

## Saddleback Athletes are Scholar Ballers!

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The Scholar-Baller program is an incentive-driven educational program focusing on the importance of academic excellence in addition to whatever these student-athletes are doing to strive for athletic excellence. It is explained to all student-athletes who wish to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Saddleback College, especially those attending Saddleback for the first time as either

freshmen or transfer students. Student-athletes who attain a specific academic status with units completed and grade point average are allowed to wear the Think Man or Think Woman patch on their uniform during their sophomore year, showing opponents, peers, and the community that they have excelled academically.

There were 129 sophomores competing on our 19 athletic teams during the 2009-10 seasons. Of this group, 36 were labeled as Scholar-Ballers (28%) and able to wear the patch. Additionally, Saddleback College had 199 freshman competing this year to give us a unique student-athlete population of 328 actual participants. Of our 328 student-athletes, 149 made the Fall 2009 Honor Roll (45%) and 19 had a perfect 4.00 GPA.



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