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27th Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet Honors **20-30-40 Year Officials, Norris Award Recipient**

EAST LANSING, Mich. – April 11 – The Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet will honor 315 individuals with 20 or more years of service to the interscholastic sports community. The 27th edition of this banquet will take place on April 29 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel at 7 p.m.

The 40-year award will be presented to 26 officials. In addition, 179 officials with 20 years, and 110 officials with 30 years of experience, will be honored. With the induction of this year's select group, the honor roll of officials who have aided young student-athletes grows to 6,466 since the inception of the banquet in 1980.

The banquet will also feature the announcement of the 2006 recipient of the Vern L. Norris Award. The honor, named for the former MHSAA executive director, will be presented to an official with more than 20 years of experience who has been active in their local officials' association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in officials' education.

This year's banquet will feature brief multimedia presentations prior to the introduction of the 20, 30 and 40-year recipients, with historical highlights from 1986, 1976 and 1966.

Tickets for the banquet are available to the public and are priced at \$15.00. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For additional information, contact Faye Verellen at 517.332.5046.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,800 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

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(NOTE – A complete listing of officials to be honored, in alphabetical order by city, is included in this release. We hope you will recognize any individuals from your area who have contributed over the years to interscholastic athletics. If you are interested in attending the banquet, contact Faye Verellen at the MHSAA office for complimentary tickets.)

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

20, 30 & 40-YEAR OFFICIALS

The officials on this list will receive their 20, 30 or 40-year service awards at the 27th annual Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel on April 29.

20-YEAR OFFICIALS

Ada - Brian Today
Alma - Chris Taylor
Alpena - Joseph Garant
Ann Arbor - Michael Mazur
Ann Arbor - James Neal
Auburn - Philip Ouillette

Bad Axe - Dale Grifka
Bannister - Bryon Taylor
Battle Creek - Russell Bortell
Battle Creek - John Cumbers
Battle Creek - Frank Hendrickson
Battle Creek - Rodney James
Battle Creek - Carl Olson
Bay City - Dennis Filary
Bay City - Walter Hinman
Bay City - Michael MacDonald
Bear Lake - Don Thomas
Berkley - Scott Wilson
Big Rapids - Don Seaborn
Birch Run - Ronald Johnson
Brighton - Paul Ash
Brighton - Carolyn Richards

Cadillac - William Loveless
Charlevoix - John Prescott
Cheboygan - Luke Houlton
Cheboygan - Matt Redmond
Clawson - Ronald Shier
Clinton Township - John Ward
Coldwater - Randolph Spangler
Corunna - Richard Secor
Croswell - Ronald Matthews

Dearborn - John Duck
Detroit - Glover Earnest
Detroit - Charles Pankowski
Detroit - Glenn Peoples
Detroit - Gail Richardson
Detroit - Jeremiah Sheehan
Detroit - George Young
DeWitt - Clinton Chadwell
Dundee - Gordon Wenzel

Essexville - Mark Gentle

Farmington - George Cal Kerr
Farwell - William Chadwick II
Fenton - Lisa McKenney
Fenton - George Warson Jr
Fenwick - Michael Myers
Ferndale - Grigorios Floros
Flint - Lee Taylor
Fraser - Rex Balch
Fremont - Ray Boes
Fruitport - Lou Roossien Jr

Gobles - Steven Grybus
Grand Blanc - Michael Krellwitz
Grand Junction - Debra Berkey
Grand Ledge - John Bengel
Grand Ledge - Todd Compton
Grand Ledge - Scott Dobie
Grand Rapids - Jeffrey Kirchhoff
Grand Rapids - Thomas Kloote
Grand Rapids - Michael Niedzwiecki
Grand Rapids - Steve VanHammen
Grass Lake - William Bainton
Grayling - Scott Gabriel
Grayling - Warren Hayes

Harbor Springs - Brewster McVicker III
Harper Woods - Joseph Barron Sr
Harper Woods - Michael Mondalek
Hastings - Curt Johnson
Hemlock - George Wilkins
Hessel - Joseph Baker
Hillsdale - Terry Armev
Holland - David Fry
Holly - Steven Lenar
Holly - Fred Waybrant
Holt - Mark Coscarella
Houghton - William O'Connor
Howell - Richard Burke

