

Intercollegiate Athletics

The Stony Brook University Department of Athletics currently sponsors 18 NCAA Division I programs and continues to experience significant facility growth, increased spectator support, and enhanced national media attention, all of which adds to positive experiences and exposure for the entire university community.

Division I Athletic programs significantly increase institutional profile and the prestige of a Stony Brook degree. The NCAA Women's Lacrosse final four was hosted by Stony Brook University last year, on campus in LaValle Stadium. The community exposure and national media coverage we received from our Women's Lacrosse program being ranked #1 in the nation was unprecedented. This exposure goes beyond sports with athletic information being discussed in the media as well as detailed data about Stony Brook's academic achievements, most notable graduates, community enhancements, and various other facts about the school, which again increases our institutional profile, and, the value of a Stony Brook degree. Similarly, the power of the NCAA Basketball tournament and its direct impact on institutional exposure is unparalleled. The University of Maryland/Baltimore County (UMBC), a member of our America East Athletic conference, was able to make history in the NCAA tournament last year as the first #16 seed to beat a #1 overall seed, University of Virginia. The exposure UMBC received across national and social media was priceless, and reminiscent of the impact our Stony Brook Baseball team had in raising the profile of our campus across the nation when we made history by reaching the 2012 College World Series. That impression continues as our student athletes make their way onto the professional stage such as Jameel Warney (NBA), Travis Jankowski, Nick Tropeano, Tom Koehler and Joe Nathan (MLB), and Will Tye (NFL). Every time one of these athletes is on the field/court Stony Brook is mentioned. The value this provides our University and student body is immeasurable, and sportscasters continue to talk about where they started -- at Stony Brook University.

