

THE PIVOT POINT: College Athletics at a Crossroads



April 10, 2025

*The Allen Sack National Symposium
Advancing Integrity in College Sport*

Howard University, Washington, DC



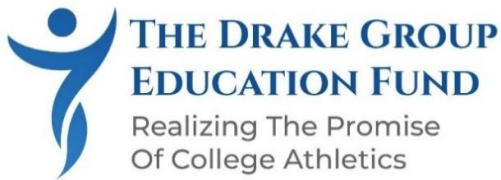
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On behalf of The Drake Group Education Fund Board of Directors, I'm pleased to welcome you to the ***Allen Sack National Symposium – Advancing Integrity in College Sport.***

This year's program brings experts from across the country to discuss the evolving landscape of college sports, and examines the shifting dynamics between education, athlete compensation, and the commercialization of college athletics. We will also examine critical issues confronting higher education administrators, athletics professionals, and the U.S. Congress.

We appreciate our donors and sponsors whose financial contributions made this event, and the attendance of so many students, possible. I congratulate our award winners and invite all attendees to join us in advocating for integrity in college sport.

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Advancing Integrity in College Sport
Named in Honor of Allen L. Sack
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Allen Sack, a Professor Emeritus in the College of Business at the University of New Haven where he taught for forty-one years, is the former Director of the federally funded Center for Athletes Rights and Education (CARE), and a former defensive end for the 1966 University of Notre Dame national championship team. He is a nationally recognized scholar who has published extensively in academic journals and presented papers at numerous education association conferences.

9:00-9:15am Welcome

JULIE SOMMER
The Drake Group Education Fund
Executive Director

A practicing attorney in Seattle, Washington and former world ranked swimmer, Sommer is the first TDGEF executive director. A recognized expert on name, image, and likeness (NIL) policy, gender equity, and other college athletics issues, she has been published by *Forbes*, *The Seattle Times*, *Sportico* and the *Texas Public Policy Foundation*.



Opening Remarks

KERY DAVIS
Howard University Athletic Director

2024 National Association of Collegiate Directors Athletic Director of the Year Award, Davis oversees Howard University's 500 student-athletes and 21 collegiate sports programs, the most of any HBCU. During his tenure, Howard athletes have achieved remarkable success in the classroom, winning awards for their graduation rates and culminating with the highest department GPA in recent history. Since 2015 the Bison have won 31 conference or national championships.



9:15-10:15am

**Charting the New Landscape of College Sports:
Education, Equity, and Commerce
*Post House v. NCAA***



JIM TROTTER
Moderator,
Award winning
journalist, author and
lecturer

The landmark *House v NCAA* case has fundamentally altered the landscape of college sports. This panel will delve into the critical questions arising from landmark settlement, exploring the evolving relationship between education, athlete compensation, and the commercialization of college athletics. The panel will further examine how these changes impact smaller institutions with limited resources and explore alternative models for collegiate athletics.

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10:30am-11:30pm

New Era, New Rules: Changing the Academic Playbook for College Athletes



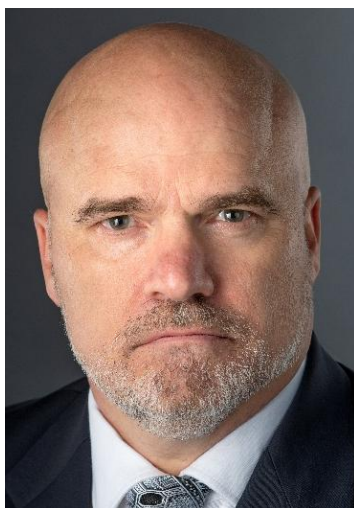
AVA WALLACE
Moderator,
Sportswriter for *The
Washington Post*

The evolving landscape of college athletics has created ever-increasing demands on the time of college athletes in addition to full-time enrollment, academic degree progress, and other academic eligibility requirements. This panel session will explore alternative academic models, opportunities, and pathways for college athletes beyond traditional four-year degree programs, including the growing importance of post-eligibility academic options such as vocational training, apprenticeships, and trades.



RON MOSES, Ph.D.
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and educator

12:45-1:30pm

NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON



HOST: **TAMMI GAW, MS, ATC, Esq.**
Chair of The Drake Group
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***Honoring elected public officials responsible for
advancing legislation that would significantly
improve the conduct of intercollegiate athletic
programs, enhance the rights of college athletes, or
otherwise protect their education, health and safety.***

