Safe Space

Program Description

The Athletics Department is committed to fostering an inclusive environment for all individuals regardless of their race, color, culture, citizenship, gender, sexuality, creed, or religious affiliation. As a result, the Athletics Department has identified several individuals to serve as designated Safe Spaces for student-athletes, who may experience various forms of racism, bigotry, prejudice, or discrimination.

Designated Safe Spaces are confidential spaces where student-athletes can express their concerns or frustrations related to issues impacting marginalized people. Designated Safe Spaces are available to all student-athletes and not just those that identify within an underrepresented or marginalized community. Those that are feeling distressed or triggered by current events or observations are also welcome to seek support.

Student-athletes, who connect with an Athletics Department Safe Space Designee can expect to be heard and to receive appropriate resources, when applicable. The Athletics Department Safe Space program will eventually work in concert with an online anonymous reporting platform, so matters of concern can be elevated to Athletics Administration when appropriate while also protecting the identity of the student-athlete. Safe Space conversations and appointments may occur in-person, virtually, or by telephone.

Current Safe Space Designees Include:

Race-Related Concerns
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