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NFHS Awards Citations to Eight Athletic Directors

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (November 14, 2017) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) will award NFHS Citations to eight high school athletic directors December 11 in Phoenix, Arizona, during luncheon festivities at the 48th annual National Athletic Directors Conference sponsored jointly by the NFHS and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

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 **Marc Haught**, CMAA, executive director, Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; **Michael Krueger**, CMAA, district athletic director, Aurora (Colorado) Public Schools; **Wendy Malich**, CAA, district athletic director, Franklin Pierce School District, Tacoma, Washington; **Jon Payne**, CMAA, assistant principal/director of athletics, Reading (Ohio) High School; **Colin Roy**, CAA, athletic director, Hall-Dale High School, Farmingdale, Maine; **Jamie Sheetz**, CMAA, athletic director, Park City (Utah) High School; **Jeffrey Sitz**, CMAA, director of athletics, Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and **Myles Wilson**, CAA, district athletic administrator for athletic facilities and

operations, Spartanburg (South Carolina) School District. Following are biographical sketches on this year's NFHS Citation recipients:

Marc Haught, CMAA

Maize, Kansas

After an outstanding 32-year career as a teacher, coach and athletic director in Kansas, Marc Haught, CMAA, became the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (KIAAA) executive director in 2014.

Haught's administrative career began as the athletic director of Wichita Heights High School, where he developed a department-wide booster club and student recognition program. After 10 years, he moved to Maize High School in 2003 where he was the school's athletic director for five years before moving to the district level as athletic director in 2008.

Before leading the KIAAA as executive director, Haught was a member of the organization for 20 years and served in various leadership roles. He was on the Board of Directors from 2003 to 2012 and was president in the 2008-09 school year. From 2009 to 2016, Haught was chair of the KIAAA Awards and the Newsletter Committee.

Within the state's governing body for high school activities, Haught was a member of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Board of Directors from 2012 to 2015. In addition, for the past 15 years, he has been co-director of the KSHSAA 5A-6A State Wrestling Championships – one of the largest championship events in the state with average annual attendance of more than 15,000 spectators.

Haught is highly involved in the NIAAA Leadership Training Institute program as a National Faculty instructor and chair for Leadership Training Course (LTC) 611, having co-authored the course's rewrite in 2016. In addition, Haught has been a member of the NIAAA Awards Committee since 2012.

Haught was presented with the KIAAA District Athletic Director of the Year Award in 2008, the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2011 and the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2014.

Michael Krueger, CMAA

Aurora, Colorado

In just 11 years as an athletic administrator, Michael Krueger, CMAA, has become one of the most respected in the state of Colorado as the district athletic director of Aurora Public Schools.

Krueger recently finished a two-year term as the Colorado Athletic Directors Association (CADA) president after serving two years as vice-president and another two as CADA secretary. Overall, he has served on the CADA Executive Board since 2009. He presented at every CADA Annual Conference from 2009 to 2014 and currently is a Leadership Training instructor.

Krueger is equally involved with the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA), having been a voting member of its Legislative Council since 2006. He also currently serves as chair on the CHSAA Football Committee and is a member of the CHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and the Reclassification Committee.

Krueger's service extends to the NIAAA as a member of the national teaching faculty for Leadership Training Course 710, for which he has been an instructor at four National Conferences. He has represented the state of Colorado three times in the NIAAA Delegate Assembly and has been a workshop presenter three times. In 2012-13, Krueger earned the NIAAA State Award of Merit.

Locally, Krueger was president of the Western Slope League from 2010 to 2014, and works as the Aurora Public School's Unified Sports Program director.

In 2015-16, Krueger was honored by CADA with the Kurby Lyle Service Award and in 2011-12 was named the CADA Athletic Director of the Year. Krueger, who is an associate professor at Metro State University in Denver, recently was named to the Board of Directors for Colorado Special Olympics.

Wendy Malich, CAA

Tacoma, Washington

Wendy Malich has served the students of the Franklin Pierce School District in Tacoma, Washington, for 30 years, and has become a leader of athletic administration in the state of Washington. After joining the Franklin Pierce School District in 1987, Malich became the first district-wide athletic director in 2004, a position she holds today.

At the local level, Malich created a district-wide captain's council and is the sportsmanship facilitator for 16 schools in the South Puget Sound League (SPSL). In addition to serving as SPSL president in 2009-10, Malich is also the League's commissioner for volleyball, spirit, sportsmanship and bowling.