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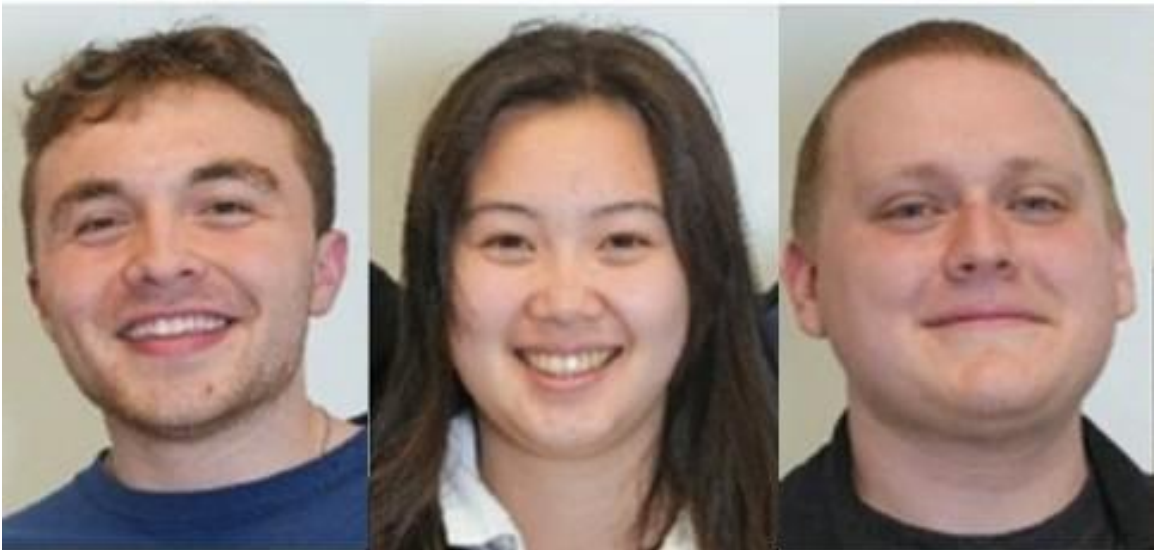
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Honoring extraordinary contributions by individuals who have helped advance the integrity of intercollegiate athletics through an articulate and well-reasoned response to a current event or important issue. The individual, through his or her voice, 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.”

12:45-1:30pm

NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON

2025 Student Journalism Prize for Investigative Reporting in Intercollegiate Athletics



**WALKER
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YAO**

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**University of Pennsylvania Sports Editors
for**

**"I don't feel safe': Penn track and field program accused of sexual
harassment, mistreatment**

December 9, 2024
The Daily Pennsylvanian

***Recognizing the print, video, or multimedia work of a graduate or
undergraduate college student journalist for exceptional
substantive investigative reporting on intercollegiate athletics.
The work must address an issue related to the protection of
college athletes, financial excess, academic integrity, ethical
conduct, racist or sexist practices, treatment of a whistleblower,
or similar significant concern.***

12:45-1:30pm

NATIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON

Fireside Chat: House Settlement/Title IX/ Olympic Sports



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LORI BULLOCK, J.D.
Bullock Law PLLC
Attorney and Title IX athletics litigator

Recognized as one of The American Academy of Trial Lawyers' Top 100 plaintiff's attorneys, has forced more than fifteen different universities to commit significant additional resources and create new opportunities for their female student athletes. She has obtained hard-fought relief from some of the most prominent athletics programs in the country, including Michigan State University, Clemson University, and Florida State University. She has been working in the fields of employment and education discrimination for almost a decade.

1:45-2:45pm

Beyond the Game: Prioritizing College Athlete Mental and Physical Health



DAVID STEELE
Moderator,
Professional sports
journalist
Law360.com

Conference realignments have led to increased travel demands, longer seasons, and more pressure on college athletes. While these changes aim to enhance athletic competition and generate more revenue for universities, they pose significant challenges for college athletes, particularly in terms of their mental & physical health, and academic performance. Panelists will explore the importance of supporting college athlete mental health and well-being.

JEN FRY, Ph.D.
Sports Geographer,
speaker, educator,
and successful
tech owner



STEPHANY C. COAKLEY, Ph.D.
Senior Associate
Athletic Director,
Mental Health,
Wellness, and
Performance,
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LAURA LEWIS, M.S.,
Associate Director
in charge of
Olympic Sports,
FirstPoint USA,
a UK-based sports
scholarship
recruitment
agency

3:00-4:00pm

The Price of Progress: How Changing Economics Will Impact Diversity in Coaching and Administration



EMILY OLSEN
Moderator,
Managing Editor,
*Global Women's
Soccer, The Athletic -
The New York Times*

How does the changing economic landscape affect the hiring and compensation of women and people of color in coaching and administrative roles in college athletics? Our panelists will analyze subtle and overt biases in performance evaluations, hiring, and termination decisions and examine current data on hiring, compensation, and the representation of women coaches in men's sports.

**INGRID WICKER
McCREE, Ed.D.**
Director of Athletics,
North Carolina
Central University
(1994-2022)



KYLE ADAMS, M.Ed.
Deputy Director of
Athletics, Delaware
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