



2019-20 NADIIAA One-time Activity Project Award Nominations

NADIIAA: One-time Activity or Project Award Nomination Form

Institution: Sarah Lawrence College

Conference Affiliation/Independent: Skyline Conference

Please Provide a Brief Overall Description of the Activity/Project:

Description: Sarah Lawrence Athletics joined local high schools for a 'Pride on the Court' event in partnership with Nike's "BETRUE" campaign.

On the first day of the event, Sarah Lawrence College hosted a panel discussion, highlighted by guest speaker Chris Mosier, an American transgender advocate and triathlete. Mosier competed on the Team USA sprint duathlon men's team in the 2016 World Championship, making him the first known trans athlete to join a U.S. national team. The discussion was open to all participating athletes as well as GSA groups from all the high schools within the Yonkers school district.

The following day featured girls and boys high school basketball games as well as collegiate men's and women's games. Proceeds were to benefit the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education (GLSEN). Unfortunately, inclement weather forced rescheduling of the high school games.

Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity: This project served our collegiate student-athletes, high school athletes, GSA clubs from the Yonkers school district and fans coming to watch the games.

Objective: The objective of this program is to raise awareness and support for inclusion in sport and ultimately help end discrimination.

How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience: This is the second year that we've run this program and we will be running another program in 2020. We think it has inspired student-athletes to become allies by shedding light

onto the challenges faced by the LGBTQ community regardless of the level of competition. It has also demonstrated to LGBT athletes, coaches and staff on our campus that they will be supported by our department.

The partnership with the local high school is also a big component of this program. We are able to bring athletes, GSA clubs and elected officials from the local government to attend. It has strengthened our relationships with the community and our local elected officials, including the Mayor of Yonkers.

Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:

This program involved our men's and women's basketball teams, high school teams and GSA clubs.

Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:

Approximately 80 collegiate student-athlete participated as well as about 80 high school student-athletes.

Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):

This is a two-day program that will be repeated annually.

Additional Information via Website URL

<https://gogryphons.com/news/2019/1/15/general-sarah-lawrence-athletics-set-to-host-second-pride-on-the-court-event.aspx>