Jim Okler receives the Dwight T. Keith Award, NHSACA

The Dwight T. Keith Award is the highest national award that the National High School Athletic Coaches Association can bestow on an individual. It is given to recognize and honor a person who has made outstanding contribution to high school interscholastic athletics and the coaching profession. This year’s recipient is Jim Okler from Grosse Ile, Michigan. Mr. Okler represents the best qualities for this award and sets a high standard for future recipients.

Coach Okler has served and led Michigan High School coaches for thirty-seven years. He has been a member of the MITCA since 1981 and was their President in 1999. He was also a member of the MHSCA since 1981 and was their President in 2002. He has represented Michigan coaches well on the National level by serving as President of the NHSACA in 2010. Each one of these leadership roles involves five years of commitment, ascending through the various Executive Positions before becoming President. Currently he is leading Michigan coaches as the MHSCA Executive Director.

Jim as also been busy as an athletic director. He started as an assistant AD while he was still coaching and has been the lead AD at Grosse Ile since 1995 supervising 72 coaches, 30 varsity sports, and 26 sub varsity sports for high school and middle school. A testament to Jim’s hard work is the 98% of the district’s enrollment participates in an athletic activity. Interestingly, the graduation rate is 96%, far above the national average. For his efforts and hard work, he has been recognized as the MIAAA Athletic Director of the Year.

The NHSACA is very proud to present the 2017 Dwight T. Keith Award to Jim Okler.
## #GATORADEPOY

**FOREST HILLS NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MICHIGAN GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Emily Ashby of Forest Hills Northern High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Michigan Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Ashby as Michigan’s best high school girls soccer player. The 5-foot-10 junior defender had led the Huskies to a 19-0-3 record and a berth in the Division 2 state semifinals at the time of her selection. Ashby had scored five goals and passed for 12 assists through 22 games. Ashby also led a defense that had allowed just eight goals and recorded 15 shutouts. Ashby has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and she has donated her time as part of multiple community-service initiatives through her church. Ashby has maintained a 4.03 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Michigan beginning in the fall of 2018. Ashby joins recent Gatorade Michigan Girls Soccer Players of the Year Hannah Jones (2015-16 & 2014-15, Port Huron Northern High School), Megan Buckingham (2013-14, Northville High School), Madi Lewis (2012-13 & 2011-12, Plymouth High School), Olivia Brannon (2010-11, Athens High School), Annie Steinlage (2009-10 & 2008-09, Spring Lake High School), and Laura Heyboer (2007-08 & 2006-07, Unity Christian High School) among the state’s list of former award winners.

**GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM for MHSCA MEMBERS**

As a membership benefit, coverage is provided by the Commercial General Liability Policy issued to the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors. This policy will provide general liability coverage to the Michigan High School Coaches Association and its members.

**CARRIER** Houston Casualty Company

**POLICY PERIOD** August 1, 2016 – August 1, 2017

**LIMITS OF INSURANCE**

- $1,000,000 Each Occurrence
- $1,000,000 General Aggregate (per Member)
- $1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations
- $1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury
- $300,000 Fire Damage
- $50,000 Sexual Abuse (per Member)

**EXCLUSIONS**

- Property of others in the care, custody, and control of the insured.
- The use of automobiles, buses, watercraft and aircraft
- Liability assumed under insured written contract
- Defense Cost outside limits

**COVERAGE**

- Participant Legal Liability for insured members
- School: $50,000 Sexual Abuse (per Member)
- Camp Coverage

**PARTICIPANT/ACCIDENT COVERAGE**

- In addition, Participant/ Accident Coverage is available for coaches and/or participants.

- Should an accident occur during a camp, clinic or event, this secondary coverage could help offset the loss suffered by families affected by such accidents.

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

- If a member has a camp and requires proof of insurance, certificates are at no additional charge.
- If a member has a camp and requires a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured on the General Liability Policy, the Participant/Accident Coverage must be in place for all participants prior to the issuance of a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured on the General Liability Policy. Certificates of Insurance and Participant/Accident request forms are available on our website: www.loomislapann.com

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Disclaimer: This is an insurance overview for summary purposes only; for complete policy terms and conditions please refer to the NOCAD Master Policy.
Coaches,

We, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA), need your help. As part of our project to promote high school football participation, we’ve contracted with Amy Teddy, a Senior Director, at the Sports Neurology Clinic with assistance from researchers at CMU to do online video interviews with parents of kids who are at the point of, or have recently made the decision to let their kids play high school football - or to not to let them play.

