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\* \* \* \* \* "Building a Culture of Autonomy, Belonging, and Competence through character education for student-athletes and the role models who coach them"

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AACE Coaches and athletes will come to a personal and team understanding of

- Core values
- Self as a leader
- Noble purpose
- Relationship
  building
- Intrinsic motivation
- Role modeling Empowering others

A sense of belonging





























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Coach and Athlete Character-Skill Building

- **3** Two-Hour Sessions (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- **Coaches Training (Virtual Asynchronous)**
- **Up** to 45 Athleaders per session
- **\$**3,500 per High School
- **Dates Determined in Coordination with Coaches**
- **Guidelines/Suggestions Provided to ADs Each Season**

## Planned Outcomes Include

- **Athletes feeling valued**
- A sense of belonging for teammates
- Team culture that actively includes athlete's voice
- **Stronger social**, emotional, character, and performance skills
- Model student-athlete leaders who make a positive impact on their teams, schools, and fans



















## Coaches & Athlete's Testimonials

"This helps me improve my personal life by working on my self-awareness when it comes to empowerment and confidence on and off the court." AACE Graduate, Southern Indiana University

"AACE encompasses every positive aspect that high school athletics should be. I believe that AACE helps our young student-athletes develop the lifelong positive leadership traits they need for success." Mike Roth, Parkway School District Athletic Director (retired), 2022 MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year

What other NCAA athletes and coaches say about the Athleadership Academy in Character Education's impact:

"we are a more unified family" "we cannot wait to continue our meetings as AACE character ambassadors"

"this gives coaches the opportunity to work on being a transformational versus a transactional coach, which is often the default"

*"we are creating competitive and passionate athletes who also have extraordinary character on and off the field"* 









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