



# Knight Commission On Intercollegiate Athletics

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## KNIGHT COMMISSION FALL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025 | PUBLIC SESSIONS

Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia  
IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE OPTIONS



**MARIA CANTWELL**  
U.S. Senator, D-WA

9:30 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. ET  
**SENATOR CANTWELL DISCUSSES  
THE STUDENT ATHLETE FAIRNESS  
AND ENFORCEMENT (SAFE) ACT**

10:20 A.M. - 10:50 A.M. ET  
**DI LEADERS SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED**

**JASON HUSSER** Director, Elon University Poll

**BETH BROOKE** Member, Knight Commission

**AMY PRIVETTE PERKO** CEO, Knight Commission

**PETER ROBY** Member, Knight Commission

11:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. ET  
**EXPERT PANEL ON SOLUTIONS  
IN THE NEW DIVISION I ERA**

FEATURING

**CODY CAMPBELL**

**BRANDON COPELAND**



**CODY CAMPBELL**  
Founder  
Saving College Sports



**BRANDON COPELAND**  
Co-Founder & CEO  
Athletes.org

### Senator Cantwell Discusses the Student Athlete Fairness and Enforcement (SAFE) Act

9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. ET

### DI Leaders Survey Results Released

10:20 a.m.-10:50 a.m. ET

Results will be presented from a national survey conducted by Elon University Poll and the Knight Commission of Division I presidents, athletics directors, and other campus leaders on key issues in college sports.

### Expert Panel on Solutions in the New DI Era

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. ET

Experts will discuss solutions being considered by leaders in higher education, sports, and government.

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## Six Division I Conferences Earn C.A.R.E. Model Recognition

Three Division I conferences - **America East Conference**, **Patriot League**, and **The Summit League** - have been awarded Knight Commission C.A.R.E. Model Grants for their commitment to educational values and financial responsibility in college athletics.

**The Big Sky Conference**, **Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference**, and **The Southern Conference** will receive second-year grants for their ongoing commitment to the C.A.R.E. Model principles and maintaining their **C.A.R.E. CHAMPION** status. Read more [HERE](#).

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## Knight Commission Letter to Congress on SCORE Act

Knight Commission Co-Chairs Pam Bernard and Len Elmore sent a letter to members of Congress about the **financial incentives** embedded in billions in annual college sports revenue distributions. The letter outlines an important change the Commission has proposed to the incentives in those distributions. If implemented, the Commission's proposed zero cost solution would help achieve one of the stated objectives of the SCORE Act — “**defending Olympic sports**” — and boost the values of college athletics that many lawmakers support. Access the PDF of the September 12, 2025, letter [HERE](#).



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## Public Opinion Poll Results Show Overwhelming Support for Academic Mission in College Sports

A recent national survey shows that Americans are divided and often uncertain about the future of college sports with significant splits on issues like compensation for college athletes, athletes' potential status as employees, and who should govern the multi-billion-dollar enterprise of Division I athletics. Despite these differences, Americans overwhelmingly support maintaining academic standards for college athletes, and they agree that colleges should provide equitable opportunities to female athletes and opportunities for athletes in sports other than those tied to generating revenue (like football and basketball). Access full results [HERE](#).

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## Symposium on the Educational Value of Sport

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. ET**  
Constitution Hall, American University  
3501 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

Faculty, university and athletic administrators, higher education thought leaders, and students are invited to join this national symposium exploring the academic value of sport, hosted by American University with support from the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. RSVP for symposium [HERE](#).



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