



**2026 NCAA Men's Final Four
Local Organizing Committee (LOC)
Committee Description**

Division: Education
Committee: Final Four Talks

Division Co-Chairs:

- Claire Fiddian-Green
- Frederick Yeakey
- Dr. Latha Ramchand

Committee Members:

- Mel Raines (Co-Chair)
- Neelay Bhatt (Co-Chair)

Indiana Sports Corp Staff:

- Ashleigh Newbold (Division Lead)
- TBD (Committee Lead)

Overview:

The Education Division will be responsible for executing educational programming, support and development opportunities for the following target markets:

- Youth K-7
- College Students
- Student-Athletes
- Teachers
- Professionals & Emerging Leaders

This committee will work with the NCAA to promote and execute Final Four Talks – a program for student-athletes to equip them with skills and insights for life after athletics through panel discussions, keynote speakers, and engaging conversation/activities.

Objectives:

1. Develop program milestones and goals from March 2025 – April 2026.
2. Determine attendance goals and target schools alongside the NCAA and Indiana Sports Corp.
3. Develop outreach and invite plan to student-athletes and coaches.
4. Establish key theme, speaker lineup, discussion topics, and program run of show.

5. Plan and execute event logistics by determining the location, securing vendors, managing the timeline, and recruiting staff/volunteer assistance.

Expectations:

- Commitment to the committee through April 2026.
- Become an Indiana Sports Corp member – starting at \$50/year, less than \$5/month.
- Attend the first LOC Meeting in February 2025 focused on onboarding and learning about the NCAA Men's Final Four.
- Attend monthly committee and LOC meetings starting next June 2025.
 - Meetings will be a mix of in-person and virtual.
 - Meetings may increase leading up to the event.
- Attend and lead consistent editorial meetings in collaboration with the Public Relations Committee.
- Be an advocate for the 2026 NCAA Men's Final Four and Indiana Sports Corp through sharing opportunities within personal and professional networks.
- Be an active participant in committee and subcommittee meetings by completing assigned tasks, engaging in conversations and planning, and being a strong contributor to the team.

Benefits:

- Expand your network and build your personal brand
- Develop mentor/mentee relationships
- Be a part of the team hosting world-class sporting events
- Make an impact in the community
- Represent the city of Indianapolis
- Event and Indiana Sports Corp swag when available