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**Five Outstanding Olympic Athletes Headline
2010 NFHS National High School Hall of Fame Class**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (March 11, 2010) — Five outstanding former high school athletes who still own two national records and who won 10 medals in Olympic competition headline the 2010 class of the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame.

Michael Carter, football and track and field athlete, Dallas (Texas) Thomas Jefferson High School; **Janet Evans**, swimmer, Placentia (California) El Dorado High School; **Suzy Favor-Hamilton**, cross country and track athlete, Stevens Point (Wisconsin) High School; **John Godina**, football and track and field athlete, Cheyenne (Wyoming) Central High School; and **Katrina McClain**, basketball player, Charleston (South Carolina) St. Andrews Parrish High School, comprise the stellar Athlete class for 2010.

These five athletes are among 12 individuals who will be inducted in the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame July 10 at the San Diego Marriott and Marina in San Diego, California. The 28th

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be the closing event of the 91st annual NFHS Summer Meeting.

Carter still owns the national high school shot put record set in 1979 and was a silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics. Evans still owns the national high school 500-yard freestyle record set in 1988 and won four gold medals in three Olympic appearances. Favor-Hamilton won 11 state track and cross country titles and competed in three Olympics. Godina won three state discus and two state shot put titles and won the silver medal in the shot put in the 1996 Olympics. McClain helped her high school basketball team to a state title as a senior and played on 11 U.S. national teams, including three Olympic teams.

Three coaches were selected for the 2010 class. **Alton “Red” Franklin**, who won 367 games and 11 state football championships at Haynesville (Louisiana) High School; **Richard Magarian**, who led his wrestling teams at Coventry (Rhode Island) High School to 11 state championships; and **Ed Pepple**, who won 882 games and four state basketball titles at Mercer Island (Washington) High School, are the coaches selected for induction in the 2010 class.

The remainder of the 2010 class is composed of one contest official, one administrator, one fine arts leader and one individual from the field of sports medicine.

Gary Christiansen, a four-sport official from Mason City, Iowa; **Willie Bradshaw**, longtime athletic director for the Durham (North Carolina) School System; **George Welch**, a music teacher/fine arts coordinator from the Salt Lake City, Utah, area; and the late **Dr. Vito Perriello**, who practiced pediatric medicine in Charlottesville, Virginia, for 37 years and devoted a lifetime to the advancement of sports medicine, are the other individuals who will be inducted this year.

The National High School Hall of Fame was started in 1982 by the NFHS to honor high school athletes, coaches, contest officials, administrators, fine arts coaches/directors and others for their extraordinary achievements and accomplishments in high school sports and activity programs. This year's class increases the number in the Hall of Fame to 374.

The 12 individuals were chosen after a two-level selection process involving a screening committee composed of active high school state association administrators, coaches and officials, and a final selection committee composed of coaches, former athletes, state association officials, media representatives and educational leaders. Nominations were made through NFHS member associations.

ATHLETES

Michael Carter

Without a doubt, Michael Carter is one of the top track and field athletes at all levels – high school, college and Olympic. He owns the longest-standing boys track record in the NFHS National High School Sports Record Book – a 77-0 shot put toss in 1979 during his senior season at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas, Texas. Incredibly, later that year, Carter reached 81-3½ in the shot put at the Golden West Invitational in California – an out-of-season meet that does not count for official high school records. In 2004, USA Track and Field rated the Golden West effort as the 16th-top moment in United States track and field history. Carter won three high school state titles in the shot put and one in the discus.

At Southern Methodist University, Carter was a nine-time All-American in the shot put and discus and won three NCAA outdoor shot put championships. He also was a silver medalist in the shot put at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Carter also excelled in football at all levels, including his nine-year career as a defensive nose tackle with the San Francisco 49ers that included three Super Bowl titles (1985, 1989 and 1990). Since he retired from pro football, Carter has worked with young track and field athletes, including his two sons and his daughter, Michelle, who owns the girls national high school shot put record of 54-10³/₄ set in 2003.

