## SportsHopes

High School to College Pathway
Student-Athlete Support

**GET STARTED:** The Basics

**Academic School Year 2015-2016** 

The mission of SportsHopes is to help high school and community college student-athletes move forward to four-year colleges, play the sports they are passionate about in college, stay in college, graduate from college, work towards a career and obtain self-sufficiency.

**Student-Athlete Application for Assistance** 

Fill-in the form and submit your application online:

www.sportshopes.org

**Assistance to Student-Athletes is free of charge** 





### **Jimmy Woodard**

Founding Student-Athlete Mentor



USC Gould School of Law -Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> year

UC Berkeley 2013 graduate -Legal Studies major

Castro Valley High School - Class of 2009

Collegiate Study Abroad - Spain

Varsity 3-sport athlete throughout high school

# "Success is something you attract by the person you become"

- Academics 1<sup>st</sup> Athletics 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Keep your options open
- Network and Make Friends
- Set Goals Strategize
- Follow your dreams

### Alyssa Boisse

#### Founding Student-Athlete Mentor



**Corporate Office Administrator** 

Cal State University, East Bay 2014 graduate -Human Development major

Las Positas Community College (Transfer)

Castro Valley High School - Class of 2009

Collegiate and high school

Dancer and Dance Instructor

### "It takes an athlete to dance, but an artist to be a dancer"

- Community college pathway to four-year college:
  - Economical to attend a community college
  - Financial aid: FAFSA, Cal Grant, BOG and EOP&S
  - More time to decide on a major and your future
  - Complete lower division general ed courses first
  - Option if high school core course or SAT/ACT test requirements not met
  - Option for student-athletes recovering from injury
  - Option for students with personal/family reasons to stay close to home

# **Dash Oliver**Founding Student-Athlete Mentor



College Athletics Administration and Coaching Career pathway

UC Berkeley 2014 graduate -Legal Studies major

Castro Valley High School - Class of 2009

Collegiate Track Athlete

Varsity 2-sport athlete throughout high school

# "I would rather someone say I inspire them, then say I am the best"

- High school sports injuries can change your pathway
- Multi-sport athletes have more options
- Step up to the plate, persevere and don't give up
- Go, grow and mature
- Keep the big picture in mind





## **School Transcript**

Obtain current transcript from your school registrar showing courses/grades/GPA

College coaches will request your transcript

#### **Review With Your Counselor/Family:**

#### <u>Core Courses – Grades – GPA – SAT/ACT Scores</u>

Each semester to determine if you meet NCAA and college core course academic eligibility requirements and SAT or ACT sliding scale scores as a student-athlete

NCAA 2015-2016 Guide for the College-bound Student-Athlete

http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA16.pdf

DI and DII core course worksheets, eligibility requirements and SAT/ACT sliding scale graphs are located in the Guide

(The Guide is revised yearly. Know the facts and stay informed!)



#### **Division I College "Full-Qualifier" as of 8/1/2016**

To practice, compete and/or receive a DI athletic scholarship:

- Minimum core course GPA of 2.3 (Academic Redshirts GPA of 2.0)
- Complete at least 10 of required 16 core courses prior to start of senior year
  - Of the 10 core courses seven must be English, Math or Science courses
  - Grades earned in the 10 core courses are "locked in" prior to senior year
- Re-taking a course to improve a grade: re-take prior to start of senior year
  - One core course may be taken after graduation from high school
  - Must meet the sliding scale grade point average to SAT or ACT score
    - Must GRADUATE from high school

#### **Division II College "Full-Qualifier"**

#### To practice, compete and/or receive a DII athletic scholarship:

#### As of today:

- Minimum core course GPA of 2.0
- Complete 16 NCAA core courses prior to starting college
  - SAT combined score of 820 (Reading/Math) or

**ACT sum score of 68 (English/Math/Reading/Science)** 

Must GRADUATE from high school

(Partial qualifiers may not compete first year and must meet either the 2.0 core course GPA minimum <u>OR</u> the SAT or ACT score)

#### As of 8/1/2018:

- Minimum core course GPA of 2.2
- Complete 16 NCAA core courses prior to starting college
- SAT or ACT score that matches GPA on DII "competition" sliding scale

(Partial qualifiers may not compete first year, must meet a 2.0 core course GPA minimum <u>AND</u> earn an SAT or ACT score that matches GPA on DII "partial qualifier" sliding scale)

## <u>Summer School / Evening School</u> <u>Core Course Credit Recovery</u>

If requirements not met seek advice about how to make-up core courses/grades

Semester core courses with less than required minimum GPA should be re-taken or take a replacement course

Some core courses may be taken online, however, courses that require a lab (such as Chemistry) cannot

Some colleges do <u>not</u> accept online core courses or will only accept defined timeframe/teacher-led online core courses





