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- 9.10 Area Mtg, Marshall
- 9.11 Area Mtg, St. Cloud
- 9.12-9.13 CTAM Conference
- 9.17 Area Mtg, Fergus Falls
- 9.18 Area Mtg, Thief River Falls
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League Announces 2019 MSHSL Hall of Fame Class

FORMER EAGAN HIGH SCHOOL girls' hockey standout Natalie Darwitz and St. Paul Academy soccer sensation Tony Sanneh, both of whom rose to international stardom, along with longtime League administrator Dave Stead, are among 11 individuals and the Grand Meadow girls' basketball dynasty that will be inducted into the Minnesota State High School League's Hall of Fame.

The others selected for induction are: Minneapolis North basketball standout Khalid El-Amin; the Grand Meadow girls' basketball program, which from 1929-39 won 94 consecutive games; Dave Harris, a former Alexandria coach, educator, media representative and the longtime Region 8AA Secretary; Cliff Janke, a longtime Fairmont Speech and Debate coach and leader; Faith Johnson Patterson, who led Minneapolis North and DeLaSalle to three consecutive championships each in girls basketball; Bill Kronschnabel, a longtime hockey official, rules clinician and state tournament administrator; Byron Olson, an activities administrator, wrestling official and state tournament manager; Gary Smith of Minneapolis, who is the first athletic trainer to be inducted, and Bill Webb, an Edina teaching icon, who spent 37 years as a music educator and leader in the development of music education.



The Hall of Fame induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 at 1 p.m. at the Inter-Continental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel. The event is open to the public. For event tickets, contact the League office at 763-560-2262 or visit the League's website—www.mshsl.org—and click on the 2019 Hall of Fame Invitation link on the home page. The League's Hall of Fame, sponsored by Wells Fargo, started in 1991. The 2019 class is the 23rd group to be inducted. The inductees were chosen through a multi-level selection process. With this class, there now are 231 individuals in the hall and one group.

2019 MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:



Natalie Darwitz
Athlete
Eagan



Dave Harris
Media
& Administrator
Alexandria



Faith Johnson Patterson
Coach
Minneapolis



Khalid El-Amin
Athlete
Minneapolis North



Cliff Janke
Speech & Debate
Fairmont

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reflection

Listening is a Key Back-to-School Reminder

By Erich Martens, MSHSL Executive Director

THE BEGINNING OF a new school year is always an exciting time, and education-based athletics provide for some of the greatest excitement.

Many students throughout Minnesota have worked hard during the summer and are entering the school year with high hopes for great experiences and great seasons. Like our students, the coaches and parents of these students share many of the same goals and dreams. And yet, at times, in the pursuit of what we believe to be the best way to be successful, it is possible that we may lose sight of the goals and desires of our students.

I am reminded of a conversation I had with one of my daughters as she was completing a swimming and diving season early in her high school career. She had been fortunate to dive with the varsity, but also enjoyed swimming with the middle school program. After the season ended, I had asked her what she wanted to do in the offseason and through the summer to work on her diving.

Much to my surprise, her answer was quite clear: "I'm not doing diving anymore, I'm just going to swim."

Despite my modest protest, she maintained her position, and true to her words, she completed her high school career as a swimmer and fully enjoyed her experience. While I believed I knew better, it was important for me to listen to my daughter and what her goals were, rather than have me determine her path.

In August, the Minnesota State High School League released a video featuring many Minnesota high school athletes who were willing to

share their thoughts and experiences in high school sports. They also talked about their goals, their expectations of parents and officials, and finished by thanking those closest to them.

If you haven't watched this video, or even if you have, I recommend that you watch it, perhaps again, to open your eyes, and perhaps your ears, to what is really going on in the minds of our student athletes. We all know that being supportive of our children is important and that respecting coaches and officials is the right thing to do, and yet, perhaps the most important thing to do is to ask questions and truly listen to students and what their goals and desires are.

Here is a link to that video:



As this school year begins, whether you are a coach, director, or parent, stop for a moment and ask your student athlete what it is that they are seeking, and then look for ways to support their goals and dreams. In my experience as a parent, I found it a bit challenging to pull back a bit, but in the end, I found great satisfaction knowing that my daughter was doing what she truly wanted, and my role was to enjoy the ride.

voices

With the school year approaching, we reached out to some of our activities directors and posed this question:

What excites you about the new school year?



EMMETT KEENAN | Activities Director, St. Cloud Cathedral High School

"The start of the new school year is the most exhilarating time of the year. It is like "spring" when all starts anew and anything is possible. We arrive refreshed with a chance to build on the successes of the past or apply what we have learned in previous disappointments. For an old guy like me, it means another chance to feel younger than I really am."



