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8TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT AND SUMMIT

STONEWALL SPORTS

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2022 Stonewall Sports Summit - Friday, July 8, 2022

Summit Program

- **9:00 AM** - Registration Opens
- **9:30 - 10:00 AM** - Featured Speaker: Callie Brownson
- **10:10 - 10:55 AM** - Session 1 (Combined)
 - *Advocating for the Rights of Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Expansive Athletes: An Advocacy Workshop for Beginners and Beyond*
- **11:05 - 11:50 AM** - Session 2 (Break Out)
 - *Mental Health for Adults in Community-Based Sports*
 - *Teamwork is Not Just For Sports!*
- **12:00 - 12:55 PM** - Lunch Panel: Corporate Sponsorships and Non-Profit Partners
- **12:55 - 1:10 PM** - Break
- **1:15 - 1:45 PM** - Chair Yoga / Networking Break
- **2:00 - 2:45 PM** - Session 3 (Break Out)
 - *Advocating for Inclusive Workplace*
 - *I want to help protect LGBTQ+ rights. Now what?*
- **3:00 - 3:45 PM** - Session 4 (Combined)
 - *Captains' Clinic: How two hours can change your season.*
- **4:00 PM** - Summit Ends
 - *Optional group photo in Power Portal*



PROGRAM DETAILS

OPENING ADDRESS

Identity, Advocacy, and Leadership

Featured Speaker: Callie Brownson (she/her)

Chief of Staff / Assistant Wide Receivers Coach, Cleveland Browns

Location: Bridges (Club Level)

Entering her fourth year in the NFL, and first as an assistant position coach, Callie Brownson will deliver this year's Stonewall Sports Summit keynote address. The Cleveland Browns coach will discuss her experiences as a queer woman in the NFL and how those have shaped ways in which she leads and advocates. She'll also touch on the collective voice sports can give members of the LGBTQ+ community and how truly powerful you can be when you're able to be yourself.

SESSION 1: COMBINED

Advocating for the Rights of Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Expansive Athletes: An Advocacy Workshop for Beginners and Beyond

Presenters: Dr. Rhea Debussy (she/her); Ph.D., James C. Knapp, Esq (he/him)

Location: Bridges (Club Level)

The following are the learning objectives for this session:

- 1. To recognize the common myths and misconceptions that transphobic legislation focused on athletics spaces relies upon;*
- 2. To understand how to use facts to combat transphobic misinformation about gender diverse athletes; and*
- 3. To learn specific skills that can help to advocate for and advance the rights of transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive athletes.*

SESSION 2: BREAKOUT

Workshop 2A: Mental Health for Adults in Community-Based Sports

Presenters: Elise Bigley (she/her); Barb Anthony, MSSA, LISW-S (she/her)

Location: Bridges (Club Level)

Participants will know warning signs for those who may be facing a mental health crisis. Participants will learn how mental health can impact athletic performance and engagement. Participants will be able to draft a mental health emergency preparedness plan for their organization.

Workshop 2B: Team Work is Not Just for Sports

Presenters: Dawn Richardson M.Ed. (she/her); Anthony J. Forbes (he/him), Natalija Pasalic (she/her)

Location: Full Court (Founders Level)

You will have a better understanding of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation on a global and domestic level; How to build better partnerships



LUNCH PANEL: COMBINED

Corporate Partnerships & Small Non-Profits

Panelists: Kevin Clayton (he/him) – Cleveland Cavaliers; Andrew Katusin (he/him) – Cleveland Foundation; Gulnar Feerasta (she/they) – LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland; Gwen Stembridge (she/her) – The Trevor Project

Location: Bridges (Club Level)

Join our panelists as they discuss how to maximize the relationship between larger corporations or funders and smaller non-profits. The goal of this panel is for participants to walk away with a better understanding of how they can leverage their role as a leader in Stonewall Sports when it comes to identifying potential resources and partnerships, and how to advocate for change within those larger entities.

CHAIR YOGA / MOBILITY BREAK / NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Instructors: Andrea Zakovec (she/her,) 200hr CYT; Devin Evancho (he/him,) 200hr CYT

Location: Bridges & Full Court

SESSION 3: BREAKOUT

Workshop 3A: Advocating for Inclusive Workplace

Presenters: John Licatatiso (he/him)

Location: Bridges (Club Level)

When participants walk away, they will know more about inclusive workplaces and will be better able to advocate for inclusive workplaces and ERG's.

Workshop 3B: I want to help protect LGBTQ+ rights. Now what?

Presenters: Maria Bruno (she/her or they/them)

Location: Full Court (Founders Level)

General "what the movement needs"; general "how to be an advocate"; How to engage athletes and sports teams specifically

SESSION 4: COMBINED

Captains' Clinic: How two hours can change your season.

