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Roy Turner to Receive NIAAA Professional Development Award

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (November 4, 2009) — Roy Turner, CMAA, athletic director at Ashley High School in Wilmington, North Carolina, is the 2009 recipient of the Frank Kovalski Professional Development Award presented by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

Turner will receive his award December 15 in Dallas, Texas, during banquet festivities at the 40th annual National Athletic Directors Conference conducted jointly by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the NIAAA.

The Frank Kovalski Professional Development Award is presented each year to an NIAAA member who possesses and has contributed to the vision of professional development – the legacy of Frank Kovalski – and who has made significant contributions and demonstrated excellence in professional development at the local, state and national levels. Kovalski was director of the NIAAA, as well as assistant

director of the NFHS, from 1989 until his retirement in 2005. He was responsible for starting the NIAAA Leadership Training Program in 1996 and expanding the NIAAA Certification Program in 1999.

Turner, athletic director at Ashley High School since 2006, is known for his leadership at the county, state and national levels. Prior to joining Ashley High in Wilmington, Turner was athletic director at Southeast Guilford High School in Greensboro for eight years and athletic director at Dudley High School in Greensboro for three years. He also has coached baseball and football at the junior high and high school levels.

At Southwest Guilford, Turner hosted numerous sectional and regional events for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) and served as chairperson of the NCHSAA Sectional Basketball Committee in 1997. Turner is also an accomplished official, having officiated high school volleyball and basketball, as well as college basketball. He has officiated five NCHSAA state basketball championships.

Turner has been a member of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association (NCADA) since 1995, serving as secretary-treasurer, vice president, president and as a member of the Executive Board of Directors. Turner is also active in the NCADA Leadership Training Program as a member of its Leadership Training Teaching Faculty. In addition, he developed the organization's Professional Development Plan and maintains its Web site.

In 2004, Turner was the recipient of both the NCADA State Award of Merit and the NCADA Distinguished Service Award for meritorious service. Earlier this year, he was recognized as Athletic Director of the Year by both the NCADA and the NCHSAA.

At the national level, Turner has made enormous contributions to the NIAAA Leadership Training Program. A 10-year NIAAA member, Turner is currently on the

NIAAA Leadership Training National Faculty and has taught LTC 710 at the national conference from 2002 to 2008. He also has taught four other courses at the national conference since 2007. Turner also has been involved in the development and implementation of three new technology courses and is working on multiple formats for the 2009 national conference in Dallas.

Turner has taken 29 different LTC courses offered by the NIAAA and has taught or assisted with 18 courses in North Carolina. He instructed the first online professional development in April 2009 through Virginia State University. Turner is a member of the NIAAA Publications Committee, presented a workshop at the 2005 national conference and served as North Carolina's representative to the NIAAA Delegate Assembly four times. In addition, he is a member of the NIAAA–National Association of Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) Interscholastic Athletics Recognition Program and the third NIAAA Strategic Planning Committee.

Turner earned his bachelor's degree in 1979 from East Carolina (North Carolina) University and his master's from North Carolina A&T University in 1985. In 2006, he was the recipient of the NFHS Citation.

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About the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)

The NIAAA is the largest national organization for high school athletic administrators with more than 7,000 individual members. The NIAAA consists of athletic director organizations in the 50 states plus the District of Columbia and provides an efficient system for exchange of ideas between the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and state athletic administrators organizations as well as individual athletic administrators. The NIAAA, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, strives to preserve

the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and the place of these programs in the curricula of schools. The NIAAA is a full and equal partner with the NFHS.

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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