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**NEWS RELEASE**

**WNBA's Ruth Riley to speak at  
NFHS National Girls and Women in Sports Day Luncheon**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (January 22, 2008) — Ruth Riley, former high school All-American at Denver (Indiana) North Miami High School and college basketball player of the year at the University of Notre Dame in 2001, and a seven-year veteran of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), will be the special guest speaker at the National Girls and Women in Sports Day Luncheon February 7 at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott.

The ninth annual event, hosted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), is presented by the Oxley Financial Group of Raymond James & Associates.

WISH-TV of Indianapolis will serve as media partner of the event, and the luncheon will be emceed by Jeané Coakley, sports reporter at WISH. Other sponsors are Key Bank, St. Vincent Sports Medicine, Citizens Gas and Sport Graphics.

National Girls and Women in Sports Day is a nationwide celebration of female sports pioneers and participants. The NFHS, which is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities, has hosted the Indianapolis event since its inception in 2000. Along with the NCAA and IHSAA, the NFHS will celebrate the achievements of Indiana girls and women in sports and activities through the presentation of seven awards, including the IHSAA Sportsmanship Award and the NCAA Robert F. Kanaby Citizenship Award.

Riley is a seven-year WNBA veteran and currently plays for the San Antonio Silver Stars. She was originally drafted by the Miami Sol in 2001 and then played four years with the Detroit Shock. Riley helped the Shock to WNBA titles in 2003 and 2006 and was most valuable player of the 2003 WNBA finals. In 2004, Riley was a member of the U.S. women's basketball team that won a Gold Medal at the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Riley won the Naismith Award and was named Associated Press Player of the Year in 2001 after leading Notre Dame to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball

Championship. She had 28 points and 13 rebounds in the championship game victory over Purdue University.

As a senior at North Miami High School, Riley averaged 26 points, 14.7 rebounds and 5.2 blocks per game and finished her career with 1,372 points, 1,011 rebounds and 427 blocks. She also competed in volleyball and track in high school.

Coakley joined the WISH-TV sports team in August 2006 from KTMA-TV in Yuma, Arizona, where she was sports anchor. She also has worked in New York and Montana. In Arizona, Coakley won two Associated Press awards.

To order tickets (\$45 per ticket or \$450 for a table of 10), contact Kelly Russell at the NFHS at 317-822-5745 or [krussell@nfhs.org](mailto:krussell@nfhs.org). Doors open at 11 a.m. February 7, and the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and will conclude by 1:30 p.m.

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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 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 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7 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](http://www.nfhs.org).

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