### **SAT and/or ACT Tests**

Take SAT and/or ACT test at least twice by December of senior year (Fee waivers may be available)

Send scores to colleges and the NCAA

Compare scores to GPA on NCAA sliding scales

Some colleges may also require two SAT Subject Tests

SAT = <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> ACT = <u>www.actstudent.org</u>

# NCAA Registration — Obtain NCAA ID # Send Transcripts to NCAA (Code 9999)

Register with the NCAA during sophomore year, or asap after, and finalize by spring of senior year (Fee waiver may be available)

Sign NCAA Transcript Release form and turn into your school counselor (High schools may do this electronically)

www.eligibilitycenter.org

http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility\_center/TranscriptReleaseForm.pdf



## **Sports Stats**

Collect your best Stats in your sport(s) current year and past year

### **Sports Video Highlights**

#### <u>and</u>

#### One Full "Best" Game on DVD

Create a highlights video/DVD (3-5 minutes long) and upload to YouTube for college coaches to view via an email link. If requested, make copies of the DVD to mail to college coaches.

Some sports may not require highlights



### **Professional Email Address**

Create an email address you will use only for college pathway needs

### **Leadership/Volunteer Work**

Perform community service and participate in leadership roles

This demonstrates to colleges your good character and well-roundedness

### **List of Colleges**

Build a list of 10-25 colleges you are interested in across all colleges for reaching out to college coaches

A shorter list is used for college applications

DI, DII, DIII

http://web1.ncaa.org/onlineDir/exec/divisionListing

NAIA www.naia.org



# Research/Reach Out to College Coaches via Email/Phone/Mail/Recruit Forms

## End of sophomore year and throughout junior and senior years

Obtain college coach names, positions and email addresses from their websites, write a brief and professional email introducing yourself (to applicable college coaches at one college per email):
Introduce yourself; share your athletic stats and/or links such as MaxPreps, HUDL, Athletic.net; your YouTube highlights link; your academic GPA and SAT or ACT scores; your NCAA ID #; your community service/leadership work; thank them for their time; finish with your full name and all of your contact information. (Send email only first as any attachments may get blocked or spammed.)

College coaches recruit Varsity student-athletes but get on radar early!

## Research/Apply to Colleges via Regular Admissions Applications Online

Summer/Fall of senior year depending on college application dates

Apply to a minimum of five (or more) colleges to enable college pathway options should recruitment by college coaches not occur for whatever reasons

(College Application Fee Waivers may be available)

Apply for EOP – Educational Opportunity Program – if low-income or educationally disadvantaged

Acceptance to a college via regular admissions application pathway enables opportunity to walk-on to a sport at a college

## <u>Compare College Admissions Core Course Requirements</u> with the NCAA Core Course Requirements as they may differ

NCAA requires 16 core courses but DI and DII differ

NCAA: <a href="http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA16.pdf">http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA16.pdf</a>

CSU's and UC's require 15 core courses with a Foreign Language and Visual & Performing Arts requirement

(ASL – American Sign Language accepted)

however the NCAA requires neither

CSU's: https://secure.csumentor.edu/planning/high\_school/subjects.asp

UC's: http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/a-g-requirements/index.html

DIII and NAIA college requirements may differ from DI, DII and the NCAA requirements



## Official / Unofficial Visits to College Campuses Try to Obtain

Official Visits (maximum of 5 to DI / unlimited to DII):

Difficult to obtain –

College coaches invite you to visit their campus.

All or some expenses may be paid for by the college

- transportation/room/meals/campus sports event

#### **Unofficial Visits (unlimited):**

Easier to obtain, but no guarantees. You can request or college coaches can invite you. NO expenses are paid for except three tickets to a campus sports event

## Apply for FAFSA - Free Application Federal Student Aid Cal Grant / Scholarships & Grants / Student & Parent Loans

FAFSA - On or asap after January 1 of senior year - Have tax docs: <a href="www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> Cal Grant - After filing FAFSA - CA students who go to CA colleges: <a href="www.calgrants.org">www.calgrants.org</a>

California Middle Class Scholarship: <a href="http://www.csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp">http://www.csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp</a>

California Dream Act: <a href="http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream\_act.asp">http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream\_act.asp</a>

NCAA: <a href="http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/finances/student-athlete-benefits">http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/finances/student-athlete-benefits</a>

**Scholarships / Grants** 

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org

www.scholarships.com

www.fastweb.com

www.collegegrants.org

U.S. Department of Education: <a href="www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>
FAFSA, Grants and Student/Parent Loans (subsidized/unsubsidized)

Research military and corporate/company scholarships that may be available through family or guardians

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**CRANBERRY** PESTO TURKEY SANDWICH

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## Questions or Assistance please contact:

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Submit online Student-Athlete Application for Assistance: <a href="https://www.sportshopes.org">www.sportshopes.org</a>

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