Inkster - Woodell Payne
Ionia - Richard Seigle
Iron Mountain - John Hogberg
Ironwood - Christine Carlson
Ironwood - Gary Mariani
Ishpeming - Harold Reichardt
Ishpeming - John Soderberg

Jackson - Walter Paszkiet
Jackson - David Riley

Kalamazoo - Mable Long
Kalamazoo - Leonard Moelaart
Kalamazoo - Gary Neidert
Kalamazoo - Charles Parker
Kentwood - Susan Barthold

Lansing - Robert Allen
Lansing - Gary Garbarino
Lapeer - Stephen Fox
Lathrup Village - Al Greer
Lathrup Village - Dale Harris
Lenox - Edward Grewe
Livonia - Thomas Trzcinski
Ludington - Bartley Estola
Ludington - Thomas Hallead

Macomb - Marty McCabe
Manistique - William Lasich
Manistique - Charles Richey
Marquette - Jeffery Green
Marquette - James St Onge

Marshall - Brad Hall
Menominee - Michael Andre
Midland - Walter Kline
Midland - Donald Rose Jr
Millington - Martin Snover
Monroe - Robert Jett
Mt Pleasant - Clayton McCreight
Munising - Dee Jay Paquette
Muskegon - Jerry Young
Negaunee - Michael Adams
New Baltimore - Michael Fournier
New Baltimore - Michael Gawronski

Ortonville - Michael Jordan
Owosso - Eugene Davis

Paw Paw - Max Mumford
Petoskey - John Juday Jr
Pewamo - Bruce Nurenberg
Pigeon - Gordon Murphy
Plainwell - Robert Brown
Pontiac - Floyd Erkins
Portage - John Kemp
Portage - Thomas Monroe
Prescott - Jeff Miller
Presque Isle - Vicki Herman

Quincy - Ronald Howe

Redford - Mark Sleboda
Redford - Russell Viau
Reed City - Sharon Lucey
River Rouge - Roger Provey Jr
Riverview - Joseph Molner
Rochester Hills - Michael Carney
Rockford - Cornell Kahn
Rockford - Brian Richardson
Rogers City - Gerald Chrzan
Romeo - Janet DeBeauclair
Royal Oak - Richard Gauthier
Royal Oak - Fred Mrachina
Royal Oak - Bruce Pharis

Saginaw - Joseph Jordan Jr
Saginaw - Roger Little
Saginaw - Luis Paredes
Saginaw - David Schimpf
Sagola - Robert Edberg
Sandusky - Brian Jones
Sandusky - Richard Tank
Shelby Township - Gerhard Koehn
Sheridan - David Hancock
Sister Lakes - Chris Haack
South Haven - Randall Davis
South Haven - James Forrester
Southgate - David Weidenbach
Sterling Heights - Armando Melchiorre
Stevensville - Friedhelm Helling
Sumner - Rolland Carman

Temperance - Charles Thomas
Thompsonville - Brett Spalding
Three Rivers - Al Heivilin
Traverse City - John Gross
Traverse City - Judy Sheffer
Troy - Michael Retaskie

Union Pier - Joseph Gonzales

Vandalia - Daniel Covey

Walloon Lake - Robert Vratana
Washington - Gary Gilbert
West Olive - Stephen Myers
Westland - Stephen Patterson
Whitehall - John Lallo
Whitehall - Jack O'Donnell
Whitehall - Dominic Pulaski

Carmel, IN - David Westol
Elkhart, IN - Steven Chamness

Kunkle, OH - Max Smeltzer
Pioneer, OH - Bob Meuleman
Toledo, OH - Marty Guthrie

30-YEAR OFFICIALS

Ada - Patricia Treman
Addison - Allen Schuch
Almont - Thomas Abraham
Almont - Gary Carson
Alpena - Gary Mischley
Ann Arbor - Brian Balliet

Baraga - James Holm
Battle Creek - Barbara Shelley
Bloomfield Hills - Dennis King
Bloomfield Hills - W. Jack Morris
Boyne Falls - Leonard Puroll

Cadillac - William Allen
Caledonia - George Watterson
Carney - Edward Jenkins
Clarkston - Dale Kutchey
Clinton Township - Dennis Clark

