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Quick Facts

- DiGiorgio said the College Basketball Partnership will face issues such as recruiting, the balance between academics and athletes, fan behavior and sportsmanship.
- Others on the College Basketball Partnership include Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, Michigan State coach Tim Izzo, CBS TV analysts Clark Kellogg and Billy Packer, and ESPN Senior Vice President John Wildhack.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - **Winthrop President Anthony DiGiorgio** has accepted an invitation to join other college basketball figures on the **College Basketball Partnership**. According to **NCAA President Myles Brand**, the new NCAA committee has a goal of addressing the "challenges and opportunities" that face men's college basketball.

"We live in a society where the impact of inter-collegiate sports reverberates well beyond campuses and affects our culture in profound ways. Being invited to join this proactive national partnership is both an exceptional opportunity and a compliment to Winthrop University's reputation in NCAA circles," said DiGiorgio, who is one of only two university presidents named to the panel.

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Others on the **College Basketball Partnership** include **Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski**, Michigan State coach Tim Izzo, **CBS TV analysts Clark Kellogg and Billy Packer**, and **ESPN Senior Vice President John Wildhack**.

"We've been working behind the scenes for several months," **Brand** said in announcing the partnership in December. "People need to know that we're there as a team. This team is going to make a difference."

President of Winthrop since 1989, **DiGiorgio** is the longest-serving president of any public university in South Carolina. Winthrop, which has nearly 6,500 graduate and undergraduate students, has grown from a regional college with a venerable history to a national-caliber comprehensive university that helps set the pace for quality higher education in the thriving Charlotte-Metrolina region.

The **NCAA** is a membership-led nonprofit association of colleges and universities committed to supporting academic and athletic opportunities for more than 360,000 student-athletes at more than 1,000 member colleges and universities. Each year, more than **49,000 student-athletes** compete in **NCAA championships in Division I, II and III sports**.

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