

# Play Like a Champion Today

2020 Virtual Sports Leadership Conference



June 22-25, 2020

*Kinship through Sports:  
GROWing a Community of Hope*

# Conference Overview



## Annual Leadership Conference

Every June, the *Play Like a Champion Today Educational Series* welcomes coaches and administrators from sports organizations across North America to Notre Dame for their National Sports Leadership Conference. Though COVID-19 has moved the annual event online for the first time, the 2020 Conference promises to deliver once again with a tremendous lineup of speakers and breakout sessions designed to *connect, educate* and *inspire* participants. This year's theme *Kinship through Sports: GROWing a Community of Hope* reflects a vision of youth sports that bridges all cultures and communities to provide opportunities for every child to participate in a safe, fun and developmental athletic environment.

The pages that follow will provide an overview of this year's virtual conference. From accessing the conference via Zoom to our schedule, speaker profiles and an FAQ, this program should provide everything you need to join this year's conference sessions. You can also contact us with questions at [information@playlikeachampion.org](mailto:information@playlikeachampion.org) or (574) 250-6424.



***Connect, Educate & Inspire.***



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## Accessing the 2020 Virtual Conference

*Play Like a Champion's* 2020 Sports Leadership Conference will be held using the Zoom platform. This online video platform will allow conference attendees to be inspired by our powerful lineup of speakers, participate in Q&A sessions, and engage with other attendees and panelists through interactive breakout sessions. Conference sessions will be a combination of online "meetings" and "webinars", with links to join each session available on the schedule in this program. Please review the following instructions to ensure that you have Zoom downloaded on your computer or mobile device and are ready to join us on June 22nd!

## Downloading Zoom

If you do not already have Zoom on your desktop, [click here](#) to visit the Zoom website and download the Zoom Client. You can also download Zoom for your mobile device by visiting [Apple's App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Once you have the software on the device you will use to access the Conference, you will be able to join by clicking the links next to each session.

Having trouble with Zoom or struggling to enter a Conference session? Zoom has a great support section with video tutorials and answers to many questions. Visit them at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us> and enter your question in the search box.



Still having problems? We're here to help. Read the FAQ on the following page or contact Play Like a Champion via email at [information@playlikeachampion.org](mailto:information@playlikeachampion.org) or by phone at (574) 250-6424 or (219) 363-8932.



# Conference FAQ



## **What link do I use to access the Conference?**

The schedule included in this program has links next to each session. Click that link to access the corresponding session. Links for each webinar session are different, but the link for breakout sessions is the same for the full conference. *Play Like a Champion* staff will also provide instruction during the conference to help you get to the next session. Simply keep this schedule handy throughout the conference!

## **May I share the Conference link with my coaches or staff?**

*Play Like a Champion's* Virtual Sports Leadership Conference is open to everyone who wishes to attend. However, we ask that each person register individually in order to assure they receive access to all sessions and to help *Play Like a Champion* plan the best experience for all attendees.

Registration is quick and free; anyone interested can register here:

<https://playlikeachampion.wufoo.com/forms/zloi22e1g3dmwu/>.

## **Can I join late? What if I have to leave mid-session?**

We understand you may have other obligations that keep you from attending the full conference. You are welcome to join any conference session in-progress or leave at any time if you need to. For speakers, you will simply enter "live" and can begin viewing the session (don't worry, you won't interrupt anyone by logging in). For breakout sessions, you may be asked to wait just a few minutes to enter the conversation, depending on the progress of the session.

## **Will Conference sessions be recorded if I miss something?**

Most speakers and panels will be recorded and made available following the conference to those who have previously registered. However, breakout sessions and discussions will not be recorded.

## **I need a password to enter a session. Where do I find that?**

Clicking the links provided in this program should automatically let you in to each session. If you are asked for a password, simply enter **CHAMPION20**. This password is also displayed on the schedule.

