2020 Foundation Annual Report: Student-athlete academics

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**Rocket Student-Athletes Take Competitive Spirit to the Classroom**

The cancellation of spring sports by the Mid-American Conference (MAC) in response to the spread of COVID-19 didn’t stop University of Toledo student-athletes from performing academically.

Rockets earned a combined grade point average of 3.527 during spring semester 2020. It was the highest semester GPA ever for UToledo Athletics, shattering the previous record of 3.306 set in spring 2019 – and also the third consecutive semester in which Rocket student-athletes earned a semester GPA of 3.3 or higher.

“Under unprecedented circumstances, our student-athletes rose to the occasion to have another outstanding semester in the classroom. They have set a very high standard of excellence in the past, but to eclipse the previous GPA record by more than two points is simply amazing,” notes Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien.

“This achievement says so much about the priorities of our student-athletes, coaches and staff.”

**Callout: Watch UToledo’s celebration of Class of ’20 student-athletes in competition, academics and in the community at** [**utfoundation.org/classof20**](https://youtu.be/tV__QfGFhc8)**.**

In fall 2019, The University of Toledo was also named recipient of the 2018-19 MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award, honoring Rocket student-athletes for posting a school-record grade point average of 3.277 during academic 2018-19.

The award is presented annually to the conference institution that achieves the highest overall GPA for student-athletes competing in school-sponsored sports for the academic year. It was the second consecutive year the Rockets won the award, and the sixth time in the past eight years.