Congratulations to the 2018-2019 NFHS/PIAA State Coaches of the Year

On behalf of the PIAA Board of Directors and staff we would like to congratulate the past school year’s Pennsylvania Coaches of the Year. Coaches are selected based on nominations from the school community, the PA Coaches Associations, and State Association Staff. They are then evaluated based on sportsmanship, adherence to PIAA By-Laws, respect of officials, coaching impact, and success at inter-district championships. The PIAA submitted 25 coaches in 22 sports for the NFHS state coach of the year awards. A special congratulations to Sonya Whitman of Villa Maria Academy who was selected as the Mideast Sectional Coach of the Year. Mideast section is comprised of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C., and West Virginia. For more information on the NFHS Coach of the year selections, click here.

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Upcoming Events:

- **February 6th—8th**
  Team Wrestling Championships
  GIANT CENTER — Hershey

- **March 5th—7th**
  Individual Wrestling Championships
  GIANT CENTER — Hershey

- **March 11th—14th**
  Swimming and Diving Championships
  Bucknell University — Lewisburg

- **March 19th—21st**
  Basketball Championships
  GIANT CENTER — Hershey

- **May 15th—16th**
  Boys’ Team Tennis Championships
  Hershey Racquet Club — Hershey

- **May 22nd—23rd**
  Boys’ Singles & Doubles Tennis Championships
  Hershey Racquet Club — Hershey
  Track & Field Championships
  Shippensburg University — Shippensburg

- **June 6th**
  Boys’ Volleyball Championships
  Recreation Hall — PSU
  Boys’ & Girls’ Lacrosse
  West Chester East High School

- **June 11th—12th**
  Baseball Championships
  Modlar Field, Lubrano Park, PSU
  Softball Championships
  Beard Field, Nittany Lion Softball Park, PSU
The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association goal is to provide educational, character building opportunities for students through athletics.

**319,000**

Student-Athletes

**1,434**

Member Schools

766 High Schools — 668 Junior High Schools

1 GOAL

**SAVE THE DATE:**

2020 NFHS National Student Leadership Summit

**July 20th — 22nd:** Dates of this year’s leadership summit.

To fill out an application, click [here](#).

Students, do not miss the chance of a lifetime to enhance your leadership skills at a national conference.

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**Congratulations to the 2020 PIAA Competitive Spirit Champions.**

Small Varsity: South Fayette

Medium Varsity: Bishop McCort

Large Varsity: Cumberland Valley

Coed Varsity: Downingtown West

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**Allentown Central Catholic Coach Mike Kopp Earns 1000 Wins**

The PIAA Board of Directors and Staff would like to congratulate Mike Kopp on earning his 1000th career win, on January 10th, 2020 with a 33-30 victory over Pocono West. Coach Kopp has a record of 926 – 236 in 40 years at Allentown Central Catholic. His first four years were spent at Notre Dame High School. Kopp is currently the all-time wins leader in Pennsylvania girls’ basketball. He is also the first basketball coach in history to achieve 1000 wins by exclusively coaching girls. Congratulations to Mike Kopp and the Allentown Central Catholic community on an outstanding achievement.

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**Voices of the Nation:**

**Johnathan Bauer**

Upper Merion Area High School Principal and PIAA Board Member, Johnathan Bauer was featured in the 100th issue of NFHS High School Today in their “Voices in the Nation” section. In this section principals from across the country were asked, “How do you coordinate and collaborate with other community organizations?”. Mr. Bauer discusses how Upper Merion’s coordination and collaboration starts with its school leaders. Every year the Upper Merion school board holds a meeting with elected officials from all sending municipalities to discuss how they can work together. Click [here](#) and go to page 74 to view the full article.

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**100 YEARS OF BASKETBALL**

This year’s PIAA Basketball Championships will celebrate 100 years of basketball. The first basketball championship was played in 1920 at Penn State Armory in State College between Harrisburg Tech and Bellevue. Harrisburg Tech won the first PIAA Basketball Championship by a score of 38-34. In celebration of the 100 years of basketball the PIAA is looking for photos, memorabilia, newspaper articles, or any historic items in connection with basketball championships over the years. If you have photos or items you are willing to share please email Jen Grassel at jgrassel@piaa.org.

We also invite you to attend the championships on March 19th thru the 21st for a 100 year celebration weekend. Click [here](#) to order your tickets now. We look forward to seeing you at this century celebration.

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**Purchase Wrestling and Basketball Tickets now!**

PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships
March 5th – 7th
Click [Here](#).

PIAA 100th Year Basketball Championships
March 19th — 21st
Click [Here](#).

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