## **My audio/video is not working properly. What should I do?**

Unfortunately, issues with lagging audio or video are usually the result of a poor internet connection in the participant's location. We suggest moving closer to the wireless router at your location or plugging in to a wall connection if that is possible. If you are at home, you may also want to limit others use of the internet while attempting to view the Conference, as multiple users can slow internet speeds and make watching video difficult.



# Conference Schedule



## Monday, June 22nd

Join us for two special "pre-conference" events!

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### A Change is Gonna Come: A Discussion of George Floyd, Public Safety, and a Collective Response to Injustice

Join Dr. Clark Power, Executive Director of Play Like a Champion, with special guests Richard Pierce, Reggie Brooks and Coquese Washington for a powerful discussion that will explore our response to the injustice in our communities through youth sports.



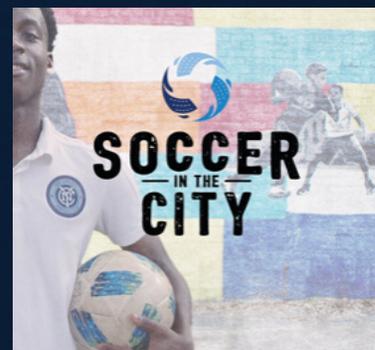
2:30 pm EDT | [Click Here to Learn More about this Session and to Register:](#)

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### An Evening with DC Scores: *Soccer in the City*

Get a glimpse at [\*Soccer in the City\*](#), a documentary about the intersection of the world's most popular sport and inner-city America. Join producer Michael Holstein for a presentation and discussion.



6:00 pm EDT | [Click Here to Join:](#)

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## Tuesday, June 23rd

**Kinship: Community through Sports**

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### Noon EDT: Conference Welcome & Fr. Greg Boyle

The first session of the 2020 Play Like a Champion Virtual Sports Leadership Conference features a welcome from Executive Director Dr. Clark Power and a presentation from Fr. Greg Boyle, Founder of Homeboy Industries, along with "Homies" Javier & Miguel, who will discuss the meaning of kinship and the importance of sport in the lives of children. Q&A to follow.



**Click Here to Join Session:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182903757?pwd=dWFMSG1IdklyTkNyUUFOanFnWFNPZz09>

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### 1:30 pm EDT: Breakout Group Discussions

Immediately following conference speaker presentations, we ask attendees to join breakout discussion groups to examine the previous topic. We ask attendees to join the breakout room right away, as doing so will enable us to assure groups are formed effectively. Upon entering the breakout meeting, leaders will provide further instruction and incorporate "play" into the conference through fun games and friendly competition.

**Click Here to Join Session:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563187857?pwd=R3NuU01OY200T3pNS0xvRHlYVjBwQT09>

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### 2:15 pm EDT: Wellness Break

Take a break to stretch, get a snack, or try one of several wellness activities provided on *Play Like a Champion's* YouTube page. These include sessions on Christian Meditation, Mindfulness, Yoga Stretching, Physical Movement, Positive Mental Imaging and spiritual meditations. Check them out during our built-in "Wellness Breaks" or anytime.

**Click Here to Visit Wellness Break Videos:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGHFRYYWAjmyNlr6UvVVjw5y0PCfGeoG4>



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## 2:30 pm EDT: A Conversation with Jay Wright

Join Ed Hastings, former Villanova Basketball standout, as he interviews Jay Wright, Head Coach of the Villanova Men's Basketball team. Q&A to follow.



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## 3:15 pm EDT: Breakout Group Discussions

Attendees will breakout for a discussion based on the themes discussed in the previous session. Leaders will provide instructions for virtual breakout and facilitate discussion.

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## 3:45 pm EDT: *A Team for Every Child* & End of Day Community Meetings

Director of Operations Jim Power will present on how *Play Like a Champion's A Team for Every Child* initiative is taking hold in urban communities in the Midwest and discuss plans for the future.

