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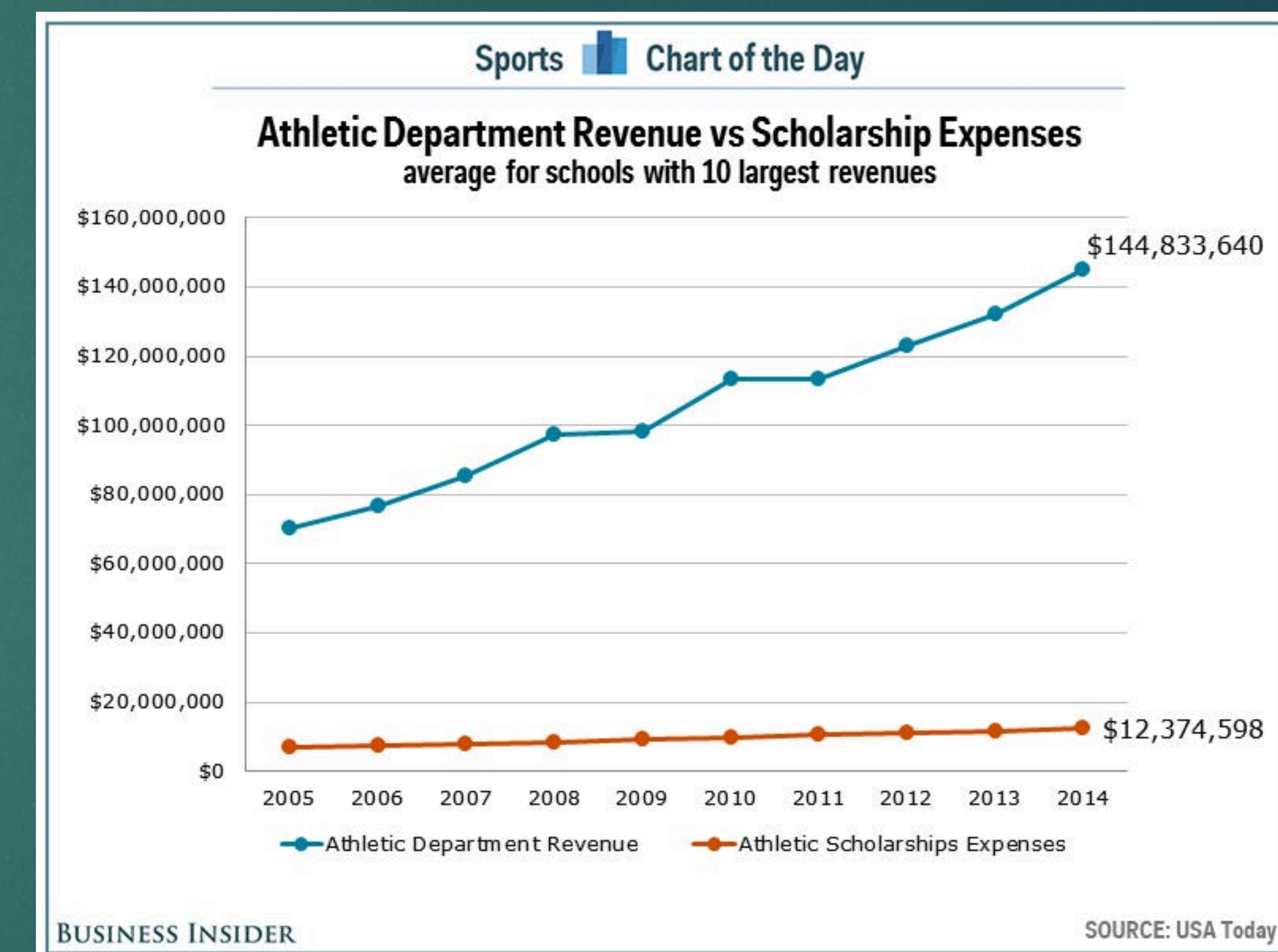


Summary

Students competing in college sports always give it their full effort and in some instances they even tend to exceed the performance of many professionals. That being said, a few moral questions are raised such as; “Should college athletes be paid?” There is no definite set answer to this question so it can be perceived in many ways and it can vary based on one's morals and the circumstances. A scenario similar to this is brought into perspective by Deford (2014) in one of his writings when he states that “Barnes played the same course as Woods and all the other PGA players--he even beat most of them--but while they got paid, he didn't” (p. 673) In this scenario a college amateur was able to outplay some big league well known players such as Tiger Woods and still received no type of monetary reimbursement for his efforts. It would be morally correct to give the student some sort of compensation, but that raises other red flags. It comes down to the logistics and morals of the situation.

Key Points

- Sports scholarships are a form of compensation.
- College Sports are a good way to be exposed to professional league teams.
- Teamwork skills and other great morals are learned through being on a college team.
- Student athletes are given opportunities to learn life lessons and meet new lifelong connections.



Conclusion

College athletes get enough compensation for their efforts. A sports scholarship, an opportunity to learn valuable lessons and morals, and the opportunity to do what they love is enough compensation and is an amazing opportunity to have. The only exception that should be made would be those that are not receiving any sort of monetary/ financial compensation for school, those students should be able to get an additional reward for their merits since being a student athlete is very time consuming. Other than that the system is set up fairly.

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