**CAROLINA RELEASES APR SCORES**

**All 19 Sports Above 950 in Multi-Year Scores For Fifth-Straight Year**

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 20, 2016) –** All 19 of the University of South Carolina’s countable intercollegiate sports posted a multi-year score of 950 or better for the fifth-consecutive year, according to the Academic Progress Rate (APR) statistics that were released today.

“As reflected in our ‘Gamecock Student-Athlete Promise,’ the path to graduation is a commitment we make to each student-athlete here,” said Athletics Director Ray Tanner. “Our APR numbers reflect the efforts of our coaches, academic support staff and, most importantly, our student-athletes. It takes tremendous discipline and will to succeed as a student and an athlete. Our student-athletes at South Carolina meet the tasks head-on and succeed at the highest levels.”

Highlighting the South Carolina data are nine teams (baseball, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, men’s tennis, women’s soccer, women’s cross country, men’s golf and volleyball) with a perfect single-year score (1,000) for the 2014-15 campaign. Additionally, women’s soccer made a single-year jump of 45 points from 955 in 2013-14 to 1000 for the 2014-15 campaign. Men’s golf single-year score rose 28 points to 1000 and football single-year score rose 25 points to 980. Men’s tennis, women’s basketball, women’s cross country, and volleyball all registered a single-year score of 1000 for the second straight year.

“The continued success of our academic program is a direct reflection of the academic commitment by our students, staff and administration,” said Associate Athletics Director for Academics and Student Development Maria Hickman. “These consistent numbers reflect how we focus on graduation with all of our student-athletes.” During that most recent four-year span, South Carolina graduated 405 student-athletes, including 87 in 2011-12, 105 in 2012-13, 92 in 2013-14, and 121 in 2014-15.

The APR is a point system based on scholarship student-athletes’ eligibility and retention for a pre-determined four-year time period. NCAA sports falling below the established point cutoff (930) may be subject to penalties including scholarship reductions. The data released on Wednesday includes the scholarship student-athletes on rosters from the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 academic years.

South Carolina’s Multi-Year APR Rate (Four-Year Rolling Period) by Sport:

 **Single Year**

**Sport 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2014-15**

Baseball 928 947 947 953 959 955 962 985 1000

Men’s Basketball 909 908 930 968 983 983 989 989 1000

Women’s Basketball 963 959 962 960 980 990 990 995 1000

Football 929 938 954 966 966 980 975 972 980

Men’s Golf 976 982 994 980 993 990 986 993 1000

Women’s Golf 966 985 977 984 991 992 1000 982 929

Men’s Soccer 976 978 986 977 973 981 981 990 969

Women’s Soccer 966 980 979 967 966 969 964 984 1000

Softball 960 964 979 986 983 984 982 985 988

Men’s Swimming/Diving 948 943 959 985 983 993 990 982 967

Women’s Swimming/Diving 974 980 985 985 998 995 998 998 992

Men’s Tennis 979 989 1000 989 979 981 984 993 1000

Women’s Tennis 978 977 970 985 985 992 1000 992 970

Women’s Cross Country 983 987 990 990 991 966 975 979 1000

Men’s Indoor Track/Field 952 965 976 963 964 967 956 973 936

Women’s Indoor Track/Field 965 971 976 973 978 970 973 978 985

Men’s Outdoor Track/Field 953 968 979 963 965 967 957 973 936

Women’s Outdoor Track/Field 964 970 976 972 978 970 973 978 985

Volleyball 983 989 989 995 995 995 995 995 1000