Immediately following, Jim will coordinate a debrief from the day, summarizing the reports from group discussions and proposed next steps.

Link same as 3:15 pm Breakout Session Above



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## 6:30 pm EDT: An Evening with *Play Like a Champion* Art Therapy with Fabian Debora

On Tuesday, we are thrilled to welcome Fabian Debora, Executive Director of the Somos LA Arte Homeboy Art Academy who will conduct a workshop instructing us to create and share a tangible, personalized bookmark that can serve to each of us as a reminder of our purpose in life and our commitment to sustain that purpose. To participate, [click here to watch a short video presentation](#) by Fabian before the workshop, and learn how to create your personalized bookmark. Then join us to share and discuss your bookmark.



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## Wednesday, June 24th

Responsive Kinship: Engaging Girls, Sport Parents & Trauma

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### 10:30 am EDT: Youth Partner Summit

Play Like a Champion's youth partners are invited to join us on Wednesday morning for discussion and the unveiling of a new video series for Play Like a Champion's Youth Coach Clinics. Interested in partnering with Play Like a Champion? Email us at [information@playlikeachampion.org](mailto:information@playlikeachampion.org) to get login information!

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### Noon EDT: Wednesday Welcome & Engaging Girls Panel

The second day opens with comments from *Play Like a Champion* Program Director Kristin Sheehan and an Opening Charge by Notre Dame's Leprechaun Lynette, followed by a panel with Drs. Nicole LaVoi, Ramona Cox and Meghan Morgan. The trio will discuss the importance of growing female participation as athletes and coaches, and what organizations can do in their own communities.



Click Here to Join Session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84366249026?pwd=UmNLVUxURWZqZ0x6UGVGdnFVMXZvQT09>

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### 1:00 pm EDT: Breakout Group Discussions

Attendees will breakout for a discussion based on the themes discussed in the day's first session. Leaders will provide instructions for virtual breakout and facilitate discussion.

Click Here to Join Session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563187857?pwd=R3NuU010Y200T3pNS0xvRHlYVjBwQT09>

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### 1:30 pm EDT: Wellness Break

Take a break to stretch, get a snack, or try one of several wellness activities provided on *Play Like a Champion's* YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGHFRYYWAjmyNLr6UvVVjw5y0PCfGeoG4>



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## 1:45 pm EDT: Sports Parenting with the Vitale Family

Three generations of the Vitale family join the Conference for a fun discussion on sports parenting, women's sports, and the importance of coaches.



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## 2:15 pm EDT: Understanding Trauma in Athletes & How to Respond

The afternoon continues in the same session, as we join Dr. Carrie Hastings, Derrick Perry and Catherine Matthews for an important discussion on how youth sports serve as the "front-line" for addressing childhood trauma.

Link same as 1:45 pm Session Above

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## 2:45 pm EDT: Breakout Group Discussions

Attendees will breakout for a discussion based on the themes discussed in the previous session. Leaders will provide instructions for virtual breakout and facilitate discussion.

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## 3:15 pm EDT: End of Day Community Meetings

Attendees will stay in the same session and join together as a large group to "debrief" from the day, hear reports from group discussions, and consider "next steps" in our own communities.

Link same as 2:45 pm Breakout Session Above

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**6:30 pm EDT: An Evening with *Play Like a Champion***

## **Homeboy HIIT & Yoga Session**

The Homeboy HIIT and yoga session is an hour-long combination of high intensity interval training followed by a yoga stretch session. Each interval set contains several different exercises which are done for a period of time, ranging from 30 seconds to a minute, with a short rest break (20 seconds is typical) between each exercise. The workout can be modified for all levels of fitness and requires no special equipment, just a mat, water bottle, and a sweat towel. Our goal is to have fun, get stronger, improve our mental fitness and flexibility, and support each other in community.

