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San Diego to Host 91st Annual NFHS Summer Meeting

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (July 2, 2010) — The 91st annual National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Summer Meeting will be held July 6–10 at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. The NFHS is the national leadership organization for high school athletic and fine arts activities.

About 800 individuals are expected to attend the Summer Meeting, during which more than 40 workshops, forums and general sessions will be held, featuring distinguished speakers from around the United States. The annual induction of the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame class will close out the Summer Meeting. Attendees will be composed of board members and staff from the 51 NFHS member state high school associations.

Some of the topics for discussion at the five-day meeting are concussion management, sponsorship strategies for school districts, funding for athletic and fine arts programs, legal issues, online ticketing and violence in athletic events.

Students from the San Diego area will present their “We Are High School” program at the opening session on July 7 where Robert F. Kanaby, recently retired NFHS executive director, will be honored.

The second general session on July 8 will feature NFHS President Ennis Proctor, NFHS Executive Director Bob Gardner and various NFHS staff members. They will provide reports on several NFHS initiatives and programs. Dr. Michael Koester, chair of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, will give an update on NFHS concussion guidelines.

Joe Theismann, analyst for the NFL Network, will speak at the closing general session on Saturday, July 10. Before joining the NFL Network, Theismann was a star quarterback for the Washington Redskins and set several school records while playing for the University of Notre Dame.

The Spouse/Guest Breakfast on Thursday, July 8 will feature Joan Embery, wildlife and environmental activist. Embery has raised awareness of wildlife conservation through her appearances on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Good Morning America* and other popular television shows.

The Summer Meeting Luncheon will be held at noon on July 9, and will feature the presentation of NFHS Citations to 12 individuals. State association honorees include Mike Savage of Connecticut, John Dickerson of Ohio, Dru Nix of South Carolina, Sue Hinrichsen of Illinois, Dave Carlsrud of North Dakota, Bert Borgmann of Colorado, Keith Amemiya of Hawaii and Glen Legler of Wyoming.

Other Citation recipients are the late Ed Thomas (NFHS Coaches Association), Houston Young (NFHS Officials Association), John Fogarty (NFHS Speech, Debate, Theatre Association) and Guy Blair (NFHS Music Association). The late Dr. Myles Brand, former president of the NCAA, will be honored with the NFHS Award of Merit. In addition, Tori Clark of Lake Park High School in Roselle, Illinois, will be presented the NFHS National High School Spirit of Sport Award.

The NFHS Summer Meeting will conclude at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10 with the induction of the 12-member 2010 class into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Athlete inductees this year include **Michael Carter** of Texas, **Katrina McClain** of South Carolina, **John Godina** of Wyoming, **Suzy Favor Hamilton** of Wisconsin and **Janet Evans** of California.

Three coaches will also be inducted into the Hall of Fame: **Richard Magarian** of Rhode Island, **Ed Pepple** of Washington and **Alton "Red" Franklin** of Louisiana.

One official, **Gary Christiansen** of Iowa, and one administrator, **Willie Bradshaw** of North Carolina, will also join this year's class. The late **Dr. Vito Perriello** of Virginia, who dedicated a lifetime to the advancement of sports medicine, and **George Welch**, a music director from Utah, will round out the 2010 Hall of Fame class.

Summer Meeting attendees can also participate in a golf tournament on July 7, the eighth-annual Bowling Tournament at 3 p.m. on July 8 and the 15th annual five-kilometer NFHS Fun Run/Walk at 6 a.m. on July 9. All of these events benefit the NFHS Foundation.

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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 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.5 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; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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