Janet Evans

The state of California has produced a number of outstanding swimmers, but Janet Evans arguably is the greatest long-distance swimmer in U.S. high school history. At El Dorado High School in Placentia, California, Evans set the national record in the 500-yard freestyle in 1988 with a time of 4:37.30, a mark that still stands 22 years later. She also owned the national record in the 200-yard individual medley for five years. From 1987 to 1989, she set 10 California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section records.

Evans competed in three Olympics (1988, 1992, 1996), winning five medals, including four gold. At the 1988 Games in Seoul, she won gold in the 400-meter freestyle, setting a world record that stood for 18 years. She also held the 1,500-meter freestyle world record for 19 years, and the 800-meter freestyle world mark set in 1989 survived four Olympics and was not broken until the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Evans finished her career at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, where she handed the torch to Muhammad Ali to light the cauldron. At the end of her competitive career, Evans held seven world records, five Olympic medals (four gold) and 45 U.S. national

titles. Since her retirement, Evans has been a motivational speaker and corporate spokesperson for a number of companies.

Suzy Favor-Hamilton

Suzy Favor-Hamilton is one of the greatest distance runners in U.S. history – from her 11 state titles in Wisconsin, to her nine NCAA individual championships and finally to her three Olympic appearances. At Stevens Point (Wisconsin) High School, Favor-Hamilton won four state cross country championships and holds the state record for fastest time on a 3,200-meter course. On the track, she won the 1,600-meter run at the state meet four consecutive years, and she also claimed titles in the 800-meter run, 1,600-meter relay and 3,200-meter relay. She still holds the state 800-meter record set 24 years ago.

At the University of Wisconsin, in addition to the nine NCAA titles, Favor-Hamilton won 23 Big Ten Conference titles and 14 All-American honors. She was named Big Ten Athlete of the Decade for the 1990s.

Since her graduation from Wisconsin in 1991, Favor-Hamilton has competed extensively around the world. She made three Olympic teams (1992, 1996 and 2000) and was ranked No. 1 in the United States five times. In 2000, she was ranked No. 1 in the world with a 1,500-meter time of 3:57.40 and was named USA Track and Field Distance Runner of the Year. Since her retirement from competitive running, Favor-Hamilton has been a motivational speaker and works with women in Madison, Wisconsin, through her running/walking club.

John Godina

The first Wyoming athlete to be inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame, John Godina was a football and track and field star at Cheyenne Central High School. In track and field, Godina won three state discus titles and two state shot put titles. He set state records in both events and those marks still stand today 20 years after his graduation. In football, Godina was a three-year starter and two-time all-state selection as an offensive guard and defensive lineman.

During his college competition at UCLA, Godina was an 11-time NCAA track and field All-American and won two NCAA discus titles and one outdoor shot put title. In 1995, he set the NCAA outdoor shot put record of 72-2 which still stands today.

Godina competed in three Olympics. In 1996, he was the first American in 72 years to make the Olympic team in both the shot put and discus and repeated the feat again in 2000. Godina won the silver medal in the shot put in the 1996 Games and was bronze medalist in 2000. He is a three-time World outdoor shot put champion, three-time U.S. outdoor shot put champion and four-time U.S. indoor champion. He is a two-time winner of the Jesse Owens Award as the outstanding American track and field athlete. Today, he works with track and field athletes in the throwing events at his World Throws Center in Mesa, Arizona.

Katrina McClain

Katrina McClain was one of the top basketball players in the country during her four years (1979-83) at St. Andrews Parrish High School in Charleston, South Carolina. As a senior, she helped her team to a 30-0 mark and the Class AAA South Carolina High School League championship while averaging 28 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks. During her four years, McClain scored 2,344 points and grabbed 1,377 rebounds. She was two-time all-state and was a Parade All-American as a senior.