**Click Here to Join Session: <https://zoom.us/j/368103748>**

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## Thursday, June 25th

### Kinship: A Call to Mentorship

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#### **11:00 am EDT: High School Partnership Opportunities**

Current and prospective high school partners are welcome to join for a presentation about Play Like a Champion's high school programming, including clinics and programs for coaches, parents and student-athletes. Questions? Email us at [information@playlikeachampion.org](mailto:information@playlikeachampion.org)!

Click Here to Join Session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87619988125?pwd=aGw5RFhZdUM4bWRManJyQU0xU3hmUT09>.

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#### **Noon EDT: Opening Charge & Lou Holtz**

Join *Play Like a Champion* Trainer Kory Minor for our Opening Charge, followed by a keynote address by Lou Holtz. Holtz is beloved by his former players and coached a record 6 college football teams to bowl games and famously won the 1988 National Championship at Notre Dame. His comments will focus on the importance of coaches as mentors.



Click Here to Join Session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88562631461?pwd=SVIyU0ZqVG9hVDZrOTJxL0psQmwrUT09>.

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#### **1:00 pm EDT: Derek Brown on Team Building & Peace Circles**

Derek Brown is the founder and head coach of Boxing Out Negativity, an anti-violence program that empowers Chicago's most at-risk youth to realize the best within themselves. He will join the Conference to discuss team building and the concept of "peace circles."



Link same as Noon session above.



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## 1:30 pm EDT: Breakout Group Discussions

Attendees will breakout for a discussion based on the themes discussed in the previous session. Leaders will provide instructions for virtual breakout and facilitate discussion.

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## 2:00 pm EDT: Wellness Break

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## 2:15 pm EDT: Drs. Joe and Blaise Congeni Sports in a COVID-19 World

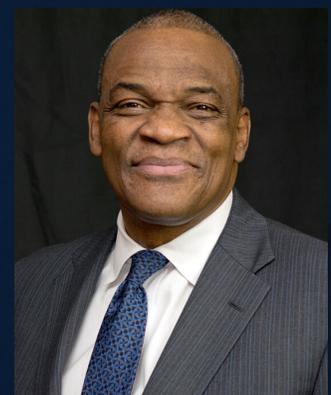
Join Dr. Joe Congeni and Dr. Blaise Congeni for a discussion about the medical impact of COVID-19 and where youth sports will go moving forward. Joe is the Director of Sports Medicine and his brother Blaise is the Director of Pediatric Infectious Disease at Akron Children's Hospital. Q&A to follow.

Click Here to Join Session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86419734812?pwd=RVVFc2NpSGlrRk1JNmhRM01BTGEJZz09>

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## 3:00 pm EDT: Pastor Carey Casey Mentoring for Life

Pastor Casey is best known as a compassionate ambassador and speaker, particularly within the American sports community. A current pastor as well as a former athlete, team chaplain and national speaker on fatherhood, Casey will speak on the importance of mentoring.



Link same as 2:15 pm Session Above



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## 3:45 pm EDT: End of Day Community Meetings & Conference Wrap-Up

Attendees will join together as a large group to "debrief" from the day, hear reports from group discussions, and consider "next steps" in local communities based on themes from the previous three days.

Click Here to Join Session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563187857?pwd=R3NuU01OY200T3pNS0xvRHlYVjBwQT09>

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# 2020 Conference Speakers



## Fr. Greg Boyle

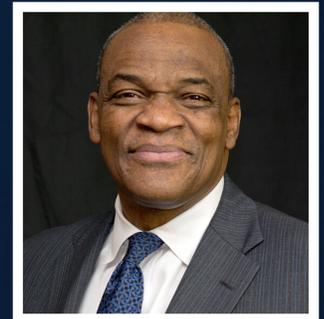
*Founder, Homeboy Industries*

Greg Boyle, S.J., is an American Roman Catholic priest of the Jesuit order. He is the Founder and Director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, CA an organization that employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises, as well as provides critical services to thousands of men and women who walk through its doors every year seeking a better life. An accomplished author and international speaker, Fr. Boyle wrote the 2010 New York Times-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* and 2017's *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*. His 2012 TED Talk on Compassion & Kinship has been viewed nearly 25 million times. In 2014, the White House named Fr. Boyle a Champion of Change and in 2017 he received the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal, the oldest honor given to American Catholics.

