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## GCC Spring 2021 Athletics Update

Due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic public health conditions in LA County and the region, Glendale Community College has cancelled all early spring intercollegiate sports competition, including all competition originally scheduled to take place in Fall and Winter seasons.

The intercollegiate sports competitions being cancelled include: football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball. The Athletics/Physical Education courses connected with these competitive sports programs will continue to be offered with students participating in remote learning related to conditioning, training techniques, skill theory, tactics, and strategy.

Athletics are an integral component of the mission of Glendale Community College. Intercollegiate athletics provide full-time students distinct student success learning communities (teams) that enhance the student/athletes' abilities to achieve an associate degree, transfer to a university, and/or be successful in a career, while building qualities of leadership, teamwork, cooperation, confidence, discipline, responsibility, good health, and character. Therefore, this unfortunate, but necessary decision will have a significant effect on approximately half of our nearly 350 student athletes.

The efforts and achievements by GCC student athletes, athletic staff, and coaches in all programs have been remarkable since transitioning to remote instruction. The many resources the college is providing student athletes will continue:

- o Live virtual support hours from the Center for Academic Success in Athletics (CASA)
- o Mental health counseling through the GCC Health Center
- o Academic counseling
- o Financial aid counseling and workshops
- o Athletic counseling and workshops
- o Student athlete transfer workshops
- o Insurance for students enrolled in ATHPE courses
- o Weekly engagement opportunities specifically for student athletes.
- o Athletic trainers available for physical ailments and specific strengthening prescriptions via live zoom hours and appointments.

No decision has been made about the status of late spring sports: baseball, beach volleyball, men's golf, softball, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's track and field. That decision will be made in late February based on health and safety conditions at that time.

The GCC Vaqueros tradition of excellence in competition and in the classroom is strong and will be enhanced when the new athletics facility opens in August. I look forward to the day when GCC student athletes are able to safely return to campus to train and compete in intercollegiate athletics where we will proudly cheer them on.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Viar'.

David Viar  
Superintendent/President