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**“Aspects of the College Athlete Environment That Negatively and  
Positively Contribute to Academic Outcomes”**

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Are current academic and other support programs for college athletes structured to achieve graduation success? What constitutes a meaningful education and a safe and supportive educational environment? Do coaches make a difference in college athlete academic outcomes? Are there underlying issues related to racial inequities, time demands, and/or abusive coaching practices that should be addressed? How does athletic injury and adequacy of coach training affect athlete classroom performance?



**MARK HYMAN, MODERATOR**, Director, The Shirley Povich Center for Sports Journalism and George Solomon Endowed Chair in Sports Journalism, Merrill College of Journalism, Univ. of Maryland; four decades as a sports journalist at *Businessweek*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Baltimore News American*, the *Dallas Times Herald*, *The Bulletin* (Philadelphia) and *The Ledger-Star* (Norfolk, Virginia) and seven years serving as a Professor of Sport Management at The George Washington University School of Business; Associated Press Sports Editors Awards for investigative reporting and news writing for such stories as SMU football’s pay-for-play scandal/NCAA “death penalty,” the death of UMD basketball great Len Bias, the construction of Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the sale of the Baltimore Orioles in federal bankruptcy court, and the Orioles’ 1999 goodwill exhibition in Cuba.



**BRUCE SMITH, Ph.D.**, Director of Empowerment Strategies/CEO, ACES Group; worked in K-12, higher education and intercollegiate athletics for more than two decades as a teacher, professor, administrator, and coach; as a higher education administrator, his work focused on student life, athletics, and equity and justice at both small private liberal arts colleges and flagship state institutions; Smith specializes in managing comprehensive student support; mentoring and supervising staff; creating connections between curriculum and co-curriculum and developing equity and justice institutional strategies; as a professor, his work focuses on African American life and culture; the sociology of education;

sport studies; and an emphasis on developing engaging, student-centered, identity-conscious American studies with pedagogy.



**RICHARD LAPCHICK**, Director, The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport, President, The Institute for Sport and Social Justice, University of Central Florida; Human rights activist, pioneer for racial equality, internationally recognized expert on sports and social issues, scholar and author; often described as “the racial conscience of sport”; prolific writer, his 17<sup>th</sup> book was published in 2018; regular columnist for *ESPN.com* and *The Sports Business Journal*; inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of the Commonwealth Nations in the category of Humanitarian along with Arthur Ashe and Nelson Mandela; 2021 Muhammad Ali Humanitarian of the Year; received the Arthur Ashe Institute Leadership Award in recognition of his trailblazing work and dedication to diversity and social justice; named one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Sports.



**MARY WILLINGHAM**, former Academic Advisor and Clinical Instructor in the School of Education, The Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; research includes studies on NCAA academic standards, university athlete admission procedures, college athlete academic skill deficits, and the incidence of LD/ADHD; co-owner of Paper Class Inc., a company dedicated to raising awareness about the need for NCAA reform; recipient of the 2013 *Robert Maynard Hutchins Award* in recognition of her courageous stand to defend academic integrity at UNC; co-authored commentary in both *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *InsideHigherEd.com*; author of *Cheated: The UNC Scandal, The Education of Athletes, And The Future of Big-Time College Sports*.



**DAWN STALEY**, Head Women’s Basketball Coach, University of South Carolina, 2017 and 2022 NCAA D-I champions; four Final Fours in last seven; 12 25-win seasons; seven SEC regular season and tourney titles; 8 years as Temple University head coach; inducted into the Naismith Memorial and Women’s Basketball Halls of Fame; USA women’s national team head coach earning multiple FIBA World and Olympic Gold titles; as a player, a National High School Player of the Year, USA National Team Player with three Olympic Golds; 2004 Olympic Flag Bearer for USA; ABL and WNBA All-Star professional player; numerous local and national public service awards.