ATHLETICS AWARDS

Departmental Awards

Individual awards will be issued for completion of senior year and in recognition of participating for four years.

Awards are as follows:

- Exhausted Eligibility: Framed action shot
- Four-Year Participation: Senior ring

Multiple sport athletes will receive one award per year.

Senior student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility will be recognized at the Senior Awards Brunch held in April.

Team Based Awards

Team based awards are limited to recognizing athletics achievements during the year (i.e. MVP, Best Offensive Player, Most Improved, etc.). These awards are to be approved in advance by the Compliance Coordinator and Director of Athletics.

Year-End Awards

The Mel Garland Distinguished Student-Athlete Award is the highest athletic honor given to a senior student-athlete. The award is give annually to one male and one female student-athlete. Mel Garland was the embodiment of all that is best in IUPUI Athletics. The award is based on those characteristics that exemplify the spirit of Mel Garland: athletic ability; scholarship; mental attitude; leadership; and perseverance. The award was established in the memory of Melvyn Garland, who was the former men’s basketball coach and director of athletics. Mel died of leukemia in 1983. Nominees must be a senior who has earned a varsity letter and has shown outstanding athletic achievement. Winners are selected by the athletics director in consultation and with input from the rest of the athletics staff.

The Jaguars Athletics Club sponsors two Academic Achievement Awards, one for a male student-athlete and one for a female student-athlete (Dorothy Cheesman Award) that recognize excellence in the classroom. The Dorothy Cheesman Award is presented annually to a female student-athlete. This award is in memory of Dorothy Cheesman who was a long-time employee of the Admission Office and was a great backer of IUPUI Intercollegiate Athletics. Student-athletes must apply for this award, provide a summary of their academic accomplishments and submit a letter of recommendation from their coach. Applicants must be a senior who has earned a varsity letter and have an overall grade point average of a 3.0 or better. Winners are selected by a committee of athletics staff and IUPUI faculty.

The Michael A. Carroll Scholarship was presented for the first time in 1996. It has been established in memory of Michael A. Carroll, founder and longtime president of the
Metro (now Jaguars) Athletic Club. The value of the scholarship is up to a full grant-in-aid for the academic year. Student-athletes must apply for this award, provide a summary of their athletic and academic accomplishments and community service activities and submit a letter of recommendation from their coach. Applicants must be an incoming senior or have fifth-year eligibility remaining. The student-athletes must also have lettered in their sport and contributed to the team’s overall athletic performance, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, must have demonstrated qualities of leadership that set him or her apart from his or her peers and must have demonstrated a commitment to community service.