

## Athletics at Southeastern Louisiana University Notable Highlights 2020 - 2021

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- » Southeastern claimed the Southland Conference Men's All-Sports Trophy for the first time since the 2008-09 season. The department's overall finish in the Commissioner's Cup (fourth) and Women's All-Sports Trophy (fifth) standings were both the highest in school history.
- » After throwing for 2,662 yards and accounting for 27 touchdowns, Southeastern senior quarterback Cole Kelley was named the 2020 recipient of the Stats Perform FCS Walter Payton Award - the FCS version of the Heisman Trophy. Kelley and fellow All-American Ferlando Jordan led the Lions to their second straight appearance in the final national polls.
- » The Southeastern women's soccer team won the Southland Conference Tournament, advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2015. Head coach Chris McBride was named the Southland Conference and Louisiana Coach of the Year for his efforts with the Lady Lions.
- » The SLU men's cross country team won the first Southland Conference championship in program history, winning the meet hosted on the Southeastern campus. Southland Conference Coach of the Year Corey Mistretta's squad featured for all-conference performers, highlighted by Southland Athlete of the Year Shea Foster.
- » The Southeastern men's track and field team produced six All-Americans during the 2020-21 season. Shea Foster, Franck DiSanza, Jonathan Sawyer, DJ Ruffin, James Benson III and Donovan Storr were all among the nation's elite.
- » Jeremy White led the Southeastern volleyball team to its best-ever Southland Conference finish on the way to being named Southland Coach of the Year.
- » The Southeastern women's basketball team posted its first winning record since the 2008-09 season and finish second in the Southland Conference standings - its highest-ever finish. Head coach Ayla Guzzardo's squad featured a pair of All-Southland guards in Hayley Giaratano and Morgan Carrier.
- » Southeastern pitcher Will Warren was an eighth-round selection in the MLB Draft by the New York Yankees. Warren was one of six Lions on the All-Southland Conference team, as he and league Freshman of the Year Brennan Stuprich represented SLU for the first time.
- » The Southeastern softball team led Division I with 2.96 stolen bases per game. 2021 marked the sixth straight season the Lady Lions have led the nation in either total stolen bases or stolen bases per game.

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