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**ATHLETICS**  
**2023-24 IMPACT REPORT**





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WEST COAST CONFERENCE

## COMING July 1, 2025



## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM SHANEY FINK



What a year. I am grateful and excited as I write this letter.

Grateful to have alumni, donors, friends, and families like you, whose generosity helps provide Redhawk student athletes the opportunity to compete for championships, receive a world-class education, and continue to engage our beloved Seattle community. Whether you made a gift of \$100 or \$1 million this year, I am grateful to you for making our success possible. Your support is impacting our programs today and empowering global leaders of tomorrow.

Excitement fills me because we are on this journey together as we head home to the West Coast Conference on July 1, 2025. Our move to the WCC elevates us as a university, as educators of global leaders, and as winners at the elite level of intercollegiate athletics. Redhawk student athletes will receive an unparalleled experience competing against peers from mission-aligned universities along the west coast.

As you flip through the pages of this report, you'll see the many achievements to be celebrated from this past year. Four programs were crowned WAC Champions, while men's basketball clinched its first ever postseason tournament championship. Redhawk student athletes extended their streak to 14 consecutive quarters with a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher. We welcomed Volleyball Head Coach Dan Behnke and celebrated the esteemed career of Head Track and Field Coach Kelly Sullivan, who announced his retirement after 44 years as a collegiate coach.

With the ever-changing landscape of college athletics, we take pride in the distinct experience we provide student athletes through the Redhawk Experience. This year, Seattle University Athletics also welcomed new partners in the Name, Image, and Likeness space as we continue to build opportunities for student athletes to thrive in the world of NIL.

Our achievements in and out of competition are a testament to your commitment to Redhawk student athletes and their future. With your continued support, I am incredibly excited for what lies ahead. Together, we will reach new heights and create even more opportunities. We are soaring into the next chapter of our journey to competitive excellence. At Seattle University Athletics, we graduate champions, empower leaders, and engage community to develop Redhawks for Life.

As always, thank you for your support and Go Redhawks!

Shaney Fink  
Director of Athletics



# ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



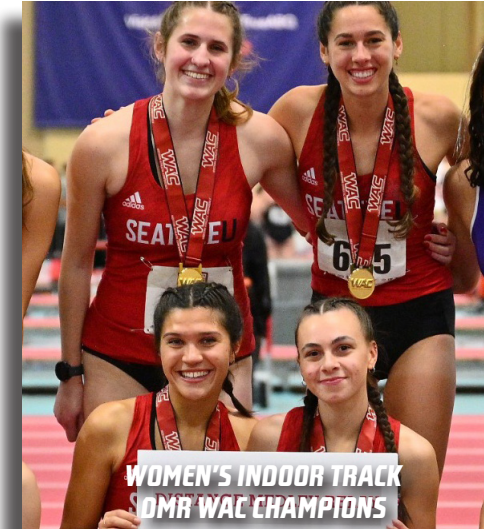
## CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Basketball CBI Tournament Champions  
 Men's Soccer WAC Regular Season Champions  
 Women's Golf WAC Champions  
*(first time in program history)*  
 Men's Golf WAC Individual Champion  
 Kevin Li *(second in program history)*  
 Women's Indoor Track DMR WAC Champions



## INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Lamija Avdic, Women's Tennis  
 WAC Freshman of the Year  
 Rivekka Jumagulova, Women's Golf  
 WAC Player of the Year  
 James Morris, Men's Soccer  
 WAC Offensive Player of the Year  
 Karen Spadafora, Softball  
 WAC Defensive Player of the Year  
 Kait Raffensperger, Women's Soccer  
 WAC Defensive Player of the Year  
 Charlie Lanphier, Men's Soccer  
 WAC Goalkeeper of the Year  
 Kevin Li, Men's Golf  
 WAC Freshman of the Year  
 Marc Chandonnet, Women's Golf  
 WAC Coach of the Year  
 Nate Daligcon, Men's Soccer  
 WAC Coach of the Year  
 50+ total All-WAC honorees



## STUDENT ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Cameron Tyson was recognized with a Seattle University Board of Trustees Resolution, honoring his outstanding career as a Seattle University student athlete and community member. Tyson led the Redhawks to three consecutive 20-win seasons, a feat no team has accomplished at Seattle University since the 1950's. Tyson's accomplishments as a Redhawk include:

- Seattle University Athlete of the Year 2022-23, 2023-24
- 2,172 total career points, 1,623 at Seattle University
- Seattle University all-time record holder for career threes (319)
- Five appearances on Seattle University Men's Basketball top-10 lists
- Multiple Western Athletic Conference honors as well as national recognitions
- 2024 College Basketball Invitational Tournament MVP





# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



94%

Graduation Success Rate (GSR)

Seattle University has tallied at least 92 percent in every multi-year report since 2008.

The Redhawks' single-year (most-recent cohort) GSR was a perfect 100 percent for the first time in school history as all 16 sports posted a single year GSR of 100 percent.

100%

Single Year GSR

3.44

Cumulative GPA for 2023-24

The Redhawks marked 14 consecutive terms of cumulative 3.30 GPA or above.

561

Student athlete appearances on the Dean's List in the 2023-24 academic year.

1,000

MEN'S SWIMMING, MEN'S TENNIS, WOMEN'S TENNIS, WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY, WOMEN'S TRACK, WOMEN'S SWIMMING, WOMEN'S SOCCER, SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, AND WOMEN'S GOLF ALL HELD A PERFECT 1,000 AVERAGE

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE

The Redhawks recorded a four-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) score of 986.

## FACULTY ENGAGEMENT

As a key pillar in the Redhawk Experience, Seattle University Athletics hosts faculty appreciation nights for several programs.







# THE REDHAWK EXPERIENCE

The Redhawk Experience (TReX) is a distinctly Jesuit, and uniquely Seattle University approach to intercollegiate athletics. This year, athletics rolled out the Redhawk Experience app, designed to drive engagement of the Redhawk Experience, and to collect data on participation within the athletic department.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

To drive the development of the whole person, student athletes serve the greater Seattle community. Redhawk student athletes volunteered over 810+ hours this year at locations including Bailey Gatzert Elementary, Washington Middle School, St. Francis House, St. Joseph's Jesuit Catholic School and Seattle Children's, along with many other organizations in Seattle.



*"Being a Redhawk means being part of a community where there is a lot of love and support from everyone including your team, other student athletes and the athletics staff."*

— Stephanie Madrigal, '24

## SENSE OF BELONGING

Research shows that belonging drives perseverance, retention, and ultimately, graduation rates.

This year, Seattle University Athletics hosted 30+ events to foster a sense of belonging amongst student athletes, coaches, athletics administrators and campus.



## PROFESSIONAL FORMATION AND CAREER PREPARATION

Unique to Seattle University Athletics, student athletes participate in a 4-year career preparation plan in partnership with the Seattle University Career Engagement Office. Included in the program: *Engaging with New Confidence* (year 1); *How Best to Market Yourself* (year 2); *Financial Literacy* (year 3); and *Mock Interviews and Networking* with local employers and student athlete alumni (year 4+). This year, 200+ student athletes attended a career prep event.



## REDHAWKS FOR LIFE

Developing lifelong affinity, pride and commitment to Seattle University. Hundreds of student athlete alumni returned this year to connect with current student athletes, cheer on their former programs, and engage across campus.





## ➔➔ HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Tarik Skubal '18:** Skubal spent four seasons with the Redhawk baseball team and departed as the highest drafted player in program history, with his name also firmly cemented in the school's record book. Over the course of his Seattle U career, the southpaw hurler was named a Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American and a Second Team All-Western Athletic Conference selection.

Skubal started for the Detroit Tigers on Opening Day of the 2024 Major League Baseball season. A historic season for Skubal so far, he was selected to represent the Tigers in the 2024 All-Star Game and pitched a 1-2-3 second inning in the All-Star Game. Skubal is also on the hunt for the Cy Young award this season.



**Kacie Sowell Timmons '14:** Sowell Timmons starred for the Seattle U women's basketball team from 2011-14. One of only four players in program history to amass 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds, Sowell Timmons led the Redhawks to back-to-back 20-win seasons in 2011-12 and 2012-13. The 2012-13 season culminated in the program's first-ever Western Athletic Conference regular season title and the first NCAA Division I postseason appearance – the WNIT.

