



2021-22 NJCAA

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## ABOUT THE NJCAA

It is the mission of the NJCAA to foster a national program of athletic participation in an environment that supports equitable opportunities consistent with the educational objectives of member colleges.

Since 1938, the NJCAA has served as the nation's premier governing body for two-year collegiate athletics, providing student-athletes opportunities to prepare, compete, succeed and achieve in their academic and athletic disciplines. The NJCAA is the second-largest national intercollegiate athletic organization in the United States with over 500 member schools in 44 states.

Each year over 3,400 teams compete in 28 different sports across multiple divisions in the NJCAA and the organization sponsors 53 national championship events and sanctioned football bowl games.

### NJCAA SCOPE

OVER  
**500**  
MEMBER COLLEGES



NEARLY  
**65 k**  
STUDENT-ATHLETES



**53**  
NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**\$100 MM**  
IN INSTITUTIONAL  
AID



## MESSAGE FROM DR. PARKER

NJCAA membership,

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to complete another great year in the NJCAA. The 2021-22 academic year was one of great accomplishments for the association and provided an opportunity to return to a closer sense of normal following the 2020-21 academic year and the COVID-19 pandemic.

This annual report provides an overview of the 2021-22 academic year including membership and student-athlete demographics, leadership directories, national championship teams, an overview of the association's five-year strategic plan, new stories, financials, and external affairs updates.

Please take time to review this document and reflect on the successes of the previous year as the association prepares for the 2022-23 academic year. With many exciting initiatives ahead, I look forward to seeing the impact that each member college, student-athlete, coach, and administrator has on two-year collegiate athletics and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Yours in sport and education,

Dr. Christopher J. Parker  
NJCAA President & CEO





## NJCAA MEMBER COLLEGES

During the 2021-22 academic year, the NJCAA had 504 member colleges across 44 states. The association welcomed four new members in August 2021 located in three different regions.

- Southwestern Michigan College - Region 12
- Amarillo College - Region 5
- Gaston College - Region 10
- Northeastern Technical College - Region 10

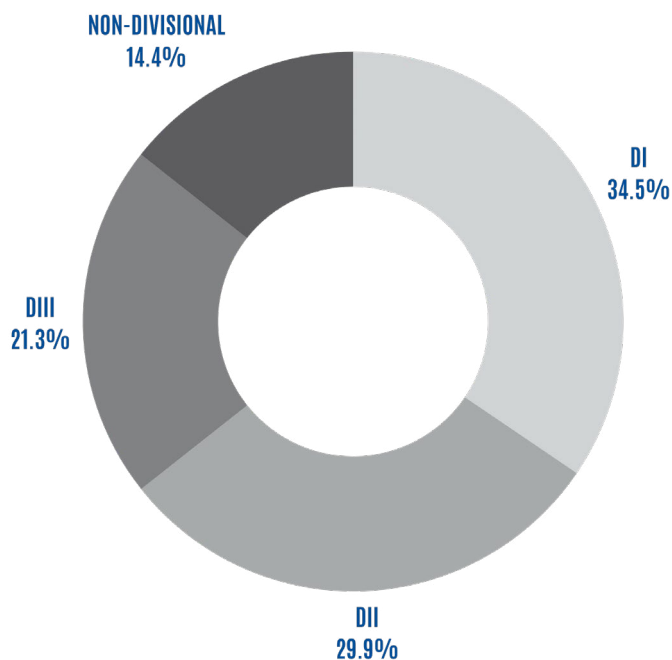


**504** MEMBER COLLEGES

As member colleges continue to grow sport offerings on their campuses following the COVID-19 pandemic, 3,731 teams participated across Division I, Division II, Division III, and non-divisional levels of NJCAA competition during the 2021-22 academic year. Sports that have experienced the most growth over the last academic year include men's cross country, women's cross country, men's soccer, and women's soccer.



**3,731** TEAMS



**1,280** DIVISION I TEAMS

**1,108** DIVISION II TEAMS

**790** DIVISION III TEAMS

**553** NON-DIVISIONAL TEAMS

# 2021-22 NJCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE DATA

## DEMOGRAPHICS & TRENDS

With the creation and continued development of the NJCAA Administrative Portal, the NJCAA increased its ability to capture and review data on its member colleges and student-athletes. During the 2021-22 academic year, 64,266 student-athletes competed in the association across 29 sports.



64,266

STUDENT-ATHLETES

For the first time in the history of the NJCAA, the association was able to view a more-clear picture of the demographic breakdowns of its student-athletes including ethnicity and gender.

