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RE: Athletes GPA and Persistence Rates

De Anza College athletes are compared to students at De Anza College who are not athletes. Athletes include full-time students who participate in an intercollegiate sport with a high school diploma or equivalent. Non-athletes include full-time, first-time freshmen with a high school diploma or equivalent. Included in the results are 454 student athletes and 2,529 non-athletes. Grade point average is the cumulative GPA at the beginning of the fall 2009 quarter.

Persistence Rates

- The fall 2009 to winter 2010 persistence rate for student athletes (88%) is 20 percent higher than non-athletes (68%).
- The fall 2009 to spring 2010 persistence rate for student athletes (84%) is 24 percent higher than non-athletes (60%).

Grade Point Average

- The cumulative average GPA for student athletes at the beginning of the fall 2009 quarter is 3.04 compared to 2.76 for non-athletes.

Grade Point Average of Student Athletes by Ethnicity

- Student athletes exhibit higher GPAs than non-athletes in all ethnic categories.
- For example, Asian student-athletes' cumulative GPA is 3.41 while Asian non-athletes' average cumulative GPA is 3.02. African American student-athletes average cumulative GPA is 2.97 while African American non-athletes' average cumulative GPA is 2.45.

Student-Athletes Compared to Non-Athletes at De Anza College -
Fall 2009 to Spring 2010

Persistence Rates - Fall 2009 to Winter 2010	
Student Athlete	88%
Non-Athlete	68%

Persistence Rates - Fall 2009 to Spring 2010	
Student Athlete	84%
Non-Athlete	60%

Average GPA	
Student Athlete	3.04
Non-Athlete	2.76

Average GPA of Student-Athletes by Ethnicity	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2.94
Asian	3.41
Black or African American	2.97
Decline to State or Unknown	3.11
Filipino	3.11
Hispanic	3.01
Middle Easterner	2.80
Multiple Ethnicity	3.04
Pacific Islander	3.05
White	2.95

Average GPA of Non-Athletes by Ethnicity	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2.77
Asian	3.02
Black or African American	2.45
Decline to State or Unknown	2.87
Filipino	2.71
Hispanic	2.54
Middle Easterner	2.85
Multiple Ethnicity	2.63
Other, Non-White	1.89
Pacific Islander	2.85
White	2.82

*Athletes include full-time students with a high school diploma or equivalent.

*Non-athletes include full-time, first-time freshmen with a high school diploma or equivalent.

*GPA is cumulative GPA at the start of the fall 2009 term.