Seven years before Title IX was signed into federal law, a groundswell of work was happening behind the scenes in Minnesota. At the center of it was Paula Bauck, a well-known teacher and coach in northwestern Minnesota. After teaching stops in Mentor and Detroit Lakes, she continued her teaching career at Moorhead High School in 1958 where she would coach girls gymnastics and girls track, as well as teach bowling, football, rifle and officiating to female students. Her progressive enthusiasm would draw the attention of state leaders. On the heels of the National Federation of State High School Associations issuing a decree in 1964 stating: "that if and when competitive events for high school girls are initiated, they should be controlled by the existing State High School Association in conducting inter-school competition at this time," Bauck, in 1965, was selected to be a part of a sub-committee that studied the question if competitive sports were good for girls. The committee also included Dr. Roy B. Moore, chairman of the Mankato State College Physical Education Department, Mary Dickmeyer, Girls Physical Education Instructor in Mankato and Dr. Helen Starr, Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation of the Minneapolis Public Schools. The sub-committee was charged with compiling a report for presentation to an advisory board of the State Board of Education. In her memoir, “The Very Beginning of Girls’ Interscholastic Sports in Minnesota,” Bauck credits Deane Richardson of the University of Minnesota, who shared this advice to the committee: “Take the best from the boys’ program and then add your own.” Taking that direction, and then adding the committee’s philosophies, the objectives began to formulate. The group’s goal “was for equal opportunity, not necessarily equal programs.” The committee “believed in physical education for everyone followed by intramurals available for all, then extracurriculars (competition on a limited basis), and lastly interscholastics for the highly-skilled in grades 9-12. By having women direct, coach and officiate, we would have role models indicating to the girls that these things were possible for women too, taking away the ‘tom-boy’ image.” The concepts were accepted and a refined report was presented on Dec. 3, 1965. The advisory committee was charged with compiling a report for presentation to an advisory board of the State Board of Education. In her memo, “The Very Beginning of Girls’ Interscholastic Sports in Minnesota,” Bauck credits Deane Richardson of the University of Minnesota, who shared this advice to the committee: “Take the best from the boys’ program and then add your own.” Taking that direction, and then adding the committee’s philosophies, the objectives began to formulate. The group’s goal “was for equal opportunity, not necessarily equal programs.” The committee “believed in physical education for everyone followed by intramurals available for all, then extracurriculars (competition on a limited basis), and lastly interscholastics for the highly-skilled in grades 9-12. By having women direct, coach and officiate, we would have role models indicating to the girls that these things were possible for women too, taking away the ‘tom-boy’ image.” The concepts were accepted and a refined report was presented on Dec. 3, 1965. The advisory committee recognized the need for cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota State High School League to establish unified guidelines and policies.

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Staff Reflection

The school year ahead offers many reasons to Celebrate!

The 2020-2021 school year included some of the highest hurdles and lowest moments in the history of the Minnesota State High School League.

Yet through it all, our students persevered and turned opportunities into memories. At the same time, our local hometown heroes, the coaches, teachers, administrators and officials rose to the occasion and demonstrated courage and determination as they led our students through the school year.

This school year, as members of our staff discussed the year ahead, they were asked to consider the most appropriate theme for the year. After a few minutes of discussion, the answer that quickly emerged was one word, “Celebrate.”

Each school year brings a great amount of anticipation and promise, and this year is no different. So, welcome to the 2021-2022 school year, the year that follows the most interrupted school year we have ever experienced. It is easy to look back and dwell on the challenges and losses, but we are called to look forward with optimism and with energy, and to focus on those experiences we can provide for our students and the many aspects we will be able to “Celebrate.”

If there is one thing we should have learned from the last school year, it is to appreciate the amazing opportunities that exist in nearly every community in our state.

The cover article of this edition of MSHSL Connect announces an incredible celebration that will last the entire school year as we build toward the 50th year of the passage of the landmark federal legislation now known simply as Title IX. At times, this title can create frustration, yet the legislation that supported equal opportunities for all was critical to the growth of female sports and the creation of athletic experiences for our female students.

As Title IX has evolved nationally, so too has it grown at the state level.

Last spring, the League, through its Representative Assembly, approved the creation of a girls division of wrestling within our current wrestling program. Certainly, this is a great opportunity to “Celebrate,” and it follows a rich tradition of Minnesotans that have led the charge. Minnesota’s own Dorothy McIntyre was the first female director in a state association and spearheaded opportunities in many sports.

