SMITH HOSTS EMPOWER CONFERENCE

The Smith College Athletics Department and the Smith College Sports Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (SCID) partnered to host the EmPOWER: Understanding Our Identities Conference on April 14, 2019. The conference focuses on inclusion and diversity within athletics and is open to all NEWMAC and Seven Sisters Institutions.

The idea for this conference developed over a year ago as a student-led initiative to bring discussions of athletes' intersecting identities to the forefront of the athletic department. This conference is something that students have been working on for a long period of time in attempts to address the systemic problems within athletics surrounding student-athletes identities, inclusion, and diversity.

US Olympic Gold Medalist and Indiana Fever Director VP of Basketball Operations, Tamika Catchings, delivered the opening keynote address.

**Schedule**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Opening Keynote Address: Tamika Catchings  
*Catch a Star: Shining Through Adversity to Become a Champion*  
U.S. Olympian, Former WNBA Player, Indiana Fever VP of Basketball Operations

1:00 - 4:45 p.m. Workshops

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Closing Keynote Address: Anthony Roger Wright  
*Busting Down Silos, Without Melting in a Pot*

**Workshops:**

Hallie Smith (Smith Alum): Team USA para rowing and world record holder for PR1 women in the indoor 2k. Bronze medal in PR1W1X event at 2018 World Rowing Championships  
*A Champion of Challenge*

Anthony Roger Wright: *Safely Imperfect: An Invitation to Personal and Collective Growth*

Patrick Gusman: *Straddling the Racial Boundaries in Diversity and Inclusion*

Kris Evans: *Trends in Mental Health that Impact College Athletes*

Jane Stangl: *Race, Inclusion and the Language We Use*

Matilda Cantwell: "Identity and Identities" Navigating who you are inside and outside and how the two match up

Erica Tibbetts: *Towards Brave Spaces: Understanding the role of identity, power, and privilege in athletics*

Laura Rauscher and Kris Mereigh: *Wellness and self-care through participation in athletics: How do you set goals to pursue athletic achievement while maintaining health and well-being?*