MEGHAN POTTER | Activities Director, Hibbing High School

"Ever since I was little, I have always been excited to begin a new school year. Beside all of the new pens, pencils, and other school supplies (I'm a previous English teacher; I love school supplies!), it's the thought of a clean slate—a chance to begin another year fresh and full of hope and excitement for what's to come."

Minnesota one of three states to show participation increase

MINNESOTA REMAINED IN the top 10 states of high school participation, according to a survey released on Monday, August 26 by the National Federation of State High School Associations. It is the 11th consecutive year Minnesota has finished in the top 10 in the survey conducted by the NFHS since 1971.

Along with Minnesota, only Texas and California showed increases in participation, which nationwide fell in 2018-19 for the first time in 30 years. The last decline came during the 1988-89 school year.

In Minnesota, there were 240,487 participants, an increase of 54 students from the 2017-18 school year. The top 10 in sports participants remained unchanged from the 2018-19 school year: 1. Texas (825,924); 2. California (824,709); 3. New York (369,266); 4. Ohio (339,158); 5. Illinois (333,838); 6. Pennsylvania (316,429); 7. Florida (308,173); 8. Michigan (292,947); 9. New Jersey (281,058), and Minnesota.

During the 2018-19 school year, there were a total of 7,937,491 participants, a decrease of 43,395 from the previous year when participation nationally was at an all-time high of 7,980,886.

For a complete list of the participation statistics:
https://members.nfhs.org/participation_statistics



Around the NFHS

ON THE FINAL NIGHT of the annual NFHS Summer Meeting in Indianapolis, a yearlong celebration of the federation's 100 years of service was capped with the unveiling of a new logo. NFHS Executive Director Dr. Karissa Niehoff unveiled the logo to the 51-member state high school associations during a gala that celebrated 100 years of leading high school sports and other activity programs.

The NFHS will continue to be branded as the NFHS in the new logo. While red and blue continue to be the predominant colors, the new logo mixes white with red and blue to suggest a waving flag. The direction of the flag is pointing upward to symbolize forward-thinking and advancement. This is the 10th logo used by the NFHS since the 1930s.



The NFHS began in 1920 and had offices in Chicago until 1971 when it moved to Elgin, Illinois. The organization then moved to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1979, and then to Indianapolis in 2000 where it remains today.

- **The Mississippi High School Activities Association will offer Chess as an activity. While the association will not be organizing leagues or state championships in the activity in the coming school year, it will offer beginner's events to introduce students and sponsors to chess tournament environments.**
- **The Colorado High School Activities Association, in partnership with the Denver Broncos, hosted a high school media day in August. Sessions included education of social media, a session with professional photographers, and facility tours at the Broncos' practice site in Englewood, Colorado.**

Briefly...



North St. Paul High School will round out the four quarterfinal sites for the soccer state tournament, joining St. Cloud State, Farmington High School and Chisago Lakes High School.



PREP BOWL SCHEDULE CHANGE: The Class Nine-Man championship game, originally scheduled for Friday, November 29 at U.S. Bank Stadium, will swap 10 a.m. timeslots with the Class A championship game on Saturday, November 30.

do you know?

- 1 What school, that no longer exists, won two of the first three state championships in boys soccer?
- 2 In what year did Babbitt-Embarrass merge with Tower Soudan to form Northeast Range?
- 3 What event prompted the National Federation of High School Associations to write: "The high schools have always been in the forefront of any movement designed to maintain and increase the appreciation of all Americans for the great privileges they enjoy in a nation devoted to the preservation of maximum for its citizens."
- 4 When did the League begin its sponsorship of Music as a Fine Arts activity?
- 5 Can you name, in order, the five Minnesota high school football coaches with the most victories entering the 2019 season?

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The Minnesota State High School League salutes officials and their years of service completed during the 2018-19 school year.

50 YEARS

Babe Glumack, Hibbing
Harry Kitts, Lilydale
Bruce Southward, St. Paul
James Trachsel, Duluth

40 YEARS

Nathan Balzer, Shoreview
Bradley Beckman, Hudson, Wis.
Terry Beseman, Blaine
Glen Caron, Estherville
Mark A. Challgren, Apple Valley
Richard Hardy, Hastings
Kris Lyons, Moose Lake
Steve Makowske, St. Anthony Village
Jeffery H. Moberg, Russell
Alan R. Olson, Lengby
William Rothstein, Sauk Rapids
Karen Pierson, Lino Lakes
Steve M. Vekich, Wayzata
James G. Weinzierl, Park Rapids
Pat Whalen, Shoreview