The League encourages you to follow along this school year and “Celebrate” as we honor and pay tribute to the athletes, administrators and other trailblazers that helped shape our current Minnesota State High School League and created the path of opportunity that female students travel today.

Opportunities create other important aspects of our Fine Arts and athletics programming like the character-building that can take place within these activities. It is through participation that our students have an opportunity to commit fully to a team and to a goal and challenge themselves to perform at their highest level. With the support of incredible coaches and leaders, they can safely risk themselves and their efforts, knowing that they will both fail and succeed, and will be better for their participation. They can face pressures and encounter challenges with their team and by themselves.

Certainly, the growth of our youth through these educational-based activities is something to “Celebrate!”

Another celebratory milestone during the 2021-2022 school year comes in April when 12 new inductees will be enshrined into the League’s prestigious Hall of Fame. This Hall of Fame class will be the 24th group to be inducted in the 106-year history of the League. With the induction of the newest class in the spring, there will be 243 individuals and one group that have received the League’s highest honor.

For our students and for many of their coaches and families, the opportunity to participate and have full seasons during the 2021-2022 school year is one of the biggest reasons to “Celebrate.” More than 200,000 students here in Minnesota are thrilled to be back participating in athletics and Fine Arts activities that energize their school community like very few things can. Our students relish the opportunity to participate with their friends and classmates as they practice and compete with passion, integrity and class.

As a League of member schools, we embrace the re-kindled positivity that comes with the excitement and enthusiasm of a new school year. As students fill the classrooms, the hallways, the lunchroom, the Fine Arts areas and athletic venues, we smile at the vibrance of activities.

We do indeed have plenty to Celebrate.
Charlie Campbell, a longtime Minnesota high school educator and administrator, became the 14th Associate Director in the 106-year history of the Minnesota State High School League on Aug. 2.

Prior to his arrival with the League, Campbell served as the Activities Director at Brainerd High School where he led and directed nearly 40 athletic and Fine Arts programs since 2011. During his tenure, growth in co-curricular opportunities for students was the hallmark of his leadership. Prior to his arrival at Brainerd, Campbell was the principal at Greenway High School from July 2009 through July 2011. He began his administrative career at Nashwauk-Keewatin High School where he was the principal and head football coach from Aug. 2000 through July 2009. His first teaching position was in 1997 where he taught social studies and coached a variety of sports at Virginia High School.

After graduating from Brooklyn Center High School in 1991, Campbell earned degrees from Hamline University in 1995. He also played football for the Pipers and later served as an assistant coach.

During his professional career, Campbell has been active in leadership positions with the Minnesota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and served on the League’s Education Advisory Committee, which included assisting in the development of the “Why We Play” curriculum. He has also served on the teaching staff of the InSideOut Coaching initiative.

With the League, Campbell will oversee education programming, Girls and Boys Tennis, Volleyball, Boys Basketball and Boys and Girls Track and Field.

Pearson hired as administrative assistant

Former St. Paul Harding and University of Minnesota women’s basketball standout Cara Pearson joined the League Staff as an Administrative Assistant in August. She was most recently an assistant women’s basketball coach at Long Island University during a career that spanned nearly 20 years in basketball coaching. Her professional playing career includes a stint with the WNBA’s Cleveland Rockers as well as in the European League.

Pearson graduated from Harding in 1991 and was inducted twice into its prestigious Hall of Stars. In 1995, she was selected the Amateur Athlete of the Year by the Downtown St. Paul Lions Club, and three years later, she was recognized as one of the top 25 female athletes in St. Paul City Conference history and top 50 athletes of all-time. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1995 as a 1,000-point scorer and top-10 rebounder.

With the League, she will work with the Programming Team.

Iron Range Conference set to celebrate 75th year

Initially formed in 1947, the Iron Range Conference, an iconic collection of member schools and legendary names, will celebrate its 75th year of service during the 2021-2022 school year. At the region, section and state levels, the conference has been one of the premier groups in Minnesota. Consider:

• From 1948-73, boys cross country teams from the conference participated in 24 of the 26 state meets.

• From 1978-2002, girls cross country teams represented the conference in 21 of 25 state meets.

• From 1948-71, conference schools won 17 baseball section crowns in 24 years. Since 1948, Grand Rapids has qualified for the baseball state tournament 18 times with Greenway close behind at 17.

• In boys hockey, Iron Range Conference schools participated in 59 of 64 state tournaments from the 1947-48 season through 2010-11.

