



Case for Support



Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation

Support for Athletics Programs at SRJC

Teamwork. Leadership. Support and stability. Academic counseling and positive self-esteem. FAMILY. For many student-athletes, SRJC Athletics is so much more than sports. SRJC Bear Cub intercollegiate student-athletes represent **nearly 500 full-time students who compete on 17 women's and men's athletic teams**, many of whom would never realize the academic benefits of a college education and the personal benefits of the college experience without the draw of sports.

Even in times of uncertainty, our amazing student-athletes continue the training and work to achieve success in competition, in the classroom, and in our community. The student-athletes and coaches of Santa Rosa Junior College have established a reputation for extraordinary strength and resilience, having earned 20 state titles and 75 Big 8 Conference titles. Many student-athletes are recruited and awarded athletic scholarships to top 4-year institutions, and many go on to be top on sports fields or leaders in the professional fields they choose. Some have even earned Olympic medals!

With the passage of Measure H, plans were made for the desperately-needed renovation and construction of athletics facilities at SRJC to provide an adequate home for and match the excellence of the students and coaches that bring them to life, as well as serve as resources to benefit the entire community. These new state-of-the-art facilities were carefully planned with a vision to achieve the mission of the College and to provide an exceptional experience for student-athletes, coaches, and spectators alike. The new facilities present several naming opportunities that will provide long-term funding for students and programs utilizing the physical buildings while also recognizing the generosity of the individual, family, or organization donor.

SRJC Sports

Baseball (men), Basketball (men and women), Cross Country (men and women), Football (men), Soccer (men and women), Softball (women), Swimming & Diving (men and women), Tennis (men and women), Track & Field (men and women), Volleyball (women), Wrestling (men)



SRJC Student-Athletes

SRJC student-athletes are hardworking, dedicated, and predominantly full-time students. All are required to maintain adequate course loads and GPA performance for eligibility. Most juggle four to five classes each semester while also managing a demanding training program and competition schedule. Many also work part-time to make ends meet. See below for additional demographic data for the comprehensive SRJC athletics program.

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| Average GPA | 3.0 |
| % Sonoma County Residents | 63 |
| % Female | 32 |
| % LatinX | 34 |
| % First-Generation | 23 |

Critical Need

SRJC sports programs have several specific needs in order to continue, including team meals, uniforms, travel, equipment, and coaching stipends. These needs are typically funded through team sales programs, fundraising events and summer sports camps. However, the restrictions of the pandemic have not only eliminated the possibility of regular collegiate sports competition, but also much of the activity that typically sustains the financial needs of the programs. Without this critical funding, sports programs and associated student support will be discontinued, along with the academic aspirations and professional dreams of the students who depend on them.

Opportunity for Impact

Renovation and construction on athletics facilities is currently underway. When athletics can return to campus, we want our teams to be able to hit the ground running with the support they need to succeed. With a gift to name an athletics facility, your named space will be recognized by students, faculty, coaches, and community visitors for generations to come. Your gift to SRJC Athletics will help to fulfill the promise of higher education and provide opportunity for immediate impact in the lives of students and the community we share.

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Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Programs at SRJC

The Teams

SRJC Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country offers opportunities to many Student-Athletes to further their athletic career. Our number one goal at Santa Rosa Junior College is to develop the Student-Athlete academically and physically so that they are able to transfer to a four-year university that allows them to flourish as a student and an athlete. We do this by giving our athletes the one-on-one attention that Student-Athletes need to develop into top-tier college athletes. With this individualized focus, our Student-Athletes grow to be strong and consistent competitors.

Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country teams have seen a lot of success in the past decade. For Cross Country our Women's team were back-to-back conference Championships in 2018 and 2019. In 2013 and 2018 the Women's Cross Country team finished 2nd in Northern California. Our Men's Cross Country team finished 3rd in Conference in 2018, 4th in Northern California in 2021, 2nd in Northern California in 2013, and in 2018 had an Individual Big 8 Conference and Northern California Champion, Johnny Vargas.

For Track and Field we have had several individual champions and great performances. In the past 10 years, the Men's Track and Field team has had two individual State Champions, Kasey Mancini in the Decathlon in 2016, and Wisea Jikoiono in the High Jump in 2019. Two Northern California Champions in the Decathlon with Kasey Mancini (2016) and Adam Gockel (2017). For Women, we have had many Big 8 Conference champions and multiple Northern California Individual Champions. Lea Butler was NorCal Champion in 2012 for the Pole Vault. Sheena Blackwell(2017) and Stephanie Fernandez (2016 and 2018) were NorCal Champions in the 400 Hurdles.

The student-athletes on the Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country teams are not only standout athletes, but hard-working students. The teams have consistently averaged a 3.0 GPA. Many have transferred academically and athletically to schools across California and the United States, including: Sonoma State, Humboldt State, Cal State East Bay, San Francisco State, Sacramento State, St. Mary's, Azusa Pacific, Chico State, Southern Oregon, Idaho State, Washington State, Hawaii Hilo, Metro State (CO) and more.

The Need

Recent renovation and upgrades to SRJC athletic facilities, including track & field, have been made thanks to Measure H, a \$400M bond passed by the voters in 2014 to enhance the physical space at SRJC. Our focus now is on raising the funds to support students as they return to campus.

We recently launched an endowment to provide a perpetual source of funding for the track & field and cross country programs. We are seeking \$100,000 to launch this endowment and to honor the memory of our long-time and beloved coach Pat Ryan who passed away in 2020. When we reach our goal of \$100,000 we will name the track at Bailey Field the **Pat Ryan Track**.

We are also seeking donations to replace our aging Pole Vault landing area at a cost of \$25,000 and create a brand-new Hammer Throwing facility at a cost of \$35,000.

Each year, the Men’s and Women’s Track and Field and Cross Country student-athletes and coaches raise \$10,000 to support their sport. State funding for athletics does not cover the cost for officials at home meets, the necessary equipment and uniforms, or assistant coaches, who provide valuable hands-on skill building support for the student-athletes. Our endowment, once invested, will begin to generate an annual distribution to support our programs. On-going annual donations will also be required to give the student-athletes and coaches the support they need to excel in their sport and make a life-changing impact on our community.

Your Gift

There are many different ways to make a donation. You may write a check to the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation or make an on-line donation at <https://santarosajc.ejoinme.org/donation>. You might also consider a donation of appreciated securities to avoid capital gains tax. For donations of \$10,000 or more, you may also pledge your gift and make annual payments over a 2-3 year period.

Naming Opportunities

Several naming opportunities exist to provide perpetual funding sources for the track and field and cross country programs to utilize for generations to come. Your name will be prominently displayed in the space and you will be recognized for your commitment to athletics and education in our community.

| Space | Donation | |
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| Stadium | \$2,500,000 | |
| Fieldhouse | \$250,000 | |
| Scoreboard | \$100,000 | RESERVED |
| Track | \$100,000 | RESERVED |
| Press Box | \$50,000 | |
| Men’s Locker Room | \$10,000 | |
| Women’s Locker Room | \$10,000 | |

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