Since 2000, Malich has been a member of the Washington Secondary Schools Athletic Administrators Association (WSSAAA) Executive Board, and, in 2006-07, served as board president. She was chair of the WSSAAA State Conference in 2005-06 and has been a frequent instructor of Leadership Training courses at the conference. In 2006, Malich was named WSSAAA Athletic Director of the Year.

Malich is equally involved with the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA). She currently serves on the WIAA Executive Board and was its president in 2014-15. Among her committee assignments, she was a Strategic Planning Team member and was chair of the Calendar and Culminating Events Committee on two occasions.

For the NIAAA, Malich has served as the State Awards Chair since 2011 and is on the national faculty for LTC 625 and LTC 715. She was also a member of the second Strategic Planning Committee, was Washington's representative to the NIAAA Delegate Assembly in 2008 and participated in the Blue Ribbon Panel in 2007. Among her honors, Malich earned the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2007.

Jon Payne, CMAA

Reading, Ohio

Since 1993, Jon Payne, CMAA, has influenced countless students as a teacher, coach, official and administrator in Ohio. After first becoming an athletic director in 2000 at Lemon-Monroe Junior/Senior High School, Payne has led athletic departments in six other school districts before joining Reading High School as assistant principal/director of athletics in 2016.

After two years at Lemon-Monroe and one year as assistant principal of the Dayton Public Schools, Payne was director of athletics of the West Carrollton Schools for five years and school administrative manager of the Indian Prairie School District for two years. He then served as director of athletics at Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School (one year), Fairborn City Schools (two years) and Bishop Fenwick High School (three years) prior to joining Reading High School.

Payne is heavily involved in the Southwest Ohio Athletic Directors Association (SWOADA), currently serving as SWOADA past president after terms as president-elect, president and secretary. He has also planned numerous SWOADA tournaments and his schools have hosted postseason tournaments for volleyball, soccer, softball, baseball and football, among others.

In 2014 and 2015, Payne earned the SWOADA Professional Development Award and in 2008, he was named SWOADA Athletic Director of the Year.

At the state level, Payne currently serves as the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (OIAAA) certification chair and was OIAAA secretary during the 2007-08 school year. He was a member of the OIAAA Conference Planning Committee on three occasions and twice served on the association's summer institute planning committee.

As a lifetime member of the NIAAA, Payne is a current member of the Certification Committee and serves on the national faculty for Leadership Training Course (LTC) 502. He is also a CAA test administrator and was Ohio's representative to the NIAAA Delegate Assembly on two occasions.

Colin Roy, CAA

Farmingdale, Maine

Colin Roy, CAA, has more than 40 years' experience leading students in Maine as a teacher, coach and athletic administrator. Roy began his career as a substitute teacher in 1975 before moving to Hall-Dale Middle and High School in Farmingdale in 1976. It was at Hall-Dale where Roy first became an athletic administrator in 1989, a position he held until 1996 when he joined Mt. Ararat High School.

Roy retired in 2012 after 37 years in education, only to return to Hall-Dale in 2014 as the athletic director. While at Hall-Dale, Roy has implemented many programs, including a postseason assessment tool for both coaches and students, an academic reporting system and an emergency medical policy. Roy was also instrumental in creating the Hallowell High School/Hall-Dale High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014.

Locally, Roy was president of the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference (KVAC) in 2003-04, and chaired or co-chaired the KVAC soccer, lacrosse, indoor track and swimming committees.

At the state level, Roy served on the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) Executive Committee for seven years, including a term as president in

2009. From 1997 to 2009, Roy was a member of the Maine Principals' Association (MPA) Lacrosse Committee and served on the MPA Sports Medicine Committee from its inception until 2012.

An NIAAA member since 1989, Roy has attended eight National Conferences and was Maine's representative to the NIAAA Delegate Assembly in 2004 and 2005.

Among his honors, Roy was presented the MIAAA Outstanding Achievement Award in 2004, the MIAAA President's Award in 2010 and the MIAAA 25-year Service Recognition in 2016. In addition, Mt. Ararat High School created the Colin A. Roy Award, which is given to senior student-athletes who participated in three sports for four years.

Jamie Sheetz, CMAA

Park City, Utah

In just four years as an athletic administrator, Jamie Sheetz, CMAA, has quickly established himself as a leader in athletic administration. Sheetz has been the athletic director of Park City (Utah) High School since 2013, serving the Park City School District (PCSD) in a variety of capacities.

