

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE
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NFHS Responds to Death of Myles Brand

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (September 17, 2009) —

Statement from Robert F. Kanaby, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, on the death of NCAA President Myles Brand:

“The NFHS office staff, Board of Directors and member state associations express their deepest regrets on the passing of Myles Brand. Our condolences go out to the NCAA staff, its member institutions as well as Dr. Brand’s family.

“In addition to his tremendous achievements with regard to academic reform at the college level, Dr. Brand had great support for the values of education-based athletic and fine arts activities in our nation’s high schools. He was a tremendous supporter of our efforts to emphasize that participation in high school activity programs helps prepare young people for life.

“We are appreciative of Dr. Brand’s willingness to speak to our membership at several national conferences. His openness to our agendas during the past six years has drawn the NCAA and NFHS closer together than at any time in the history of the two organizations.”

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including almost 7.5 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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