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NAES Joins in Solidarity with Jason Collins' Announcement

April 30, 2013 - The National Association for Ethnic Studies (NAES) stands in solidarity to highlight the courage of Jason Collins' announcement, becoming the first openly gay professional sports player in the United States. NAES has long recognized the importance of diversity in education and throughout society. As our 2013 conference theme "We are all Ethnic Studies" explored, NAES strives to fully support safe spaces for all to explore the multiplicity of identity.

NAES commends Collins' announcement and welcomes continued efforts that promote acceptance, diversity, and inclusion throughout society and culture. Particularly, we seek to assist in the development of more safe spaces for the increasing number of individuals choosing to live their intersectional lives publicly throughout society.

NAES recognizes that several factors may have assisted Collins in the sharing of his story; principally, how several heterosexual allies in professional sports have publicly supported the civil rights of all Americans, including LGBT Americans

The symbiotic relationship between the values of higher education and societal advancement, we hope, will continue to thrive.
Society and higher education is better for it.

The National Association for Ethnic Studies was founded in 1972. It provides an interdisciplinary forum for scholars and activists concerned with the national and international dimensions of ethnicity.

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