Davison - Michael Steinkraus
Dearborn Heights-Sharon Hammerschmidt
Dryden - Kevin Tietz

Escanaba - William Dubord
Essexville - William Post
Ewen - Jerry Leaf

Fairgrove - Jerry Lasceski
Flat Rock - Robert Brodie
Flint - James Sullivan
Flint - Steven Winn
Flushing - Reed Johnson
Freeland - Kim Heisler

Gaylord - George-Tom Johnson
Gladstone - Wayne Marshall
Grand Blanc - Stephen Huber
Grand Haven - Hal Beyer
Grand Ledge - Charles Peabody

Grand Rapids - Gary VanderLende

Hancock - John Vaara
Harbor Springs - William Johnson
Hart - Juan Munoz
Hartford - Alvin Nixon
Hermansville - Robert Maule
Holland - Mary Colenbrander
Holland - Thomas Kruithoff
Holland - David Smits
Holly - Duane Raffin
Howell - Byron Rogers

Iron Mountain - Jerry Reddinger
Ithaca - Craig Gritzmaker

Jackson - Ardis Jill Conat
Jackson - James Flack
Jackson - Albert Peterson
Jackson - Gregory Putra
Jenison - Kyle Kasteline

Kalamazoo - William White
Kaleva - David Hoeh
Kentwood - Theodore Hestand
Kentwood - Ingrid Jensen
Kentwood - Betty Near

Lansing - Jerry Carter
Lansing - Richard Mull
Lansing - Jerry Smalley
Lapeer - Arden Fisher
Lapeer - Mitchell Olejniczak
Livonia - Laura Alves

Madison Heights - Evan Lehto
Marine City - Norbert Prange
Marshall - Daniel Stulberg
McMillan - Clifford Fossitt
Memphis - Kenneth Marzka
Menominee - Peter Pericolosi
Michigan Center - Daniel Bentschneider
Midland - Donald Page
Mio - Douglas Graham
Monroe - Paul Carollo
Muskegon - Joseph Scott
Muskegon - Duane VandenHeuvel

New Baltimore - Michael McCarthy
New Era - Terry Porrett
Newberry - Thomas Rahilly
Northville - Edward Gabrys

Okemos - N Kent Ames
Onondaga - Nevin Alexander

Parma - James Dewland
Parma - Wayne McDonald
Pontiac - Jerome Chaumley
Port Huron - James Dunn
Port Huron - Julius Traub
Portage - Duane Luedeking
Portage - Timothy Osterman
Posen - Kenneth Wozniak

Rochester Hills - Kevin Leary

Saginaw - Albert Endres

Saginaw - John Flukes
Saginaw - John Oczepek
Stanton - Karen Yanna
Sterling Heights - Arnold Gray
Stockbridge - James Lister
Sturgis - Raymond Martin

Taylor - David Beatty
Three Rivers - Frank Gawkowski
Three Rivers - Kim Losik
Traverse City - Fredric Haines
Traverse City - Michael Muldowney
Troy - John Rammelsburg
Troy - James Stone
Troy - Clarence Tabar

Wakefield - Edwin Smith
Washington - Bruce Udvari
Wixom - Theodore Felegy
Wyoming - Sandra Noto

Bowling Green, OH - Thomas Ford
Toledo, OH - Eunice Harrell

40-YEAR OFFICIALS

Bay City - Eugene Hornak
Benton Harbor - Adolf Pelzer
Benton Harbor - Andrew Saetre
Bessemer - Don Bennetts
Brimley - Milton Sutton

Canton - Ronald Bak
Charlotte - Ronald Schultheiss

Dearborn Heights - Thomas Waligorski

Eaton Rapids - Richard Ribby

Flint - James Phillips
Frankfort - Thomas Bishop

Grand Rapids - Bernard Abrams

Highland - Robert Parks
Honor - Will Lynch

Jackson - Donald Anderson

Lansing - Robert Troshak
Livonia - Dale Coller

Orion - Garry Reynolds Sr

Pewamo - William Heckman
Plymouth - Joe Kavulich
Portage - Ruth Meyer
Portage - Jerry Spade

Trenton - David Henegar
Troy - Russell Koppitz

Warren - Martin Petrill Sr
Wyoming - Edward Mosley Jr