The New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) is the recipient of the May Division III Diversity Spotlight Initiative. In early April, Becker College, a NECC member, hosted Navigating and Empowering through Collegiate Careers for 30 students from conference member institutions.

This event was a two-day program for female and ethnic minority student-athletes seeking to pursue a career in collegiate athletics. The conference senior woman administrators wanted to host this conference to give student-athletes an opportunity to learn more about career opportunities in college athletics.

Julie Muller, senior associate with the 3foldgroup and former NAC Commissioner, served as the emcee for the weekend. Throughout the weekend, student-athletes attended sessions from athletics professionals in New England. The goal was for the students to learn about various areas while also learning how to network.

The session topics included the History of the NCAA, Resume and Cover Letter 101, DiSC assessment, panels of speakers from differ athletics areas and Candid Conversations sponsored by the Women’s Sports Foundation. The focus of the weekend was on both personal and professional development.