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As I pen my final article as the President of the NAIA Athletics Director's Association, it is valuable to reflect on what has been accomplished over the past year. The NAIA National Convention in West Palm Beach was a monumental one. The ADA, along with the NAIA Conduct & Ethics Committee, co-authored legislation that will allow our member institutions to provide reasonable financial benefits for our student-athletes. By following our mantra of "common sense legislation," the NAIA is positioned to continue as the most student-centered association available to high school students looking to continue their athletics careers.

The Association also passed a Mandatory Day Off resolution to help ensure that our institutions institutions are being cognizant of the health and welfare of our student-athletes. With data from our athletic trainers, Council of Student-Athletes and the NAIA National Office, these parameters will set the guidelines and policies to ensure our student-athletes are at their best both physically and mentally throughout their competitive seasons.

The NAIA-ADA is entering our second full year of our partnership with NACDA and we couldn't be more thrilled to build on the progress we have made in year one. Through structured membership enrollment and guidance and oversight from the NACDA National Office, the NAIA-ADA is poised to continue positive growth and to be able to offer more professional development opportunities in the future.

We are also very excited to be joining forces with our colleagues from D2 ADA, NADIIAA and NATYCAA to offer a joint session at this year's NACDA Convention. "Generational

Jeopardy" with Jeff Kallay will take place on Tuesday, June 11 and provide valuable insights to all Associations on how to work with and lead the many diverse populations we all serve.

As I transition into a new role, I want to thank everyone who has supported the NAIA-ADA over the past year and welcome Dr. Kiki Baker-Barnes of Dillard University as the next President of the NAIA-ADA. We look forward to her leadership next year and also to celebrating her in June as one of our NACDA NAIA Athletics Directors of the Year.

It has been a great year, but we are only as strong as our total membership so please stay engaged, come to NACDA and be a part of the shaping of our future!

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Greetings to my fellow athletics colleagues. It is my honor to serve as the 1st Vice President for NATYCAA this year and as the Past Vice President for Women with the NJCAA.

One of the ways we develop as leaders is through membership in professional organizations, networking and continuing education. As the 1st Vice President for NATYCAA, part of my responsibility is to chair the Convention Committee and to lead the planning of our summer Convention in Orlando. The 2019 Convention will provide our membership with opportunities for professional growth and development and hopefully several takeaways to bring back to campus. As you would imagine, this is a great responsibility as well as a time-consuming task. It can only be accomplished through dedicated individuals and a sustained

group effort. I am grateful to the NATYCAA Officers and Executive Committee, led by our President Doug Spiwak, for their support and wealth of experience and knowledge. I am also grateful to Jason Galaska and the entire staff at NACDA for their constant support and expertise. This has truly been a team effort!

The theme of this year's NATYCAA Convention is "Inspire. Motivate. Lead." All of which are critical elements of what we do relative to our profession. NATYCAA was so lucky to have assistance from its members with acquiring an excellent line-up of speakers and panelists to provide insight into mental health issues and an inspirational story of survival. There will also be a 2-year to 4-year transfer requirements session from a panel of colleagues with the NCAA Divisions I, II and III and a joint session in collaboration with NCAA Divisions II, III and NAIA on generational differences in recruiting strategies. Another exciting change of format this year will be the addition of round table discussions and best practices. Topics of the round tables include Student-Athlete Academic Success, Title IX and Freedom of Speech Implications, Best Practices in Certification of Eligibility and Maximizing your Marketing Potential.

We are so very excited for attendees to hear from some of the most respected individuals in our field as well as professionals in their respective field of expertise. I hope that everyone who attends feels the same level of enlightenment and values their involvement in an organization that is designed to serve its membership! See you in Florida!