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### **Class Of 2009 Members Added To Student Advisory Council**

**EAST LANSING, Mich. – May 17** – Eight student-athletes who will be juniors at their schools during the 2007-08 academic year have been selected to serve a two-year term on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council.

The Student Advisory Council is a 16-member group which provides feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and is also involved in the operation of Association championship events and other programming. Members of the Student Advisory Council serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members will be selected annually to the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. The incoming juniors will join the inaugural group of eight students appointed a year ago.

Selected to begin serving on the Student Advisory Council in 2007-08 are: Abby Cohen, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood; Willie Cruz, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse; Michelle DeMuro, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer; Adam Dingman, Cedarville; Matthew Herman, East Kentwood; Molly Lockwood, Fife Lake Forest Area; Jeffrey Petsch, Montague; and C.C. Weber, Goodrich.

The Student Advisory Council will meet five times each school year. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the council will discuss issues dealing with the 4 S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition), and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There will also be a fifth S discussed by the group -- student leadership.

The Student Advisory Council's operating expenses are underwritten by AT&T. In addition, AT&T will make a \$1,000 donation to the athletic department of each school which is represented on the Student Advisory Council, which may be spent as each department sees fit. AT&T also underwrites the MHSAA's Scope Award, which honors one school in each enrollment class (A-B-C-D) annually with a \$2,500 cash award for doing the best job in promoting a sensible scope for educational athletics in their buildings and communities.

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## 2-2-2 – New Student Advisory Council Members

The new additions to the SAC will join the inaugural member who were selected a year ago: Andria Baker, Constantine; Dustin Baker, St. Louis; Bryce Bilinski, Southgate Anderson; Brittany Bullock, Lansing Catholic; Rachel Gebauer, Alpena; Eric Howard, Hudsonville Freedom Baptist; Blake Laethem, Caro; and Molly Waterhouse, Vicksburg.

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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