

# 2022 NCHSAA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

***“RESPECT THE GAME:  
LEADING THROUGH  
SPORTSMANSHIP”***

**APRIL 9, 2022**

**Doubletree Hotel RDU/RTP  
4810 Page Creek Lane  
Durham, NC 27703**

**Hosted by the 2021-22  
Student Athlete Advisory Council**

# Saturday, April 9, 2022

## Doubletree Hotel RDU/RTP, Durham, NC

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association invites each of our member schools to register for the Student Leadership Conference (SLC)! Our hope is that student-athletes will (1) further develop their understanding of positive leadership; (2) gain the knowledge and skills to effectively lead their peers; (3) acquire a general understanding of the importance of community service, positive values, sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles and self-evaluation; and (4) feel empowered to serve as advocates for their school, community and state. This **one-day** conference is a great opportunity for them to take steps in the right direction of achieving new levels of leadership.

The 2022 SLC will be held in the "Triangle" at the popular Doubletree Hotel. We invite student-athletes to participate in a day of fun, learning, sharing, and growing with our prestigious keynote speaker and session leaders. Each presentation and breakout session uniquely combine interactive learning with fun and excitement.

Schools can register up to **four student-athletes** who exemplify leadership characteristics or show great potential to be leaders amongst their peers. We also invite one adult chaperone (coach, Athletic Director, Principal, etc.) to accompany the student leaders. The SLC will include three breakout sessions and two exciting keynote presentations. Each participant will be **required to attend all sessions**. The conference theme is "**RESPECT the GAME: Leading through Sportsmanship.**"

**In lieu of a registration fee, we ask that each participant bring at least two canned goods or non-perishable food items to contribute to a NC Food Bank.**

We sincerely hope that you will give your student-athletes the opportunity to be a part of this experience!

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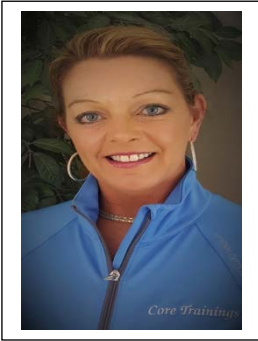
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### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>REGISTRATION/Morning Mingle (juice, tea, coffee)</b>
9:30AM – 10:40AM	WELCOME/OPENING KEYNOTE
10:50AM – 11:40AM	1 <sup>ST</sup> BREAKOUT SESSIONS
11:50AM – 12:40PM	2 <sup>ND</sup> BREAKOUT SESSIONS
<b>12:45PM</b>	<b>LUNCH/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES</b>
1:35PM – 2:25PM	3 <sup>RD</sup> BREAKOUT SESSIONS
2:35PM – 3:25PM	CLOSING KEYNOTE
<b>3:30PM</b>	<b>FINAL REMARKS/EVALUATIONS/T-SHIRT PICK-UP</b>

## Breakout Sessions

### ***Mrs. Deb Hult, Co-founder of Core Trainings***



Deb Hult, Co-founder of Core Trainings, is a nationally recognized Speaker and Trainer in Relational and Motivational Leadership. She has been committed to enhancing and empowering students, student athletes, student leaders and adults across the country for more than a decade with her leadership programs and speaking engagements. Deb is a sought-after speaker and trainer known for her enthusiastic, positive and down to earth personality whose speaking style never gets boring!

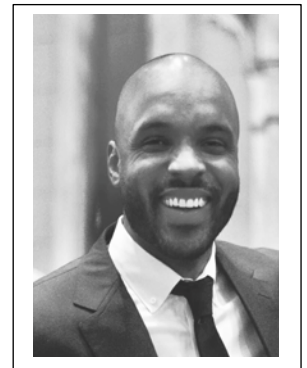
### **Breakout Session: *Relational & Motivational Leadership***

This powerful, hands-on leadership forum provides a platform to gain a fundamental understanding of the significance one can have by building meaningful and intentional relationships and how it can determine your leadership effectiveness with others. We will challenge your comfort zones, tap into your self-confidence and empower you to be a positive influence on and off the playing surface.

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### ***Mr. Omari Pearson, Founder & President of Passion to Purpose Inc.***

Omari Pearson has become a sought-after leader in education-driven life skills and mentoring. As an author, speaker, and consultant, he seeks to provide a generation with direction to attain their life goals through education and mentoring. He is the Founder and President of Passion to Purpose, Inc., an education-driven life-skills and mentoring company equipping middle school, high school and college students with the necessary knowledge to empower themselves to be effective and productive members of society. Omari has served as a consultant and trainer to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and several state high school's athletic and activity associations. In addition, has served as a speaker for the NFHS National Student Leadership Summit. Omari was a high school, collegiate, and professional basketball player.



### **Breakout Session: *Mind Mapping: Goal Setting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

One of the most difficult components of goal setting is not identifying your goals but figuring out that *first step* towards achieving them. This session is designed to utilize the concepts found in "Brain Mapping" to help students take that first step and build confidence to keep going.

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### ***Select North Carolina College Students***

### **Panel Discussion: *Transitioning from High School Student-athlete to College Student***

If you have hopes of becoming a college athlete or not, this session is a great opportunity to learn from college students who are already in that position. With the understanding that not all high school student-athletes will play a varsity sport at the collegiate level, participants will also learn about the best ways to transition from high school student-athlete to *college student* in this session.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### MRS. DEBBIE ANTONELLI

Debbie Antonelli is an award-winning college basketball analyst and broadcaster, a former high school and college athlete, former coach and administrator, a pioneer, and lifelong advocate for Special Olympics and gender equity in sports. She is also a full-time ESPN College Basketball Analyst and currently in her 34th season as a sports broadcaster.

A North Carolina native, Debbie attended Cary High School where she was a three sport all-conference student-athlete in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She helped her teams reach the semi-finals in both basketball and volleyball, and achieve the state runner-up title in basketball. Her athletic talents did not end in high school. Mrs. Antonelli was also a standout college basketball player as a starting guard for the late Coach Kay Yow at NC State University. Under Coach Yow's leadership, Debbie and her teammates participated in four NCAA Tournaments with two "Sweet Sixteen" appearances, were ACC regular season champions for two years, and won the ACC Tournament in 1985.



In addition to athletics, Debbie exemplifies the importance of academic focus and community service. After graduating from NC State as a double major in Business Management and Economics, Mrs. Antonelli went on to attain a master's degree in Sports Administration and Facility Management at Ohio University. Throughout her career, she has used her platform and talents to support several causes and organizations, like co-founding the Frankie and Friends Anti-bullying Campaign and serving on the Board of Directors for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and Special Olympics South Carolina. She has also been instrumental in highlighting issues and promoting solutions for the gender equity within the NCAA basketball tournaments. One of her most notable projects is the award-winning "24 Hours Nothing but Net" fundraiser for Special Olympics that reached over \$400,000 within three years.

Through passion, hard work, inspiration, and a love for the game, Debbie has dedicated her life and career to serving others and promoting positive change through sports.