



**THE
WARRIOR
WAY**

Unleash the Warrior within.

***STRONG.
MOTIVATED.
DILIGENT.
STUDIOUS.
FAITHFUL.
WE ARE WARRIORS.
COMMITTED.
EXEMPLARY.
DRIVEN.
LEADERS.
CHAMPIONS.***



Division II

**Westmont plays in the
PacWest Conference and
is a member of the NCAA
Division II.**



Westmont leads with intersection
of athletics and faith.

**Warrior teams have gained a national
reputation for their athletic prowess,
academic achievements and commitment
to serving others.**

Five times, Westmont has placed in the top ten of the
Learfield Directors' Cup final standings. The award
measures overall strength and success of collegiate
athletic programs at national champion-ships.
Westmont ranked sixth in 2017-18, eighth in
2016-17, and seventh in 2001-02 and 1998-99.

Warrior athletes succeed in Westmont's
rigorous academic environment.

231 Warriors earned 2024-25 Academic
All-PacWest honors.

WARRIORS ARE CHAMPIONS—

***WINNING ON THE FIELD AND
EXCELLING IN THE CLASSROOM.***

Westmont College Athletics is a community committed to cultivating maturity of mind, body and spirit through the rigorous pursuit of athletic excellence, integrated learning and Christ-centered leadership.

THE MISSION OF WESTMONT ATHLETICS

★
108

CONFERENCE
TEAM
CHAMPIONSHIPS

★
11

NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
(36 NATIONAL
TOP-FOUR
FINISHES)

★
674

ALL-AMERICANS

★
231

ACADEMIC
ALL-PACWEST
ATHLETES IN
2024-25

FACILITIES

Westmont's beautifully designed athletic fields offer spectacular mountain and ocean views and attract elite athletes, including Olympians, who come to train. Award-winning facilities have hosted several events, including the MLB Area Code Tryouts, where Major League scouts and college coaches select players for the prestigious five-day competition in August.

- **Russell Carr Field** provides a natural grass home with a newly renovated stadium and press box for the Warrior baseball team.
- Men's and women's soccer play on the state-of-the-art grass surface at **Thorrington Field**.
- Men's and women's track and field teams and cross country teams compete at the well-equipped **Westmont Track**.
- The **Stan Anderson Golf Complex** and newly developed scoring range, serve the men's and women's golf programs.
- Men's and women's tennis play in a garden setting at the completely renovated **Lynn Abbott Tennis Courts**.
- **Westmont's athletic complex includes:**
 - **Murchison Gymnasium**, home of the volleyball and basketball teams.
 - The **Tom and Meg Names Aquatics Center**, newly renovated for the women's swimming team.
 - The brand new Sports Performance Center services all student athletes.



COACHES

Outstanding coaches provide personal guidance on the field and in life. These caring and capable mentors prepare athletes for challenges facing them in athletic competition, in the classroom and in life after graduation.

"Endeavoring to excel as a student-athlete at Westmont will stretch you outside your comfort zone as you challenge your body, mind and soul to maximize your talents both in and out of the athletic arena. You develop the skills, habits and character that will stay with you long after your athletic career has ended."



—Kirsten Moore, Women's Basketball Head Coach



"Athletics can be an integral part of a liberal arts education as it adds breadth and depth to a student's life. Athletics is about relationships which develop through a shared commitment to strive for excellence in sports competition. A coach is the most successful when they help to transform a student's perspective about their self-worth through the physical, emotional, social and spiritual development involved in the athletic training process."

—Russell Smelley, Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

95% of first-year and transfer students receive academic scholarships, talent-based and athletic scholarships and/or need-based grants.

Each Warrior team offers athletic scholarships to outstanding recruits. Coaches use a variety of criteria in awarding this aid. Athletes may also qualify for academic or need-based assistance through a combined financial aid package. Westmont encourages everyone to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**EXPERIENCE THE HEART
OF A CHAMPION**



WARRIORS IN ACTION

Baseball

Westmont Baseball earned its highest NCAA Division II national ranking in program history.

From early morning practices to late-night study sessions, Westmont student-athletes bring passion, grit, and purpose to everything they do. Hear directly from them as they reflect on team accomplishments, personal growth, and what it means to compete with heart—on and off the field.

In **2024, 85% of Westmont athletes** indicated they **grew spiritually** through their athletic experience at Westmont

"Quite honestly, I came into Westmont pretty lost in my faith and unsure of where I stood in my relationship with God. Through the team, I was given a safe space to wrestle with various things and work through my questions in community with others."



"For me, the most important part of being a student-athlete at Westmont is representing Christ through being a selfless teammate and a humble, hard-working athlete."

– Kate Spraul, Swimming



Record Breaking Season

Westmont Men's Basketball made history with a standout year, setting new records and raising the bar in NCAA DII.





Athlete Retention & Success

In 2024, nearly 10,000 college athletes nationwide (34%) entered the NCAA Transfer Portal. At Westmont, only 13 of 277 student-athletes transferred, resulting in a retention rate of over 95%.



WESPY's

Celebrating the top athletic achievements and standout performers from Westmont's sports teams.



Wally the Warrior

Westmont's spirited mascot, embodying the pride, strength, and determination of the Warrior community.

NCAA Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence

Westmont was one of just 44 institutions nationwide to receive the NCAA Presidents' Award, recognizing an Academic Success Rate of 90% or higher.



PacWest Champions

Westmont Men's Soccer clinched a berth in the NCAA DII Regionals by winning the PacWest Championship.



YOUR TEAMS & COACHES



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VISIT

**Meet your coaches. Check out the facilities.
Discover your future home.**

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