

October Diversity Spotlight Recipient: The Midwest Conference

The Midwest Conference announced the inaugural class of its Female & Ethnic Minority Mentoring Program. The program, which aims to identify, mentor and educate aspiring female and ethnic minority coaches and athletic administrators, is made possible through an initial contribution of NCAA Division III grant funding and ongoing support of the league.

"Given this is the league's first attempt to implement a conference-wide mentoring program, we weren't sure what to expect with regard to volunteer mentors and prospective mentees," explains Heather Benning, Midwest Conference Executive Director. "We are ecstatic with the response and are excited to announce the inaugural class." Over the next seven or eight months, mentors will meet one-on-one with mentees to discuss career aspirations, chart pathways to opportunity and identify practical learning experiences. In order to successfully complete the program, each mentee must log a minimum of 100 hours in one-on-one meetings, on-site performance and conference-wide sessions.

For more information, click [here](#).