Sheetz is the athletics subcommittee chair of the PCSD Master Planning Steering Committee, a current member of the PCSD Design Team and Calendar committees, and a former member of the PCSD Start Times Committee.

Sheetz is equally involved with the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (UIAAA). He helped develop the UIAAA second Strategic Plan in 2014, and has served as the association's website manager since 2015 and as the assistant coordinator for Leadership Training Institute (LTI) and Certification since 2016. In addition, he just finished a term as UIAAA president and currently serves on the UIAAA LTC Faculty, teaching several courses each year. In 2016, he was Utah's NIAAA State Award of Merit recipient.

The Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) has benefited from Sheetz's leadership and management of its state cross country meet from 2014 to 2017, as well as serving as a team leader and presenter at the annual Dare to Lead Conference.

Sheetz currently serves on the NIAAA Resolutions Committee and is a member of the National Faculty for LTC 627. He has attended the National Conference since 2013, serving as

Utah's delegate to the NIAAA Delegate Assembly and as a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel in 2016. He has completed 41 Leadership Training courses and is also an NFHS Certified Interscholastic Coach and has been an instructor of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course.

**Jeffrey Sitz, CMAA
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Jeffrey Sitz, CMAA, has spent more than 30 years as the director of athletics at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, earning a reputation throughout the state and nation as a thoughtful and reliable administrator.

Since 1985, Sitz has led the Wisconsin Lutheran athletic department, overseeing several accomplishments, including the development of an all-sports booster club, the writing of a coaches handbook and overseeing the Spreading Our Wings capital campaign for the construction of new athletic facilities.

At the state level, Sitz is heavily involved with the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA). From 1994 to 2000, he was the private school representative on the WADA Board of Directors and served as WADA vice president in 2004 before being elected WADA president-elect in 2005 and WADA president in 2006.

Sitz has been a CAA test administrator since 2009 and was Wisconsin's certification co-coordinator from 2009 to 2012. He also represented the WADA on the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Board of Control in 2005. For the WIAA, Sitz served on the ad hoc committee on competitive equity in 2014-15 and is currently a public-address announcer for the WIAA State Track and Field Championships.

Before private schools were members of the WIAA, private schools and their administrators belonged to the Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association (WISAA) and the Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Directors Association (WISADA). Sitz served as his district's board representative to WISADA from 1987 to 1999 and served two terms as WISADA president from 1989 to 1991. In addition, he was chair of the WISAA Track and Field Advisory Committee from 1991 to 1999.

Sitz currently serves on the NIAAA Board of Directors and will assume the presidency for 2018 at the National Conference in Phoenix. A longtime member of the NIAAA, Sitz has twice served as Wisconsin's delegate and currently serves on the state's teaching LTI faculty.

In 2011, Sitz was presented the NIAAA State Award of Merit and was twice named Private School Athletic Director of the Year by WISADA.

Myles Wilson, CAA

Spartanburg, South Carolina

In 1992, Myles Wilson started his administrative career in Spartanburg, South Carolina, as the high school's assistant athletic director. Since then, he has continued to serve the Spartanburg School District 7 and is currently the district athletic administrator for athletic facilities and operations, where he oversees the facilities at four schools, the construction of a new high school campus and the renovation of a baseball stadium.

Wilson's tenure at Spartanburg has included the development of the Spartanburg High School Athletic Endowment and its Athletic Foundation. He has also served on the school district's Athletic Partnership Development Committee and is the coordinator for the Spartanburg County Athletic Directors Group.

At the state level, Wilson served on the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Advisory Council and previously was a member of the SCHSL Constitution Review and Revision Committee, as well as the 4A Conference committees on finance and track.

Wilson's involvement with the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association (SCAAA) includes his current terms as chair of the SCAAA Athletic Director Mentoring Committee and the SCAAA Scholarship Committee, as well as the state's delegate to the NIAAA Delegate Assembly for the past 13 years. In 2006-07, Wilson was SCAAA president and currently serves on the SCAAA Board as the NIAAA liaison. The SCAAA presented Wilson with the Athletic Director of the Year Award in 2010 and the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2012.

Wilson is a national leader for coach education having presented in 2014 to the NIAAA Coach Education Committee on Spartanburg's coach education initiative. He was also named NFHS Coach Educator of the Year in 2015 after requiring all district coaches to become AIC certified through the NFHS Coach Education Program. He is also a current member of the NIAAA Publications Committee and was a Blue Ribbon Panelist in 2013.

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 7.9 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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