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15 Leaders in High School Activity Programs to Receive NFHS Citations

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (January 30, 2017) — Fifteen 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/performing arts programs, the NFHS Citation is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school athletics and performing arts.

The 2017 NFHS Citation recipients will receive their awards July 1 at the 98th annual NFHS Summer Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island.

Eight of the 12 award winners represent NFHS-member state high school associations, and four recipients represent NFHS professional organizations for officials, coaches, music leaders and speech/debate/theatre directors. The other three Citation recipients are being honored for their contributions to the NFHS at the national level.

The eight state association recipients are Richard Neal, Section 1, former executive director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association; Bob Goldring, Section 2, associate commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association; Karen DeHart, Section 3, associate commissioner of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association; Tom Shafranski, Section 4, assistant director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association; Stacy Schroeder, Section 5, associate executive director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association; Tom Robinson, Section 6, associate commissioner of the Colorado High School Activities Association; Dr. Harold Slemmer, Section 7, executive director of the Arizona Interscholastic Association; and Tom Welter, Section 8, former executive director of the Oregon School Activities Association.

The four Citation recipients representing the NFHS professional organizations are Sharon Hughes, NFHS Officials Association, volleyball official and state volleyball rules interpreter, Wayne, New Jersey; Dick Katte, NFHS Coaches Association, retired basketball coach, Denver (Colorado) Christian High School; Neil Hendriksen, NFHS Music Association, director of choral activities, Woods Cross (Utah) High School; and J. Scott Baker, NFHS Speech/Debate/Theatre Association, former speech and debate teacher, Cypress Creek High School, Cypress, Texas, and current professor at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

The other three Citation recipients are being honored for their contributions to the NFHS at the national level, particularly as 10-year charter members of the *High School Today* Publications Committee. These individuals are Lee Green, J.D., Overland Park, Kansas, an attorney and professor emeritus at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, and one of the top sports law experts in the country; Dr. David Hoch, CMAA, Fallston, Maryland, retired high school athletic director and coach, who has written more than 150 articles for NFHS publications; and Steffen

Parker, Williston, Vermont, former high school music educator in Vermont and a long-time contributor to NFHS music programs.

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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 performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing 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 7.8 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, 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 website at www.nfhs.org.

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