30 YEARS

Dean Aasgaard, Richfield
Richard W. Anderson, Duluth
David A. Baldini, Waseca

Kent A. Bargfrede, Alpha
Louise Beaman, St. Paul Park
Pete Bergeson, Sauk Rapids
James W. Black, Minneapolis
Curtis L. Callister, Eagan
Chad Campbell, Paynesville
William E. Clancy, Minneapolis
Steven C. Clark, Cannon Falls
David E. Conway, St. Paul
Howard J. Cook, Lake City
Robert Crowe, St. Paul
Tony Dooher, Plymouth
Brad S. Emanuel, Adams
Thomas J. Franta, Fridley
David Freeburg, Walnut Grove
Jim Gogolin, Baxter
Michael J. Graf, Rochester
Owen Gustafson, Maynard
Randy Habstritt, Ramsey
Timothy E. Harlow, Robbinsdale
Thomas Houle, Stillwater
Orrin (Butch) Huntley, Austin
William Katzmark, White Bear Lake
Brian Kelvington, Jordan
Bryan Kemnetz, Stillwater

Butch Kraska, Lancaster
Charles E. Lamers, Rosemount
Jeff Lau, Tracy
Daniel J. Matejka, Winona
Mark L. Miller, Mankato
James K. Myhre, Carlton
Cyndi Ostlund, St. Cloud
Bradley Panning, Maple Grove
Jason Peterson, Marshall
David Pieper, Caledonia
Jeffery C. Rayman, Glenville
Douglas G. Reetz, Milaca
Ellen L. Rieck, Jordan
David M. Robinson, Plymouth
Greg Rogers, Maple Grove
Scott A. Schoaf, Rosemount
Tad Schwartzhoff, La Crescent
Timothy Stelow, Plainview
Melissa K. Tutewohl, Farmington
Jeffrey VanHee, Madelia
Tony E. Veith, Brainerd
Darcy Winkelman, Morris
Robert M. Wesely, Wabasso
Steven G. Wiltgen, Winona
Mike Wood, Morgan

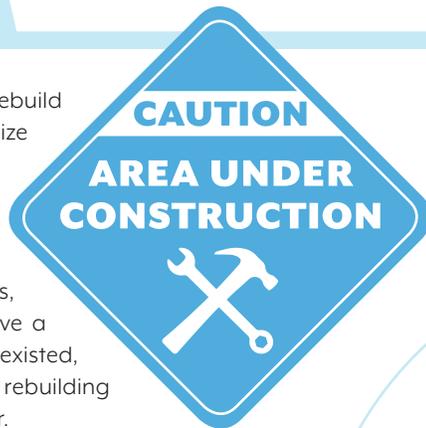
The full list of Officials Service Awards is on the League's website—www.mshsl.org—under **League News**.

technology

MSHSL STAFF is working to update and rebuild many of its technology systems. We recognize that the modernization of our current systems is critical and overdue as they simply do not fully meet the needs of our member schools and others. In the process of making these improvements, we are finding that in some cases we have a temporary loss of the functionality that existed, while other portions of the system require rebuilding or updating. This is a challenging endeavor.

In addressing our current needs, we have investigated the status of our infrastructure, programs, and services and have determined that building forward is the best plan. This means that upgrades will be implemented, applications and services from vendors may replace internal programs, and some systems will need to be rebuilt. As in all organizations, there are limits to our resources and this will affect the speed at which changes and updates can be made.

We're excited to move forward with developing and implementing technology services and systems that will best meet the needs of our users!



Hall of Fame

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Bill Kronschnabel
Official
St. Paul



Byron Olson
Administrator & Official
Lakeville



Tony Sanneh
Athlete
St. Paul Academy



Gary Smith
Athletic Trainer
Minneapolis



David Stead
Administrator
Andover



Bill Webb
Music
Edina



**Grand Meadow
Girls Basketball Teams
(1929-1939)**

quiz answers

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1. In 1974, Bloomington Lincoln won the first boys soccer state championship, and then won again in 1976. The school closed in 1982.
2. 2011. The school's nickname is the Nighthawks.
3. World War II, in 1942. High schools were asked to keep facilities busy with athletic activities to keep youth and adult morale at a high level.
4. 1965. Previously, music was administered by the Minnesota Public School Music League.
5. Verndale's Mike Mahlen (393); Brainerd's Ron Stolski (386); Becker's Dwight Lundeen (359); Eden Prairie's Mike Grant (344) and Cambridge's George Larson (307). All but Larson are still coaching at their respective schools.



