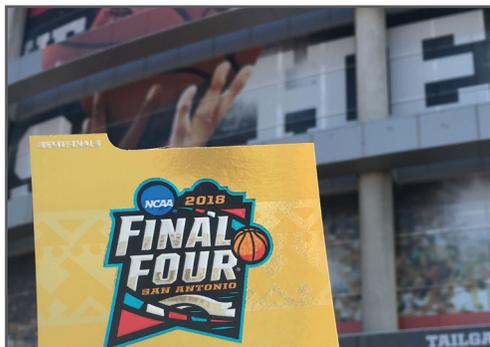




Final Four Kicks off a Season of Ministry



Nations of Coaches continues to impact thousands of lives at the Final Four. This year, more than 2,500 people attended an NOC sponsored event!

We are blessed to have a booth in a prime location at the Coaches' Convention. The Convention is attended by thousands of coaches every year. Our staff is there to connect with coaches, encourage them as they recoup from the rigors of the season, and share all the ways Nations of Coaches is serving coaches today.

The Gathering is a special event for the wives of coaches. Coaches' wives have a very difficult job of keeping everything together while coaches spend a great amount of time on the road. The Gathering is a time for the wives to be served and loved. This year, we

saw an increase in attendance to 235. They were able to hear powerful stories and insights from coaches' wives Tara Sanchez (University of Virginia) and Dana Drew Shaw (Vanderbilt University) and keynote speaker, Donnell Jones, the NABC Chaplain, a Nations of Coaches Character Coach for the University of Maryland, and Senior Pastor at Grace Covenant Church in Washington, DC.



Our Character Coach Forum was packed with star power. Avery Johnson (former NBA star and current University of Alabama head coach), Antonio Davis (former NBA star), and Joe Mazzulla (former NCAA Tournament hero and current Fairmont State University head coach) provided their insights into the value of having a Nations of Coaches character coach in their programs.

There were over 100 in attendance at this year's forum. We are in the active process of locating and placing nearly 20 new character coaches for next season. We are in talks with over 60 schools that are considering adding a character coach!

Easter fell on the Sunday between the national semifinals and the championship game. That made our annual Worship Service a bit more special as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. A record crowd of 800+ coaches and their families attended and were blessed by a wonderful lineup of speakers. Murray Garvin, Head Coach at South Carolina State University (and a BIG supporter of Nations of Coaches recounted the story of one of his

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NOC Legacy Summit Takes an Authentic Look at Leadership

"To rise to the higher calling of their profession," said Ted Quinn, Nations of Coaches Regional Director and Legacy Summit organizer.



That's why over 100 college coaches and guests from across the country gathered for the 5th Annual Nations of Coaches Legacy Summit at Chick-fil-A Headquarters in Atlanta, GA, on May 23rd.

Following the legacy of James Naismith, who first invented basketball "to win men for the Master through the gym," NOC annually presents the Legacy Summit to equip and empower coaches with Master Coach principles and practices.

"This Summit has more of an impact on my life and coaching philosophy than any other clinic or forum."

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Retreat Couples Encouraged to “Connect More”

We had an amazing Marriage Retreat with 44 coach/spouse couples in mid-May. Our theme this year for our Marriage Ministry is Connect More. Coaches and wives were challenged at the retreat to connect more emotionally, physically, spiritually and in managing their finances. Through hilarious games led by NOC's Pete Wehry and talks led by our excellent speakers, couples were encouraged for two days to disconnect from distractions, to focus on each other, and to build relationships with other couples.

We were blessed to have had Shawn & Christina Stoever from Chick-fil-A's Winshape Marriage to teach our relationship sessions along with financial advisors from Ronald Blue Trust to counsel us with our family finances. We believe that marriages were changed and made stronger for the glory of God during this week!



Near the end of the Retreat, participants are given the chance to share any insight about the past two days. One brave coach's wife stood and told about how different her marriage looked this year compared to last.

“This is our second Marriage Retreat. Last year was a really tough year. When we got to the Retreat, I had the thought in the back of my mind that my marriage was not going to make it.”

Something happened to her and her husband during those two days. The ability to engage with other couples facing similar obstacles and learning from examples like Shawn and Christina gave them hope for their marriage.

“By the end of the weekend, I left thinking we are going to be ok. I feel like you all saved my marriage. We were a crisis waiting to happen and, because of you, it didn't.”

Nations of Coaches events only happen because of your generosity. Thank you for investing in the marriage of this couple and so many others.

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Quinn said, “This year we took a deep dive into authentic leadership and challenged coaches to greater levels of legacy-building through this vital principle.”

To kick off the authentic-themed program, Director of Campus Development, Gregg Tipton of Every Nation-North America challenged the attendees with his opening session “Priorities or Surrender.” Todd Gongwer, best-selling author and leadership coach, followed with his presentation “Pursuit of Your Best in Leadership.”

