

The mission of Pacific Lutheran University is:

“to educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care – for other persons, for their communities and for the earth.”

MISSION STATEMENT (Student Life)

The mission of Student Life is to promote the holistic development of students and steward a dynamic campus community. We engage students in purposeful experiential learning that challenges them to make a difference in the world as they care for themselves and others, and positively impact the diverse communities in which they live.

MISSION STATEMENT (Athletics)

The Pacific Lutheran Athletics Department is dedicated to providing a broad-based, quality program and experience for men and women who strive to achieve academic and athletic excellence within the Northwest Conference as well as regional and national levels. Committed to the holistic development of students, the department strives to educate and promote personal growth and physical well-being through its intercollegiate sports program. The department subscribes to high standards of ethical conduct and fair play to achieve athletic prominence and to safeguard the health and welfare of its students.

Athletics is considered an integral part of the total education of the student, whether in the role of participant or spectator. The athletics program is a co-curricular experience, which provides the student-athlete with a diversity of experiences, while enhancing his/her intellectual, personal, physical, spiritual, emotional and social development.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To provide student-athletes the opportunity to develop their skill level to the highest level by providing them with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities.
- To field teams capable of competing with peer institutions, which are competitive for conference championships, and the national opportunities that conference championships may bring.
- To provide equitable opportunities for all student-athletes.
- To provide an atmosphere for participants to realize the importance of others, personal dignity, individual rights, and the value of cooperative teamwork to attain personal and team goals.
- To provide the incentive to develop high standards of ethical conduct and the motivation and commitment necessary for academic success.
- To foster the highest standards of ethical conduct and fair play.
- To build self-confidence, self esteem, and respect for others through participation in a community, which values each athlete as an individual.
- To create a community enriched by men and women of diverse backgrounds.
- To provide opportunities through competition where students, staff, faculty, alumni and the community can come together to express their loyalty to and spirit for PLU.

NCAA DIVISION III PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Colleges and universities in Division III place highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics

activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience. They also seek to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among their student-athletes and athletics staff.

To achieve this end, Division III institutions:

- Place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participants rather than on the spectators and place greater emphasis on the internal constituency than on the general public;
- Award no athletically financial aid to any student;
- Encourage the development of sportsmanship and positive societal attitudes in all constituents, including student-athletes, coaches, administrative personnel and spectators;
- Encourage participation by maximizing the number and variety of athletics opportunities for their students;
- Assure that the coaches and administrators exhibit fairness, openness and honesty in their relationships with student-athletes;
- Assure that athletics participants are not treated differently from other students of the student body;
- Assure that athletics programs support the institution's educational mission by financing, staffing and controlling the programs through the same general procedures as other departments of the institution;
- Assure that athletics recruitment complies with established institutional policies and procedures applicable to the admission process;
- Provide equitable athletics opportunities for males and females and give equal emphasis to men's and women's sports;
- Support ethnic and gender diversity for all constituents;
- Give primary emphasis to regional in-season competition and conference championships; and
- Support student-athletes in their efforts to reach high levels of athletics performance, which may include opportunities for participation in national championships, by providing all teams with adequate facilities, competent coaching and appropriate competitive opportunities.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Consistent with the NCAA Division III philosophy, the purpose of the Northwest Conference is to promote intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational experience, with the student-athlete as an integral part of the student body. The members of the Northwest Conference are committed to:

1. Promoting participant's character development, enhancing the contribution of higher education to society and the world and promoting sportsmanship among and respect for all student-athletes, coaches and others associated with intercollegiate athletics.
2. Proving broad-based sports programs, ensure equitable athletic opportunities for males and females and giving equal emphasis to all men's and women's sports.
3. Sponsoring and promoting competitively excellent varsity intercollegiate sports programs in a fiscally sound and educationally rich environment.
4. Upholding the principle of institutional control, in conformity with the constitution and by-laws of NCAA Division III, through regular presidential involvement in the conference governance of intercollegiate sports programs.
5. Protecting student-athletes' welfare, and providing a safe environment for participants and spectators.
6. Maintaining a strong presence in NCAA Division III governance at a national level.