

TO: COA Members and Others

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SUBJECT: Research Symposium at Spring Conference

All of us have a keen interest with the student athlete and their success in the classroom as well as on the field of play. In many of our Board discussions about athletic issues we have lacked solid research data to assist in making sound decisions that help both the student athlete and our athletic programs.

In reality many professionals, especially our athletic counselors, may be doing research about student athletes and athletic programs. Currently there are no broad avenues to share this information and little opportunity to discuss potential studies that should be considered in the future.

Because of obvious gap the COA Board is sponsoring a Conference Session during the March Conference devoted to research. I will be the facilitator of this session that will be on Wednesday afternoon, March 26th. The focus of the session will be:

1. an opportunity for professionals to share the current or past research they are conducting in the field,
2. a general discussion of ways to disseminate this information within the association, and
3. an identification of potential research that should be considered in the future.

I am asking anyone who has done research and willing to share some of their results at the symposium to contact me at West Valley College at (408) 741-2020 or via e-mail at [ed\\_myers@westvalley.edu](mailto:ed_myers@westvalley.edu). My goal is to have everyone who presents at the symposium to have a written summary or abstract for distribution as well as verbal comments. In addition, there will be a written report that will come from the symposium for distribution to the COA.

Please take the time to pass this information on throughout the association, to your local institutional research staff or anyone else doing research on athletes. Contact me if you wish to be part of the symposium. Let's fill this gap to help all of us.