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Student Athlete Banquet

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Regis University

Thank you.

Tonight, we honor the student athletes of Regis University. We honor you because of what you do for our University community and because that which you accomplish isn't easy.

230 student athletes.

A 3.318 Fall GPA.

37 student athletes named to All-Academic Teams.

2 Academic All-Americans.

Over 3,000 hours of community service.

4 RMAC Championships in 2012

- Baseball, volleyball, women's soccer, men's soccer.
- 46 student athletes named to All-RMAC teams in 2012.

These Regis University community members, these student athletes, embody what is at the heart of our community.

You have heard the phrase, "Leave it all on the field." Generally, we know that to mean "spend all your effort; keep nothing back; be single-minded, full of heart, courageous, and spare nothing of your talent and pride in the effort." What I have seen this year is the embodiment of that dictum, on the field, on the court, and on the course.

More importantly, our student athletes have taught the Regis University community that talents spent on others are not lost, but enhanced. They grow the University community but go far, far beyond that.



One night at a Regis University women's basketball game, members of the faculty of St. Catherine of Siena grade school were putting personalized water bottles and notes to each member of the team on the bench. When I asked one teacher why she was doing this, she said, "This team, these women, have been very good to our young students. These women give our kids pride and hope."

Pride and hope. Hard work and courage. A way forward and a future. That is what Regis University students do, not just for the University but for the Denver community.

On behalf of a grateful University community, thank you and God bless you. We are most proud of all of you.