We’re looking for up to 100 “younger” parents, parents of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade kids, in all geographic areas of Michigan in both urban and rural areas as the “pool” from which to secure agreements to be interviewed.

Our goal is to construct a message encouraging participation in high school football that will resonate with parents, and get that message to them via a “messenger” they trust, using the media sources they frequent.

Can you help us get in touch with parents in your community who have upper el and/or middle school kids who are in the process or have just made the decision about their kids playing high school football?

If you can help with names, and contact information (phone numbers/email), please get that information to us - or ask parents to contact us directly!

Thank You,

Larry Merx, Executive Director, MHSFCA & 1st VP of MHSCA
734-604-0765
LarryMerx@gmail.com

Amy Teddy, The Sports Neurology Clinic
248.349.7063
amy.teddy@thesportsneurologyclinic.com

Greetings from the Black Hills of South Dakota,

I would like to thank Joe Cliffe and crew for a fantastic convention in East Peoria.

The leadership that blazed the trail has the organization headed in the right direction. The Executive committee is committed to getting NHSACA financially sound. The core values, education, and traditions are still the foundation of NHSACA. The times are changing with coaching and the use of social media is both positive and negative. We as an organization need to continually evolve to keep up with that change. There will be some tough decisions that need and have been made, that are moving us in a positive direction.

Preparation for the 2018 convention is well underway. Jerry Miller, Virg Polak, Jim Dorman, and Dave Dougherty are working hard to make this an outstanding convention. The list of speakers we have secured to this point are exceptional. Leadership classes are available for college credit on June 23-24 and for the convention June 25-27 2018 at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, SD.

One of the challenges we are trying to do is recruit and retain more member states. If you have contacts within any State, please let us assist you. I know several Board members are in the process of getting some of these State organizations to rejoin NHSACA. If anyone knows of any grants that we can apply for, let us know so we can start the application process.

I would like to welcome Rocky Ruhl to the executive committee and the new sport chairs and region directors to the organization.

In closing I would like to thank you for the honor of serving on this board. It has been enlightening to say the least. I appreciate all the support I have received. I will do my best to serve you. The job can’t be done alone. The list is endless as to has helped me. God Bless,

David Dolan
President NHSACA
Rapid City Central
National Coach of the Year Winner

Soccer
John Conlon
East Kentwood High School

Assistant Boys’ Coach
Stephanie Olsen
Fenton High School

National Coach of the Year Finalists

Boys’ Basketball
Dan Fife
Clarkston High School

Soccer
John Conlon
East Kentwood High School

Boys’ Cross Country
Cliff Somers
Fremont High School

Girls’ Cross Country
Emily Kloss
Harbor Springs High School

Golf
Nancy J. Johnson
Greenville High School

Tennis
Peter Militzer
Portage Central High School

Volleyball
Jean LaClair
Bronson High School

Swimming
Jim Lawrence
Trenton High School

Wrestling
Tim Roberts
Dundee High School

Robert Ariss
Owosso
Boy’s Bowling

Kathy Breece
Traverse City West
Softball

Jim Caserta
Holland Christian
Boy’s Baseball

Jim D’Angelo
Mason
Girl’s Tennis

Patrick Donnelly
U of D Jesuit
Boy’s Basketball

Greg Durham
Northville
Boy’s Lacrosse

Jill Feldpausch
Fowler
Girl’s Track & Field

Eric Gajar
Ann Arbor Greenhills
Boy’s Tennis

Dale Harvel (accepting Bridget)
Detroit Martin Luther King
Football
Michigan High School Coaches Association: COACH OF THE YEAR

Emily Kloss  
Harbor Springs  
Girl’s Cross Country

Sal Konkle  
Marshall  
Girl’s Basketball

Thomas Kudwa  
Ludington  
Girl’s Tennis

Mitch Lutzke  
Williamston  
Boy’s Track & Field

Dave Pratt  
Springport  
Wrestling

Todd Reichard  
Vandercook Lake  
Girl’s Bowling

Jim Singelyn  
DeLaSalle  
Boy’s Swimming

Cliff Sommers  
Fremont  
Boy’s Cross Country

Susan Wood  
Rochester  
Competitive Cheer
Michigan High School Coaches Association: COACH OF THE YEAR

Not Pictured:
Michael Anderson,
Detroit Catholic Central
Boy’s Golf
Maysaa Bazzi,
Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
Volleyball
Lisa Broomfield,
Stevenson, Franklin & Churchill
Gymnastics’
Ken Sygit, St. Clair
Girl’s Swimming

Dan Young
Plymouth
Girl’s Golf

Martha and Charlie Zeiter
Mt. Pleasant
Skiing
Greetings to you from Illinois. After taking a little time to recover from the convention in East Peoria, it is time to go back at it.