At the University of Georgia, McClain helped her teams to a four-year mark of 116–15, two Southeastern Conference titles, four NCAA playoff berths and one Final Four in 1985. McClain set a number of Georgia records, including her 24.9 points per game, and was named national player of the year in 1987.

After college, McClain played on 11 U.S. national teams, including three Olympic teams. She helped the U.S. women's basketball team to two gold medals and a bronze in Olympic competition, two golds and one bronze in the World Championships, and one gold and one bronze in the Pan American Games. She played overseas for nine years and ended her career with the Atlanta Glory of the American Basketball League. Today, she heads the Katrina McClain Foundation in Charleston, which assists at-risk youths.

COACHES

Alton “Red” Franklin

After a stellar 35-year coaching career, Alton “Red” Franklin retired after the 2001 season as the second-winningest football coach in Louisiana history and No. 15 nationally. As the football coach at Haynesville High School, Franklin won 367 games, lost only 76 and had seven ties – a winning percentage of .822. Franklin's teams won 11 state championships during four different decades – two in the 1970s, two in the 1980s, six in the 1990s and the final one in 2000. In addition to the 11 state titles, his teams finished second four other times.

Franklin's teams won 27 district championships and participated in the state playoffs 31 times. Haynesville had eight undefeated seasons under Franklin's guidance and registered 191 shutouts. His teams won four consecutive state championships

from 1993 to 1996. Franklin was named state coach of the year six times and district coach of the year 23 times. A member of the Louisiana High School Hall of Fame, Franklin returned to Haynesville in 2003 as a volunteer assistant coach for his son, who is now serving as head coach.

Richard Magarian

Dominating would be the best term to describe Richard Magarian's tenure as wrestling coach at Coventry (Rhode Island) High School. During his 34 years at Coventry (1962–96), Magarian compiled a 239–26 record and led his teams to 11 state championships. In addition, during some years while serving as the school's assistant principal, Magarian was an assistant coach and was a part of eight other state championship teams. Overall, during his tenure at the school, Coventry won 19 state and 22 league championships, including 14 consecutive state titles.

During the 1980s, Coventry High School was ranked first in the nation and voted "Team of the Decade" by USA Wrestling. Magarian was co-founder of the Wrestling USA of Rhode Island and has directed the Rhode Island Interscholastic League (RIIL) state wrestling championships since 1972. He has been inducted into the Rhode Island Wrestling Hall of Fame, the New England Wrestling Hall of Fame and the RIIL Hall of Fame. In addition to serving as teacher, coach and assistant principal at Coventry, Magarian eventually became the school's principal. Since 1996, Magarian has served as assistant executive director of the RIIL.

Ed Pepple

Ed Pepple retired last year after a phenomenal 42-year career as basketball coach at Mercer Island (Washington) High School. Pepple compiled an 882–237 record

at Mercer Island, winning four state championships, finishing second three other times and claiming 23 league championships. Including six years at Fife High School and Longview Mark Morris High School to begin his career, Pepple's overall 48-year record was 952-306. He is the winningest coach in Washington history and ranks No. 11 nationally according to the NFHS National High School Sports Record Book.

Pepple has been inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) Hall of Fame, Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association (WIBCA) Hall of Fame, Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Hall of Fame and the Puget Sound Hall of Fame. Pepple was one of the founders of the WIBCA. He has been named state coach of the year on numerous occasions and was NHSACA National Coach of the Year in 1998. In 1997, the National Association of Basketball Coaches selected Pepple as Coach of the Year.

OFFICIAL

Gary Christiansen

Gary Christiansen is one of four officials in the state of Iowa who has officiated a state championship game in football, girls basketball, boys basketball and baseball in the same school year, and he is the only official to accomplish this feat four times. The Mason City, Iowa, veteran is in his 42nd year of officiating and recently completed his 33rd year in the state football playoffs, including his 15th state championship game.

Christiansen has officiated 67 football playoff games (15 championships), 26 state baseball tournaments (14 championship games), 26 boys state basketball tournaments (15 championship games) and 18 girls state basketball tournaments (10 championship games). In these four sports combined, Christiansen has officiated 187 state tournament games.

