



ATENEUM DE MANILA UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Memo to : The University Community
Subject : Ateneo Blue Eagles

Starting today, all of Ateneo de Manila University's student athletes and athletic teams shall be identified as Ateneo Blue Eagles.

Formerly used to refer only to our men's basketball team, the Blue Eagles name will now be used to represent all of our official varsity teams, regardless of sport, gender, or age group. It is a recognition of the fact that each of our student athletes, whatever their sport or year level, represents the *mens sana in corpore sano* (sound mind in a sound body) ideal: excelling in the classroom and in the sporting arena, hallmarks of well-rounded Ateneo education and formation.

By uniting all of Ateneo's student athletes under one name, we are moving one step forward towards our goal of a more inclusive, gender-equal University community. This is one of the various social and cultural divides we aim to bridge, as we have outlined in our Lux in Domino University Strategic Plan 2021-2030.

Lastly, by uniting under one name, we will further solidify and strengthen the "One Ateneo" spirit, bringing together our community not only in sports, but in our shared mission to be a force for good in the world.

Win or lose, let us always rally behind our student athletes as they soar towards greater heights. Fly high, Ateneo Blue Eagles!

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