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Myles Wilson Named 2015 NFHS Coach Educator of the Year

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (January 28, 2015) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has selected Myles Wilson, CAA, CIC, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, as the recipient of the 2015 NFHS Coach Educator of the Year Award. Wilson is the district athletic administrator for athletic facilities and operations of the Spartanburg (South Carolina) School District 7.

Wilson spearheaded a three-year effort to encourage his district to require its coaches to earn the Accredited Interscholastic Coach (AIC) certification through the NFHS. As a result, in August 2014, Superintendent Russell Booker announced that all Spartanburg District 7 middle school and high school coaches would have to complete their AIC certificate by December 31, 2014, and that the district would cover expenses for all coaches.

Wilson now administers the AIC program, which is the first in South Carolina to set this requirement. Other districts in the state are now looking at duplicating Spartanburg's program, and Wilson often speaks to other districts regarding the advantages of professional development for coaches and how to implement such a program.

Wilson is a graduate of Spartanburg High School and the University of South Carolina. He was assistant athletic director at the high school from 1992 to 2001 and its athletic director from 2001 to 2011 before moving to the district level. He was the 2012 recipient of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) State Award of Merit and presently serves on the South Carolina High School League's Advisory Council.

AIC certification requires completion of the following NFHS online courses: Fundamentals of Coaching; First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches; Concussion in Sports; and a sport-specific course of the user's choosing.

The NFHS Coach Educator Award, which has been presented annually since 2009, recognizes an individual who has exhibited passion and leadership in the promotion of coach education at the local, state and/or national levels.

Previous recipients of the NFHS Coach Educator Award include Mark Dreibelbis, North Carolina, 2014; Kathy Vrugink Westdorp, Michigan, 2013; Nancy O'Neil, Massachusetts, 2012; Bruce Brown, Ohio, 2011; Bobby Guthrie, North Carolina, 2010; and Mike Maghan, Oregon; Lavonne Norman, Alaska; and Ken Yamase (posthumous), Hawaii, all for 2009.

The NFHS Coach Education Program can be accessed at www.nfhslearn.com.

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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 16 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 7.7 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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