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Enable eight graduate or undergraduate students in sports management or related fields from local DC colleges and universities to attend the symposium at no charge. Priority will be given to attendees from local Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and under-resourced institutions.

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Howard University, Washington, DC

THE PROGRAM

- 8:00-9:00am** **REGISTRATION – COFFEE AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 9:00-9:15am** **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**
- 9:15-10:15am** **PANEL 1: The Athletes' Verdict Post-House Settlement**
From the Courtroom to the Locker Room: A Frontline Report on the New NCAA

As the dust settles on *House v. NCAA*, a new era of collegiate athletics has emerged—one defined by direct revenue sharing, employment status debates, and a fractured Title IX landscape. While the courtrooms are busy with filings and appeals, the locker rooms are dealing with the fallout.

This session brings together a panel of current and recent college athletes to pull back the curtain on life in the "pay-for-play" era. We move beyond the legal jargon and theoretical debate to the lived reality of the modern college athlete. Join us to hear from the athletes who are currently navigating this uncharted territory and learn why the "solution" provided by the

settlement may have created a brand-new set of systemic crises.

10:30am-11:30pm **PANEL 2: The Cost of Undervaluation: Media Rights, Revenue Sharing, and the Rising Value of Women's College Sports**

Join top leaders in sports broadcasting as they dissect the seismic shifts shaping college athletics. From the landmark Kaplan Report, to NIL legislation, to the *House v. NCAA* settlement allowing direct athlete pay, we're in a new world. This webinar will explore the new media landscape as well as how the findings of the landmark Kaplan Report—which revealed the NCAA's systematic undervaluing of women's sports—stand in stark contrast to the new revenue-sharing formulas of the *House v. NCAA* settlement. Do these new deals, which allow for direct athlete payments, truly reflect the surging value of women's sports and avoid perpetuating the historical inequities highlighted by the Kaplan Report? While revenue-sharing models are currently being implemented at institutions, proceeding without proper valuation creates a significant legal and ethical risk of solidifying a financial structure built on the undervaluing of women's sports. Our panelists will share their insights on how this evolving landscape is creating unprecedented opportunities and challenges for media companies, institutions, and athletes alike. Join us to learn how this focus on equity and value will drive the next generation of growth in college athletics.

11:45am-12:45pm **National Awards Ceremony and Luncheon**

The luncheon features presentation of The Drake Group Education Fund (TDGEF) national awards. The awards program includes recipients of the TDGEF National Public Service Award, the TDGEF Student Journalism Prize for Investigative Reporting in Intercollegiate Athletics, the TDGEF Hero Award, and TDGEF Changemaker Award, among others.

12:45-1:30pm **FIRESIDE CHAT with Cody Campbell – the Future of College Sports**

1:45-2:45pm **PANEL 3: The Labor Paradox: Navigating the Complexities of Collegiate Unionization**

As the 2026 collegiate landscape shifts from the "amateur" era toward a formal revenue-sharing model, the conversation around collective bargaining has moved from theoretical debate to a complex legal and structural confrontation. However, the path to a unionized collegiate system is fraught with structural, legal, and ethical hurdles that challenge the very sustainability of athletic departments. This panel explores the friction between athlete advocacy and the operational realities of higher education. Rather than assuming collective bargaining is an inevitable "endgame," this session critically examines the significant complications inherent in such a transition.

3:00-4:00pm **PANEL 4: The New Playbook: Redefining Governance in the Era of College Super-Leagues**

In an era defined by rapid deregulation and shifting capital, the future of the NCAA is no longer a localized concern—it is a national priority. This session brings together key stakeholders and strategic thinkers to debate the challenges of managing institutional complexity and weakened governance in a new economic and federal landscape. We will explore whether new regulatory frameworks can stabilize a system currently navigating unprecedented volatility.

4:00-5:00pm

Reception immediately following in Blackburn Ballroom

All attendees are invited to attend a post-symposium networking and cocktail reception.

Who Are the Attendees?

National sports and higher education media, leaders, and key influencers from national sports governance organizations, NCAA Division I athletics programs, and national higher education and sports-related professional organizations, members of the U.S. Congress and their staff, higher education faculty, nationally recognized experts in the economic and legal aspects of college athletics, and members of the general public. One hundred invited sports management, sports law, and other currently enrolled students in sports-related majors from colleges and universities within 60 miles of Washington D.C. (with preference given to students from HBCUs and other low-resourced institutions) are invited to attend at no charge thanks to sponsors and donors. These stakeholders represent an investment in the development of future change agents.

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