

#NationalCollegeBaseballDay 2017

The annual celebration coincides with the Opening Day for NCAA Division I programs but is designed to honor college baseball at all levels. We'll spend the day sharing facts about the college version of America's pastime through social media and www.CollegeBaseballHall.org in anticipation of a full slate of games, and we hope you'll take time to contribute your own thoughts and memories during the day using #NationalCollegeBaseballDay.

Whole Lotta Game

More than 1,600 college baseball programs exist in America, spread out across three NCAA divisions, NAIA, NJCAA, which also has three divisions, and CCCAA.

In college, 10.5 percent of baseball players go pro, more than any other sport.

Hit the Books

The cumulative four-year Academic Progress Rate for Division I baseball is 970. Of the four major collegiate sports, that ranks second only to women's basketball through the 2014-2015 academic year.

The single-year APR for 2014-2015 was 971.

In the 12 years of the APR, 1,762 baseball players have returned to school to complete their degrees. A total of 7,564 four-major sports athletes returned in that same time period.

Movin' On Up

For many college players, the ultimate goal is to play Major League Baseball. These are the college programs with the most players on an active 25-man MLB roster as of May 15, 2016:

- 1) Long Beach State — 12 active MLB players
- 2) Arizona State — 10 active MLB players
- 3) Vanderbilt — 9 active MLB players
- 4) Miami (Florida) — 8 active MLB players
- 4) North Carolina — 8 active MLB players
- 4) Texas — 8 active MLB players
- 4) Virginia — 8 active MLB players
- 8) Florida — 7 active MLB players
- 8) LSU — 7 active MLB players
- 8) Ole Miss — 7 active MLB players

Did You Know?

- Two of the eight 2016 College World Series teams made their first CWS appearances last year — eventual-champion Coastal Carolina and UC Santa Barbara.
- Arizona State played 506 games without being shut out from April 7, 1995, to Feb. 15, 2004. The streak ended in a 6-0 loss to Oklahoma.
- Robin Ventura (Oklahoma State, 1987) still holds the NCAA Division I record for consecutive game hit streak at 58. The DII record is held by Kevin Pillar (Cal State Dominguez Hills), who hit in 54 straight games in 2010. Damian Costantino of Salve Regina holds the DIII record with 60 games from April 1, 2001, to March 10, 2003.

Championship Junction

The first NJCAA National Championship was played in Grand Junction, Colorado, in May 1960. The 2017 championship, which recently was named an "Award-Winning Event to Watch" by SportsEvents Magazine, will be the 59th consecutive world series played in Grand Junction.

NJCAA Championship Attendance Records:

Single-Game Attendance	12,309 - May 31, 2010
Single-Day Attendance	33,181 - May 26, 2014
7-Day Tournament Attendance	119,165 - 2007
8-Day Tournament Attendance	137,920 - 2010

Omaha Bound

Since TD Ameritrade Park opened in 2011, attendance for the CWS has steadily grown, reaching a total attendance record of 353,378 in 2015.

2011	14 sessions	321,684	22,977 avg.
2012	15 sessions	326,734	21,782 avg.
2013	14 sessions	341,483	24,392 avg. ¹
2014	16 sessions	347,740	21,734 avg.
2015	16 sessions	353,378 ²	22,086 avg.
2016	17 sessions	341,667	20,098 avg.

Since 2005, the CWS has been attended by more than 300,000 fans each year. In 2015, the CWS saw its 9 millionth fan come through the gates.

¹ Record for average per session; ² Record for total attendance

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