LGBTQ Best Practices from the Membership

Panelist:
• Liz Darger - Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator (Brigham Young University)
• Resa Lovelace - Director of Student-Athlete Development (University of Oregon Athletics)
• José Rodriguez - Director of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion/Head Coach of Cross Country Programs (Penn St. Abington College)
• Roc Rochon - Residence Life Coordinator (University of South Florida)

Moderator:
• Josh Sanders - Sports Reporter and Entertainment Host (Los Angeles Dodgers)
Liz Darger

Brigham Young University- Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator

- NCAA Common Ground Leadership Team, West Coast Conference Executive Council, Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Administrative Committee. Women Leaders in College Sports (formerly known as NACWAA) and serves on their membership committee.
- Former Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach Utah Valley University
- Master’s Degree in School Counseling Psychology (BYU)
- Darger is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has served in many leadership positions within the local youth and adult organizations.
- LGBTQ ally and serves on BYU’s LGBTQ campus taskforce.
Resa Lovelace

University of Oregon - Director of Student-Athlete Development

- Develops programs for career and leadership development of student-athletes, creating programs of diversity and inclusion for the department and oversees the Student-Athlete Advisory.
- Director of O Heroes, a non-profit organization for community engagement programs with the student-athletes.
- Master’s in Education in Sports Management from Old Dominion University
- NCAA Collegiate bowler for Hampton University.
José Rodriguez

Pennsylvania State University Abington- Director of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion/Head Coach of Cross Country Programs

- University's initiatives on the Stand for State (Bystander Intervention), Safe Zone (LGBTQA+), Diversity and Inclusion programs/trainings.
- Advises students on academic and co-curricular initiatives, orientation and leadership development through student organizations, campus-wide program, crisis intervention, facilitations and mediating.
- Fulbright recipient (2007)
- Member of NCAA Minority Opportunities & Interest Committee
- Graduate of Allegany College former Cross Country Athlete (Indoor and Outdoor)
Roc Rochon

University of South Florida - Residence Life Coordinator

- Support USF student athletes who are also residential students.
- Partners with the Associate Athletic Director and EnhancingU unit within the Athletic Department to assist with inclusion planning.
- Former Director of Educational Leadership for Generation Out Athletes: a network of present and former student athletes who advocated for education and inclusion in sport for LGBTQ athletes.
- Student Athlete at Eastern Connecticut University (B.S. Sports and Leisure Management)
- M. Ed. In Curriculum and Instruction (USF)
Josh Sanders

Sports Reporter and Entertainment Host (Los Angeles Dodgers)

- Dynamic media talent and strategic diversity consultant working with organizations including the NCAA, GO! Athletes, GLAAD, and Equality Virginia.
- Former Director of External Engagement for Generation Out Athletes.
- Contributions to MSNBC, Huffington Post Live and GLAAD.
- B.S. James Madison University