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## Carey Casey

*CEO Championship Fathering*



Pastor Casey is best known as a passionate ambassador and speaker, particularly within the American sports community. He is the shepherding pastor of Lawndale Christian Community Church and the CEO of *Championship Fathering*. A former CEO of the National Center for Fathering (NCF) and sports chaplain, Casey served on the White House Task Force for Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage, and spent 18 years in various roles with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. As an athlete, Casey played in the 1971 Virginia State Championship football game dramatized in the movie *Remember the Titans* and helped the University of North Carolina to the 1977 ACC football championship as a running back.



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## Jay Wright

*Head Coach, Villanova Men's Basketball*

In 19 seasons as Villanova's Head Men's Basketball Coach, Jay Wright has become one of the most respected coaches in college basketball. Wright guided the Wildcats to NCAA Championships in 2016 and 2018, making him one of only three active Division I head coaches with multiple national championships to his credit and his players have succeeded both in the classroom and on the court, with seven recent Villanova players currently playing in the NBA. In 2018 Wright received the John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching Award. He is a two-time winner of the Naismith National Coach of the Year award (2006 and 2016) and in 2019 became the first man in Big East history to be selected as the league's Coach of the Year six times. Wright's first book *Attitude: How to Develop a Winning Mindset On and Off the Court* was released in 2017 and became a New York Times' bestseller.



## Lou Holtz

*Hall of Fame College Football Coach*



As a college football coach for more than 3 decades, Holtz is the only coach in NCAA history to lead 6 different programs to bowl games. Best known for his tenure at Notre Dame, Holtz led the Fighting Irish to the 1988 National Championship and 100 wins. He won conference championships at William & Mary, North Carolina State and Arkansas and is the only coach to guide four different programs to final Top 20 rankings. Holtz received the Walter Camp Foundation's Man of the Year award in 1997 and twice earned the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Academic Achievement Award, which annually honors the school with the highest graduation rate among members of its football team. He was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2009 and has served as a national speaker and college football analyst for ESPN.



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## Dr. Nicole LaVoi

*Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport*

Dr. LaVoi is the Director of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport and a Senior Lecturer in the School of Kinesiology at the University of Minnesota, where she received MA ('96) & doctoral degrees ('02) in Kinesiology with an emphasis in sport psychology/sociology. From 2002-2005, Dr. LaVoi was a Research & Program Associate in the Mendelson Center for Sport & Character at the University of Notre Dame, where she helped launch the Play Like a Champion Today Educational Series with Dr. Clark Power. A former collegiate tennis athlete and coach, she is the author of *Women in Sports Coaching* (2016) and co-produced with the documentary *Game On: Women Can Coach*. Dr. LaVoi frequently speaks around the world on a variety of topics related to coaching, gender and sport. She also serves on the Board of Directors for WeCOACH and is a faculty member for the NCAA Women Coaches Academies.

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## Dr. Ramona Cox

*Associate Athletic Director, Detroit Police Athletic Leagues*

Dr. Ramona Cox is an Associate Athletic Director with Detroit PAL. She is responsible for PAL's girls sports programming that includes volleyball and softball. She also oversees the "Girls Changing the Game" program that seeks to increase the number of girls that participate in sport and physical activity and the number of innovative quality programs for girls like the Future Coaches Leadership Academy. Dr. Cox is a graduate of the University of Michigan where she played on the women's volleyball team. She later received her Masters degree in Sports Administration from Wayne State University and obtained her Ph.D. in Kinesiology with a concentration in sport psychology from Michigan State University in 2014. Her research interests include sports based youth development and increased sports and physical activity opportunities for girls.