Presenters: Caleb Dufresne (he/him)

Location: Bridges (Club Level)

Participants will know how to plan, organize and facilitate a captains clinic that is differentiated for all skill levels; Participants will have some tools to create safe community and buy-in so that people are more likely to show up throughout the season.

SPEAKER BIOS

Featured Speaker



CALLIE BROWNSON (she/her)

Callie Brownson joined the Browns as chief of staff in 2020 and added assistant wide receiver coach duties to her responsibilities in 2022. As a player, she competed in eight seasons as a safety, running back and slot receiver for the D.C. Divas of the Women's Football Alliance and was a five-time team captain and four-time All-American. She was also a two-time gold medalist (Finland in 2013 and Vancouver in 2017) with Team USA Women's Football and will serve as head coach of the 2022 U.S. Women's Tackle National Team later this summer.

After joining the Browns in 2020, Brownson made NFL history in her first season, becoming the first woman to coach an NFL position group in a game when she served as the team's acting tight ends coach during a Week 12 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars. She was recognized by the Pro Football Hall of Fame for her accomplishments as artifacts from the game (sideline jacket, autographed ball) were put on display. She also served as acting wide receivers coach during a Week 17 victory against the Steelers in 2020 and acting running backs coach in Week 15 against the Raiders in 2021.

Brownson serves as one of 22 members of USA Football's Football Development Council. The Council is comprised of medical, football and long-term athlete development experts to open more paths to the fun of playing football and improve upon existing ones. USA Football is the sport's national governing body and a member of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee.

A native of Alexandria, Va., she earned her bachelor's degree in sport management from George Mason University in 2015.

Lunch Panelists



ANDREW KATUSIN (he/him)

Andrew Katusin joined the Cleveland Foundation in August 2021 as the Program Officer, Grantmaking Initiatives, where he oversees various investments across the nonprofit sector in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga Counties. This work includes the Foundation’s investments supporting the Newcomer and LGBTQ+ communities. Prior to joining the Foundation, Andrew served as the Director of Basic Needs at United Way of Greater Cleveland and managed the organization’s responsive grantmaking in the areas of housing, homeless services, and food access. Andrew is a Licensed Social Worker and holds a Master of Social Science Administration from the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago.



GULNAR FEERASTA (she/they)

Currently the Director of Programs for the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, Gulnar Feerasta (she/they) is passionate about promoting empowerment, resiliency, and leadership throughout marginalized communities. With advocacy and outreach at the forefront of her vision, her goal is to build strong support systems while improving the quality of life through long-term policy and social change. Gulnar is also a recent recipient of the Outstanding Community Partner Award, which was bestowed upon them by Case Western Reserve University’s Office of Cancer Disparities Research Center in partnership with Case’s School of Medicine, University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center, and the Cleveland Clinic.

As world traveler, they’ve lived and studied in New Zealand, Australia, and South Korea before pursuing their bachelor’s degree in management and international business from the University of Akron. She then obtained a dual master’s degree in applied social sciences, with a focus on community practice for social change and nonprofit management from Case Western Reserve University. She has previously worked in the corporate sector in organizational development and as a management consultant, and presently serves on multiple boards

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| | <p><i>including joining the fight to eradicate youth homelessness.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore, they actively serve as a personal and professional mentor to young professionals. She is constantly discovering new pathways to becoming the change she wishes to see in her community.</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>GWEN STEMBRIDGE</i> (she/her)</p> <p><i>Gwen Stembridge (She/her) has spent over a decade facilitating, organizing, and advocating for collective impact, LGBTQ+ affirming policy, and the arts. Whether working in organizations of 3 or 400 staff, she remains committed to relationship-centered advocacy, radical hospitality, and changing systems to ensure they work for those with the most at stake. In her role at The Trevor Project, she manages programs that facilitate state and local policy change and educate about the harms of sexual orientation and gender identity change efforts. With roots in the Atlanta area, she has called Cleveland a home for 11 years and lives here with her wife, Kaitlyn, and dog, Pupper Jack Cheese.</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>KEVIN CLAYTON</i> (he/him)</p> <p><i>Kevin Clayton is Senior Vice President, Head of Social Impact and Equity for the Cleveland Cavaliers. He is responsible for developing and leading the Diversity and Inclusion strategic plan for all Cavaliers properties, including Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, Cleveland Charge, Cleveland Monsters and Cavs Legion Gaming Club. Clayton previously held positions within D&I at Russell Corporation, Bon Secours Mercy Health, United States Tennis Association and the American Cancer Society, as well as was managing partner of JumpBall LLC, an entity he founded in 2012. He is currently Vice Chair at the Urban League of Greater Cleveland and a Board Member at United Way of Greater Cleveland, Creating Healthier Communities (CHC) and the Cleveland City Club. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Clayton is an alum of both North Carolina Central University and Wilmington College Ohio, where he was a member of the basketball team.</i></p> |