• Individually, legendary athletes ranging from Kevin McHale (Hibbing) to Larry Ross (International Falls) to John Mayasich (Eveleth) have all represented the Iron Range Conference.

• Four players from the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men’s hockey team were from the conference: Bill Baker (Grand Rapids), Mark Pavelich (Eveleth), Buzz Schneider (Bobbitt) and John Harrington (Virginia).

Current members of the Iron Range Conference include: Chisholm, Deer River, Eveleth-Gilbert, Grand Rapids, Greenway, Hibbing, International Falls, Mesabi East, Virginia, Ely, Rock Ridge and North Shore. During the 2022-23 school year, all activities in the Eveleth and Virginia school districts will be combined as part of the new Rock Ridge School District. In that same school year, Grand Rapids and Hibbing will join the Lake Superior Conference.

Celebrating a Champion

In July, Nevis junior Jade Rypkema served as Grand Marshal of the Nevis Muskie Days parade. A month earlier, she won the Class A 3,200-meter championship during the League’s track and field state meet at St. Michael-Albertville. This fall, she will be one of the favorites to capture another gold medal during the Class A cross country season.

Briefly

• Former League Associate Director Craig Perry will be inducted into the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame in December.

• Jim Lasley, the former Region 3A Executive Secretary, passed away on Aug. 12. He was 81. Employed in the Redwood Falls School District for 34 years, he attended 72 consecutive Minnesota State High School League Boys Basketball State Tournaments.

In 1919, what member school won the St. Paul City Conference football crown?

In 1922, how many high schools were playing girls basketball?

What member school was host of the Minnesota Student Council State Convention in 2010?

In 1962, how many regions for boys cross country running were approved by the Representative Assembly?

What Minnesota native served in the United States Navy fighter pilot before playing in the National Football League from 1945-48 with the Green Bay Packers and the Los Angeles Rams?

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That paved the way to meetings with the League in May of 1966 to explore questions surrounding facilities usage, eligibility and who would coach and lead girls activities. These guidelines would be refined and re-written many times, including one weekend when the group was snowbound at the home of Frances Bleick, the chair of the St. Cloud College Women’s Physical Education Department. She had been added to the original committee in December of 1966.

The milestones of advancement continued with the passage of guidelines by the advisory committee in February of 1967 and the State Board of Education a month later. In June of 1967, a presentation was made by 11 members of the Division of Girls and Women’s Sports to the League’s Board of Control and “favorably received,” according to Bauck. During the presentation, the following points were stressed:

- The need for regulations
- The Minnesota State High School League as the appropriate body to be administrators of the program
- The crucial timing to approve a program
- Establishing a Women’s Advisory Committee to assist in setting and maintaining rules
- Ensuring that the girls’ programs were not parallel to the boys

In March of 1968, the League’s Board of Control adopted a resolution that the League “should assume responsibility for administering a girls’ interscholastic program and that bylaws be developed.” One year later, the League’s Representative Assembly approved the bylaw to establish interscholastic athletics for girls in Minnesota. Bauck would later chair a task force on the certification of coaches for girls’ teams.

In many instances along the journey, the presentations were often referred to as the “Bauck” report.

The first girls track and field state meet was held in 1972. Bauck, a native of Roseau, Minn., was a central figure on the athletic field as well. She led Moorhead to three consecutive girls track and field state championships from 1973-75. She was selected Minnesota’s coach of the year three times and was recognized by Sports Illustrated magazine with an Award of Merit. She retired from Moorhead High School in 1983.

The honors in recognizing Bauck’s tireless work and service continued as she was part of the League’s inaugural Hall of Fame class in 1991. Seven years later, she received the Marie Berg Award for being a difference-maker in the lives of girls and women in sports. She’s been inducted into the Minnesota Boys and Girls Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame and honored at the Girls Basketball State Tournament as a pioneer in that sport.

