

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, also known as SAAC, is an active group of student leaders from each of the 17 intercollegiate athletic programs. This student-led group is dedicated to providing a voice for the interests and concerns of all student-athletes at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Involvement is open to any student-athlete willing to make the commitment to serve on behalf of one's peers.

The committee focuses on areas such as academics, leadership through service, university and alumni relations, career development, and student-athlete life. SAAC also strives to facilitate communication and foster camaraderie between student-athletes and the administration.

SAAC assists in supporting the many community outreach and student-athlete life events. Leadership through service projects include: Buffalo Hugs, Read with the Buffs, National Girls and Women in Sports Day, the Holiday Angel Tree, and more. Along with these leadership through service projects, SAAC, with help from the Athletics Department staff, strives to enhance the student-athlete's life skills and career development. It also supports each sport program to encourage attendance at our home sporting events. SAAC members often participate on campus and department committees and serve in valuable roles that provide insight for administrators.

Last year SAAC hosted the 15th annual CU Sports People of the Year (CUSPY) Awards. This year-ending awards celebration is designed to recognize the many outstanding achievements of the student-athletes. The event, created by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee in 2001, is run entirely by student-athletes.

The benefits of being a member of SAAC are many, including leadership development, gaining an understanding of the inner workings of the CU Athletic Department, opportunities to deal with student-athlete issues at the highest level of the Pac 12 and NCAA and, most importantly, developing lasting, unifying relationships with peers from other teams. If you are interested in being a part of this leadership group, please contact your team's SAAC representative or the staff advisor, Jo Marchi, at marchi@colorado.edu.