

EXAMINING ATHLETIC STAFFS' INFLUENCE ON LATINX COLLEGE ATHLETES' INTENT TO GRADUATE

RESEARCH FROM THE FRONT PORCH

“Our study found that Latinx college athletes’ interactions with teammates, coaches and athletic departments can have a positive association with intent to graduate.”

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- The participation of Latinx college athletes in the National Collegiate Athletic Association is becoming evident, yet little research exists on examining their likelihood to graduate.
- Using the Student-Athlete Climate Study (SACS) dataset, which includes athletes from all three NCAA Divisions, and Nora's (2003) Student Engagement/Institutional Model we examined how athletic staff interactions are related to Latinx college athletes' intent to graduate.
- Latinx college athletes who interacted with their faculty outside the classroom and identified as STEM majors had higher odds of intending to graduate.
- We also found a positive association between Latinx college athletes’ interactions with teammates and their head coach.

QUESTIONS FOR PRACTICE

- How do athletic staff interactions at my institution relate to the intent to graduate for Latinx college athletes?
- What campus interactions at my institution are positively related to Latinx college athletes’ intent to graduate?



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