

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



WWU
MENS RUGBY

A DECADE OF GROWTH, EXCELLENCE & IMPACT

2016/17 → 2025/26

SEASONS IN REVIEW



SUPPORTED BY



**WESTERN
RUGBY
ALUMNI**

GROWTH OVER THE YEARS

*Two programs. One identity.
A decade of upward trajectory*

FIFTEENS

PROGRAM



TOP 10 FINISHES



NCRC CHAMPION

2025 / 26

CRAA DIAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



SEVENS

PROGRAM



TOP 5 FINISHES



NCRC CHAMPION

2023 / 24

CRAA DIAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS





2x NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

2025 / 26 · FIFTEENS CRAA D1AA

2023 / 24 · SEVENS CRAA D1AA

MAX STONE
Class of 2025
Presidential Scholar

CHARLIE FUNK
Class of 2025
Sevens MVP

HARRY MOORE
Class of 2026
Fifteens Captain



GROWTH OVER THE YEARS

Rugby: The Deciding Factor for WWU Enrollment

A December 2025 survey of 51 past and present players reveals that the rugby program is central to student recruitment:

61%

would **not have attended WWU** without rugby.

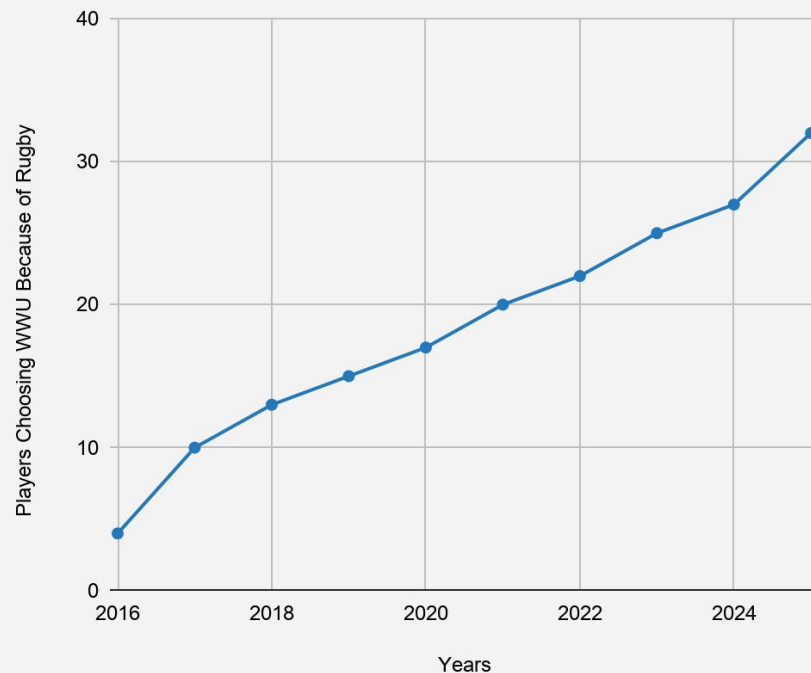
14%

were **unsure** whether they would have enrolled otherwise.

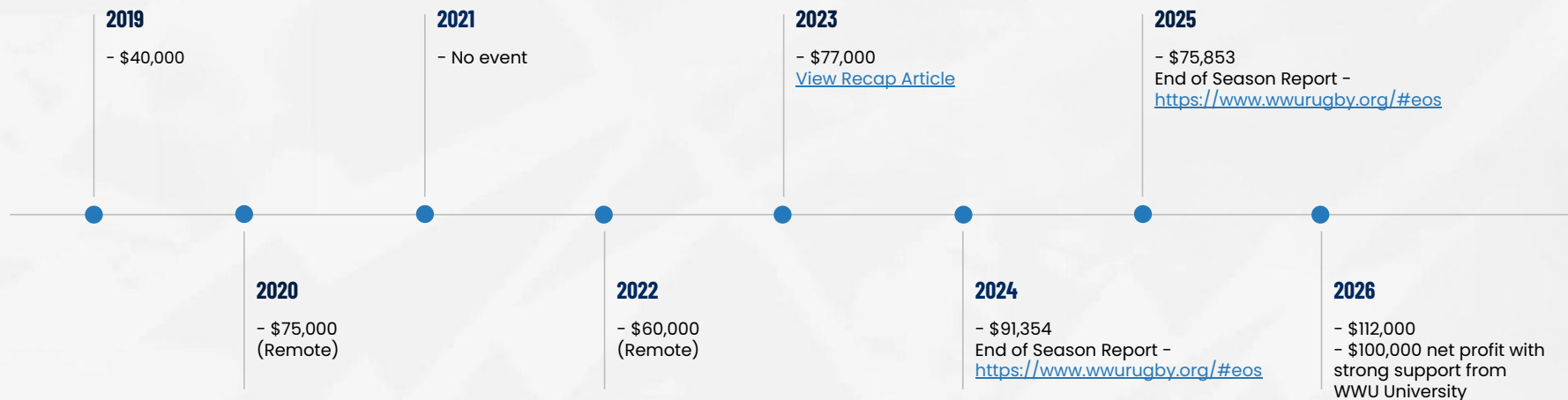
25%

would have chosen WWU **regardless** of the program.

Growth in Players Choosing WWU for Rugby (Illustrative)



BLUE & WHITE DINNER AUCTION OVER THE YEARS



HUMAN EXCELLENCE

- // Rugby is the whole reason I wished to come to WWU.*
- // Without a rugby program at Western, I would have never heard of the school.*
- // Rugby is the only reason I attended WWU. I literally would not have attended otherwise.*



DEVELOPING LEADERS

Six recent examples from a much longer list — alumni shaping medicine, law, government, anthropology and the global game.



DR. KEVIN KINLOCH, MD

CLASS OF 2012 • PULMONARY MEDICINE

Keynote speaker at the 2025 Blue & White Dinner Auction. WRA lifetime member. Practices at Hattiesburg Clinic, MS.



DR. ROBERT BOENISH, PHD

CLASS OF 2012 • US DEPT. OF STATE

Food Security Advisor; addressed the United Nations in 2024.



MAX STONE

CLASS OF 2024 • PEPPERDINE LAW

Joined the Alumni Board of Directors as Vice President — continuing to support the program off the pitch.



CONNOR BROWNE

CLASS OF 2018 • PHILIPPINES NATIONAL TEAM

Represented the Philippines in the 2023 Olympic Qualifier and Asian Championships.



MUHAMMAD ALJANOUBI

CLASS OF 2019 • SAUDI ARABIA NATIONAL TEAM



Saudi government scholarship recipient; currently employed by the Saudi Arabian Rugby Federation.



RAVEN BORSEY

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE • ANTHROPOLOGY

Awarded by WWU's Anthropology Department for excellence in Cultural Anthropology and community leadership.

COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE & NATIONAL/GLOBAL REACH

- D1AA contender & conference champion
- Competes across U.S. & Canada
- Matches streamed nationally



UK Tour • 2018 | Scotland Tour • 2022



A COLLABORATIVE, SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM

*Three pillars hold the program steady
through every roster turnover.*

I

HOW THE PROGRAM OPERATES

- University-recognized club
- Heavy alumni support via WRA
- Strong compliance standards

II

ALUMNI PARTNERSHIP WESTERN RUGBY ALUMNI

- Annual fundraising support
- Event & scholarship funding
- Alumni mentorship network



III

PROGRAM CULTURE

- Humble · Hungry · Accountable
- Player-driven standards
- Long-term continuity