



# PARTNERS IN SPORTS

## 2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

### Membership

111 Student Members & 5 Faculty & Staff Members

### Partners in Sports Golf Tournament

The 18th Partners in Sports Scholarship Golf Tournament was held June 13, at Gettysvue Golf & Country Club. Tournament Director Tyler Zaubi and the Championship Committee comprised of other students managed the outing for nearly 90 golfers.

### Justin Jackson

Justin Jackson (B.S. 2008) is the Director of Operations for the National Basketball Players Association and visited campus in the fall to share his professional experiences. The Q-and-A session was led by Trevor Wilkey as Justin shared his thoughts on professionalism, the current state of the NBA, and mentoring.

### Jay Graham

Jay Graham (M.S. 2009) was back on campus in the fall to discuss his NFL career as well as his more than 20 years of collegiate coaching experience. Anna Harder led the Q-and-A session as Jay discussed the ever-evolving world of college football as well as the increase in awareness of mental health in collegiate sport.

### NIL Panel Discussion

The ability for collegiate athletes to monetize their Name, Image, and Likeness has been a trending topic the past year. Representatives from the Volunteer Club, an NIL Collective for Tennessee Athletics, were on campus in November to discuss the topic. Will Crockett (B.S. 2014, M.S. 2016), Brandon Spurlock (M.S. 2009), and Will Watkins comprised the panel that was moderated by Tyler Zaubi. The panel addressed the impact of NIL on collegiate athletics as well as how Volunteer Club manages NIL opportunities for student-athletes.

### Dr. Taunya Tinsley Lecture

Co-sponsor of a lecture by Dr. Taunya Tinsley. Dr. Tinsley shared her insights into the role of counseling to improve athlete mental health as well as over athlete wellness.

### Women's Roundtable

Kate Miller, Executive Assistant to the Head Football Coach at Tennessee, was the guest for the 13th Women's Roundtable. Nearly 20 women gathered to discuss issues and challenges facing women in today's work environment.

### Adam Alexander

Adam Alexander, a member of FOX Sports since 2006, serves as the play-by-play announcer for FOX Sports' NASCAR Xfinity Series coverage. He also hosts NASCAR RACE HUB, FS1's NASCAR news program. Adam shared his career journey beginning with high school basketball games in Indiana to being a part of the broadcasting staff for the Daytona 500. The Q-and-A session was hosted by Kyla Alexander as Adam discussed professionalism and how he navigated his way up the top of the profession.

### Spring Reception

Fourteen students were recognized at the Spring Reception for their professional development, academic achievement, and commitment to Partners in Sports. Students received a total of \$32,000 bringing the total awarded since the organization's inception in 1998 to more than \$280,000.

### Volunteer Activity Highlights

Visit Knoxville Open, USA Cycling National Road Racing Championships, Tennessee Relays, Tennessee Titans Regional Spelling Bee, Legacy Parks Luncheon, Josh Dobbs ASTROrdinary Golf Classic, First & Second Round NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament, NCAA Women's Swimming & Diving Championship, ESPN's College Gameday, SEC Football Media Days

