FIELD TEAMS EARN USTFCCC ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS**

NEW ORLEANS, La. – Embry-Riddle's men's and women's track and field programs garnered All-Academic Team recognition as announced by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association on Wednesday. To be eligible for All-Academic Team consideration, a team must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the current academic year.

The Embry-Riddle women posted a cumulative GPA of 3.324 while the men compiled a team GPA of 3.223. In addition to their performances in the classroom, ERAU Track & Field enjoyed success in competition as both teams repeated as Peach Belt Conference champions.

The Eagles also had eight individuals who earned the USTFCCCA All-Academic Athlete honors. To be considered for All-Academic Athlete recognition, a student-athlete must have completed at least 24 semester hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 and must have achieved an automatic or provisional qualifying mark during the indoor or outdoor season.





### **EMBRY-RIDDLE BASEBALL NAMED ABCA ACADEMIC TEAM OF EXCELLENCE FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE SEASON**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) recognized its yearly Team Academic Excellence Award winners last week and Randy Stegall's Embry-Riddle Eagles were one of just 88 NCAA II squads honored by the ABCA. To qualify, teams must have had a minimum GPA of 3.0 during the entire 2021-22 academic year. This marks the third straight year the Blue and Gold have been honored with the prestigious recognition.

ERAU finished the 2021-22 academic calendar with a 3.22 cumulative GPA, among the highest in program history. The Eagles put an ERAU Athletic Department record 33 student-athletes on the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2022 and boasted seven players with 4.0 GPAs during the spring, and seven more with at least a 3.75 GPA.



### **TEN SOFTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES RECEIVE EASTON/NFCA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HONORS**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The Embry-Riddle softball team saw 10 Eagles tabbed as Easton/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Scholar-Athletes as nominations closed on Tuesday. Gigi Auricchio, Savannah Brockenbrough, ReAnne Drayton, Lia Johnson, Mallory Kinahan, Lauren Latoria, Ashlyn MacVeigh, Ginna Mohr, Karina Ortiz-Munoz, and Maggie Scott met the qualification of possessing a GPA at or above 3.50 on a 4.00 scale for the 2021-22 academic year. This is Scott's second time receiving the honor having also done so in 2019.

All 10 were also included in the Spring 2022 Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll. Additionally, this is Johnson's third academic distinction of the season as she was a 2022 CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team selection.

Embry-Riddle softball's 19 student-athletes recorded a team GPA of 3.43 for the year. The NFCA will recognize the top 10 academic teams in the NCAA Division II in the fall.





### **HARRIS, CLEMENTS, LAWSON, AND MCGUIRE ALL EARN WGCA ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR ACCOLADES**

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. - The Embry-Riddle women's golf trio of Kelly Harris, Brigitte Clements, Millie Lawson, and Marybeth McGuire have been named 2021-22 All-American Scholars by the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA). Those four claimed the WGCA's highest academic honor, bringing the Blue and Gold's all-time All-American Scholar awardees to 16 since joining the NCAA.

Recognized as having one of the highest standards for selection to these teams in college athletics, the WGCA All-American Scholar Golf Teams, the criteria for selection is to have an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher (on a 4.00 scale) for the entirety of their collegiate career and compete in at least 50 percent of the college's regularly scheduled competitive rounds.



### **MEN'S BASKETBALL CLAIMS NABC TEAM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) announced their 10th annual Team Academic Excellence Awards on Wednesday, and for the fourth straight season the Embry-Riddle Eagles were among those listed. In order to earn a NABC Team Academic Excellence Award, institutions in the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA must count the grade point averages of all men's student-athletes on the roster during the 2021-22 season and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

The Eagles had a tremendous year in the classroom, posting a 3.298 cumulative GPA as a team in 2021-22. 10 Eagles were named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll while two players earned perfect 4.0 GPAs in the spring.





### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MAKES FIFTH APPEARANCE ON WBCA ACADEMIC TOP 25 TEAM**

ATLANTA, Ga. – For the fifth time in six seasons, the Embry-Riddle women's basketball team was recognized for its performance in the classroom by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. ERAU was one of 25 NCAA Division II women's basketball programs to earn WBCA Academic Top 25 Team honors according to announcement made by the WBCA on Wednesday.

In 2021-22, the Eagles compiled a 3.745 cumulative grade point average which ranked as the 13th best GPA among NCAA Division II programs.

Twelve of the 14 student-athletes on Lisa Wilson's ERAU squad were named to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll, and the Eagles' 3.675 spring GPA featured six individuals with perfect 4.0s.



### **MEN'S BASKETBALL PLACES PROGRAM RECORD EIGHT ON NABC HONORS COURT; LEADS SSC AND SOUTH REGION**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - For the second straight year, the Embry-Riddle men's basketball team has seen a program record number of honorees on the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Honors Court. Eight Eagles earned the academic distinction in 2021-22, following the Blue and Gold's most successful season in its NCAA Division II era, advancing to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA II National Tournament. Once again, the Eagles paced the Sunshine State Conference and entire South Region with their eight selections.

Jon Alessandro (Business Administration), Romeo Crouch (Business Administration), Calvin Freeman II (Business Administration), Elijah Jenkins (MBA), Nikola Jerotic (Business Administration), David Park (MBA), Danny Sully (Mechanical Engineering), and David Velasco (Aerospace Engineering) all earned Honors Court distinction, bringing ERAU's program total to 40 honors since the program began in 2007.