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NFHS Awards Citations to Eight Athletic Directors

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (November 4, 2009) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) will award NFHS Citations to eight high school athletic directors December 14 in Dallas, Texas, during luncheon festivities at the 40th annual National Athletic Directors Conference sponsored jointly by the NFHS and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

NFHS Citations are presented annually to outstanding athletic directors in recognition of contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local, state and national levels. State associations nominate athletic directors for NFHS Citations, and the NFHS Board of Directors approves recipients.

This year's award winners are **Richard Barton**, CMAA, athletic director, Richfield (Utah) High School; **Kevin Bryant**, CMAA, vice president, Warner Pacific College, Portland, Oregon; **Bill Clements**, CAA, activities director, Dakota Valley High School, North Sioux City, South Dakota; **Jack Fullen**, CMAA, district athletic director, Blackhawk School District, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; **Kevin Horrigan**, CMAA, athletic director, Greenfield (Indiana) Central High School; **Gary Hoyt**, CMAA, athletic director, Cheverus

(Maine) High School; **Tommy Marshall**, CMAA, director of athletics, Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia; and **Sheri Stice**, CMAA, associate director of athletics and coordinator of secondary physical education, Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District, Houston, Texas.

Following are biographical sketches on this year's NFHS Citation recipients:

Richard Barton, CMAA, Utah

During Richard Barton's 17 years at Richfield (Utah) High School, he has transitioned from a successful basketball coach to the school's athletic director and assistant principal – a position he has held for 12 years.

Barton's coaching resume includes 104 wins and 68 losses, and he was named Utah coach of the year in 1996. His teams also won four region championships in the eight years he coached.

As an athletic director, Barton's service to the national, state and local levels has been extensive. He currently serves on the NIAAA Strategic Planning Committee and has been a Utah delegate at the national conference four times. In addition, Barton is a CAA test administrator and Leadership Training faculty member. He has completed 18 LTC classes.

At the state level, he served as president of the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (UIAAA) in 2008–09 and has served as a member of the UIAAA Executive Board since 2007. Barton earned his CAA in 2002 and in 2008, became the third athletic director in Utah to earn CMAA status.

Throughout the state, Barton is highly regarded for directing preseason basketball tournaments and has been the UIAAA Hall of Fame Basketball Game director

since 2002. He also is co-director of the UIAAA Strategic Plan Committee and chair of the UIAAA Finance Committee and Awards Committee.

Locally, Barton has been chair of numerous region committees and has served as secretary of the Region 12 Board of Managers. He was a member of the Basketball Coaches Association Executive Board from 1997 to 2002 and has promoted and broadcast high school sports as a radio color commentator for basketball and football.

Kevin Bryant, CMAA, Oregon

Earlier this year, Kevin Bryant took the next step in his extremely varied career when he joined Warner Pacific College in Portland, Oregon, as vice president for institutional advancement and external relations. The new job follows a decade of work as an athletic director at two Oregon high schools.

Bryant's career in education began as an assistant boys basketball coach at Eugene (Oregon) Churchill High School in 1982. After a short stint at Bellingham (Oregon) Sehome High School, he joined the basketball coaching staff at Western Washington University in 1987, where he eventually became the school's director of athletic marketing and promotions.

Bryant continued at the collegiate level as director of athletics and men's tennis coach at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, and then as associate athletic director for external affairs at Portland State University.

In 1999, Bryant returned to the high school level as athletic director of Beaverton (Oregon) Aloha High School, where he remained until 2005, when he became assistant principal for athletics and activities of Tigard (Oregon) High School.

At the state level, Bryant is a former president of the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA) and was named OADA 4A Athletic Director of the Year in 2005. He also earned the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2006 and 2007, the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2007 and is a current member of the NIAAA Credentials Committee.

Bryant received both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Western Washington University, and earned his administrative license at Portland (Oregon) State University in 2006.

Bill Clements, CAA, South Dakota

As activities director of Dakota Valley High School in North Sioux City, South Dakota, Bill Clements is one of the most accomplished athletic directors in the state. Clements came to Dakota Valley in 1994 after 10 years as a physical education teacher at Wilber-Clatonia High School in Wilber, Nebraska. He also serves as boys and girls track coach at Dakota Valley.

