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CRAIG ANDERSON TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE NHSACA HALL OF FAME

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PHOENIX, AZ (June 14, 2006) – Craig Anderson, Arizona Interscholastic Association State Tournament Coordinator, will be inducted to the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) Hall of Fame on June 28, 2006.

Anderson began coaching football and basketball in 1960 at Paradise Valley High School, and in 1962, started coaching wrestling. With little experience in wrestling, Anderson took night classes at Phoenix College to gain experience in wrestling, as well as attending clinics, camps, officiating and freestyle tournaments. In 1973, Anderson, after leading Paradise Valley High School to four Divisional Championships and one State Runner-up, started his second wrestling program at Shadow Mountain High School.

After 22 years of coaching wrestling, Anderson retired with a record of 151 wins, 59 losses, and 9 ties, and coached four state champions and two National High School All-Americans. He was a five-time coach of the year and a nominee for the 1986 NHSACA Region 8 and National Coach of the Year award and was inducted into the Arizona Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1991, the Arizona Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994.

During his last 18 years as an educator, Anderson was the Athletic Director at Shadow Mountain and served as Region Chairperson on the 5A Conference and a member of the 5A Conference Executive Board.

After retiring as an educator and coach in 1997, Anderson began working with the AIA as a rule and bylaw interpreter, and state tournament coordinator. Throughout his years at the AIA, Anderson also served on the National Federation High School Section 7 Wrestling Committee, and worked with the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

Anderson recently retired from the AIA on June 13, but will still serve as the State Wrestling Tournament Coordinator. The induction to the NHSACA Hall of Fame will take place on June 28, 2006, at the Hall of Fame Luncheon at the NHSACA National Convention in Branson, Mo.

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