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## Meghan Morgan

*Executive Director, Girls in the Game*

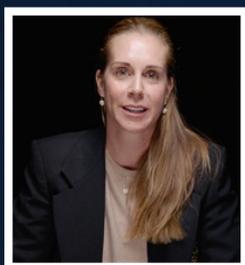
A 1999 Notre Dame graduate and Chicago Innovation Award Winner, Morgan is Executive Director of Girls in the Game. At Girls in the Game every girl finds her voice, discovers her strength and leads with confidence through fun and active sports, health and leadership programs. Girls in the Game empowers all girls to be game-changers. The organization works to ensure that girls have the opportunities they deserve to grow into strong, confident leaders with bright futures who can affect change in their own lives and in the community around them. Established in Chicago, Girls in the Game has expanded outside of Illinois to host programs in Baltimore and Dallas, serving over 3,600 girls ages 7 to 18 annually. Each program is age-appropriate and offers participants the opportunity to be physically active, learn healthy lifestyle choices, and improve their leadership skills in a safe, all-girl setting.

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## Dick and Terri Vitale

*Emmy Award Winning ESPN College Basketball Analyst,  
His Daughter Terri & Granddaughter Sydney*

Vitale joined ESPN's basketball coverage in 1979 and has never looked back. The former college and professional coach has become a beloved figure and a staple on the network's biggest games.



A celebrated author, speaker and philanthropist, he was honored for his career in television sports in 2019 with the Sports Emmy Lifetime Achievement Award. Vitale is also a sports parent, having watched both his daughters attend the University of Notre Dame on scholarships for Women's Tennis. He will be joined at the conference by his daughter Terri who is involved in a number of charitable endeavors, including

the Notre Dame Monogram Club, Jimmy V's Foundation for Cancer Research and All Faith's Food Bank. Terri's daughter Sydney will also join to talk about the role of sports parents and girls in sports.



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## Dr. Blaise Congeni

*Director Pediatric Infectious Disease, Akron Children's Hospital*

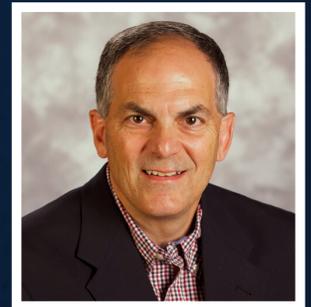
Dr. Congeni is the Director of Pediatric Infectious Disease and a Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist at Akron Children's Hospital, as well a Professor of Microbiology, Immunology & Biochemistry at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). He received his medical degree from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. His work includes vaccine studies and antibiotic research.



## Dr. Joe Congeni

*Director Sports Medicine, Akron Children's Hospital*

Joseph A. Congeni, M.D. is the Medical Director of the Sports Medicine Center at Akron Children's Hospital as well a Professor of Pediatrics at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). A 1980 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he received his medical degree from NEOMED in 1984. Congeni is currently a team physician for the University of Akron and Archbishop Hoban High School since 1988. His celebrated career includes being named the Ohio Athletic Trainer's Association's Team Physician of the Year (2008), Ohio Outstanding Team Physician by the Ohio State Medical Association (2008), and a Best Doctors in Northeast Ohio (2009-2019). He is a lead author on the American Academy of Pediatrics' Baseball/Softball Policy Statement (2012). He has appeared on NBC's TODAY Show, a PBS documentary entitled "The Smartest Team" and in Sports Illustrated. He is also a regular guest on sports radio. His research includes work on steroid use, stress fractures and repetitive stress injuries as well as concussions.