Reflection, Pledge of Allegiance

Board Actions

1. Approved the agenda.
2. Approved the Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.
3. Individuals or Delegations on Agenda Issues:
 - Lonnie Morken, Activities Director/Volleyball Coach, Mabel-Canton High School spoke in favor of adding a fourth class to girls volleyball.
 - Derek Hart, Volleyball Coach, Floodwood High School; Joe Klein, Coach, Minnesota State University, Mankato; Toua Lee, White Bear Lake; Hugh McCutcheon, Coach, University of Minnesota; Kirby Schmalz, Student, Rogers High School; and Fong Vang, Coach, St. Paul, spoke in favor of adding boys volleyball as an MSHSL-sanctioned activity.
 - Jaime Sherwood, Activities Director, Wayzata High School, stated that boys volleyball should be considered in the future, but now is not the right time.
 - Alyse Iorio, Coach, Wayzata High School, spoke in favor of the dance proposal to create an additional round of post-season competition for Class AAA dance teams.
 - Greg Juba, MSHSSCA, Cottage Grove spoke in favor of adding a third class for boys and girls soccer.
4. Board Members comments were received and included:
 - Success of the Triple "A" Banquet;
 - Brian Hegseth was named the MNIAAA Region 2AA AD of the year;
 - Compliments to Bob Madison, Kevin Merkle, and Amanda Johnson for their work with the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Competitive Section Placement; and
 - The MSHSL Listening Sessions at the MNIAA Conference were well received.
5. Legislative Report was received and included an update on the K-12 Bill; and the desire to have the 2027 sunset of the MSHSL Foundation repealed.
6. Legal Counsel Report was received and included an update on three pending lawsuits.
7. The Executive Director's Report was received and included:
 - Planning of the MBCA Showcase which will be held at Anoka-Ramsey Community College on June 22-23, 2019. This is an NCAA/NFHS/MSHSL approved Division One (DI) Evaluation Event;
 - Introduction of new staff member Pam Inniger, Administrative Assistant for Officials;
 - The next Region Secretaries Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019;
 - Staff member updates on the winter tournaments; and
 - MSHSL Listening Sessions during the MNIAAA Conference in March.
8. Approved the Executive Committee Report:
 - Competitive Section Placement for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years;
 - Approved League staff duties and adjustments; and
 - Approved League staff to work with Legal Counsel to address the dance team lawsuit injunction.
9. Approved forwarding the proposed amendment to add boys volleyball as an MSHSL-sanctioned activity to the Representative Assembly.
10. Approved Competitive Section Placement for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.
11. Approved future meeting dates.
12. Approved the 2019-2020 tournament dates and sites.
13. Approved the April 4, 2019 Eligibility Committee minutes.
14. Approved the January and February 2019 financial statements.
15. Approved the Annual Finance Report for the year ending July 31, 2018.

Discussion Items

16. Activity Advisory Proposals

The complete official Minutes may be obtained from the League office by the designated school representative of member schools.



MSHSL Strategic Directions

The MSHSL is focused on growing the visibility, deepening the tradition, and enhancing the brand of the Minnesota State High School League thereby furthering our mission to enhance the opportunities for students in education-based activities and athletics and grow its service to member schools, through the following Strategic Directions:

I MSHSL will further define, strengthen and promote the vision, values, and purpose of education-based activities and athletics.

- a. Identify Values and Purpose and Establish Common Language
- b. Provide Orientation and Education and Support Implementation
- c. Align Bylaws and Policies

II Together the MSHSL Board of Directors and League Staff will further develop and deploy effective policy governance models and practices.

- a. Conduct Research and Collect Input
- b. Increase Collaboration
- c. Modify or Create Policy/Bylaw Processes
- d. Communicate Effectively

III The MSHSL will further develop a sustainable financial model that meets the needs of our students and schools, and creates a foundation for the growth desired by schools and communities.

- a. Contain Expenses
- b. Enhance Revenues
- c. Explore Innovative Opportunities

IV The MSHSL will establish the technological systems and structures to support the needs of our students, schools, and communities.