Of the association's nearly 65,000 student-athletes, nearly 30% were first generation college students. This information is significant to understand the makeup of the association and understand the impact that two-year collegiate athletics is having on populations who may not have had access to higher education previously.

Over 2,000 student-athletes competed in multiple sports within the NJCAA during the 2021-22 academic year. Nearly half of the multi-sport student-athletes competed in both indoor track & field and outdoor track & field or cross country and outdoor track & field. Other sports with high populations of multi-sport student-athletes were beach volleyball, women's basketball, softball, and volleyball.

In terms of ethnicity, just over half of all NJCAA student-athletes identified as white, 27.8% were Black or African American, 14.3% were Hispanic, 1.7% were Asian, and a total of 2.5% identified as American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander.

23,145 female student-athletes participated in the NJCAA during the 2021-22 academic year, approximately 36% of all student-athletes. 50 student-athletes identified as non-binary and nine student-athletes identified as transgender.



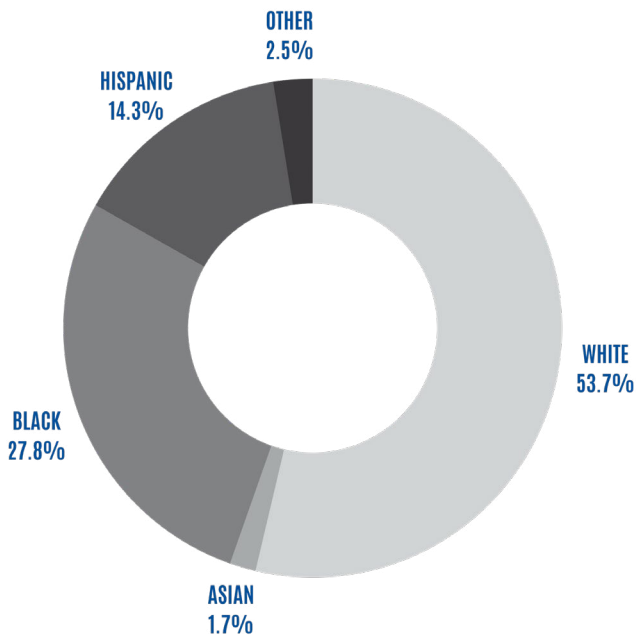
19,065

FIRST GENERATION  
COLLEGE STUDENTS



2,167

MULTI-SPORT  
STUDENT-ATHLETES





# LEADERSHIP DIRECTORIES

## 2021-22 NJCAA BOARD OF REGENTS



# LEADERSHIP DIRECTORIES

## 2021-22 NJCAA BOARD OF REGENTS

<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>College / Organization</b></i>
Board Chair	Mick McDaniel	Tompkins Cortland Community College
Women's Administrator	Mary Young	Central Community College-Columbus
Men's Administrator	Kevin Salisbury	Community College of Rhode Island
Region 1	Jerry L. Smith	Arizona Western College
Region 2	Michael St. John	Seminole State College
Region 3	Kristen Schuth	Genesee Community College
Region 4	Darin Monroe	Rock Valley College
Region 5	Deron Clark	New Mexico Junior College
Region 6	Carl Heinrich	Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference
Region 7	Bobby Hudson	Volunteer State Community College
Region 8	Michael Matulia	Lake-Sumter State College
Region 9	Marci Henry	Northeastern Junior College
Region 10	Lind Hartsell	Region 10
Region 11	Thom McDonald	Iowa Community College Athletic Conference
Region 12	Dale Vos	St. Clair County Community College
Region 13	Steve Crittenden	Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Region 14	Tim Drain	Tyler Junior College
Region 15	Christopher DePew	Sullivan County Community College
Region 16	Darren Pannier	State Fair Community College
Region 17	David Elder	Georgia Community College Athletic Conference
Region 18	Robert Nielson	Snow College
Region 19	Troy Tucker	Northampton Community College
Region 20	Jo Ann Rogers Todaro	Prince George's Community College
Region 21	Thomas Stewart	Holyoke Community College
Region 22	Dean Myrick	Alabama Community College Conference
Region 23	Steve Martin	Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference
Region 24	Doug Stotler	Lewis & Clark Community College
Presidents' Commission	Dr. Dan Kinney	Iowa Western Community College
Presidents' Commission	Dr. Tony Miksa	Walters State Community College
Presidents' Commission	Dr. Margaret McMenamin	Union County College
Presidents' Commission	Dr. Michael Calvert	Pratt Community College
Presidents' Commission	Dr. Thomas Huebner	Meridian Community College
Presidents' Commission	Dr. Bill Campion	Ranger College
CEO - Ex Officio	Dr. Christopher Parker	National Junior College Athletic Association
At-Large	Michelle Ivey	Marion Military Institute
At-Large	Michelle Ruble	College of Southern Maryland
At-Large	Sherman Forbes	Mesa Community College
At-Large	Cali Crawford	Schoolcraft College
At-Large	Kerri-Ann McTiernan	Nassau Community College
At-Large	Sherese Parker	City Colleges of Chicago