Next, attendees were treated to “Leading With Purpose,” an insider's view of Chick-fil-A's renowned corporate leadership model by Chick-fil-A's Bill Dunphy, Vice President, People. Russ Crosson, Ronald Blue Trust's Executive Vice President, shared how authenticity and legacy are important to finances with his message

“The One Key to Financial Success.”

Kris DenBesten powerfully rounded out the speaker line-up with “Shine! Seeking God's Vision for Your Life and Work.” All in attendance were captivated as he shared how God brought authentic transformation through his daughter's health scare.

“Nations of Coaches consistently puts together top-notch events that help develop the whole person,” said attendee Chris Graves, Head Men's Basketball Coach at Birmingham-Southern. “I was encouraged to see the impact that we can have as coaches.”

Woven between the impactful speaker sessions were significant moments with former Berry College Head Coach, Jeff Rogers, and current Fairmont State Head Coach, Joe Mazzulla. Each spoke of their personal experience with NOC's transformative programming, including NOC's Character Coaching platform and Marriage and Family ministry.

A 2018 Legacy Summit highlight was the presentation of the NOC Master Coach Award to Coach Ron Bradley. This award is traditionally given to a coach that demonstrates a proven record of leading like the Master Coach. Coach Bradley, a 40+ year veteran coach, is currently on the staff of USC Upstate and is the fifth recipient of this prestigious award.



Overwhelmingly, the coaches who attended the 2018 NOC Legacy Summit recognized the impact of such a unique day of challenge and growth.



A Beautiful Day at the NOC Celebrity Golf Classic

The 7th Annual Nations of Coaches Celebrity Golf Classic was held July 11th. The scramble unofficially kicks off the Peach Jam, the nation's biggest summer recruiting event. The River Golf Club in North Augusta, Georgia was once again our host for a wonderful day of golf.

The presenting sponsors for the event were Bridgeworth, LLC and Defoor Realty. Their generosity made the event a huge success. Other sponsors included Gleneagles, American Concrete, NABC, Ranco Tents, Mercedes-Benz of Augusta, area Chick-fil-A stores and Augusta Coke-a-Cola Bottling, Co. For the second year in a row, Coach Roy Williams and his team

were victorious on the golf course. Coach Frank Martin and Coach Bobby Cremins quickly demanded a recount!

As with all our events, proceeds will be directed back into our work. We appreciate the time given by the 21 coaches who participated in this year's event. This fun day of golf meant that NOC is able to place more Character Coaches on basketball staffs, invest in the marriages of more coaches, and help more coaches leave a legacy of excellence on and off the court.

Stayed updated with Nations of Coaches and next year, you can play with your favorite coach!



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players suffering cardiac arrest during a game this season and the miraculous recovery he witnessed. Jim Haney, Executive Director of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (and Nations of Coaches Board member) and Carey Casey (National Center for Fathering) shared their heart for coaches and an Easter thought.



discipleship and encouragement.

Our presence and participation in the annual Final Four is only possible because of your generosity. We look forward to partnering with you at the 2019 Final Four in Minneapolis to continue to find new and exciting ways to serve, connect, and equip coaches.

One of the greatest events of the week came as we hosted our annual Celebrate Marriage Luncheon where we had over 180 in attendance. The focus was to create a fun, eventful luncheon for coaches and their wives as we pour into the home team with

Dear friend,

Thank you for your support of Nations of Coaches. As you have read, our plates have been quite full the past few months. We are thankful God continues to place coaches in front of us and we are able to love them and help them take a step closer to Him. Without you, that would not be possible.

I hope you will join me in praying for what is next:

- *The beginning of the 2018 - 2019 school year - an exciting and stressful time for coaches and players*
- *Character Coach Training, September 10-11*

*In HIS game,
Tommy Kyle
Executive Director,
Nations of Coaches*

P.S. If you wish to support our work, please visit nationsofcoaches.com to donate online, or mail a check to 303-D Beltline Place #231, Decatur, AL 35603.



Nations of Coaches Staff Joins Coaches on the Recruiting Trail!

Over the last several months, our staff has taken to the road to accompany coaches as they go through the grueling months of recruiting. College coaches find themselves navigating through the monotony and rigors of plane rides, rental cars and hotels as they do whatever they can to get the top talent to their school.

We believe that these months are some of the hardest on coaches in their personal lives and in the lives of their families. Because of those concerns, our staff has made it a point every year to go where they are during those times of recruiting. Our goals are to be an ear to listen and an encouragement to coaches personally and professionally.

We also are able to share the mission of Nations of Coaches as well, "See coaches and all whom they influence impacted for the glory of God!" We accomplish this through one-on-one mentoring, Bible studies, listening to their needs and providing biblical encouragement. To the right is an infographic that tells the story of our efforts this year to walk alongside coaches in their daily lives during this recruiting season!



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