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FedEx Student-Athlete Success Center

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Recruiting Points

FedEx Student-Athlete Success Center Facts

- Cost of renovation (\$2.5 million from FedEx); partnership with FedEx
 - (Renovated in 2008)
- Bldg. size: 24,591 sq. ft. (*Roughly 25,000*)
- 21 full time staff members:
 - 8 academic counselors, 5 learning specialists, 2 student-athlete development professionals, 2 interns, 2 graduate assts., 1 admin. asst., 1 director
- Large Auditorium / Classroom size: (capacity = 150 persons)
- Advanced Technology (Computers/Laptops/Labs)
- Freshman Year/Summer Bridge Program/ Freshman S-A Orientation
- Over 100 computers (new laptops for travel or late night checkout.)
- 12 large and small individual tutorial rooms
- Hours of Operation: (roughly 70 hours)
 - (Mon. – Thurs.) 7:15am – 9:00pm
 - (Fri.) 7:15am – 5:00pm
 - (Sun.) 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- Interactive Website and Twitter (@rebelacademics) (@reblifeskills)
- Digital Signage throughout the building.

Programming and Programs for the Student-athlete:

- Staff
- R.E.B.S. (Rising to Excellence and Building Success): Summer Bridge Program
- EDHE 101 (3hrs.): (Class which prepares student-athletes for college readiness)
- Tutors/Mentors/Academic Strategists/Learning Specialists
- Tutoring Facilities
- Tutorial Endowment (Kuhl Tutor Scholar Award: Tuition)
- Gradesfirst (Student-athlete time management system)
 - (150 appts. scheduled daily, 1,500 per week, roughly 15,000 per semester)
 - System can email and text students to remind students of their appointments



Recent Academic Achievements and Successes

- GPA:
 - Best combined year in Team GPAs in recorded history.
 - 2.88GPA for the fall, spring average.
 - 2.91 cum. GPA for 394 student-athletes in FA' 2013; 2.86 cum. GPA for SP' 2014.
 - A record 201 of 375 student-athletes are scheduled to return to the University after completing a 3.00 GPA semester in the fall or spring of the previous year.
 - Highest Team GPAs in recorded history were earned in Fall 2013:
 - 3.68 (W. Soccer): *All students on team earned a 3.00gpa.
 - 3.45 (M. Golf): *Highest team GPA of all men's teams in recorded history.
- Graduation:
 - Raised overall student-athlete graduation success rate from to 79% in 2013.
 - Previously at 75% in 2012.
- Summer R.E.B.S. 2014 Program: "Rising to Excellence and Building Success"
 - Almost 3,000 hours of tutoring this summer and almost 3,800 total appts.
 - REBS Freshman and Transfer Overall GPA:
 - 55 students total, 345 hours earned; **3.268 GPA.**

Academic Counselors' Role:

- Academic Progress / Progress Reports
- NCAA Eligibility
- Academic Honors and Awards
- Academic Success Strategies
- Graduation Planning
- Travel letters
- Recruiting
- Objective Based Study Hall
- Counseling, Advising and Registration
- Faculty/Staff Guest Coach Programs (All Sports)
- Rebel Reconnect*

Learning Specialist's Role:

- Testing and Accommodations
- Academic Success Strategies
- Skill-building with At-Risk Population
- Reading Program
- R.E.B.S. Summer Bridge Program
- Tutorial Program, Training, and Evaluation
- Tutors/Mentors/Academic Strategists/Learning Specialists

Student-Athlete Development (Life Skills):

- Community Service
 - Reading with the Rebels
 - Move Mississippi
 - Toys for Tots / Books and Bears Program / Love Packs
- Career Development and Placement
 - Resume Writing / Cover Letter Writing
 - Interviewing Skills
 - Etiquette training
 - Graduate School Preparation
 - Internship / Practicum Placement
- Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
- Leadership Building & Development
- Media Training
- Speaker Series

Special Programming

- Welcome Back Event
- New Student-Athlete Orientation
- Racial Reconciliation Week
- Grad Fair
- New Programs:
 - ***Rebel Reconnect:** to assist former student-athletes in completing their degrees after pursuing their professional careers. Those within 30 hours who left in good standing are provided: advising, tutorial and other services to aid them in completing their undergraduate degrees.
 - ***Diversity Committee:** to assist students of all nationalities in learning the nuances and cultural differences and encourage diversity and inclusion.
 - *** Rebels International:** to assist student-athletes in integrating into Ole Miss community, learning more about other cultures and countries as well as connecting with the entire international student community.