Looking back on the convention, I am very satisfied with the success of the event. The venue was excellent with all the meeting rooms in such proximity. The staff at the Embassy Suites were very friendly and accommodating. Special thanks to Dave and Danell Dougherty for all of your efforts organizing and administering all of the meetings, banquets and other activities during the week. As always, a job well done.

Also, big hats off to the East Peoria Local Organizing Committee. This committee was Co-Chaired by Dave and Sara Kinney. Other members of the Committee were Rich Montgomery, Brien Dumbley, Jim Caliendo, Lynn Thompson and Dan Cliffe. This group handled lining up of speakers for the leadership classes, facilitating these sessions, recruiting Illinois coaches for sports specific sessions organizing transportation to off-site events, coordinating various AV needs, among various other duties. They took on the task from the beginning to make Illinois Proud, and they did not disappoint. I want to personally thank this group. Dave and Sara also sponsored the board dinner at Alexander’s Steak House on Sunday evening and we thank them.

With most of the numbers in for the convention all aspects seemed to show positive results. Registration was increased, enrollment for college credit for the leadership classes and the convention meetings was up dramatically and we had more vendors than previous years. There was also a higher number of Coach of the Year finalists in attendance at the convention and banquet. Illinois had ten of its eleven finalists present. Much of this can be attributed to the combined efforts of the Executive Committee, the Local Organizing Committee and the Sports Chairs. Congratulations. This was a team effort.

I am confident that the changes implemented at the East Peoria Convention, as well as the activities currently in place or that are in the planning phases by the Executive Committee will keep the National High School Athletic Coaches Association moving in the direction we planned at the end of the 2016 Convention in Louisville.

A special thanks to Randy Johnson as he moves off the Executive Committee to the rolls of Past Presidents. He has worked tirelessly for the NHSACA and his expertise in taking over of the Web site is immeasurable and greatly appreciated. It has been a pleasure to work with you on the Executive Committee these past four years.

My Congratulations to Rocky Ruhl on your selection as 3rd Vice-President. You are a great addition to this Executive Committee. You will have a very rewarding ride over the next five years and I am sure you will do a wonderful job. I would like to wish Dave Dolan the best of luck in the coming year as President. I hope you take the advice you gave me last year; “don’t try to do everything alone. Let people help you.” You have a great support group with the South Dakota Coaches Assoc. and they have proven they can get the job done. I feel confident you will do a wonderful job and we will have an outstanding convention in Sioux Falls.

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude to all the NHSACA Board Members on your concerns for my wife, Laurie, on her injury. It is very much appreciated. I must give her credit for her fortitude during the week. She didn’t want her injury to take away from the activities that I needed to be involved in during the convention. She’s a trooper, that’s why I love her.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer. Recharge those batteries and get ready for 2017-2018. See you all in Sioux Fall.

Thank you all for allowing me the honor to serve as your President this past year. Yours in Sports, Joe Cliffe NHSACA Immediate Past President
MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME APPLICATION

Criteria for Application: Only persons who have coached and or directed a secondary school athletics program for 25 years or more and actively coached in Michigan for a minimum of 10 years are eligible for the MHSCA Hall of Fame. The applicant must have been a member of the association (MHSCA), in good standing, and an active member of the association two years prior to nomination into the Hall of Fame. In addition to the application, the nominee will need to have two letters of support sent to the address at the bottom.

Contact Information

Date of Birth: ________________
Name of Candidate: _________________________________________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Home Address: _______________________________________________City:______________________________ State: _____Zip: __________
Candidate E-mail: (please print carefully) _____________________________________________________________________________________
School

Address: _______________________________________________City:______________________________ State: _____Zip: __________
Athletic Director Name: _______________________________________________________ Phone: ____________________________
E-Mail Address ____________________________________________FAX Number _______________________________
Nominator's Name: ____________________________________________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Home Address ____________________________________________City:______________________________ State: _____Zip: __________
E-mail: (please print carefully) ________________________________________________________________________

Coaching and/or Athletic Director Record (Please include all that you can on this form)

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Number of years as a Coach: _______ Number of years as an Athletic Director: _______ Combined Total: _______

Coaching Honors Listed:

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Service to Sports Associations and/or Community (sports associations, committees, leadership roles, service clubs, church organizations, etc.)

