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EAST LANSING, Mich. - Clarence Underwood, who has served Michigan State University in a variety of roles, will now serve the university as director of Intercollegiate Athletics. The appointment of Underwood as athletic director was approved by the MSU Board of Trustees at its Dec. 10 meeting. The.

Old Problem, New Solution? His boss at the University of Arkansas, Frank Broyles, is expected to step down from the post in three years. And Richardson has attracted a following for leading the Razorbacks to the Final Four three times in the s, including one title-winning season. His friends include former President Bill Clinton. The move came shortly on the heels of controversial comments from Richardson about the difficulties Black coaches face at predominantly White institutions. And Richardson critics say that with the rising volume of his complaints and the falling fortunes of his basketball team, he had the dismissal coming. Black coaches are held to a different standard than their White counterparts. Given the high proportion of African American athletes in many sports, the numbers are all the more arresting. But he says promotions into football coaching positions as well as senior administrator positions, such as athletic director and conference commissioner, still are lagging. In the same period, Black head coaches rose negligibly from 7. Currently in its first year, the program is providing an intense professional development experience for 21 athletics administrators who aspire to move up the ranks into senior-level positions such as athletic director and conference commissioner. If committee members and NCAA officials needed any confirmation of their suspicions that Black administrators were facing a glass ceiling, they received it with the applications for the Leadership Institute. At 54, Collins has been associate athletic director at NIU for 10 years. He entered administration after coaching basketball for 22 years at every level from grade school to high school to college. For many years, his plan was to become a Division I head basketball coach, but as he entered his 40s, he started re-thinking that goal. NIU, where he had coached previously, recruited him back from DePauw, and after turning the job down twice, Collins became an associate athletic director. Despite 10 successful years, he has yet to be recruited into an athletic director position at another school. After attending four weekend-long sessions on issues including personnel management, leadership and administration, finance and fund-raising, and public relations, Collins and his Institute classmates will attend a weeklong intensive workshop in June. The sessions were well-received, because many participants say they have little experience in areas such as fund-raising and public speaking. But even more important than the content they are learning, say participants, is the opportunity to build a network. It set a tone. It created a spirit. Athletics is built on relationships. You need to read the business journals in your community. If you go to a cocktail reception, 90 percent of the people in that room are going to be business people. We have some bright, strong and purposeful-minded African American men. And great things can happen when you bring that kind of character together. Though he plans to spend several more years at Michigan, Marlowe is sure Underwood will encourage him to move into an athletic director position eventually " and he thinks his experience within the Institute will help. If that were true, you would not have historically Black institutions with Black people who are administrators. Since , the organization has sponsored two programs for women and minorities. The Indianapolis headquarters houses an internship program for minorities that allows recent grads to gain experience in athletics. Leadership Institute participants expect to get a similar boost in their careers. Women of color will often face obstacles at inst This summer, I attended the

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clarence underwood Growing up in Gadsden, Ala., Clarence Underwood had never seen blacks and whites do anything together. That changed on Jan. 1, , when he first saw Michigan State's football team and watched a Rose Bowl win over UCLA.

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Underwood, a black man, told students he grew up in a segregated community in Alabama and no one in his family had finished high school and no one in his neighborhood had gone to college until he did.

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Jim Pignataro & Dr. Clarence Underwood introduced me to the field while I was a football student-athlete. Since joining N4A, my network has grown immensely and I continue to be challenged by the market drivers within the field of Athletic Academic Support.