During his 10 years as athletic director at Wilber-Clatonia, Clements coached track, girls basketball and swimming.

He has served as a tournament director numerous times for wrestling, basketball, volleyball, and track and field, including the state wrestling tournament four times.

At the state level, Clements is active in the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (SDIAAA), serving as president in 2008 and as a member of the Executive Committee since 2001. Clements has also served on the South Dakota High School Athletic Association's (SDHSAA) advisory committees for track and field, baseball, softball and soccer. Clements also has played an active role in the South

Dakota High School Coaches Association (SDHSCA), serving as the track and field representative on the SDHSCA Executive Committee for five years.

Nationally, Clements is a current member of the NIAAA Awards Committee and the NFHS Coach Education Committee. He has attended seven national conferences and served as a state delegate five times. He is a member of the NIAAA Leadership Training Program state faculty and has taught 15 LTC classes.

Clements is a 1985 graduate of Doane College in Crete, Nebraska.

Jack Fullen, CMAA, Pennsylvania

Jack Fullen has served the Blackhawk School District in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, since 1974 in a variety of capacities. He has been the district's athletic director since 1974, but has also served as an assistant principal, assistant to the superintendent, assistant superintendent and acting superintendent. Prior to joining the Blackhawk staff, Fullen was a teacher and coach in the New Brighton School District.

During his time at Blackhawk, Fullen has established a student activity council; chaired a committee to raise donations for a fitness center, which was completed in 2006; directed the Blackhawk Basketball Christmas Classic for 29 years; and served as executive director of the Blackhawk Education Foundation, which grants money for innovative teachers and programs.

Since 1983, Fullen has served on the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) Executive Board, and served as its president from 1996 to 1998. During his presidency, he helped establish the PSADA Professional Development Committee and a student-athlete scholarship program. Fullen also facilitated the creation of an executive director position for the PSADA.

Also at the state level, Fullen currently serves on the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Budget Committee and the PIAA Board of Control. He also is a member of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic League (WPIAL) Executive Committee and was WPIAL president from 1983 to 1985.

Fullen's service to the NIAAA is extensive, including a current term on the NIAAA Certification Committee and as a CAA test administrator. Among his honors, Fullen was awarded the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1994, was named Pennsylvania State Athletic Director of the Year in 1998 and received the PSADA Distinguished Service Award in 2000. He has also been inducted into three halls of fame including the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Fullen is a 1963 graduate of Slippery Rock University and received his master's from Penn State University.

Kevin Horrigan, CMAA, Indiana

Kevin Horrigan has spent more than three decades as a teacher, coach and athletic administrator in Indiana. Since 2002, Horrigan has been athletic director at Greenfield (Indiana) Central High School. He was previously athletic director at two other Indianapolis schools: Lawrence Central High School for 12 years and Brebeuf Preparatory School for five years.

While at Greenfield Central, Horrigan has received two excellence in education awards and is a three-time recipient of the school's influential educator award.

Horrigan has been an active member of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) since 1985, having served as the organization's

president in 2003–04. He has also served as the IIAAA Hospitality and Gifts Chair from 1993 to 1999 and currently serves as IIAAA District IV Senior Director.

At the national level, Horrigan is a lifetime member of the NIAAA, and chaired the host committee for the 2003 national conference in Indianapolis. He is a CAA test administrator and assistant instructor for LTC 510, as well as an NIAAA Emergency Network liaison for Indiana. In 2004, Horrigan received the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award and in 2005, earned the NIAAA State Award of Merit.

Since 1993, Horrigan has been a host for the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) state boys basketball tournament, and since 1994, he has been in charge of the finish line for the IHSAA boys and girls state track and field championships.

Before becoming an athletic director, Horrigan was a teacher and cross country and track coach. He is a USA Track and Field certified official, and he also was awards chairman for the first World Indoor Track and Field Championships (1987), the Pan American Games track and field competition (1987) and the U.S. Olympic Track and Field trials (1988).

Horrigan earned his bachelor's degree from Bellarmine College (Kentucky) and his master's from Butler University in Indianapolis.

