



Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

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2022 Officials' "30 Years of Service" Awards Banquet

PIAA Board of Directors and Staff would like to congratulate and thank the officials who attended the "30 Years of Service" Banquet on August 6th. There were 70 officials recognized for their years of service to student-athletes across the commonwealth.

In addition to the "30 Years of Service Awards", PIAA also presents three unique service awards at its annual banquet; the Beverly M. Owens Gaither Meritorious Service Award, the Chapter Secretary of the Year Award, and the Mario J. Donnangelo Distinguished Service Award. The Beverly M. Owens-Gaither Meritorious Service Award is awarded to a registered or non-registered official who shows a constant and consistent devotion to PIAA through their years of service. This year's recipient was Barry L. Heckard (pictured to the right) who is one of the mainstays with the PIAA Wrestling Championships since 1979, devoting over 42 years of service to the sport. Barry was a graduate of Mechanicsburg HS and was a three-sport athlete competing in football, wrestling and baseball.



The Chapter Secretary of the Year award goes to a chapter secretary who was nominated by their officials' chapter for showing leadership and commitment to their chapter's officials. This year's Chapter Secretary of the Year award went to Terrance P. Fustine (pictured to the left), who was the Chapter Secretary for the Northwest Mountain Chapter of PIAA Football Officials. Terry has been the chapter secretary since 1999. He has worked tirelessly, providing information to his chapter officials. Terry also is the assignor for junior high, junior varsity, and varsity level athletics, ensuring area schools have officials at their weekly athletic events.



The Mario J. Donnangelo Distinguished Service Award is the highest award the PIAA bestows on a registered sports official. The recipient of this award was Pam Cherubin (pictured below), District VII, female PIAA Officials representative. Pam has been the District VII female officials representative for 40 years. Pam was a graduate from Rosalina HS where she played basketball. She has been a registered basketball official since 1971 and has officiated not only in high school but in all three college divisions.

Congratulations to these three distinguished individuals on their well-deserved awards.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Important Dates:

August 26th

- 1st Contest Date—*Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Girls' Volleyball, Soccer, & Water Polo*

September 24th

- 16th Annual PIAA Foundation Cross Country Invitational—*Parkview Cross Country Course, Hershey*

October 2nd—8th

- Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week

October 17th—18th

- Golf Individual Championships: *Blue & White Golf Courses, PSU*

October 19th

- Golf Team Championships: *Blue & White Golf Courses, PSU*

October 28th—29th

- Girls' Tennis Team Championships: *Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey*

November 4th—5th

- Girls' Singles and Doubles Championships: *Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey*



**Pennsylvania Interscholastic
Athletic Association
(PIAA)**

goal is to provide educational,
character building opportunities for
students through athletics.

316,400

Student-Athletes

1,442

Member Schools

772 High Schools
670 Junior High Schools



Title IX at 50 Years

In celebration of the 50th year anniversary of Title IX, PIAA would like to recognize those individuals who served as pioneers for girls athletics in Pennsylvania. If you know of someone who you believe provided leadership in the area of Title IX, please submit their information to Assistant Executive Director, Jen Grassel @ jgrassel@piaa.org. PIAA will attempt to recognize these women throughout the school year.

SAVE THE DATE:

**PIAA Officials'
Appreciation
Weeks:**



Fall Sports:

October 2nd—8th, 2022

Winter Sports:

Jan. 8th—14th, 2023

Spring Sports:

April 2nd—8th, 2023

16th Annual PIAA Foundation Cross Country Invitational

Saturday, September 24th, PIAA will be hosting the 16th Annual Cross Country Invitational at Parkview Cross Country Course in Hershey. Team entries will be accepted on a first come, first entered basis. Individual entries from students representing PIAA member schools that DO NOT sponsor a cross country Team during the Regular Season that participates in at least 50% of the maximum permitted number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, will be accepted. Those students must meet all PIAA eligibility requirements, must wear a school-issued cross country uniform, and will not be eligible to receive a Team score. Teams that wish to participate in the varsity race with less than five runners, will be permitted to do so; however, they will not be eligible to receive a Team score. Over 100 schools have already registered. To register your school for the invitational please click [here](#).



Member School Resources—NFHS Learning Center

As the 2022-2023 interscholastic athletic season begins. Member school administrators can be reminded of resources they can use through the [NFHS Learning Center](#). The NFHS Learning Center has a library of **free** videos that can be used for administrators, coaches, student-athletes, officials and parents. Click [here](#) to view the library. The NFHS Learning Center also offers over 60 free courses that administrators, coaches, students, and officials can utilize.



One video to highlight, since many member schools have received wet bulb thermometers is an educational video on how to use a wet bulb thermometer. Please click [here](#) to view the video.



The NFHS Learning Center has become a nationally accredited institution by Cognia. The organization just this past year went through the rigorous process and was awarded national accreditation. For more information on the Cognia accreditation please click [here](#).

Reminders for the Upcoming School Year

- [Mandatory Rule Interpretation Meetings](#) must be attended by a Head Coach. Failure to attend will result in an **\$100.00 fine**.
 - ◇ Fall sport rule interpretation meetings are wrapping up. Coaches who have missed the meeting can view a rules interpretation meeting online from 8/30-9/30 by logging into their coaches profile and clicking on Rules Interpretation Meetings on the right side bar and paying the \$75.00 fee.
- Eligibility lists are due within two weeks of the First Regular Season Contest Date. Failure to accurately and electronically submit the Certificate of Eligibility and subsequent modifications within two (2) weeks after the First Regular Season Contest Date will result in a fine of **\$100** per sport. Any modifications to the Certificate of Eligibility shall be timely submitted throughout the season.
- School administrators should check to make sure officials have updated clearances. They can do this by logging in using their school access code and click view the Officials' Registry. Any officials not found in the registry are not properly registered and should not be contracted to officiate.