She passed away in 2012 at the age of 92 leaving a legacy of service that created countless opportunities for female students.
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1. Mechanic Arts with a 3-0 record and outscoring the opposition 93-0.
2. 200.
4. 10.
5. Faribault's Bruce Smith, the 1941 Heisman Trophy winner at the University of Minnesota.
Salute To Spring 2021 Champions

Adapted Bowling

ASD DIVISION
Team --- Tartan
Boys Singles --- Josiah Bueltel, Anoka-Hennepin
Girls Singles --- Ashlynn Cameron, Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton/Waseca

CI DIVISION
Team --- Alexandria
Boys Singles --- Bryce Tinnel, Cambridge-Isanti
Girls Singles --- Lily Gilbertson, Detroit Lakes
Doubles --- Ellie Tanem and Ella Charette, Anoka-Hennepin

PI DIVISION
Team --- North St. Paul
Boys Singles --- Hugh Kelly, Minnetonka/Wayzata
Girls Singles --- Lupita Carrion, Austin
Doubles --- Kathleen Hubert and Lucas Eide, North St. Paul

Boys Golf

CLASS A
Team --- Fertile-Beltrami
Individual --- Rylin Petry, Fertile-Beltrami

CLASS AA
Team --- Cloquet
Individual --- Sam Baker, Cloquet

CLASS AAA
Team --- Maple Grove
Individual --- Nate Stevens, Northfield

Class A Softball

CLASS A --- Randolph
CLASS AA --- LeSueur-Henderson
CLASS AAA --- Becker
CLASS AAAAA --- Rosemount

Class A Speech

Creative Expression --- Damian Christian, Paynesville Area
Discussion --- McCartney Knutson, New London-Spicer
Duo Interpretation --- Isabelle Geiger and Tabitha Thatcher, Fairmont
Extemporaneous Reading --- Emma Niebuhr, Minnesota Valley Lutheran
Extemporaneous Speaking --- Salmeh Elmasry, Mounds Park Academy
Great Speeches --- Aubrey Williams, Cotter
Humorous Interpretation --- Ryan Ghose, Mounds Park Academy
Informative Speaking --- Grace Miller, Cotter
Original Oratory --- Delaney Ignace, Paynesville Area
Serious Interpretation of Drama --- Reece Wright, Annandale
Informative Speaking --- Grace Miller, Cotter
Original Oratory --- Delaney Ignace, Paynesville Area
Serious Interpretation of Poetry --- Livia Wooldridge, Mounds Park Academy
Serious Interpretation of Prose --- Anna Gaudio, Mounds Park Academy
Storytelling --- Zenessa Anderson, Rushford-Peterson

Class A Badminton

Team --- St. Paul Johnson
Singles --- Song Yang, St. Paul Johnson
Doubles --- Stacy Yang and Phoo Phyo, St. Paul Johnson

Class A Boys Golf

CLASS A
Team --- Fertile-Beltrami
Individual --- Rylin Petry, Fertile-Beltrami

CLASS AA
Team --- Cloquet
Individual --- Sam Baker, Cloquet

CLASS AAA
Team --- Maple Grove
Individual --- Nate Stevens, Northfield

Class A Baseball

CLASS A --- Hayfield
CLASS AA --- Glencoe-Silver Lake
CLASS AAA --- Mahtomedi
CLASS AAAAA --- Farmington

Class A Boys Lacrosse

Boys --- Benilde-St. Margert's
Girls --- Prior Lake

Class A Robotics

Team 5434 (Faribault) and Team 6749 (Eagle Ridge Academy)
CLASS AA

**Creative Expression** --- Thor Reiman, Eastview
**Discussion** --- Liv Shaefer, Chanhassen
**Duo Interpretation** --- Colin Roberts and Alice Hovendon, Eagan
**Extemporaneous Reading** --- Olivia Beach, Eastview
**Extemporaneous Speaking** --- Allie Hering, Eastview
**Great Speeches** --- Jomi Omaya, Roseville Area
**Humorous Interpretation** --- Sophie Todaro, Apple Valley
**Informative Speaking** --- Lauren Manno, Chanhassen
**Original Oratory** --- Lydia Voss, Apple Valley
**Serious Interpretation of Drama** --- Harrison Tim, Moorhead
**Serious Interpretation of Poetry** --- Sydney Turner, Chaska
**Serious Interpretation of Prose** --- Trevyn Pannhoff, Chanhassen
**Storytelling** --- Ella Erdahl, Eastview

CLASS A

**Team** --- Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta

**Individuals**
100 --- Max Reis, Spectrum
100 wheelchair --- Peyton Gunnarson, Lewiston-Altura
200 --- Ethan Lebrija, Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta
400 --- Tyler Bade, Plainview-Elgin-Millville
800 wheelchair --- Peyton Gunnarson, Lewiston-Altura
800 --- Jacob McCreary, Perham
1,600 --- Cameron Stocke, Rock Ridge
1,600 wheelchair --- Tyler Shepersky, United North Central
3,200 --- Emmet Anderson, Staples-Motley
3,200 wheelchair --- Tyler Shepersky, United North Central
110 hurdles --- Jayson Ekiyor, Providence Academy
300 hurdles --- Keriin Soderberg, Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta
4x100 --- Minnehaha Academy
4x400 --- Lake City
4x800 --- Park Rapids
High jump --- Peyton Johnsrud, Minnewaska Area
Pole vault --- Jarod White, Pine Island
Long jump --- Joshua Finseth, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Triple jump --- Kaden McNiff, Floodwood
Shot put --- Tony Nelson, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton
Shot put wheelchair --- Peyton Gunnarson, Lewiston-Altura
Discus wheelchair --- Aidan Gravelle, Mankato Loyola
Discus --- Will Tschetter, Stewartville

