EDITOR'S STATEMENT

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The circle of life is moving daily. The question, what have you accomplished today, while preparing for tomorrow? In this evolving athletic world of academic advisement for athletes, there is a constant education of rules and rule changes combining with life long skill management, which keeps each advisor, tutor and mentor often on the cutting edge point. There is always excitement and energy among those working with student athletes, on and off the field of competition. Preparing students for achievement is fundamentally what should concern all higher education staff.

This issue of the <u>AAJ</u> examines sports counseling preparation, academic performance of a non-revenue sport group, an athletic department's practice addressing student athlete performance, and an international perspective of athlete career and education programs. The final article of this issue is a moving example of learning disabilities problems and solutions for the student athlete.

Papers examining the advisor experience in addition to those of our student athletes are always strongly encouraged among the membership. The future professionals joining the N4A ranks should be allowed the opportunity to review the documented researched literature provided by role models and experienced professionals like each of you. Therefore, let us begin today to enhance the lives of not only our student athletes for a better tomorrow, but also re-commit to give our best for our current and future colleagues that must and will carry forward our torch of light and hope.