



Webinar Series – Critical Issues in Collegiate Athletics

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What is the Cost of College Athlete Mental Health?

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A stellar panel of experts will explore what it looks like to truly cover the mental health needs of college athletes by moving beyond opinion and digging into the budget line items and numbers. After hiring a clinician or two, what are the other costs associated with college athletes' mental health care? How are the investments currently made in college athlete mental health lived and experienced by the athletes? How are athletic departments assessing the return on these investments and, if necessary, adapting their cost models? How are the athletes themselves involved in these assessments? What does it truly cost to be compliant with NCAA Bylaw 16.4.2 that requires member institutions to provide mental health services and resources for college athletes consistent with the *Interassociation Consensus: Mental Health Best Practices*? Join us and find out.

Moderator

EMMETT GILL, Ph.D., MSW, LCSW, Founder, AthleteTalk (a wellness app for athletes). Dr. Gill formerly served as the Director of Student- Athlete Wellness and Personal Development at the University of Texas at Austin where he provided clinical services for college athletes and created signature programming including initiatives for injured athletes and substance use. Following Texas, where he was also a clinical professor in the Steve Hicks School of Social Work, Dr. Gill served as a professional sports crisis and wellness program manager – working on mental health initiatives for the NFL and NBA – including the NFL Lifeline. Gill is the past president and founder of the Alliance of Social Workers in Sports, a 225-plus member organization that promotes the social work profession in athletics. His scholarship focuses on sports scandals, the intersection between social work, sports and mental health, social justice in sports, and Black male athletes.



Panelists



ABIGAIL H. EILER, Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work, Director of Minor Programs, School of Social Work, University of Michigan. Eiler is a licensed clinical social worker and educator with 20 years of experience working in tribal and non-tribal communities across the country and in Canada. She is the former Director of Mental Health & High Performance at the University of Michigan Athletic Department where she successfully supported student-athletes and coaches in their journey to record-breaking championship years through innovative and culturally responsive service implementation. Eiler is the former President of the National Association of Social Workers-Michigan Chapter Board of Directors. She also served as the first Chair of the Big Ten's Mental Health & Wellness Cabinet.



Pat Ivey, Ph.D., Associate Athletic Director, Student-Athlete Health & Performance, University of Louisville. Dr. Ivey is the current President of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa). He received his Ph.D. in sports psychology from the University of Missouri, Master Strength and Conditioning Coach (MSCC) and Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (SCCC) from the CSCCa, Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) from the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). Ivey was named the 2013 National Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year. Dr. Ivey is a nationally renowned speaker on sports performance and former NFL player with the Detroit Lions, San Diego Chargers, Denver Broncos, and Green Bay Packers.



AARON MILLER, Ph.D., is an educator, author, podcaster, leadership coach, and cultural consultant. He is also a Lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology at California State University, East Bay, an Associate Adjunct Faculty, Department of Kinesiology, St. Mary's College of California, and creator/host of the podcast, *The Power of Sports*. Miller has authored *Discourses of Discipline: An Anthropology of Corporal Punishment in Japan's Schools and Sports* and *Buying In: Big-time Women's College Basketball and the Future of College Sports* and numerous op-eds, essays, journal articles and book chapters about education, sports, culture, power, violence, and social justice. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University and a Visiting Professor at Waseda University. Miller received his B.A. from the University of California Los Angeles and M.Sc. and Ph.D. from Oxford University.



BRUCE SMITH, Ph.D., Director of Empowerment Strategies and CEO of the ACES Group. He has 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 in California, Arizona, Colorado, and Oregon. As a professor, his work focuses on African American life and culture; the sociology of education, sport studies, and American studies with an emphasis on developing engaging, student-centered, identity-conscious pedagogy. He earned his BA in American Civilization from Brown University, M.S. in Education from the University of Southern, and Ph.D. in Education from the University of California, Berkeley. Smith also serves as Secretary and Board member for The Drake Group Education fund.