Gary G. Hoyt, CMAA, Maine

Gary Hoyt has served as the Cheverus (Maine) High School athletic director for 28 years, and has added the title of director of student activities along the way. During his time as athletic director at Cheverus, he has also led the science department for 15 years; taught chemistry, biology and physics for 17 years; and was the admissions director for four years. Hoyt has also coached basketball for 18 years.

Hoyt expanded athletic opportunities at Cheverus from 13 teams in 1980 to 27 teams in 2001. In addition, student participation at Cheverus increased from 39 percent of the student body in the late 1970s to 86 percent in the 1990s under Hoyt's leadership. Hoyt also added a sports medicine program, implemented a "Coaching for Character" program and created the athletic portion of the Cheverus Web site.

Working with school administrators, Hoyt helped to develop and raise funds to build the Shea Field Athletic Complex, which was the first on-campus, outdoor athletic complex in the school's 75-year history. This provided the complex that is used for on-campus varsity contests. He also was instrumental in the completion of athletic practice facilities and an on-campus gymnasium.

Hoyt also obtained funding for and developed a sportsmanship program for the entire Cheverus community, which has had a significant impact on not only the school, but the community as well. After the inclusion of girls in 2000 in the previously all-male school, Hoyt started 12 girls sports opportunities.

Hoyt has been presenter at the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association conference 10 times, and has been involved with the Maine Principals' Association (MPA), including serving on the MPA Ice Hockey Committee, MPA Sports Medicine Committee and MPA Coaches Education Committee. He has hosted several MPA state championships in tennis and cross country.

Tommy A. Marshall, CMAA, Georgia

Before taking his current position as director of athletics at Marist School in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996, Tommy Marshall coached high school football and taught social studies at Redan High School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Walton High School in Marietta, Georgia.

Marshall was defensive coordinator at Redan High School in 1979 when it won a state championship, and received a teacher-of-the-year award the same year. As head coach at Walton High School, Marshall was the Cobb County coach of the year in three of his five years at the school.

In 1985, Marshall moved to the collegiate level as assistant head coach at Mars Hill (North Carolina) College for one season. He then moved to his alma mater, Furman (South Carolina) University, where he was an assistant football coach for eight years and assistant athletic director for one year.

Since 1996, Marshall has been instrumental in building the athletic program at Marist School, which was ranked the nation's No. 15 high school athletic program by *Sports Illustrated* in 2005.

Marshall was named Georgia Athletic Directors Association (GADA) Region Athletic Director of the Year four times, most recently in the 2007-08 year. Thanks to Marshall's leadership, Marist was awarded the Directors Cup 10 consecutive years as the best overall athletic program in Georgia.

Marshall, who was an all-Southern Conference defensive back at Furman, has extensive involvement with the NIAAA. He currently serves on the NIAAA Board of Directors, is a leadership training program instructor and was Georgia's NIAAA liaison for six years. He is also an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), serving on the South Carolina FCA Board of Directors in the early 1990s.

Sheri Stice, CMAA, Texas

An athletic administrator for the past 13 years, Sheri Stice is currently responsible for the athletic programs at 10 high schools and 16 middle schools as an

associate director of athletics and coordinator for secondary physical education at the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District in Houston, Texas.

After Stice received her bachelor's and master's degrees at Huntsville (Texas) Sam Houston State University, she became a health and physical education teacher and a head coach of four different sports at Houston (Texas) St. Pius X High School. She joined the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District staff in 1978, and had a six-year stint as a middle school teacher and coach, and 11 years as assistant principal of two middle schools where she helped build the education environment and helped enhance the growth of adolescents.

Nine years ago, Stice started a district Soccer Start program for at-risk middle school students that ties attendance, behavior and academic achievement with soccer. In its first year, the program had 250 students who participated; now Stice's project has ballooned to nearly 850 participants. Stice has also been the coordinator of the school district's Special Olympics program for three years and she started a sportsmanship initiative in her school district entitled "Victory with Honor," which outlines accountability and procedures that all schools in the district use.

Stice has been the Texas state liaison to the NIAAA for three years, Texas state delegate for two years, and certified CAA Test Administrator for four years. She has been vice chair of the NIAAA Certification Committee for two years and will become chair in December. In 2002, Stice was a workshop presenter at the national conference on "The Attrition of Female Coaches." She also was asked by the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association to defend athletic graduation requirements in high schools to the State Board of Education.

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 more than 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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