



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

Division: Education
Committee: University Programs

Division Co-Chairs:

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

Committee Members:

- Dr. David Pierce (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Geoff Sherman (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Jennifer Van Sickle (Co-Chair)
- Dr. Isabell Mills (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 establish programs that engage college students in real-world experiences and development opportunities related to the sports industry and the Final Four.

Objectives:

1. Develop program milestones and goals from March 2025 – April 2026.
2. Develop a curriculum for a master class on how to plan and execute large-scale sporting events.
3. Collaborate with the Volunteer Program Committee to create volunteer opportunities for college students.

4. Develop opportunities or a program for mentorship and connection opportunities with LOC members and other industry leaders.
5. Establish additional programs that support the needs of college students with a desire to work in all areas of sports in the future.

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