



Knight Commission On Intercollegiate Athletics

SUBJECT: Invitation from Knight Commission Co-Chairs Carol Cartwright and Arne Duncan

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Notification of important survey being sent to you on the future of Division I college sports

The Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, which we co-chair, is examining opinions of campus leaders about the governance and organizational/competitive structure of NCAA Division I.

In several days, you will receive an invitation to participate in an important email survey that the Commission intends to use to develop recommendations about the direction of NCAA Division I college sports. We are asking for your participation at a time when long-standing challenges and concerns in college sports have been sharpened first by the COVID-19 pandemic and then by recent tragic and racially-motivated deaths and our country's reaction to them.

The Knight Commission has been a significant voice about the importance of education through athletics and the health, welfare and safety of college athletes for decades. Past Knight Commission leadership surveys received very high response rates and were influential in [shaping visible and effective policies to improve the academic outcomes of college athletes, such as the academic threshold for postseason competition by teams](#).

Invited respondents will include the campus leaders and student-athletes who are involved in governance, specifically, university CEOs, athletic directors, conference commissioners, faculty athletic representatives, senior woman administrators, and student-athletes who serve in national and/or campus governance positions.

The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. All responses will be anonymous and kept completely confidential. Survey results will be aggregated with appropriate groupings of other respondents (e.g., position title, NCAA subdivision). The responses will not be grouped by conference or any subgroup that could identify your views. We will share the results with you and the public in the fall.

We would greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for making time to provide your insights in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Carol Cartwright
Co-Chair

Arne Duncan
Co-Chair