## LEADERSHIP DIRECTORIES

### 2021-22 NJCAA MEN'S REGION DIRECTORS

<i><b>Region</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>College / Organization</b></i>
Region 1	Art Becker	Scottsdale Community College
Region 2	Michael St. John	Seminole State College
Region 3	Don Dutcher	Herkimer County Community College
Region 4	Arnie Chavera	Black Hawk College
Region 5	Wayne Baker	Odessa College
Region 6	Mike Saddler	Colby Community College
Region 7	Bobby Hudson	Volunteer State Community College
Region 8	Michael Matulia	Lake-Sumter State College
Region 9	Dan Johnson	Southeast Community College
Region 10	Lind Hartsell	Region 10
Region 11	Thom McDonald	Iowa Community College Athletic Conference
Region 12	Tom Shaw	Kellogg Community College
Region 13	Matt Johnson	Bay College
Region 14	Don Clinton	Panola College
Region 15	Christopher DePew	Sullivan County Community College
Region 16	Mike Overman	St. Louis Community College
Region 17	David Elder	Georgia Community College Athletic Conference
Region 18	Dexter Irvin	College of Southern Nevada
Region 19	Jack Sullivan	County College of Morris
Region 20	Ed Durham	Cecil College
Region 21	Dan Blair	Northern Essex Community College
Region 22	Ryan Spry	Wallace Community College-Dothan
Region 23	Steve Martin	Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference
Region 24	Kyle Smithpeters	John A. Logan College

