

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

Athletics Distinctions 2020-2021

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CSU Long Beach (CSULB) is a university of talented and diverse students that consistently ranks among the top public universities in the west (*U.S. News & World Report*) and is one of the “Best Value” public universities in the nation (*The Princeton Review’s “America’s Best Value Colleges”*). Through CSULB Athletics, students have access to women’s and men’s award-winning Division I teams, competitive athletic programs, and state-of-the-art sports facilities on a campus that is student-centered, service-oriented and globally engaged.

Prominent Rankings & Awards

LBSU has won the Big West Commissioner’s Cup six of the last nine years, which distinguishes the 49ers as having one of the most successful athletic departments in the Big West Conference.

CSULB’s Division I athletic teams surpassed the NCAA’s Academic Progress Rate (APR) minimum score, which indicates a university’s success at retaining and graduating student-athletes. LBSU is one of the only universities in the CSU system to exceed the minimum score in all sports for the last fourteen years.

Since 2010, Long Beach State has led Major League Baseball with the most active alumni playing at baseball’s highest level. The Dirtbags have had 14 former players in the big leagues in recent years, including world Series Champion Matt Duffy of the San Francisco Giants and All-Stars Jason Giambi, Evan Longoria, Troy Tulowitzki and Jered Weaver.

Women’s Soccer has made seven NCAA appearances since 1998, and Women’s Softball has made 24 NCAA Tournament appearances - reaching the Women’s College World Series five times.

Men’s Volleyball won a second straight National Championship in 2019 while hosting the 50th NCAA Men’s Volleyball National Championship.

Former Long Beach State men’s volleyball star David Lee and coaches Tyler Hildebrand and LaTanya Sheffield represented Team USA at the Rio Olympics in 2016. CSULB has had at least one representative in every Summer Olympic Games since 1949.

The CSULB Sailing Team won all seven races at the first Pan-Pacific Intercollegiate Regatta competition in Xiamen, China.

CSULB Club Sports and Recreation’s competitive and non-competitive clubs offer students additional opportunities for competition, personal gain and community involvement through athleticism.