

Student-Athletes Score in the Classroom

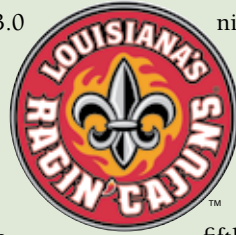
ALMOST HALF of UL Lafayette's student-athletes posted a 3.0 grade point average or higher for the Fall 2009 semester.

A total of 177 of them hit that mark. That's 47 percent of 380 Ragin' Cajuns® who participate in the NCAA-sanctioned sports of football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, golf, track and field, cross country and volleyball.

Eighteen Cajuns earned a perfect 4.0, while 52 others obtained 3.50 to 3.99 GPAs. A total of 107 had GPAs between 3.0 and 3.49.

"It seems like we say it every year but our student-athletes continue to amaze us. They work hard and are committed to academics," said Christy Alford, acting director of UL Lafayette's Student-Athlete Academic Center.

The softball team captured the best team GPA with a 3.228. Since 2003, it has gone to the Women's College World Series twice and has posted a team GPA of 3.0 or higher for



nine semesters, including the past five consecutive semesters.

UL Lafayette's soccer team was right behind, with a Fall 2009 GPA of 3.217. Fall 2009 was the soccer team's 14th consecutive semester with a GPA greater than 3.0.

The golf team led the men's programs for the fifth straight semester, with a 3.098 GPA. The Ragin' Cajun golf team has had a 3.0 GPA or higher for eight of the past 11 semesters. Eleven of the 14 sports teams saw their Fall 2009 team GPA increase from the Spring 2009 total (indoor and outdoor track are considered one sport for this data). In addition, 10 of the 14 teams posted a better team GPA in Fall 2009 than Fall 2008.

Ten of 14 teams had a GPA of 2.9 or better for the Fall 2009 semester, including six teams that posted a GPA of 3.0 or greater.

Students Help Transform Urban Landscape



COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP

UL Lafayette's Community Design workshop created plans for a bicycle and pedestrian path on campus.

OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, UL Lafayette's Community Design Workshop has produced more than 80 detailed plans to improve neighborhoods and communities. That's an average of about five collaborative design projects a year. The Workshop provides expertise in urban planning and landscape design, as well as architecture, housing and preservation.

Its latest design is a bicycle and pedestrian path to connect the university's main campus with University Common. The \$1.2 million project, which includes lighting and landscaping, is funded by a grant from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and De-

velopment. Bids for the project will be opened this summer.

"Each project is a complex puzzle," said Tom Sammons, a UL Lafayette architecture professor who has served as director of Community Design Workshop since it was created in 1995. Faculty and students talk with residents and business owners in planning meetings called charrettes, to find out what they want and need.

"We're able to take that information and help community members visualize solutions," said Sammons. Fifth-year undergraduate and graduate architecture students create digital ren-

THE COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP HAS INCLUDED REVITALIZATION PLANS FOR THE FOLLOWING LOUISIANA COMMUNITIES AND CITIES:

Breaux Bridge	Lafayette
Broussard	Maurice
Carencro	New Iberia
Cameron	Opelousas
Delcambre	Scott
Dry Prong	Washington
Kaplan	

URBAN PLANNING DESIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE:

UL Lafayette master plan
Interstate 49 connector
Interstate 10 service roads
North-South beltway
Johnston Street master plan
Ambassador Caffery master plan
Oil Center revitalization plan
Simcoe Street neighborhood plan
Freetown neighborhood plan

derings, which appear in brochures that describe each project.

Communities use the brochures as tools when seeking funding for their projects. "Once we've given a community a starting point with design, that momentum typically grows and they're able to carry the project forward," Sammons said.