

The Drake Group Webinar Series – Critical Issues in Collegiate Athletics
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“Critical Issues for Athletic Programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities”

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Thursday, August 25, 2022 – 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST

Panelists will explore those issues in intercollegiate athletics that are most significant for athletics programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Topics, among others, will include the disproportionate impact of NCAA enforcement processes and NCAA Academic Performance Program standards, the impact of funding disparities between HBCUs and Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs), whether the cultural significance of attending a HBCU is sufficient to retain Black coaches and administrators given their athletic program salary levels, whether corporate social justice programs represent new HBCU sponsorship opportunities, how former Black professional athletes returning to HBCUs are making an impact, and how the new NIL recruiting wars and NCAA restructure may impact HBCU athletic programs.



DAVID HUGHES, Ph.D., Moderator, Clinical Assistant Professor of Sport Management, Georgia State University Department of Kinesiology and Health, and member of The Drake Group Board of Directors. A proud Morehouse College and Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) alumnus, he has authored a children’s book that highlights HBCU accomplishments, was selected as an Emerging Scholar by American Educational Research Association, and a Next Generation Leader by the NAACP. In addition to his work in education and sports, Dr. Hughes is the founder and CEO of the Give Black App, which is the world’s first social impact financial technology (FinTech) app for Black philanthropic efforts for Black organizations.



J. KENYATTA CAVIL, Ed.D., Dean and Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Education and Professor, Department of Health, Kinesiology and Sport Studies, Texas Southern University. Dr. Cavil specializes in sports business leadership, entertainment and sports analytics. He is a preeminent scholar on critical sports studies and his research interests include the sporting HBCU diaspora, HBCU sports culture theory, and HBCU athletics aesthetics. Dr. Cavil’s *Inside the #HBCU Sports Lab* with Mike Washington and Charles Bishop is a streaming show, ultra-popular with HBCU sports fans, airing twice a week on various digital media platforms.



INGRID WICKER MCCREE, Ed.D., Retired, Director of Athletics, North Carolina Central University. Dr. Wicker McCree was the first female to hold the permanent title as the Director of Athletics at NCCU, is one of the longest-tenured athletic directors in NCCU history (2008-2022) and led the transition of NCCU from NCAA DII to NCAA Division I. She began her career at NCCU as the head coach for women's volleyball and softball and later became the first coach in NCCU history to win conference championships in multiple sports, capturing the school's first CIAA titles in softball (1998) and volleyball ('99, 2004, '05). She was inducted into the NCCU Athletic Hall of Fame in '04, the George Washington University Hall of Fame in '12, and was later selected for induction into the CIAA John B. McLendon Hall of Fame in February '16.



W. TIMOTHY ORR, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Sports Management, Coordinator of the Sport Administration Graduate Program, Hampton University. Former Coordinator of the Sport Management Program, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, and Assistant Head Football Coach, Elizabeth City State University. Research interests include intercollegiate athletics administration and student athlete academic and support services, effective athletic administrator leadership in high pressure environments, and how contradictory expectations of athletics leaders affects college athletes and financial decision-making. Orr has over 20 years Division I and II football coaching experience and 13 years teaching and administrative experience in higher education.



MONIQUE A.J. SMITH, AthleticPreneur™ and Consultant, former Associate Commissioner, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA). Her Seeds of Empowerment® consulting firm guides athletic departments, sports organizations and individuals wishing to advance in athletic administration, sports business or success in the marketplace. She is host of the internationally recognized weekly podcast "A Chat in the Garden with Monique A.J. Smith," that spotlights Black women in sport and an Adjunct sports management faculty member at Hampton University. Smith served as CIAA Associate Commissioner for 13 years, is a former board member of Women Leaders in College Sports and the Black Women in Sport Foundation, and was a member of numerous NCAA committees and task forces.