

Dear fellow Chief Instructional Officers:

On behalf of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Board of Directors, I am writing to call your attention to the first-ever statewide report on the academic performance of student athletes participating in California community college athletics. The report was commissioned by the CCCAA Board. The Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC) and the California Partnership for Achieving Student Success (Cal-PASS) conducted the report. As we all work to increase the numbers of our students who successfully complete degrees or certificates or transfer to four-year colleges and universities, the report confirms that student athletes who attend full-time (as all athletes must to be eligible) and who are a part of a defined cohort (the team on which they participate) are more likely to be successful than students who are not involved in athletics.

In mid-August, each Chancellor and member college President received a hard copy of the statewide report. I encourage you to find the time to review the findings. In addition to providing essential baseline data, this endeavor has also developed the capability of each CCCAA member college/district to access a wealth of information and reports on student athletes and similar non-student athletes with an online SMART Tool© created by Cal-PASS. <https://my.calpass.org/>

If you have any questions or comments regarding the report or would like to receive an electronic copy, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Carlyle Carter, the Executive Director of the CCCAA at ccarter@cccaasports.org or at (916)444-1600.

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