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MICHAEL DRISCOLL, HOST, Chair of The Drake Group Education Fund and Adjunct Professor, Pompea College of Business, University of New Haven and its past Director of Internships; former President, CEO and Company Chairman, Winchester Electronics; former Executive in Residence for Connecticut Innovations, the State of Connecticut’s Venture Fund; B.A. in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Roger Williams University, Executive MBA from the University of New Haven, Harvard Business School Executive Management and Leadership Training, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania Financial Management Certification, and Deming Institute Total Quality Management training.



ALLEN L. SACK, PRESENTER, Director Emeritus and Co-Founder, The Drake Group. Professor Emeritus, College of Business, University of New Haven; former Director of the federally funded Center for Athletes Rights and Education; author of *Counterfeit Amateurs: An Athlete's Journey Through the Sixties to the Age of Academic Capitalism* and co-author of *College Athletes for Hire: The Evolution and Legacy of the NCAA's Amateur Myth*; Dr. Sack earned his Ph.D. in sociology from Pennsylvania State University and a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame where he played on the 1966 NCAA National Championship football team.

The Drake Group Education Fund Student Journalism Prize for Investigative Reporting in Intercollegiate Athletics

The \$1,000 Prize annually recognizes the print, video, or multimedia work of a graduate or undergraduate college student journalist or team of student journalists for investigative reporting on intercollegiate athletics. The work must address an issue related to the welfare of college athletes, economics of college sports, academic integrity, ethical conduct, gender and racial equity, treatment of a whistleblower, or other significant issues.



EVAN GERIKE, Reporter, *Indiana Daily Student*; undergraduate student majoring in Sports Media with a minor in Sports Marketing at Indiana University Bloomington; Gerike’s prize winning story was “‘The program is doomed’: Players say Indiana volleyball coach Steve Aird created a culture of fear” published May 9, 2022. Full story may be retrieved at <https://specials.idsnews.com/indiana-volleyball-steve-aird-culture-fear/index.html>.

The Drake Group Education Fund National Public Service Award

Honors “elected public officials responsible for proposing legislation or policy changes that significantly improve the conduct of intercollegiate athletic programs, enhance the rights of college athletes, or otherwise protects their education, health, and safety.”



UNITED STATES SENATORS CORY BOOKER OF NEW JERSEY AND RICHARD BLUMENTHAL OF CONNECTICUT. United States Senators Richard Blumenthal and Cory Booker, during the 116th, 117th, and now the 118th sessions of Congress, worked to advance the ***College Athletes Bill of Rights***. Their bill and strong voices have educated the American public and members of Congress about the failure of intercollegiate athletic programs to protect the rights of college athletes to engage in outside employment related to the monetization of their names, images, and reputations, achieve gender equity as mandated by Title IX, permit transfer to other institutions of higher education without loss of athletics eligibility, enjoy the same freedom of speech as other students, receive proper medical care and athletic injury medical expense coverage, and rely on medical trust fund support for expenses related to longer term athletic program-related medical conditions. The bill also represents the strongest federal legislation to date that addresses college athletes’ rights to educational outcomes. Higher education institutions would be required to provide athletic grants-in-aid until the athlete graduates regardless of athletic performance or injury, academic advising and tutoring by academic authorities outside the athletic department, and a first-year financial literacy, athletes’ rights disclosure, and life skills development program. In addition, a permanent, federally chartered independent Commission would be established to oversee the enforcement of the Act and provide continued oversight to ensure that the education, commercial rights, health, safety, and wellness of college athletes are protected.

The Drake Hero Award

Honoring an extraordinary individual who has helped advance the collegiate sports reform movement through persistent actions over time. The individual, through hard work and persistent effort, has created a significant impact within the world of sports reform and, in doing so, has enhanced the integrity of intercollegiate athletics.



NICHOLAS ASKEW, Director of Swimming and Tennis, Howard University. In multiple capacities, Coach Askew has purposefully influenced the academic achievements and personal development of the individuals he has coached. His consistent youth sport program service has been extraordinary and his exemplary emphasis on the use of sport to teach athletes the critical life skills of leadership, accountability, discipline, and patience has been nationally recognized. As important, these efforts have increased the number of Black and other athletes of color entering and participating from the entry to the elite levels of the participation pyramid in sports in which they are significantly underrepresented, thereby challenging stereotypes of the interests and abilities of Black athletes and other athletes of color. The achievements of his teams have created public notoriety, thereby raising important questions about the failure of intercollegiate athletics to address the underrepresentation of Black athletes in NCAA men's and women's championship sports.

The Drake Group Education Fund "Making A Difference" Award

The award "honors an extraordinary contribution by an individual who has helped advance the integrity of intercollegiate athletics through an articulate and well-reasoned response to a current event or important issue. The individual, through his or her voice, writings, or other public action has demonstrated informed thought leadership in intercollegiate athletics, toward the end of advancing the integrity of athletics, emphasizing the primacy of educational objectives and/or insisting on responsible fiscal and ethical conduct of intercollegiate athletics as an extracurricular enterprise."



DAWN STALEY, Head Women's Basketball Coach, University of South Carolina. Recognizing Coach Staley's persistent, consistent, and intentional public voice that has made a generational impact on her teammates, her players, the college sports culture and the general public. She has advanced the public's understanding of the importance of women's sports, women in the coaching profession, non-discrimination on the basis of sex and race, and the primacy of education and personal development in the lives of college athletes. Her personal integrity combined with her extraordinarily thoughtful and purposeful voice has demonstrated the power of a "servant leader" – the exemplary graduation rates of her athletes who are fully prepared for challenges they face on and off the court, setting an example as a fighter for the equal treatment of women's sports, coaches, and athletes, and her model behavior as a competitor, always challenging others to give their best effort and aspire to achieve the greater good.