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Please send application, photograph (5 x 7) and have 2 letters of support forwarded to:
MHSCA Hall of Fame Ticket Information
(Feel Free to Photocopy and Distribute)

The 59th Annual Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held on the campus of Central Michigan University in the Bovee University Center – Terrace Room at 1:00pm on September 17, 2017.

The MHSCA Hall of Fame Induction ceremony consists of a cash bar, cold hors d’oeuvres, a two entrée buffet, dessert, and induction presentations of Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

Address: Bovee University Center, 103 East Preston Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI  48859

For more information contact: Mark F. Holdren
Cell: 517-526-4575
E-mail: mholdren@portlandk12.org

The Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony is a special event that should be shared by family, friends, colleagues, former athletes, and school administrators. Please feel free to distribute this sheet to the people that should be a part of this event.

Please order tickets early because space is limited. The deadline for ordering tickets is September 8, 2017.

*******TICKET CONFIRMATION RECEIPT AND TICKETS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL*******

SEND HALL OF FAME BANQUET TICKETS

Enclosed is a check or money order paid to: MHSCA for Hall of Fame Banquet tickets. (DO NOT SEND CASH).

Send to: Mark Holdren, MHSCA Executive Secretary
854 Marshall Street
Portland, MI  48875

PLEASE send me ________ (number) Hall of Fame Banquet tickets @ $35.00 = $_____________ (enclosed payment) to the following E-MAIL address.

_____________________________________________________________________________ (your name)
_____________________________________________________________________________ (your e-mail address)
MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION/GATORADE
15/20/25/30/35/40/45/50 YEAR COACHING SERVICE AWARD

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- The candidate must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship throughout his/her coaching career.
  *The AD or principal’s signature confirms this.
- Ten (10) years of coaching outside of the state of Michigan may be applied to the application.
- Coaching at any level may be applied as long as it is a school sponsored interscholastic sport. A maximum of ten (10) years may be allowed for coaching at the collegiate level.
- To receive a general coaching certificate the candidate must have been coaching at least one sport per year at any level for the requested number of years.
- To receive specific certificates for a single sport the candidate must qualify for the specified number of years in that sport. This can be at any level. You cannot however count more than one level or season for a sport in any one year. For example, coaching both boys and girls basketball during the same school year counts as “1” year; coaching both 7th grade boys and JV boys during the same school year counts as “1” year.

Awards for 30 years and more will have the sports that the candidate coached listed on the plaque. The coach will be presented only one award for each level of service after 30 years.

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING AWARD

- Complete the application forms (2) and mail to: Mike Jolly, Years of Service Awards,
  20917 Parkplace Lane, Clinton Twp., MI 48036 or E-mail to: dlssathletics@aol.com
- Certificates will be sent to your home address. Please allow four (4) weeks for processing.
Plaques will be mailed to your home address. Please allow six (6) weeks for processing.

MHSCA APPLICATION FOR YEARS COACHING SERVICE AWARD

___15 Years ___20 Years ___25 Years ___30 Years ___35 Years ___40 Years ___45 Years ___50 Years

Name (as it is to appear on award) ____________________________________________________________

Best Phone ________________________ Email Address: _________________________________________

Home Address ____________________________________________________________________________

Home City ________________________ Home State____ Home Zip ________

Michigan High School Sports Association: ________________________________(MITCA, BCAM, etc.)

MHSCA Membership Card #: ____________ Year: _____________________

Signature of Coach __________________________________

Signature of AD or Principal * ______________________ Phone Number: _____________________

Printed Name of Administrator: _______________________ EMail: _________________________________

Send Completed form to: Mike Jolly, Years of Service Awards, 20917 Parkplace Lane, Clinton Twp., MI 48036
  or E-mail to: dlssathletics@aol.com. Be sure to include your Year-by-Year Summary Sheet.

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**SPORT CODE**
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- FB, BGLF, GGLF, GYM, HCK, BLAX, GLAX, BSKI, GSKI
- BSCR, GSCR, SFB, BSWM, GSWM, BTEN, GTEN, BTRK, GTRK, VB, WR

**SCHOOL or SERVICE CODE**
- (Example)
- MCHS Mt. Clemens HS
- USAF US Air Force
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MHSCA Sponsors

MHSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES CALENDAR

- Board of Directors Fall Board Meeting & Hall of Fame Inductions
  September 17, 2017
  @ CMU Mt. Pleasant
- Board of Directors Winter Board Meeting & Coach of the Year
  Recognitions November 12, 2017
  @ Ramada Convention Center, Lansing