In its 4th year, the Association for Applied Sport Psychology's (AASP) Diversity in Sport Regional Conference was held this past weekend, April 12th and 13th, on Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus. The event welcomed 100 students, researchers, and professionals from the sport psychology, management and marketing, law, athletic training, and fitness fields for two days to discuss social justice issues in sport.
Held annually at a Historically Black College, and University (HBCU)’s or Minority or Hispanic serving institution (MSIs and HSIs).

The 2019 conference were honored to have Dr. Maurice Stinnett, Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion, and Culture at BSE Global as the Friday keynote. Dr. Stinnett shared the key ingredients for diversity and inclusion work in professional sports and shared his journey into professional sport.

On Saturday, Ms. Natara Holloway, Vice President of Strategy at the NFL, provided an inspiring keynote on her journey through the NFL to senior leadership and advice on navigating professional sports.
The presentations were captivating and community-building, discussing masculinity, fashion and activism, violence, mindfulness, and mental health. Additional discussions included talks on microaggressions in sport, the importance of safe spaces in sporting spaces, and the experiences of minorities in sport.

Diversity Beyond the Numbers: Increasing the Presence and Influence of People of Color

Angel Brutus, Ph.D. & Sae-Mi Lee, Ph.D.

Talking Masculinity in Sport Psychology

Rob Owens, Ed.D. & Ryan Sappington, M.S.

Training Peers as Predators: Understanding and Preventing Male Athlete Sexual Violence

Ryan Sappington, M.S.
The conference also had a Creative Showcase where profession artists exhibited a variety of art representing diversity in sport.

The two-day conference was packed with conversations and call to actions. Attendees engaged in challenging conversations and networking opportunities centered on social justice and sport.

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