



**Portage Trail Conference**  
**Academic Engagement & Collegiate Recruiting Seminar**  
**Fact Sheet**

**Date:** Thursday, February 2  
**Time:** 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Springfield High School  
1880 Canton Rd.  
Akron, OH 44312

**Registration:** Each participant (student-athlete, parent, coach, etc.) must register individually by using this electronic registration link **BY JANUARY 31st:**  
<https://goo.gl/forms/GdRTxQQ2bgmkdEv73>

**Remind:** If you would like to subscribe to text reminders and updates on the seminar, please click on the following "Remind" link: <https://www.remind.com/join/db3e69>

**Evaluation:** Participants will be asked to complete pre- and post-session evaluations per NCAA grant regulations

**Program:** The athletic administrators and guidance staffs of our member schools know that the most common questions they receive from student-athletes and their parents focus on the lack of knowledge that families have regarding the basics of the recruiting process and the vital importance of academics now and at the next level. This seminar will provide foundational information about academic preparedness, academic standards at the different levels, the NCAA Eligibility Center, and the basics of the recruiting process.

- Keynote presentation by Dr. Gary Williams, Director of Athletics & Recreation, Wittenberg Univ.
- Large-group presentations by representatives of area NCAA compliance departments, athletic administrations, and guidance department staffs that will outline:
  - NCAA Academic Eligibility Standards
  - The basics of the Eligibility Center
  - Successful strategies for preparing for collegiate academic rigor
- Large-group presentation focusing on the basics of recruiting "timelines" and regulations at each level
- Breakout sessions divided by sport interest, conducted by local collegiate coaches, high school coaches, and academic advisors from area institutions that would focus on:
  - Typical academic expectations in that particular sport
  - Academic support resources available on campuses
  - How to prepare for the rigor
  - Specific recruiting practices that are applicable to that sport
  - Question and answers
- Reception at 8:30 p.m. that will allow participants to:
  - Pick up and review resources
  - Ask individual questions of presenters and coaches
  - Connect with current student-athletes who have experienced the process
  - Interact with representatives of area institutions and compliance offices

**Further information:** Contact Athletic Director Name Email Phone