

## Athletics at Southeastern Louisiana University Notable Highlights 2017 - 2018

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- » The 2017-2018 SLU men's basketball team won the third Southland Conference championship in program history. The Lions, under the direction of fourth-year coach Jay Ladner, finished 22-12 overall and 15-3 in conference play. Behind All-Southland Conference performers Marlain Veal and Jordan Capps, Southeastern advanced to the Southland Conference Tournament championship game and made its first-ever appearance in the NIT.
- » Nine members of the Southeastern track and field program advanced to the NCAA East Preliminary Round Outdoor Championships this season. Highlighting that group were Lion All-Americans and qualifiers for June's NCAA Championships Adrian Williams (javelin) and Devin King (pole vault).
- » The Lion baseball team finished another impressive campaign, posting an impressive 37-22 overall record and finishing second in the Southland Conference standings. A quintet of Lions - senior outfielder Drew Avans, junior second baseman Cody Grosse, junior pitcher Carlisle Koestler, junior pitcher Corey Gaconi and senior pitcher Josh Green - claimed All-Southland honors. Avans, Green and catcher Daniel Wasinger were all selected in the MLB Draft, running the total of SLU draft picks to 15 during head coach Matt Riser's five-year tenure.
- » The SLU softball team took a huge leap forward under third-year head coach Rick Fremin, as the Lady Lions set a new single-season school record for victories, finishing with a 38-21 overall record. Southeastern led Division I in stolen bases with a school-record 184 on the way to setting new program season standards for victories (38), best Southland Conference finish (2nd), fewest losses (21) and the best winning percentage (.644).
- » The Southeastern football team posted a 6-5 record and a 6-3 mark in Southland Conference play, recording a winning season for the fourth time in the past five seasons. Sophomore Juwan Petit-Frere and senior Sione Teuhema were named All-America. First-year head coach Frank Scelfo, who was hired on January 30, 2018 as the 16th head coach in program history, will look to continue the winning ways in 2018 and beyond.
- » Southeastern senior tennis student-athlete Dany Raygadas became the 18th Academic All-American in program history this spring. 2017-18 featured the best academic year in the history of Southeastern Athletics. In the fall, eight teams finished with a 3.0 team grade point average or higher and SLU set a new record with a department-wide GPA of 2.968. That record would fall in the spring, as Southeastern student-athletes combined for a 3.0 semester GPA for the first time.