



Case for Support



Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation

## Support for Athletics Programs at SRJC

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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.

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.

# Men's Baseball Program at SRJC

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## The Team

Heart, hustle, and commitment are important keys to victory for the SRJC men's baseball team. From former coaches Len Read, Ron Myers and now Damon Neidlinger, the SRJC baseball team has given male student-athletes an opportunity to improve their skills and find success both on and off the field.

The SRJC men's baseball team has seen incredible success in the last decade. In 2005 and 2016, the men's baseball team brought home State Championships. In 2013, they were third in the state and in 2017, they fell one game short of back to back State Championships. Since 2012, they have held a 269-98 record.

The student-athletes on the men's baseball team are not only standout players, but hard-working students. The forty players regularly average a 3.0 GPA, while carrying a full class schedule. The players have transferred to NCAA Division 1, 2, 3 and NAIA level programs including USC, Arizona State, Michigan, Tennessee, Cal, UC Riverside, San Diego State, UCONN, Oral Roberts, Oklahoma, Texas Tech and more. Since 2010 over 100 players have transferred on to the four year level with 35 of them getting scholarships to the Division 1 level. SRJC baseball players have even gone on to play in the minor and major leagues, as well as taking coaching positions and front line staff positions in the MLB.

It's not unusual to hear a student-athlete say "SRJC changed my life." For men's baseball player Joe Lampe, his experiences at SRJC helped him earn a scholarship to play baseball at Arizona State in 2020. "I'm forever grateful for my time at SRJC. Top to bottom, it is the best junior college program in the nation."

## The Need

Each year, the men's baseball student-athletes and coaches raise money to support their sport. State funding for athletics does not cover the cost for the necessary equipment and uniforms, or assistant coaches, who provide valuable hands-on skill building support for the student-athletes. When the student-athletes travel for away games, the program covers some meal costs and travel expenses, including hotel rooms through fundraising.

# Naming Opportunities

Naming gifts provide perpetual funding sources for the men's baseball team to be able to utilize for generations to come. Your name will be prominently displayed in the baseball stadium and you will be recognized for your commitment to athletics and education in our community.



Baseball Stadium	\$250,000
Bleacher Seats	\$60,000
Batting Cages	\$50,000
Scoreboard	\$50,000
Batting Cage Covers	\$25,000
Press Box	\$25,000
Bullpen	\$10,000 <b>(reserved)</b>
Bleacher Seat Inscriptions	\$500 (each)

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## Bleacher Seat Inscriptions

With the upgrades and renovations completed on the new stadium through Measure H funding, community members, alumni, parents, and businesses have a chance to leave their mark on the new bleacher seats. Bleacher seats are available to be purchased for \$500 and can be engraved with a name, business, or other inscription in the back of the seat. The new 245 seats added to the new bleachers will complete the stadium feel of the new facility.



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