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IDAHO COLLEGE ATHLETES DISPLAY HIGH ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

(Pocatello). Idaho's college athletes are well known for their prowess on the playing field. Increasingly, they are also being recognized for their academic ability and achievements.

According to the most recent Academic Progress Rate (APR) Scores given by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Idaho's student athletes demonstrate high academic achievement and continued improvement in the classroom.

The NCAA tracks the classroom performance of student-athletes on every Division I team through the annual APR. Scores are determined by measuring the eligibility, graduation, and retention for each student athlete on scholarship during a particular academic year.

The overall scores, out of a possible 1000, for the three Idaho Division I institutions were 983 for Idaho State University, 977 for Boise State University, and 961 for University of Idaho.

"Idaho's collegiate student athletes should be proud of their wins in the classroom," said Don Soltman, Board President. *"Our institutions are clearly focused on providing students with opportunities to excel in both athletics and academics."*

Highlights from Idaho schools include the following:

- At Idaho State University, the 2011-12 one year score for the whole department was the highest ever at 983. Seven of ISU's 15 teams scored a perfect 1000
- The University of Idaho sponsors 16 NCAA sports and of those, 14 currently maintain a 4-year average of at least 945.
- The Boise State University football team posted the second-highest APR in the country among Football Bowl Subdivision schools for the second year in a row. Ten of Boise State's programs had perfect 2011-12 single reporting year scores of 1,000.

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