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**12 Leaders in High School Activity Programs
to Receive NFHS Citations**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (January 24, 2018) — 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/performing arts programs, the NFHS Citation is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school athletics and performing arts.

The 2018 NFHS Citation recipients will receive their awards July 1 at the 99th annual NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

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 eight state association recipients are **Steve Timko**, Section 1, recently retired executive director of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic

Association; **Melissa Mertz**, associate executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association; **Keith Alexander**, assistant executive director of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association; **Craig Ihnen**, executive director of the Iowa High School Speech Association; **David Cherry**, assistant executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association; **T. J. Parks**, superintendent of the Hobbs (New Mexico) Municipal Schools and president of the New Mexico Activities Association; **Becky Anderson**, retired assistant director of the Utah High School Activities Association; and **Trevor Wilson**, associate commissioner of the Wyoming High School Activities Association.

The four Citation recipients representing the NFHS professional organizations are **Joe Manjone**, NFHS Officials Association, longtime soccer official and current soccer rules interpreter for the Alabama High School Athletic Association; **Scott Evans**, NFHS Coaches Association, retired assistant director of the New Mexico Activities Association who was responsible for coaching education in the state; **Alan Greiner**, NFHS Music Association, executive director of the Iowa High School Music Association; and **Tara Tate**, NFHS Speech/Debate/Theatre Association, forensics educator at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, Illinois.

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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 7.9 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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