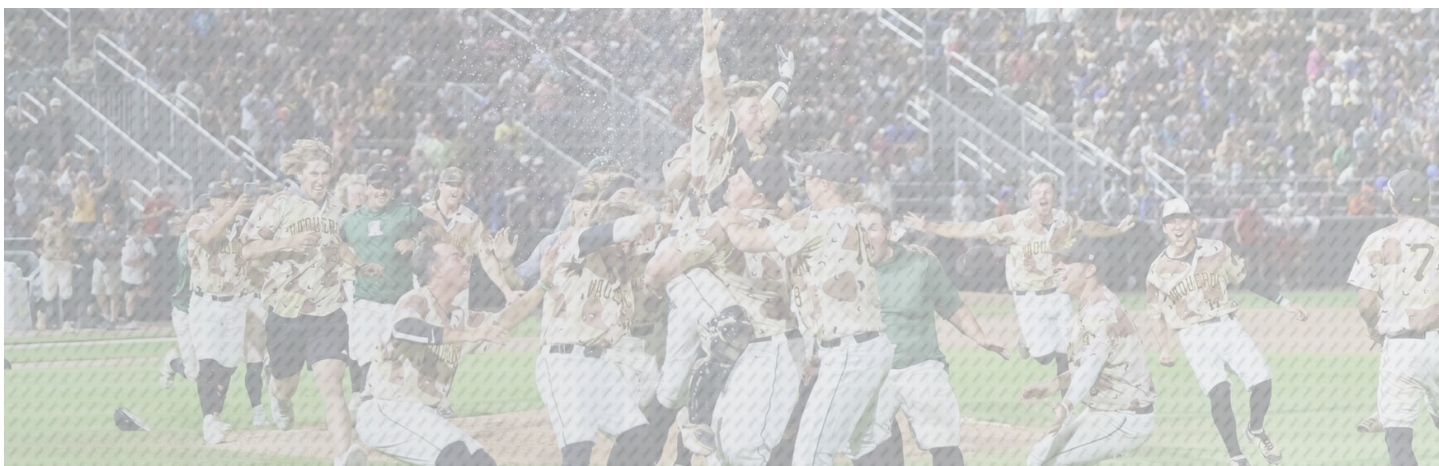


## LEADERSHIP DIRECTORIES

### 2021-22 NJCAA WOMEN'S REGION DIRECTORS

<i><b>Region</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>College / Organization</b></i>
Region 1	Jerry L. Smith	Arizona Western College
Region 2	Chris Parker	Arkansas State University MidSouth
Region 3	Kristen Schuth	Genesee Community College
Region 4	Berdy Kuiken	Region 4
Region 5	Shawn Trochim	McClennan Community College
Region 6	Tony Tompkins	Kansas City Kansas Community College
Region 7	Foster Chason	Tennessee Community College Athletic Association
Region 8	George Sanders	Florida SouthWestern State College
Region 9	Steve Barlow	Central Wyoming College
Region 10	Nick Schroeder	Catawba Valley Community College
Region 11	Brett Monaghan	Indian Hills Community College
Region 12	Scott Barlow	Lakeland Community College
Region 13	N/A	N/A
Region 14	Shawn Silman	San Jacinto College-North
Region 15	Kerri-Ann McTiernan	Nassau Community College
Region 16	Jim Gerwitz	Mineral Area College
Region 17	James Frey	South Georgia Technical College
Region 18	Joel Bate	College of Southern Idaho
Region 19	Katelyn (Katie) Amundson	Brookdale Community College (NJ)
Region 20	Jo Ann Rogers Todaro	Prince George's Community College
Region 21	Derek Viveiros	Bristol Community College
Region 22	Michelle Ivey	Marion Military Institute
Region 23	Sander Atkinson	Meridian Community College
Region 24	Heather Doty	Illinois Central College





# LEADERSHIP DIRECTORIES

## 2021-22 NJCAA MEN'S ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTORS

<i><b>Region</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>College / Organization</b></i>
Region 1	Christina Hundley	Paradise Valley Community College
Region 2	Dustin Grover	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
Region 3	Aaron Bouyea	Monroe Community College
Region 4	Wally Reynolds	Region 4
Region 5	Krasi Kolarov	Dallas College - Cedar Valley
Region 6	Jacob Ripple	Dodge City Community College
Region 7	Winston Neal	Columbia State Community College
Region 8	Rick Hitt	South Florida State College
Region 9	Kevin O'Connor	North Platte Community College
Region 10	Mark A. Tucker	Surry Community College
Region 11	Nate Forsyth	Ellsworth Community College
Region 12	Dionne McCollum	Delta College
Region 13	N/A	N/A
Region 14	Michael Landers	Navarro College
Region 15	Mike Belfiore	Westchester Community College
Region 16	Dr. Jay Mehrhoff	East Central College
Region 17	Rob Manchester	Georgia Military College
Region 18	Kevin Dustin	Salt Lake Community College
Region 19	Drew Kelly	Harcum College
Region 20	Duane Herr	Anne Arundel Community College
Region 21	Mike Kobylanski	UConn Avery Point
Region 22	Daniel Head	Coastal Alabama Community College
Region 23	Jeff Willis	Louisiana State University Eunice
Region 24	Kevin Bowers	Lincoln Trail College



## LEADERSHIP DIRECTORIES

### 2021-22 NJCAA WOMEN'S ASSISTANT REGION DIRECTORS

<i><b>Region</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>College / Organization</b></i>
Region 1	Sherman Forbes	Mesa Community College
Region 2	Natalie Cox	Redlands Community College
Region 3	Justin Hoyt	Hudson Valley Community College
Region 4	Karen Wiley	McHenry County College
Region 5	Mark James	Clarendon College
Region 6	Tyler Nordman	Butler Community College
Region 7	Katie Willingham	Columbia State Community College
Region 8	Alison Mohr	Daytona State College
Region 9	Hayley Kobza	McCook Community College
Region 10	Megan Aiello	Spartanburg Methodist College
Region 11	Troy Larson	Iowa Lakes Community College
Region 12	Cali Crawford	Schoolcraft College
Region 13	Rosalie Hayenga-Hostikka	Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Region 14	Kevin Vest	Tyler Junior College
Region 15	Allaire Primiano	Monroe College - Bronx
Region 16	Bob Deutschman	Jefferson College
Region 17	Roderick Stubbs	Oxford-Emory College
Region 18	Marcilina Grayer	Salt Lake Community College
Region 19	Kelly Dunbar	Montgomery Community College
Region 20	Sue Brugh	Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
Region 21	Loreto Jackson	Bunker Hill Community College
Region 22	Kathleen Thompson	Central Alabama Community College
Region 23	Dolores Deasley	Jones College
Region 24	Dave Johnson	Lake Land College



# 2022-2027 NJCAA STRATEGIC PLAN

In April, the NJCAA announced the debut of the NJCAA Strategic Plan to guide the association through 2027. The NJCAA Strategic Plan will serve as a framework for the association's work for the next five years and will enhance the NJCAA's ability to provide opportunities for two-year college student-athletes and member colleges.

