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For Immediate Release

### **Governors State Athletics Accepted into Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference**

The Governors State University Athletics program has been accepted for membership in the [Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference](#) (CCAC). The CCAC is one of 24 [National Association of Intercollegiate Association](#) (NAIA) conferences, with a membership of colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin. GSU becomes one of the few public institutions, and the only public institution in the State of Illinois, in CCAC's portfolio.

Presidents of the 15 conference schools voted unanimously to accept GSU after a short presentation by the university's leaders. The presentation detailed the benefits and value GSU will bring to the conference as members. The vote took place at a CCAC meeting at the University of St. Francis in Joliet.

"Governors State University is proud to be accepted into the CCAC. We admire CCAC's integration of academics and athletics and its strong commitment to the student-athlete. On behalf of the entire GSU community, I want to thank the CCAC presidents for inviting us to join this distinguished Conference," said Maimon.

In April, GSU was accepted into the NAIA and began non-conference competition under the NAIA banner in seven sports for the 2015-2016 season—women's volleyball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, and men's and women's basketball. GSU will begin CCAC competition in the fall of 2016 and will play in the conference's South Division, joining Calumet College of St. Joseph; Holy Cross College; Indiana University, South Bend; Olivet Nazarene University; Purdue University, Calumet; Purdue University North Central; the University of St. Francis, and Trinity Christian College.

GSU Athletic Director Tony Bates said he looks forward to the competition being in the conference will provide. "We are excited to be in one of the toughest conferences in the country, both on and off the court. We hope to continue the CCAC tradition of classroom intellect and hard play in many years to come."

GSU will tip off its home basketball season on Wednesday, October 28 when the women's team takes on Clarke University at 5 p.m. The men will play Clarke at 7 p.m. in the GSU Gymnasium. For more information on GSU athletics, visit [www.gsuaguars.com](http://www.gsuaguars.com). Governors State is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois.

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