



Student-Athlete Support Services
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Colleagues:

You are receiving this email because you have a student-athlete enrolled in your course who has consented to allow an assigned athletic academic coordinator staff member from Student-Athlete Support Services to have access to their work /academic progress in Canvas this semester. As the instructor of record, we are seeking your support for the student-athlete(s) enrolled in your course.

In the 2019-2020 school year and fall 2020 semester, Student Athlete Support Services ([SASS](#)) piloted academic coordinator access as observers paired with a select group of student-athletes in Canvas. This successful initiative helps to improve the accuracy and timeliness of our collective support in monitoring these students' academic performance. This effort will be continued semesterly with observer access granted for all student-athletes and their athletic academic coordinators (only 6 staff members total).

This observer will become present in your Canvas course roster under "People".

- **As the instructor of record, you may contact the Director of SASS to learn more about this Canvas Observer Program, Opt-Out of participation, and/or deactivate the observer's access to support the student through their Canvas course if you do not wish to allow access to your course Canvas.**
- Student athletes are held to strict academic requirements established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and its member institutions, including Colorado State University.
- [NCAA Academic Standards](#) of academic performance require consistent monitoring efforts by SASS to be informed of how students are progressing in their courses.
- Access was approved by CSU's Committee on Teaching and Learning, and the Canvas Learning Management System Steering Committee.
- [SASS](#) has worked in collaboration with the ACNS Canvas team to appropriately execute the process.
- All students participating have given signed consent for SASS staff to monitor their academic performance in Canvas, to ascertain academic eligibility for practice and/or competition in accordance with NCAA regulations.

Th The Academic Coordinator [Canvas Observer Role](#):

- **Will have read-only permissions in the course (they CANNOT edit or upload).**
- **Can ONLY view grades for their paired students. They CANNOT see any other student's Canvas activities and/or records.**
- Will appear in a Canvas course under People as an observer of their select students.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me Becky Orr, the Director of SASS at (970) 817-4780 or Rebecca.Orr@colostate.edu with questions you may have about the observer process.

Sincerely,

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