The NJCAA Strategic Plan covers many in-depth facets of the association including national initiatives, regional administration, and support for member colleges but is based on five main cornerstones: success-led, data-driven, sustainability-minded, equity-focused, and growth-oriented. The five main cornerstones will be supplemented with ten focus topics areas such as providing a positive student-athlete experience, increasing education attainment, promoting equity and diversity, growing and sustaining the NJCAA's membership, and developing and inspiring new NJCAA leaders.

"The NJCAA Strategic Plan is a product of thoughtful evaluation and careful consideration of ways to further opportunities for those involved in the NJCAA," stated Dr. Christopher Parker. "It is a structure that will chart the steps we will collectively take to continue to move the association forward over the next five years."

To view the NJCAA Strategic Plan, visit: [2022-27 NJCAA Strategic Plan](#)





# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



**DIII Women's Tennis**  
Oxford Emory (GA)



**DIII Volleyball**  
Owens (OH)



**DIII Men's Soccer**  
Dallas-Richland (TX)



**DIII Women's Soccer**  
Brookhaven (TX)



**DI Men's Cross Country**  
Iowa Central



**DI Women's Cross Country**  
Southern Idaho



**DII Men's Cross Country**  
Cowley (KS)



**DII Women's Cross Country**  
Lansing (MI)



**DIII Men's Cross Country**  
Joliet (IL)



**DIII Women's Cross Country**  
Oxford Emory (GA)



**Men's Half Marathon**  
Iowa Central



**Women's Half Marathon**  
El Paso (TX)



**DI Men's Soccer**  
Iowa Western



**DI Women's Soccer**  
Eastern Florida State



**DII Men's Soccer**  
Pima (AZ)



# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



**DII Women's Soccer**  
Heartland (IL)



**DI Volleyball**  
Iowa Western



**DII Volleyball**  
Parkland (IL)



**DIII Football**  
DuPage (IL)



**DI Football**  
New Mexico Military



**Men's Bowling**  
Rock Valley (IL)



**Women's Bowling**  
Rock Valley (IL)



**Men's Swimming & Diving**  
Indian River State (FL)



**Women's Swimming & Diving**  
Indian River State (FL)



**Men's Indoor Track & Field**  
South Plains (TX)



**Women's Indoor Track & Field**  
Iowa Western



**Wrestling**  
Clackamas (OR)



**DIII Men's Basketball**  
Dallas-North Lake (TX)



**DIII Women's Basketball**  
Owens (OH)



**DI Men's Basketball**  
Northwest Florida State



# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



**DI Women's Basketball**  
Tyler (TX)



**DII Men's Basketball**  
South Suburban (IL)



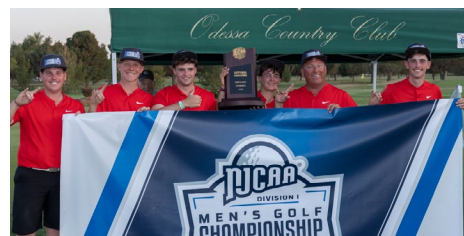
**DII Women's Basketball**  
Kirkwood (IA)



**DI Women's Tennis**  
Tyler (TX)



**DI Women's Golf**  
Seminole State (FL)



**DI Men's Golf**  
Hutchinson (KS)



**DIII Men's Outdoor Track & Field**  
DuPage (IL)



**DIII Women's Outdoor Track & Field**  
DuPage (IL)



**DIII Men's Tennis**  
Oxford Emory (GA)



**Men's Lacrosse**  
Nassau (NY)



**Women's Lacrosse**  
Harford (MD)



**DI Men's Tennis**  
Seward County (KS)



**DII Men's Golf**  
South Mountain (AZ)



**DI Men's Outdoor Track & Field**  
South Plains (TX)



**DI Women's Outdoor Track & Field**  
Iowa Western



# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



**DI Softball**  
Florida SouthWestern



**DII Softball**  
Phoenix (AZ)



**DIII Softball**  
Rock Valley (IL)



**DI Baseball**  
Central Arizona



**DII Baseball**  
Pearl River (MS)



**DIII Baseball**  
Herkimer (NY)



**DIII Men's Golf**  
Sandhills (NC)

# FEATURE STORIES



## A look back at NJCAA alum in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

The NJCAA was well-represented at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic games that took place from July 23, 2021, to August 8, 2021. While the stands appeared nearly empty and extra health and safety precautions were put in place, former NJCAA student-athletes showed up and some even took the podium. More than 20 successful individuals from over 15 countries kickstarted their careers at a two-year institution.