In 2012-13, she was named WAC Player of the Year, then followed that with multiple honors her senior season including, First Team All-WAC, Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Region, DI-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar Athlete and WBCA Honorable Mention All-American.

## NAME, IMAGE & LIKENESS ⬅➔

Beginning in 2021, new NCAA legislation now allows student athlete to receive compensation for their Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL).

### Brandr

This year, Seattle University Athletics and The Brandr Group established a group licensing program for all Redhawk student athletes. This partnership creates opportunities for Seattle University student athletes to profit from their NIL through co-branded opportunities.



*"We are excited to announce a partnership with The Brandr Group. As we expand NIL opportunities for Redhawk student athletes, this partnership fosters opportunities for Redhawk fans to purchase co-branded products while directly supporting student athletes through royalties."* – **Shaney Fink, Director of Athletics**

### The Redhawk Exchange (NIL Marketplace)

In 2022, Seattle University Athletics launched the Redhawk Exchange, a platform that provides Redhawk student athletes with the ability to connect directly with local businesses, donors, alumni and other interested parties on NIL partnerships and opportunities.

### Red White U

Red White U is an ever-growing collection of alumni, fans and business leaders who recognize the value in the name, image, or likeness of Seattle University student athletes. Through contributions, Red White U allows and empowers student athletes to make a difference in our community by providing their time, effort and brand in partnerships with local youth organizations.



*"We are extremely excited to work with Red White U and for the opportunities they will bring our student athletes under the new name, image and likeness rules. Red White U will empower our student athletes to maximize their NIL opportunities and strengthen their bond within the Seattle community. This is a great step forward for our program."* – **Chris Victor, Men's Basketball Head Coach**





## DONOR IMPACT

# \$2.77M

Raised in 2023-24 Fiscal Year  
A record-breaking year for SU Athletics!

# 2,120

Donors in FY24

# 459

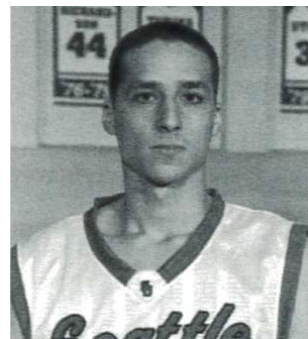
Alumni Donors

# \$540,000

Raised with 2,364 gifts to SU Gives.  
Another record-breaking year!

*"It was the athletic department's plan and the University's commitment to grow the school's profile that attracted me here as a student athlete almost 25 years ago. Seattle University's continued execution on that plan all these years later that makes me an extremely proud and loyal supporter."*

— **Chris Hunter '01**



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### Redhawk Center Swimming Pool

Thanks to a generous grant from the Names Family Foundation, the renovated pool opened in fall 2023. Last year, the Redhawk Swimming programs broke multiple records and continued to soar to new heights in the remodeled space.



### Wright Family

### Athletic Performance Center

Unveiled in August of 2024, the Wright Family Athletic Performance Center features all brand-new equipment, a new flooring system, and a new sound system as well as television displays. In partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences, force plates and a camera monitoring system allows for enhanced biomechanics testing and research opportunities for the Department of Kinesiology. Included in the performance center is a fueling and nutrition station, rehabilitation space and workstations for the athletic performance staff.



### SU Park and Logan Field

Seattle University renovated SU Park and Logan Field in summer 2024. The turf field was replaced with a cork infill and a padding underlay for more cushion. The new turf improves safety and provides a better experience to all who use the field.







## WHAT'S UP NEXT

West Coast Conference - Coming July 1, 2025



Launching this fall, The Redhawk Club is Seattle University Athletics' new Annual Fund. By becoming a Redhawk Club member, you receive exclusive Seattle University Athletics benefits while impacting Redhawk student athletes as they strive for excellence in competition, in the classroom, and in the community. More information is coming soon!



### FIFA World Cup 2026

Seattle will be one of 16 cities in three countries hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026, the biggest soccer tournament in the world. Play will take place at Lumen Field, home of the Seattle Sounders. In all, 48 teams will participate in the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

# THANK YOU!