CLASS AA

**Team** --- Rosemount

**Individuals**
100 wheelchair --- Blake Eaton, Duluth Denfeld
100 --- Gary Afram, Rosemount
200 --- Blake Eaton, Duluth Denfeld
200 --- Landon Liu, Centennial
400 --- Gus Langford, DelaSalle
800 --- Will Skelly, Mounds View
800 wheelchair --- Blake Eaton, Duluth Denfeld
1,600 --- Gabe Smit, Prior Lake
3,200 --- Gabe Smit, Prior Lake
110 hurdles --- George Jackson, Hopkins
300 hurdles --- Samuel Duffing, Hopkins
4x100 --- Champlin Park
4x200 --- Farmington
4x400 --- Farmington
4x800 --- Andover
High jump --- Jacob Ziebart, Cambridge-Isanti
Pole vault --- Jack Helmich, Wayzata
Long jump --- William Hanson, Edina
Triple jump --- William Heydt, Alexandria
Shot put --- Marcus Hansen, Waseca
Shot put wheelchair --- Macario Palomares, Buffalo
Discus --- Marcus Hansen, Waseca

**Boys Tennis**

CLASS AA

**Team** --- Edina

**Singles** --- Bjorn Swenson, Mounds View
**Doubles** --- Otto Schreiner and Luke Westholder, Edina

CLASS A

**Team** --- Breck

**Singles** --- Clayton Haberman, Breck
**Doubles** --- Ishan Nadkarni and Zach Piehl, Breck

CLASS A

**Team** --- Rockford

**Individuals**
100 wheelchair --- Emily Sullivan, LeSueur-Henderson
100 --- Anisa Thompson, Blake
200 --- Anisa Thompson, Blake
200 wheelchair --- Emily Sullivan, LeSueur-Henderson
400 --- Ellie Kuechle, Eden Valley-Watkins
800 --- Grace Drietz, Canby/Minneota
1,600 --- Grace Drietz, Canby/Minneota
3,200 --- Jade Rykema, Nevis
100 hurdles --- Shauna Zinter, Concordia Academy
300 hurdles --- Shauna Zinter, Concordia Academy
4x100 relay --- Rockford
4x200 --- Grand Meadow/LeRoy-Ostrander/Kingsland
4x400 relay --- Stewartville
4x800 relay --- Luverne
High jump --- Jok Nyakaam, Annandale
Pole vault --- Tayrn Richard, Waterville-Ely/Ely-Morristown
Long jump --- Jok Nyakaam, Annandale
Triple jump --- Maggie Larson, Maple Lake
Shot put --- Delaney Smith, Windom
Wheelchair shot put --- Emily Sullivan, LeSueur-Henderson
Discus --- Metaya Jergenson, Minnewaska Area

**Synchronized Swimming**

Stillwater

**Girls**

**Track and Field**

CLASS AA

**Team** --- Rosemount

**Individuals**
3,200 --- Analee Weaver, Stillwater
100 --- Maddie Dahlien, Edina
200 --- Maddie Dahlien, Edina
400 --- Maddie Dahlien, Edina
800 --- Zoe Dunden, Burnsville
1,600 --- Alexandra Weimer, St. Michael-Albertville
3,200 --- Jade Rykema, Nevis
100 hurdles --- Ava Cinnamo, Rosemount
300 hurdles --- Ava Cinnamo, Rosemount
4x100 --- St. Michael-Albertville
4x200 --- Park Center
4x400 --- Edina
4x800 --- Wayzata
High jump --- Niamya Holloway, Eden Prairie
Pole vault --- Julia Gherardi, Hibbing
Long jump --- Olivia Peel, St. Michael-Albertville
Triple jump --- Samantha Barrett, Prior Lake
Shot put --- Hadley Streit, Mounds View
Discus --- Jordan Hecht, Rosemount
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