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MHSAA Student Advisory Council Applications Being Accepted

EAST LANSING, Mich. – April 7 – The Michigan High School Athletic Association is looking for a group of student-athletes to be named to its Student Advisory Council beginning with the 2008-09 school year. Four boys and four girls from the Class of 2010 will be selected to a two-year term, and will meet on matters related to maintaining and promoting a proper perspective and sensible scope for high school sports in Michigan. Eight members from the Class of 2009 are already serving on the council, while eight members of the Class of 2008 are leaving the council this spring.

To be eligible for the committee, candidates must complete the official application, including answering the three short-answer questions; submit a letter of recommendation from a school administrator; be a member of the Class of 2010; intend to participate in varsity athletics as an upperclassman; have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale); be available for all scheduled meetings.

In addition, candidates should show a history of leadership on athletic teams as well as with other extra-curricular activities, community service projects, or in the workplace; show an understanding of the role of school sports; and have ideas for promoting a proper prospective for educational athletics.

Applications are due in the MHSAA office by 4:30 p.m. on April 23. Applications can be downloaded from the Student Leadership page of the MHSAA Web site, filled out on the computer or handwritten, and returned to the MHSAA office by e-mail, fax or any mail delivery service.

The Student Advisory Council is funded through AT&T, the MHSAA's corporate sponsor promoting the proper perspective on high school sports. In addition to the Student Advisory Council, AT&T sponsors the SCOPE Award, given to schools displaying a continuous emphasis toward promoting a sensible scope for school sports. Each school athletic department represented on Student Advisory Council will receive a check for \$1,000 recognizing its student's involvement.

Among other things, the council will act as the voice of Michigan's student-athletes; serve as a student sounding board for the MHSAA's Representative Council; assist in planning Sportsmanship Summits, Captain's Clinics and other student leadership events; participate in a yearly focus group about the state of high schools sports for Michigan State University's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports; and assist with medal ceremonies at MHSAA championship events.

Members of the Student Advisory Council from the Class of 2009 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. Exiting the council this spring are members of the Class of 2008: 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 eight new members of the Student Advisory Council will be notified by May 9. The 2008-09 meetings are tentatively scheduled for Aug. 10, Oct. 5, Dec. 7, Feb. 15 and April 26. Meetings will be held at the MHSAA Office in East Lansing.

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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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