- a. Rebuild Information Systems
- b. Develop Staff
- c. Improve League Office Infrastructure
- d. Engage Outside Services



Reflection, Pledge of Allegiance

Board Actions

1. Approved the agenda as amended: Add Action Item # 9H – Dance Rule Book; and Discussion Item 10A Music Advisory Update.
2. Approved the Minutes of the April 4, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.
3. Individuals or Delegations on Agenda Issues:
 - Lee Hutton spoke regarding eligibility for a Minnehaha Student.
 - Brandon Heebink spoke in favor of the Cross-Country Advisory Committee recommendation.
 - Les Zellmann spoke in favor of the Tennis Advisory Committee recommendation.
 - Lonnie Morken spoke in favor of the Volleyball Advisory Committee recommendation.
 - Doug Boonstra spoke in favor of the Nordic Ski Advisory Committee recommendation.
 - The following individuals spoke in favor of the Basketball Advisory Committee recommendation: Pat Barrett, Dave Galovich, Rory Larson, Ron Larson, Larry McKenzie
4. Board Members comments were received and included thanking the MSHSL staff for the well-run Spring State Tournaments.
5. Legislative Report was received and included an update on the 2019 Legislative Session. The 2020 Legislative Session will begin on February 11, 2020.
6. Legal Counsel Report was received and included an update on the settled lawsuit allowing boys to participate in Dance; and an update on two transfer cases.
7. The Executive Director's Report was received and included:
 - Welcomed incoming Board Members: Amanda Kaus, Rochester Century (Music Representative); John Ostrowski, Dover-Eyota (Regions 1A-2A); John Vraa, New London-Spicer (Boys Sports Representative).
 - Incoming Board Member Troy Stein, Edina (Regions 5AA-6AA), was not able to attend the meeting.
 - Governor's Appointee has not yet been announced;
 - Recognized Board Member Frank White who was the keynote speaker for the annual Winfield Awards;
 - The MSHSL is exploring the opportunity to host the NASO Summit in 2024;
 - Update on Spring Area Meetings;
 - Staff updates on Spring Tournaments;
 - Arbiter Sports will manage officials' registration and record keeping for the 2019-2020 school-year; and
 - Three amendments regarding Bylaw III Transfer and Residence were adopted by the Representative Assembly.
8. Approved the Executive Committee Report:
 - Approval of annual cooperative sponsorship agreement between Cloquet High School and Fond du Lac Ojibwe High School;
 - Approved annual request from La Crescent High School to participate on the WHSFA Forensics Team;
 - Approved clarification language to Bylaw III regarding multiple transfers; and
 - Approved staff salary adjustments for the 2019-2020 school year.
9. Approved the following Board Officers for the 2019-2020 school year: President: Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz; Vice-President: Blaine Novak; and Treasurer: Tom Jerome.
10. Tabled taking action on the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget.
11. Fall/Winter Activity Recommendations
 - Approved the Cross Country Advisory Committee recommendation to change the format to a three-class tournament.
 - Approved the Soccer Advisory Committee recommendation to change the format to a three-class tournament.
 - The Boys and Girls Tennis Advisory Committee recommendation to add a third class to boys and girls tennis failed for lack of a motion.
 - Approved the Volleyball Advisory Committee recommendation to change the format to a four-class tournament.
 - The Boys and Girls Basketball Advisory Committee recommendation to modify the AAAA section tournament format failed for lack of a motion.
 - The Dance Team Advisory Committee recommendation to advance 20 total teams in Class AAA to the State Dance Team Tournament failed for lack of a motion.
 - Approved the Nordic Ski Advisory Committee recommendation to add a Sprint Relay to the Nordic Skiing State Meet.
 - The Wrestling Advisory Committee recommendation to add consolation rounds failed for lack of a motion.
 - The Boys and Girls Basketball Advisory Committee recommendation to implement the shot clock failed by roll call vote.
 - Approved the Wrestling Advisory recommendation regarding filling brackets for regular season individual tournaments.
 - Approved the Wrestling Advisory recommendation to allow wrestling programs with 20 or fewer participants to participate in up to two scrimmages per week.
12. Approved AD's Education Requirement: Approved a motion to make an addition to the current Continuing Education Requirement policy that all athletic administrators be required to attend a Minnesota Head Coaches Course prior to the fall of 2022. Activities Administrators will have three years to complete the requirement.
13. Approved the 2019-2020 Complimentary Ticket List.
14. Approved the 2019-2020 Speech Season Book and Topic to be used.
15. Approved the One-Act Play State Meet to be held one week early during 2020 and moved the February Board Meeting to Tuesday, February 4, 2020.
16. Approved the Dance Rules Committee recommendations for the 2019-2021 seasons.
17. Approved the Eligibility Committee to have an additional review of an eligibility request.
18. Approved the June 3, 2019 Eligibility Committee minutes as presented.
19. Approved the March and April 2019 financial statements.

Discussion Items

20. The Music Advisory Committee is recommending the rewriting/updating of the Music Rules and Policies Manual and the exploration of creating a Rubric for scoring sheets, moving from a 40-point scale to a 100-point scale. League Staff will work with Music Advisory Committee on the recommendations.

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