[Click here to read more.](#)



## NJCAA Foundation creates Sport Opportunity Grant

The NJCAA Foundation has announced the creation of the NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant to support the addition, growth, and sustainment of NJCAA sports. As one of its main objectives, the NJCAA Foundation strives to provide new opportunities to student-athletes and member colleges across the association.

The NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant is available for member colleges to apply as they expand sport offerings at their institution while increasing student-athlete access and achievement.

[Click here to read more.](#)



## NJCAA launches Compete NJCAA initiative

The NJCAA has announced the launch of Compete NJCAA, the home for prospective student-athletes to learn about the national governing body of two-year collegiate athletics and the opportunities its member colleges provide. With this national initiative, all potential student-athletes have an opportunity to learn about

the benefits of attending a two-year institution in addition to searching NJCAA member colleges by state, division and sport.

[Click here to read more.](#)



## NJCAA announces upcoming championship changes

Following the NJCAA Convention in Birmingham, AL, the NJCAA has announced several adjustments to national tournament formats and policies as approved by the Championship & Sports Governance Committee and the Board of Regents including Division I men's, women's basketball implementing a media timeout policy throughout national tournament, Division II baseball expanding to a 12-team bracket, Division III women's tennis championship shifting to the spring semester, and Division I volleyball adding a day to the national tournament increasing at-large selections, and more.

[Click here to read more.](#)



# NJCAA FOUNDATION

Established in 2018, the mission of the NJCAA Foundation is to enhance the NJCAA national organization, student-athletes, member colleges and local communities through financial support, scholarships, program initiatives and community service.

## NJCAA FOUNDATION AWARDS EVENT

On June 10, the NJCAA Foundation hosted the NJCAA Foundation Awards event and Hall of Fame induction in-person for the first time to celebrate the best in two-year collegiate athletics.

With more than 150 supporters in attendance, the event recognized the following honorees:



- NJCAA Student-Athletes of the Year
  - David Rowlands NJCAA Male Student-Athlete of the Year - Anthony Grant, New Mexico Military
  - Betty Jo Graber NJCAA Female Student-Athlete of the Year - Yadhira Anchante, Iowa Western
  - Lea Plarski Award - Pablo Marques, Indian Hills (IA)
- Champion Award winner - Caden Cox, Hocking (OH)
- Difference Maker Award winner - Christine DeBiase, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and General Counsel at Brighthouse Financial
- 2021 NJCAA Hall of Fame Class
- 2022 NJCAA Hall of Fame Class

To learn more about the 2022 NJCAA Hall of Fame Class, [click here](#).

To view a photo gallery from the 2022 NJCAA Foundation Awards Event, [click here](#).

## 2022 HALL OF FAME CLASS



BETTY JO GRABER



JIM THOME



JESSICA MCDONALD



SPENCER HAYWOOD



LORENE RAMSEY

# SPONSORS & PARTNERS

During the 2021-22 academic year, the NJCAA had 59 official sponsors and partners of the association. Ranging from apparel to mental health resources for student-athletes, NJCAA sponsors and partners are dedicated to fostering positive relationships with NJCAA member colleges.



**59**  
SPONSORS &  
PARTNERS

This past academic year, the NJCAA announced several significant sponsor or partner relationships that will better serve NJCAA member colleges and the association overall on a day-to-day basis. Some of these partnerships include Levy as the association's Official Awards Supplier, Toledo Ticket Technologies as the Official Credential and Lanyard Provider of the association, and Fine Designs as the Official Championship Merchandiser. The NJCAA also announced a partnership with Game Plan to develop and launch the NJCAA Opportunity Center, a platform dedicated to connecting two-year college student-athletes with career and internship opportunities.

## SPONSOR & PARTNER NEWS



### NJCAA debuts NJCAA Opportunity Center with Game Plan

The NJCAA has announced the debut of the NJCAA Opportunity Center, in a partnership with Game Plan, as the new career platform dedicated to two-year colleges and their student-athletes across the United States. The one-of-a-kind opportunity provides tools for NJCAA student-athletes to directly connect with employers, explore jobs, and internships at no cost to them.

