

S.O.A.R. Mission Statement

S.O.A.R.'s mission is to serve communities by reaching and teaching our youth through academics and athletics. Our work focuses on the academic, social, and athletic development of student-athletes.

S.O.A.R. Athlete Philosophy

The mission of SOAR is to develop in our student-athletes a positive self- image by providing them with an environment of mentors, counselors, and support staff who not only believe in our student-athletes, but are also from the community and have successfully demonstrated the ability to excel at sports at the collegiate level while balancing family, education, and a social life. Our philosophy is to enhance the educational/athletic experience of all student-athletes. This program is an integral part of the overall vision of our parent company, Top . The program supports the values of the corporation through its pursuit of the education and college access of student-athletes.

We encourage our student-athletes to embrace personal accountability which will enable social responsibility in our society. We invest in the mental, physical, financial, and the overall well-being to develop stronger student-athletes by reinforcing sound principles.

Code of conduct

Being a student-athlete carries with it a whole set of privileges and responsibilities. By joining S.O.A.R., you become a representative of our culture although you're still representing for your personal team(s). It is essential that you act responsibly and do nothing to jeopardize your opportunity to obtain maximum results from your experience. Your personal conduct is a direct reflection on your character and judgment. You are expected to behave both in and out the classroom.

Family Code

You are encouraged to review the following code and reflect upon the words as you say them to yourself...

I am a S.O.A.R. Athlete. As a SOAR Athlete I realize that I am a member of a universal family which is known as athletes. I am proud of S.O.A.R. for providing the greatest sports mentoring program in the country. I will at all times conduct myself in a SOAR manner; paying homage to my SOAR family when necessary.

Greatness is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind, which are the accomplishment of my determined idea and the welfare of my community. I will strive to remain wise and righteous in all I do. I will be proficient in the studies of my craft and education. I will always be conscious of my role as a SOAR Athlete. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All people are entitled to outstanding guidance and leadership, which I will provide that guidance and leadership every chance I get. I know myself and will constantly strive for self-improvement. I will be a true and living role model for the others to emulate and will always be truthful to them.

Education is a key factor in building any nation. I will utilize this factor while maintaining excellent academic standings. I will be dedicated to the staff and my peers. I will exercise initiative by not waiting for opportunity, but rather creating and taking advantage of it. I will never compromise the truth of who I am or my integrity regardless of whom or what.

*I will not forget, nor will I allow my SOAR Family to forget that WORD is BOND and that
WE ARE SOARING!*

CULTURE & EXPECTATIONS

- ***Determination***

4.0 GPA

- ***Be Positive***

15 Minute Early

- ***Work Ethic***

Greet Everyone

- ***No Excuse***

“Say it with your Chest”

- ***Lead***

Be Coachable

- ***Respect Time***

Make Eye Contact

- ***Be Committed***

Ask Why?

- ***Self-Driven***

BE A COACH!

- ***Self-Mastery***

Be Ready!

- ***Confidence/Know You Can***

“Check your baggage at the door”

- ***Supportive***

Finish your breakfast!

- ***Focused***

CARE!

- ***Inspire***

Brag about your experience!

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million (1990–2000) and is projected to increase by a further 1.5 million by 2020 (Office for National Statistics 2001). The number of people aged 65 and over in the UK is projected to increase from 10.5 million in 2000 to 13.5 million in 2020 (Office for National Statistics 2001).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop strategies to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (2000) has identified the need to develop a 'new paradigm' for the care of the elderly, one that is based on the principles of 'active ageing' and 'positive ageing'. The Department of Health (2000) has identified the need to develop a 'new paradigm' for the care of the elderly, one that is based on the principles of 'active ageing' and 'positive ageing'.

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