

# Not For Long: College Athletes and Education

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## Introduction

The role of African Americans in collegiate sports has been prevalent since the late 1800's and of even more importance in the present. In the two most popular and highest grossing sports in the NCAA (Football and Basketball) Black male athletes comprise of 46.9% and 58.9%, yet only 55.2% of all Black male student-athletes graduate within six years compared to the 69.3% of all student-athletes. The importance of understanding why there is a gap in graduation rates, possible messages and motivations of these athletes.

## Themes in Literature



## Research

- Lit. Review
- Interview w/ Director of Academic Support Services
- National Reports on Student-Athletes Analyzed

## Discussion

Further research that could and should be done is further evaluating to find the motivation and thinking of the athletes that go to college with the mindset that they're either going for one or few years then trying professional sports rather than graduating

## Research Questions

- What is the student-athlete's motivations?
- Do they receive any educational support?
- How are institutions investing in the athletes?
- Do institutions care about and or monitor the graduation statistics of student-athletes?

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### UNIVERSITIES WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE POINT DROPS IN BLACK MALE STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION RATES

University	2016 Rate %*	2018 Rate %	Percentage Point Difference
1. University of Georgia	51	36	-15
2. Louisiana State University	45	34	-11
2. Ohio State University	52	41	-11
4. North Carolina State University	60	51	-9
5. University of Nebraska	64	56	-8
6. Oregon State University	57	50	-7
6. University of Maryland	62	55	-7
6. Baylor University	62	55	-7
6. Stanford University	89	82	-7
8. University of Florida	43	37	-6
8. University of Kentucky	47	41	-6
8. Northwestern University	94	88	-6
9. Rutgers University	54	49	-5
10. Texas A&M University	50	46	-4
10. West Virginia University	55	51	-4
10. UCLA	61	57	-4
10. University of Alabama	63	59	-4

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	REPRESENTATION EQUITY			GENDER EQUITY			COMPLETION EQUITY			BLACK STUDENT-TO-BLACK FACULTY RATIO			OHIO Statewide Equity Index Score 1.82				
	BLACK STUDENTS %	BLACK 18-24 YR OLDS %	% DIFFERENCE	GRADE	BLACK WOMEN %	BLACK MEN %	NATIONAL % DIFFERENCE	GRADE	BLACK GRAD RATE %	OVERALL GRAD RATE %	% DIFFERENCE	GRADE		BLACK STUDENTS 2016	BLACK FACULTY 2016	RATIO	GRADE
Bowling Green State University	9.6	15.1	-5.5	C	58.3	41.7	2.0	A	41.2	54.2	-13.0	D	1256	29	43:1	C	2.25
Cleveland State University	15.0	15.1	0.0	A	65.5	34.5	9.2	D	16.5	37.7	-21.2	F	1375	31	44:1	C	1.75
Kent State University at Kent	9.0	15.1	-6.1	D	68.4	31.6	12.1	D	39.5	54.4	-14.9	D	1713	47	36:1	C	1.25
Miami University-Hamilton	9.0	15.1	-6.0	D	50.6	49.4	5.7	B	7.5	25.9	-18.3	F	172	1	172:1	F	1.00
Miami University-Middletown	4.1	15.1	-11.0	F	59.1	40.9	2.8	B	2.7	18.9	-16.1	D	44	1	44:1	C	1.50
Miami University-Oxford	3.2	15.1	-11.9	F	51.8	48.2	4.5	B	71.2	79.5	-8.3	B	508	44	12:1	A	2.50
Ohio State University	5.2	15.1	-9.9	D	55.5	44.5	0.8	A	72.9	83.4	-10.4	C	2164	139	16:1	A	2.75
Ohio University	5.4	15.1	-9.7	D	58.0	42.0	1.7	A	58.2	65.9	-7.6	B	955	38	25:1	B	2.75
Shawnee State University	6.1	15.1	-9.0	D	39.2	60.8	17.1	F	14.9	26.8	-11.9	C	181	5	36:1	C	1.25
University of Akron	11.2	15.1	-3.8	C	51.1	48.9	5.2	B	15.7	40.9	-25.1	F	1501	34	44:1	C	1.75
University of Cincinnati	6.6	15.1	-8.5	D	55.8	44.2	0.5	A	49.8	65.0	-15.3	D	1419	90	16:1	A	2.50
University of Toledo	11.5	15.1	-3.5	C	55.2	44.8	1.1	A	19.4	43.9	-24.4	F	1477	22	67:1	D	1.75
Wright State University	11.6	15.1	-3.5	C	64.4	35.6	8.1	C	20.3	38.7	-18.5	F	1107	33	34:1	C	1.50
Wright State University-Lake Campus	3.3	15.1	-11.8	F	41.4	58.6	14.9	D	20.0	29.4	-9.4	C	29	0	0	F	0.75
Youngstown State University	8.8	15.1	-6.2	D	54.9	45.1	1.4	A	8.6	32.1	-23.5	F	761	24	32:1	B	2.00

Bowl Name	Participants	APR	Academic Rates for teams in the 2016-2017 NCAA			
			Overall Football Student-Athletes (%)	African-American Football Student-Athletes (%)	White Football Student-Athletes (%)	Overall Student-Athletes (%)
Sugar Bowl	Auburn	982	69	62	87	80
	Oklahoma	955	76	70	89	85
Rose Bowl	USC	959	67	53	94	83
	Penn State	960	80	71	96	89
Cotton Bowl	Western Michigan	964	69	62	78	83
	Wisconsin	992	73	62	82	86
Outback Bowl	Florida	979	80	70	100	83
	Iowa	971	74	56	85	90
Fiesta Bowl	Ohio State	971	74	64	84	87
	Clemson	985	84	81	94	91
Peach Bowl	Washington	974	78	71	89	86
	Alabama	979	80	74	95	89

### UNIVERSITIES WITH LOWEST BLACK MALE STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION RATES

University	Grad Rate %*
65. Louisiana State University	34
64. University of Georgia	36
63. University of Florida	37
62. Oklahoma State University	38
61. University of California, Berkeley	39
60. University of Iowa	40
60. University of Arkansas	40
58. University of Kentucky	41
58. Ohio State University	41
56. University of North Carolina	43
55. Kansas State University	44
55. Iowa State University	44
53. University of Mississippi	45