[Click here to read more.](#)

### – NJCAA Reveals Partnership with Fine Designs



The NJCAA has announced a five-year partnership with Fine Designs, Inc. as the Official Championship Merchandiser of the association. With the partnership, Fine Designs will service merchandise for NJCAA National Championships on-site and via an online storefront.

[Click here to read more.](#)

### – Levy Named Official Awards Supplier of the NJCAA

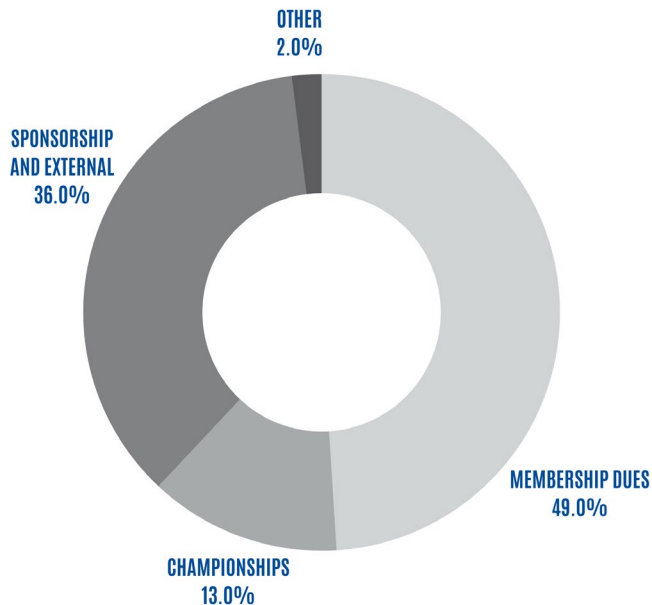


The NJCAA has announced a partnership with Levy Recognition to be the Official Awards Supplier of the association. Levy Recognition, the current awards supplier of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), Big East Conference, Sun Belt Conference, and Atlantic Sun Conference (ASUN), provides authentic awards that elevate performance and enrich the human experience.

[Click here to read more.](#)

