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LIFE U ATHLETICS EARNS 10 NAIA-DAKTRONICS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Kansas City, Missouri, December 6, 2018 – The NAIA recently announced its 2018 Fall Sports NAIA-Daktronics Scholar-Athletes, and Life University placed a department-high 10 on the list. In order to be included, the student must have maintained a cumulative GPA of a 3.5 and must have reached junior academic status at the institution.

Men's Soccer led the way with five individuals named in [Eddy Diaz](#), [Ricardo Lawrence](#), [Rosendo Sierra-Flores](#), [Wessley Soronellas](#) and [Spencer Surmont](#). Head Men's Soccer Coach [Alex Pama](#) had this to say on the accomplishment, "I am so very proud of our guys! They have shown both excellence both on and off the field, which are qualities we emphasize on a daily basis in our program. Congratulations to these five players on receiving these high national honors and recognition. It will be an inspiration for all of our underclassmen in the program! Also, congratulations to our fellow sports programs, their athletes and the Athletic Department as a whole for having this many student-athletes receiving this honor."

Women's Volleyball also had three athletes make the list in [Mary Alvis](#), [Kalen Banks](#) and [Amber Harris](#). "We are so proud of all the student-athletes who were recognized as NAIA-Daktronics Scholar-Athletes," Head Women's Volleyball Coach and Assistant Athletic Director [Steve Wilcosky](#) stated. "Their ability to excel in the classroom, as well as in their respected sport, speaks volumes to the high level of excellence we challenge all of our student-athletes to pursue at Life University. We look forward to building upon the standard which has now been set by these remarkable students."

Women's Cross Country was represented by [Elizabeth Skipper](#), and Women's Soccer was represented by [Elisabeth Andersag](#).

This marks the first time in department history that each fall sport had at least one representative, and it is the highest total representation on all of the lists. "With so many young sport programs, it is so great to see how a continued focus on academic responsibility translates into accomplishments such as these," Athletic Director [Jayme Pendergast](#) stated. "We are building a department that takes great pride in a commitment to education and excellence. Our student-athletes are truly exceptional and represent that commitment. We have seen a lot of success athletically, but to have academic success that mirrors athletic success is truly gratifying. Kudos to these 10 student-athletes who serve as models of achievement of the highest of academic goals."



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About Life University

Founded in Marietta, Georgia in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its chiropractic program, the largest single campus chiropractic program in the world. Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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