## **Student-Athlete Handout**

Are you interested in becoming a student-athlete once you graduate from Solorio? If so, do not wait until it is too late! Consider the following suggestions:

- Speak to your coach about your talent-level and at what level they see you competing at
- Remember that your academics and test scores also matter
- That not every institution will offer you a scholarship to play (depending on the level)
  - To identify what level your institution falls under, you can visit their athletics page, search for any <u>NCAA institution</u>, or <u>NAIA institution</u>
- After speaking to your coach and having a sense of where you fall, we
  encourage you to request a sit-down with Mr. Hernandez, Athletic Director or the
  Postsecondary Support Center (PSC) in the library.

The steps to be considered as a student-athlete at the **NCAA** level are:

- Register with the NCAA through the <u>NCAA Eligibility Center</u> (assess whether that will be Division I/Division II, or Division III)
  - Account Creation: It is required that you are cleared to make any official visits and eventually sign a National Letter of Intent (Division I/Division II only). Being cleared will eventually also ensure that you are eligible to compete. (With the support of Mr. Hernandez, Athletic Director)
  - Naviance: Make sure to add "NCAA" onto your active applications and request a transcript as you would for any college/university
  - Academic qualifications: There are requirements to become eligible that will focus on your core courses. To find out more about how to calculate, visit <u>this worksheet</u>
  - Test scores: Access your <u>collegeboard.org</u> account and add/send your scores to 9999.
  - Waivers: To see if you qualify for a waiver, speak to Ms. Dominguez once you have completed your account/profile.
  - Transcripts: If you are a transfer student you are required to submit official transcripts for <u>ALL</u> schools attended.
    - Hand all official transcripts to Mrs. Dominguez.

The steps to be considered as a student-athlete at the **NAIA** level are:

- Register with the NAIA through the NAIA Eligibility Center
  - With the support of Mr. Hernandez, Athletic Director
  - Once you create an account, it is important that you request a transcript as you would for any college/university (Note: On Naviance AND a paper request
  - Naviance: Make sure to add "NAIA Eligibility Center" onto your active applications and request a transcript as you would for any college/university
  - Academic qualifications:
  - Test scores: Access your <u>collegeboard.org</u> account and add/send your scores to 9876.

<ul> <li>Waivers: To see if you qualify for a waiver, speak to Ms. Dominguez once you have completed your account/profile.</li> </ul>