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## Derek Brown

*Founder, Boxing Out Negativity*

Derek Brown is the founder and head coach of Boxing Out Negativity, an anti-violence program that empowers Chicago's at-risk youth to realize the best within themselves. He also serves as Restorative Justice Coordinator at St. Agatha's Church and his work has been

featured by outlets including CNN, ABC News & Vice News. Brown knows the hardships of growing up on Chicago's West side, having joined a gang at the age of thirteen and spending years between the streets and jail. Boxing Out Negativity seamlessly combines physical training with mentorship, tutoring, motivational discussions, and community service to help youth realize the best within themselves.



## Derrick Perry

*Mental Health Professional*

Derrick traveled the world during his time in the Marine Corps. Derrick is a husband, father of four beautiful children, mentor, and a role model for his community. Derrick has spent the past 10 years working in the mental health field with high risk youth and families and is currently the supervisor of his community's High-Fidelity Wraparound Program in two counties. Derrick is well versed in ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and trauma informed care, knowledgeable in SEL (Social Emotional Learning), and is a well-known advocate and volunteer leader of restorative justice initiatives and practices in South Bend, IN.



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## Catherine Matthews

*Endless Energy Sports*

*Youth Development Specialist*

Catherine Matthews, along with her husband Mike, are the founders of Endless Energy Sports, an organization that creates youth sports programming to connect with Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood through kinship and restorative practices. Catherine is a Program Supervisor/Youth Development Specialist at Cook County's most utilized psychiatric and juvenile detention facilities as well as a Restorative Justice Practitioner. Catherine competed her undergraduate/graduate education from DePaul University (Chicago).



## Dr. Carrie Hastings

*Licensed Clinical & Sports Psychologist*

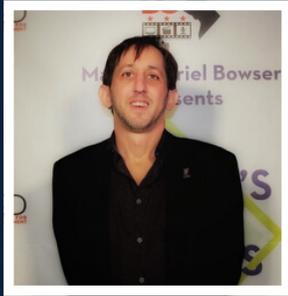
*Play Like a Champion Trainer & Research Specialist*



Carrie is a licensed clinical and sport psychologist, presenting nationally on the topic of Trauma-Sensitive and Responsive Coaching, Depression & Suicide, and Bullying & Hazing. A Certified Mental Performance Consultant with the Association for Applied Sport Psychology, she is currently the team psychologist for the Los Angeles Rams and is listed in the United States Olympic Committee Sport Psychology and Mental Training Registry. Carrie is also a *Play Like a Champion Trainer* and Research Specialist. She will provide conference attendees with an understanding of what it means to be a "Trauma Sensitive" coach and offer valuable insight into better reaching student-athletes.



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## Michael Holstein

*Soccer in the City*

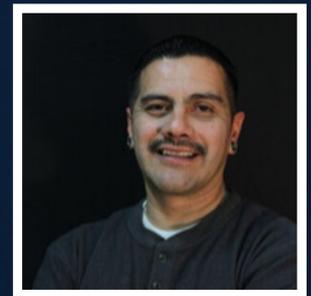
Michael Holstein began his career writing for HBO's *The Wire* and working in marketing on films such as *The Rock* and *Independence Day*. Presently, Michael serves as Chief Content Officer for The Content Farm, where he has placed shows on Travel Channel, Ovation, Food Network, Bravo and others. The Content Farm was honored as the Outstanding Media Arts Organization at the 2019 D.C. Mayor's Arts Awards. Among other accolades, Michael's 2017 PBS series *Live at 9:30* was shortlisted for a Producer's Guild Award; he won the Real Screen Summit Showdown in 2018 and 2019; and his 2019 documentary *Soccer in the City* won the United Soccer Coaches Media Award. Michael also serves as the Head of Content for America SCORES, a national sports-arts non-profit, serving over 12,000 disadvantaged youth nationwide.

