



Dear Prospective Recruit,

Thank you for your interest in Youngstown State University Athletics. At YSU, our coaches and staff work diligently to provide our student-athletes with the best competitive advantages to succeed athletically and academically. Our University provides a challenging curriculum to help students prepare for life after college.

The mission of the YSU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is to offer broad-based programs which accommodate the needs and interests of student-athletes. We are committed to: the welfare of the student-athletes; academic integrity, sportsmanship and ethical integrity by student-athletes, staff and boosters; fiscal integrity; diversity of student-athletes and staff; gender equity; and community outreach.

We have been privileged to enjoy a tremendous amount of success on the playing fields and in the classroom from our four-time football national championships and 16 track/cross country conference championships to our many Academic All-American and All-District honorees. Most recent successes include our 2008 Women's Golf Medalist Katie Rogner, our 2008 Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track Championships, our 2005 and 2006 Missouri Valley Football Conference Championships, and our 2006 Horizon League Softball Championship, propelling us to our first NCAA softball tournament.

We continue to improve on our academic excellence as our graduation rates for those who exhaust eligibility is at an all-time high of 93%; the most recent academic report has 11 of our varsity teams with a team gpa of 3.00 or higher; and 56% of our student-athletes had a semester gpa of at least a 3.00! YSU garnered four CoSida Academic All-District honorees in addition to our 18 Academic All-Conference selections during the past year.

YSU Athletics is committed to ensuring our student-athletes understand that being a collegiate student-athlete is both a privilege as well as great opportunity and giving back to the community is an important education tool we use to demonstrate that philosophy. Our students and staff annually participate in over 100 community events, serving over 10,000 patrons.

Finally, as a University, Youngstown State offers over 100 undergraduate programs backed by a strong tradition of teaching and research. Youngstown State's seven accredited colleges include The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, The Warren P. Williamson College of Business, The Beeghly College of Education, The College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, The Bitonte College of Health and Human Services and The Graduate School of Studies.

It is with sincere hope that you find Youngstown State University the place to further your education so that you can become a part of the winning tradition that is Penguin Athletics.

Sincerely,

Ron Strollo
Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics