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THE FOOTBALL SUBDIVISION Athletics Directors Association has announced that Furman's football program is the inaugural recipient of the Academic Progress Rate (APR) Award for the Southern Conference. The APR Award recognizes a institution in each of the 14 Football Championship Subdivision (formerly NCAA Division I-AA) conferences that has the highest Academic Progress Rate score over the NCAA's most recent four-year time period. Furman's APR of 977 was 43 points higher than the Southern Conference average of 934 and 42 points higher than the FCS average.

NCAA member colleges and universities recently adopted a comprehensive academic reform package designed to improve the academic success and graduation rates of all student-athletes. The centerpiece of the reform is the APR.

The APR awards two points each term to student-athletes who meet academic-eligibility standards and who remain with the institution. A team's APR is determined by the total points it earns at a given time divided by the total points possible.

The NCAA also honored five Furman teams with public recognition awards for their APR. The men’s golf, women’s basketball, women’s cross country, and women’s indoor and outdoor track teams with Public Recognition Awards for their combined APR scores, which are calculated using the APR.

The Furman men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track teams combined to post a 36-8-1 record and were chosen to represent their country in the World Cup. He now plays for the English team.