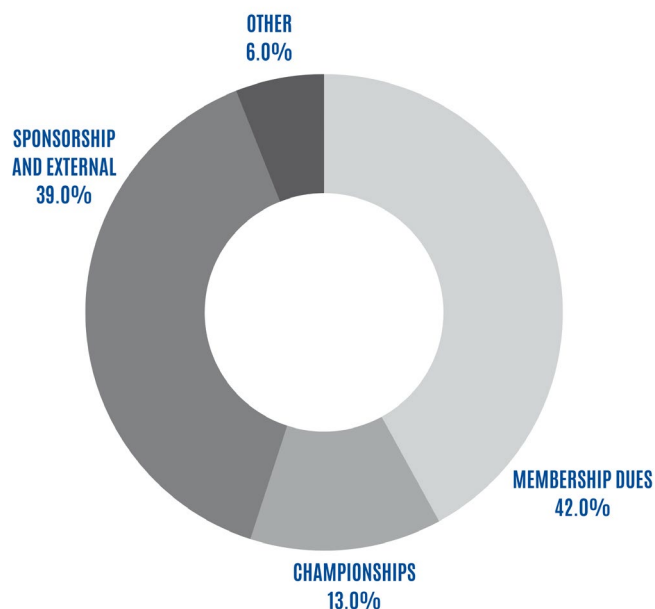
# FINANCIALS

## INCOME



BUDGETED INCOME

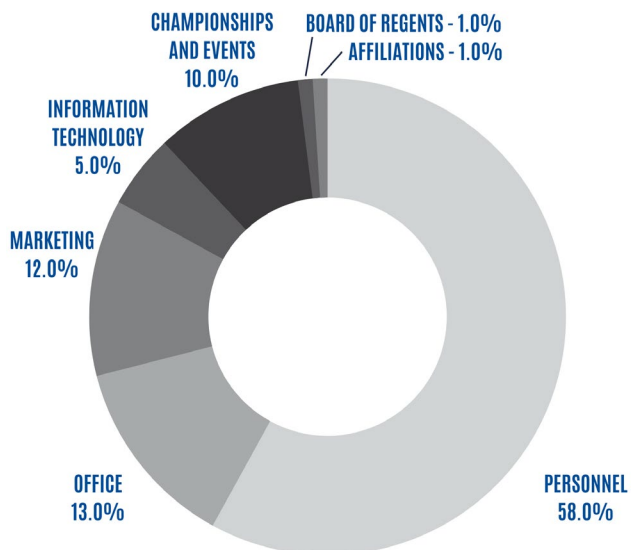
**\$3,353,750**



ACTUAL INCOME

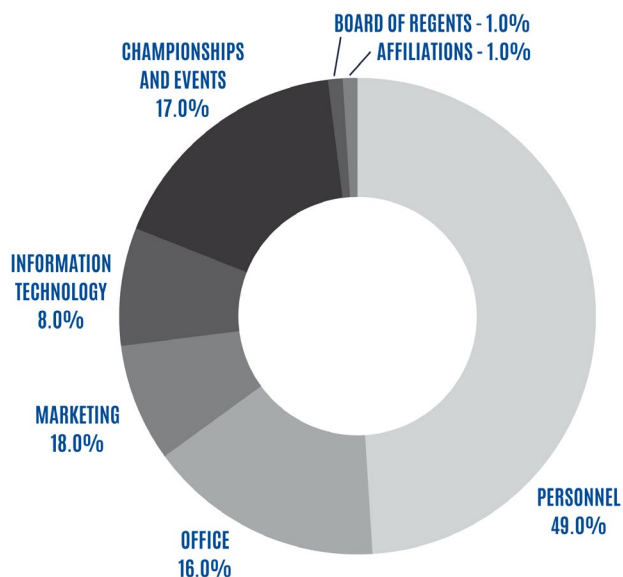
**\$3,946,874.20**

## EXPENSE



BUDGETED EXPENSES

**\$3,176,250**



ACTUAL EXPENSES

**\$3,456,499.02**





## NJCAA NETWORK

During the 2021-22 academic year, the NJCAA Network streamed 30 of the association's 53 national championship events. In the second year of the platform's existence, the association's home for digital content expanded its championship coverage by streaming the NJCAA Indoor Track & Field, DI Outdoor Track & Field, and DIII Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

The NJCAA Network displayed significant growth compared to the past year, streaming more than 80 additional games and garnering more than 2,700 additional pay-per-view purchases compared to the 2020-21 academic year.



**30** CHAMPIONSHIPS  
AIRED



**420+** GAMES  
STREAMED

Outside of national championship events, the NJCAA Network streamed six NJCAA Basketball Selection Shows. The live broadcasts featured bracket reveals, on-air analysis, highlights, exclusive interviews, and in-depth information about each tournament.

For the first time in the association's history, the NJCAA Network aired live bracket reveal shows for the six NJCAA Baseball World Series and Softball Championships.

# 2022 NJCAA CONVENTION

The NJCAA hosted the 2022 NJCAA Convention, presented by the Marines, in Birmingham, AL from April 11-15. The event provided an opportunity for NJCAA athletic directors, coaches, sport information directors, administrators, and presidents to participate in professional development sessions led by association, industry leaders, and partners and sponsors. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in association governance meetings.



Convention attendees had the opportunity to take part in several sessions and programming specific to their day-to-day role within the NJCAA from April 11-12. Session topics included professional development for coaches, athletic directors, sports information directors and presidents, health and welfare of student-athletes, compliance and eligibility best practices, and equity, diversity, and inclusion. Governance and Sport Committee meetings took place from April 13-14 and the NJCAA Board of Regents meeting was held April 15.

To view a photo gallery from the 2022 NJCAA Convention, [click here](#).



The 2022 NJCAA Annual Awards was held on Wednesday, April 13, recognizing the achievements of individuals within the association's leadership structure, member colleges, and contributors, as well as former student-athletes. Greg Sankey, SEC Commissioner and Cayuga Community College alum, served as the keynote speaker for the event. The following individuals were honored for their contributions to the association:

- George E. Killian Award of Excellence - Dan Johnson, Southeast (NE); Jo Ann Rogers, Prince George's (MD)
- Mary Ellen Leicht Service Award - Brian Beck, NJCAA National Office; LeAnn Cox, Visit Hutch
- NJCAA Athletic Director of the Year - Jose Barron, New Mexico Military
- NJCAA Athletic Trainer of the Year - Amber Nichols, Genesee (NY)
- NJCAA Sports Information Director of the Year - Bryan Stewart, Indian Hills (IA)
- Appreciation Award - Lea Plarski
- Loyalty Award - Darin Monroe, Rock Valley (IL)
- Achievement Award - Andre De Grasse, Coffeyville (KS)
- Merit Award - Zac Taylor, Butler (KS)

To learn more about the honorees, [click here](#).



