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## Academic Integrity

### East Georgia State College - Athletics

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**LET'S GET ASSOCIATED.**



# Integrity

**“Integrity means doing the right thing at all times and in all circumstances, whether or not anyone is watching.”**

- **Amy Rees Anderson, Forbes, *Success Will Come and Go, But Integrity is Forever* (2012)**

# Importance of Academic Integrity

**“Your beliefs become your thoughts,  
Your thoughts become your words,  
Your words become your actions,  
Your actions become your habits,  
Your habits become your values,  
Your values become your destiny.”**

**Mahatma Gandhi**

# **“Epidemic of Academic Fraud” in College Athletics**

- *See “More Than a Dozen Athletic Programs Have Committed Academic Fraud in the Last Decade with More Likely to Come.” Inside Higher Education, July 8, 2016*
- **Georgia Southern University**
  - **“... a former assistant compliance director gave an athlete a flash driver containing her work from when she was enrolled in the same course .... submitted the work as if it were his own.”**
  - **“A former assistant director of student-athlete services at the university also wrote and submitted 10 extra credit assignments for two football players. She obtained the players log-in information and submitted the papers without the athletes’ knowledge.”**

Academic Integrity  
A National Issue in College Athletics

- “I would prefer even to fail with honor than to win by cheating”

Sophocles

# Examples of Prohibited Academic Assistance

The following is a short list of examples based on my own experience and reading. It is obviously not an exhaustive list:

- Preparing an assignment (or parts of an assignment) for a student for submission by the student as their own work
- Providing a copy of a test to a student from a prior semester without prior authorization of the professor, dean or VPAA
- Taking an online exam for a student or providing unauthorized assistance to a student during an exam
- Coaching a student about how to avoid being caught cheating
- Submitting academic work on behalf of a student using the student's D2L account/password
- Changing a student's grade in Banner or withdrawing a student from a class without authorization of the professor, dean or VPAA

# EGSC Athletics – Next Steps

- EGSC Athletic Department develops **proposed written plan designed to prevent academic fraud and address it if discovered. Key elements of the plan:**
  - **Ongoing education** of all athletic personnel and student athletes (What is prohibited? Why is academic integrity important?)
  - **Clearly define the prohibited activities and required activities**
  - **Periodic reporting** to the president about educational efforts and any violations (at least once each semester)
  - **Ongoing assessment** of the plan. Is it working? How can we improve? (at least annually)
- **Submit plan to Cabinet/President for approval (09/30/2016)**



**Thank you!**

**I appreciate all you do to help  
our student athletes prepare to  
live their lives with honor,  
integrity and success.**