

Nathan Heddleston Advocates for Athletes to Adopt Business Strategies for Life After Sports

Ex-NCAA coach Nathan Heddleston urges athletes to plan for life beyond sports, leveraging their skills for long-term business success.

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former NCAA track and field coach turned corporate leader, is calling on athletes to start thinking about their life beyond sports by adopting a forward-looking, business-oriented perspective. With his own journey from coaching to business management as a blueprint, Heddleston emphasizes the importance of preparing for long-term success beyond athletic careers.

“Athletic careers are often short-lived, but the skills developed in sports—discipline, teamwork, resilience—are incredibly transferable to business and leadership roles,” says Heddleston. “Athletes should view their time in sports as not just the peak of their careers, but as a training

ground for the future.”

Heddleston advocates for athletes to start planning early, focusing on education, networking, and honing transferable skills. His own transition from a highly successful coaching career, where he led teams to multiple NCAA National Championships and earned several USTFCCCA Coach of the Year awards, to corporate leadership in transportation management, illustrates the potential for athletes to thrive beyond the field.

Research supports Heddleston's call to action. According to the NCAA, less than 2% of college athletes go on to play professionally, making career planning essential for the remaining 98%. Additionally, a recent report by Athlete Network found that 62% of retired athletes struggle to transition into new careers due to a lack of business preparation.

"Too many athletes only focus on their performance in sports without realizing they can leverage those same qualities in business," adds Heddleston. "It's about forward-thinking. Education, networking, and understanding how to apply your skills in new ways are vital."

Heddleston emphasizes that athletes need to cultivate the mindset of business leaders by setting long-term goals, developing a professional network, and continuously learning—traits that serve as foundations for both athletic and corporate success.

As industries increasingly value leadership and teamwork, Heddleston's advocacy aligns with the growing trend of athletes moving into business and entrepreneurship roles. "Athletes have a unique edge—they know how to perform under pressure, they're adaptable, and they understand the importance of collaboration," he says. "But the key is translating those strengths into new opportunities."

For more insights into Nathan Heddleston's career and expertise, and how you can help, visit [Infinite Sights](#) for the full story.

About Nathan Heddleston:

Nathan Heddleston is a seasoned professional with a diverse background in athletics, education, and business management. He began his career as a successful NCAA track and field coach, leading teams to multiple National Championships and earning numerous accolades, including USTFCCCA Coach of the Year awards. Transitioning from sports to business, Nathan now applies his leadership and strategic planning skills in transportation management, where he is known for his dedication to operational efficiency and innovation. He is passionate about mentoring young professionals and helping athletes prepare for life beyond their athletic careers.

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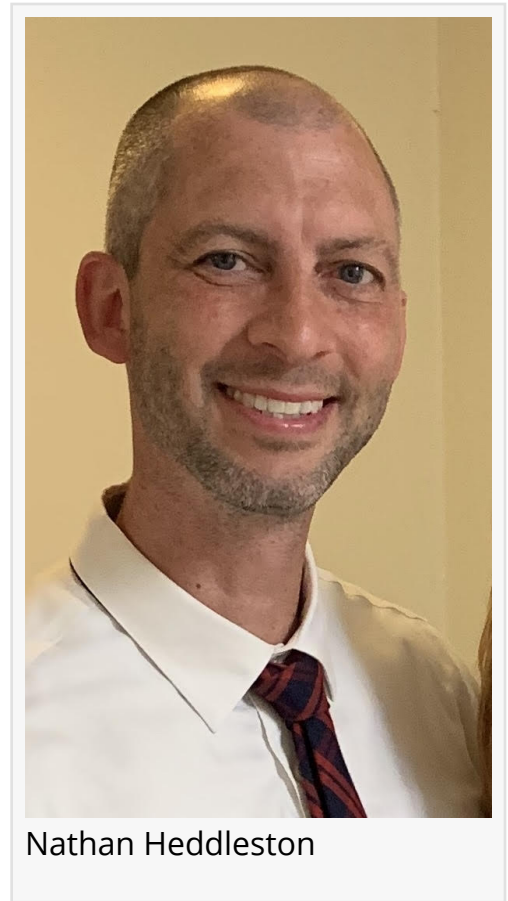
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