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**NFHS Citation Recipients Selected**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (February 1, 2010) — Twelve leaders in high school activity programs across the country have been selected to receive National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Citations.

An award designed to honor individuals who have made contributions to the NFHS, state high school associations, athletic director and coaching professions, the officiating avocation and fine arts programs, the NFHS Citation is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school activities.

The 2010 NFHS Citation recipients will receive their awards July 9 at the 91<sup>st</sup> NFHS Summer Meeting in San Diego, California.

Eight of the 12 award winners represent the NFHS-member state high school associations. The 2010 state association Citation recipients are:

Section 1, **Mike Savage, executive director of the Connecticut Association of Schools and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CAS–CIAC).** Savage has been a member of the CAS–CIAC staff for 30 years and has been executive director since 1988. He will be retiring in June 2010.

Section 2, **John Dickerson, former assistant commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).** Dickerson was OHSAA assistant commissioner from 1995 until his retirement in 2008. He has continued to serve as administrator for golf and rules interpreter in football, basketball and baseball.

Section 3, **Dru Nix, associate commissioner of the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL)** since 2005. Nix joined the SCHSL staff in 1995 as assistant director after a 12–year teaching and coaching career in South Carolina. Nix is responsible for five sports and serves as the SCHSL financial director. Nix is currently chair of the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee.

Section 4, **Susan Hinrichsen, assistant executive director of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA).** Hinrichsen, who was an outstanding three–sport athlete at Southern Illinois University, has been on the IHSA staff since 1992. She has administered several sports over the years and has served on NFHS rules committee in softball and volleyball, as well as the Equity Committee.

Section 5, **Dave Carlsrud, assistant to the executive secretary of the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA)** since 1988. Carlsrud was a teacher and coach and worked in the sporting goods industry prior to joining the NDHSAA. Carlsrud has been chairman of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee and is a member of the NFHS Football Rules Committee. He also has been an official for 46 years.

Section 6, **Bert Borgmann, assistant commissioner of the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA)**. Borgmann joined the CHSAA in 1988 after serving as sports information director at the University of Northern Colorado. Although originally hired to handle media relations, Borgmann's duties have expanded during his 22 years on staff. He currently handles legislative relations and is responsible for softball, baseball, basketball and boys soccer.

Section 7, **Keith Amemiya, executive director of the Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA)** since 1998. After receiving his juris doctorate degree from the University of Hawaii in 1991, Amemiya was an attorney for seven years before joining the HHSAA. Amemiya was a member of the NFHS Board of Directors from 2002 to 2006.

Section 8, **Glen Legler, activities coordinator at Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming**. Legler has served in the Natrona County School District since 1977.

He was a junior high school coach prior to becoming athletic coordinator in 1992 and activities coordinator in 1998.

The other four Citation recipients represent NFHS professional organizations for music, speech and debate, coaches and officials.

The NFHS Music Association Citation recipient is **Guy Blair, retired director of bands at Pella (Iowa) Community High School**, a position he held for 32 years. Recipient of the NFHS Speech, Debate and Theatre Association Citation is **John Fogarty, speech teacher at Cannon Falls (Minnesota) High School**. In addition to speech, Fogarty also teaches theatre, debate, AP composition and interdisciplinary humanities.

The recipient of the NFHS Officials Association Citation is **Houston Young, who has officiated the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) state track and field meet every year since 1968**. Young also was a football official for 22 years and a basketball official for 23 years.

**Ed Thomas, who served as athletic director and football and track coach at Aplington–Parkersburg High School in Parkersburg, Iowa, for 34 years** until his untimely death in June 2009, is the recipient of the NFHS Coaches Association Citation. Thomas died in a fatal shooting at the school on June 24, 2009, as he supervised the school's weight training room. Thomas' football teams qualified for the state playoffs 19 times and won state titles in 1993 and 2001.

Citation recipients are individuals whose contributions have had an impact on high school activity programs. A longstanding and distinguished record of involvement with high school activity programs at the local and state levels is considered in determining recipients. Other important criteria include the administration and respect of colleagues.

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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 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; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

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