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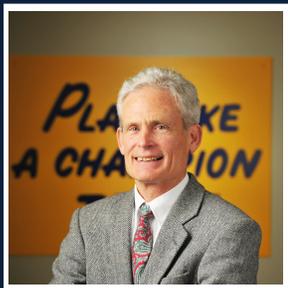
## Fabian Debora

Executive Director , Somos LA Arte Homeboy Art Academy

Fabian is a renowned artist as well as an accomplished teacher. Born in El Paso, Texas, he began his career in 1995 as a member of the East Los Angeles Streetscapers. He was mentored by many Chicano artists and muralists, and was introduced to creative expressions of all forms, from graffiti and murals to sketching and fine art painting. Fabian's work has been showcased in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and abroad, including Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Brooklyn, and throughout Latin America. He served as a counselor and the Director of Substance Abuses Services & Programming as well as a mentor at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles for a decade before moving on to work as Community Connection Director at Arts for Incarcerated Youth Network. He has returned to Homeboy Industries as the Executive Director of Somos LA Arte Homeboy Art Academy, where he is pursuing his vision while continuing to serve the greater LA area and beyond.



# Play Like a Champion Staff



## Dr. Clark Power

Clark is one of the nation's leading minds in moral education and developmental psychology. He is *Play Like a Champion's* founder, Executive Director and primary researcher, and provides key thought leadership for the program. He has served on the Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education, the Notre Dame Faculty Board on Athletics, and the Association for Moral Education. A graduate of Villanova University and Washington Theological Union, and Harvard University, Clark has taught at Notre Dame since 1982.

## Kristin Sheehan

Kristin has served as the Program Director of *Play Like a Champion* since the program's inception. She leads all partner relations, coordinates educational programs, and spearheads the development of new curricula. Kristin has co-authored numerous articles and publications and presented *Play Like a Champion* workshops across the country. She earned undergraduate and master's degrees in theology and psychology from Notre Dame, where she was a varsity athlete on the cheerleading team.



## Jim Power

Jim has served as *Play Like a Champion's* Director of Operations since 2016 following a 23-year career in finance with GE Capital. His educational background includes both an MBA and a Master of Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania. Over the past 4 years, Jim has taken a lead in managing *Play Like a Champion's A Team for Every Child* initiative, partnering with leaders in underserved communities to create collaborative sports associations which provide programming for *all* children. *Play Like a Champion* has established associations in Chicago and South Bend with plans for continued expansion.



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## Peter Piscitello

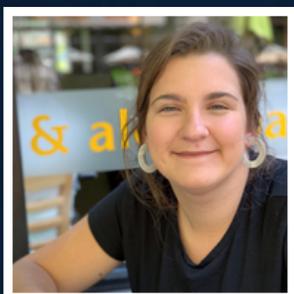
Peter joined the *Play Like a Champion* team in 2017 after spending more than a decade in youth and college sports administration. He graduated from Benedictine College, where he studied business and theology before earning a master's degree in education from the University of Washington. After working in development and business operations in college athletics, Peter spent several years as the Executive Director for the CYO in Kansas City (KS).

## Kory Minor

*Founder & CEO, Kory Minor Industries*  
*Play Like a Champion Trainer*



Kory Minor serves as a Los Angeles area Trainer for the Play Like a Champion Today Educational Series. Kory is a University of Notre Dame graduate, where he was a 4-year star defensive player and team captain for Lou Holtz's Fighting Irish Football Team. Kory graduated with a Business degree in marketing and was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the 1999 draft. He played four seasons as a linebacker and special teams standout for the Carolina Panthers. Kory is the Founder & CEO of Kory Minor Industries (KMI), a training and development company for individuals and organizations.



## Grace Curtin

*Project Manager*

Grace joined the Play Like a Champion team in 2018 as the Project Manager for the Team for Every Child Initiative in Chicago. Grace establishes community relationships, conducts needs assessments, coordinates data collection and reporting and implements coach workshops for the North Lawndale Athletic and Recreation Association (NLARA). Grace is a Notre Dame graduate with BA in the Program of Liberal Studies/Pre-Health Studies.





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