



## Greetings!

2019 is proving to be as exciting and impactful as we had hoped... let's recap the last few months!

## Athletes CODE lands in ATL...

### Athletes CODE at Super Bowl 53 in ATL

Back in January, SPAAT was able to partner with Atlanta Falcons executive, [Kevin Winston](#) and linebacker, Deion Jones, the Atlanta Falcons and TEAM Inc. to host the Athletes CODE event in celebration of Super Bowl 53. There were over 80+ student athletes from Atlanta Public School hearing wisdom from panelists about preparing for college and life beyond sports. They were also able to attend breakout sessions to dive deeper into topics of interest. The knowledge, resources and practical tools SPAAT was able to provide through this event were the most impactful to this community because they aren't being provided currently within the school district.

[Check this video](#) out to see the impact!



## 2019 MBK Alliance Conference



We believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to achieve their dreams, regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

In February, CEO and Co-Founder, Harold Pearson was nominated as an MBK Rising award winner for the My Brother's Keep Conference sponsored by the [Obama Foundation](#). SPAAT joined a network of organizations who's mission is to uplift and empower Black boys and young men of color. MBK Rising was a truly inspiring event! It was filled with amazing speakers and leaders from across the country inspired support and advance equity and opportunities for boys and men of color.



*Harold Pearson and ESPN Writer/Commentator, Michael Smith discussed identity, black boys and sports.*

We look forward to working with the MBK Alliance to have deeper [conversations](#) about engaging African American boys through the intersection of Sports and Education.

Check out the 5 Essential Takeaways from MBK Rising for the convention [here](#).

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## Oakland Sports Accolades



### Parade celebrates 2 Oakland high school girls basketball team's championship wins

For once, a parade in Oakland last Friday to honor champion basketball players did not involve the Golden State Warriors. Instead, the guests of honor were two women's high school basketball teams, Oakland High, which won the Division 3 state title, and Oakland Tech, who won the Division 4 title.

The two teams were crowned champions last month and Friday their communities rewarded them with a parade. "All the boys get all the attention. We never had much attention and so now that we got all this, makes me very nervous and happy and thankful that I did something to help during my last year," said Tiffany Siu a co-captain for Oakland Tech.

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### Coach Peters named State Football Coach of the Year by the California Coaches Association

McClymonds High School Coach Michael Peters is still raking in the awards by recently being select as the State Football Coach of the Year by the California Coaches Association for clinching his third straight CIF State title, and becoming the first public school head coach to do it!



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2019 Oakland ESPYs**  
EASports Arena in Jack London  
June 2, 2018



We will be frequent updates on our progress as well as upcoming opportunities for you to get involved!

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