A registered official since 1968, Christiansen has served the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) as rules interpreter in baseball, basketball and football for the past 25 years. For the past four years, he has been a presenter at IHSAA officiating mechanics clinics in the same sports. Christiansen is a business instructor and chair of the Business Division at North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) in Mason City. He received NIACC's Outstanding Faculty Member award in 2004 and was chosen 2009 Outstanding Faculty Member by the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees.

ADMINISTRATOR

Willie Bradshaw

Willie Bradshaw retired in 1995 after a legendary career in North Carolina as an athlete, coach, athletic director, state association leader and school system athletic administrator. Bradshaw was a star athlete on the 1943 Durham Hillside High School football team that won every game by shutout en route to the state title.

After playing professional baseball for the Durham Eagles in the Negro Leagues in the early 1950s, Bradshaw began a distinguished basketball and football coaching career at I.E. Johnson High School in Laurinburg. He also coached at Lincoln High School in Chapel Hill, Dudley High School in Greensboro and Hillside in Durham. In five years at Lincoln, Bradshaw's teams were 50-4-3 with three state titles. In 14 years as a basketball coach, Bradshaw teams won 215 games with two state runner-up finishes. He also served as athletic director at these schools.

In 1978, Bradshaw became the system athletic director for the Durham City Schools and held that position for 13 years. He then worked in a similar capacity with the merged Durham County school system for another four years until his retirement. Bradshaw was president of both the North Carolina Coaches Association and the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association (NCADA). Bradshaw was a charter member of the task force that helped create and implement the NFHS Dreamers and Doers program in the late 1980s.

FINE ARTS

George Welch

Through his musical talents, George Welch had a profound impact on thousands of young people in Utah and throughout the world during his 35-year educational career. Welch was director of vocal music at Murray High School and Bingham High School for seven years before serving an eight-year stint as coordinator of fine arts for the Jordan School District in Salt Lake City. He then moved into administrative roles as coordinator of recruiting for the Jordan School District, principal of Brighton High School for three years and executive director of human resources for the Jordan School District. He retired in 2005 but after a year off, Welch returned to Riverton High School in 2006 as assistant principal.

After moving into administrative roles, Welch remained active as a festival adjudicator, guest conductor and clinician. In addition to these positions, Welch was director of the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir for 31 years. During this time, the choir toured 30 states, four provinces of Canada, Russia and Armenia. The choir was always available to any schools that wanted help with raising funds for their music programs.

Welch served on the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee in 2005, the NFHS Music Committee from 1997 to 2000 and the NFHS Music Journal review board since 1997. He was president of the Utah Music Educators Association and the Utah chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. He was inducted into the Utah High School Activities Association Circle of Fame in 2005 and the Bingham High School Hall of Fame in 1978.

OTHER

Dr. Vito Perriello

Dr. Vito Perriello, who passed away in March 2009, had a profound impact on thousands of student-athletes at the local, state and national levels. In 1971, Perriello moved to Charlottesville as a founding partner of Pediatrics Associates. He was well-known for his commitment to his patients that extended well beyond his office door, often answering questions at sports events or taking calls late into the night. By the end of his career, he was often caring for the third or fourth generation of his patients' families, and loved seeing how he had touched their lives.

During his distinguished pediatric career, Perriello developed an expertise in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as well as sports medicine. He was widely published and gave lectures around the country, and authored leading manuals for coaches on concussions and weight loss in wrestling.

Perriello brought his considerable medical expertise to the national level by serving on the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for 11 of the 13 years it has existed, including five years as chair. He also was editor of all three editions of the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook. While on the committee, Perriello

authored many NFHS Sports Medicine Position Statements, Guidelines and Recommendations, and gave many sports medicine presentations on behalf of the NFHS. Perriello also served eight years as a non-voting member of the NFHS Football Rules Committee.

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.

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