Athletic counseling and advising staff:
The Athletic Academic Advising program, headed by full-time counselor John Soldate, offers counseling and guidance in: orientation, educational planning, COA and NCAA eligibility issues, athletic issues, and personal concerns. In collaboration with the Center for Academic Success, student-athletes also have access to a special on-campus tutoring program along with a monitored study hall program.

John's full-time caseload is specifically for Butte College student-athletes. He is a member of the Counseling Department, but his office is located in the Butte Athletic Department. This is a unique arrangement aimed at securing the best interests of the student-athlete while insuring proper communication with the coaching staff.

John has worked with college student-athletes at the University of Arizona, USC, and Butte. As a college student-athlete John played baseball at Santa Rosa J.C., Chico State, and went on to play professionally. John graduated from Chico State and went on to receive a master's degree in exercise science also from CSU Chico. He also has a master's degree in education with an emphasis in counseling and student services from USC.

Program goals for athletic counseling and advising program:

- To create an environment that promotes academic achievement and excellence.
- To assist student athletes in the identification and accomplishment of realistic career and educational goals.
- To assist student athletes in development of skills, habits, and attitudes necessary to achieve educational plans.
- To advise student athletes of the rules, regulations, and requirements affecting their athletic and educational plans.
- To create a networking system among our campus, community high schools, and four-year campuses to improve student athlete matriculation.

Our program components include a full range of counseling and advising services. We work closely with student services provided on our campus and in the community to ensure our students' educational and personal success.