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## **Applications Being Accepted For MHSAA Student Advisory Council**

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – **April 8** – 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 2009-10 school year. Four boys and four girls from the Class of 2011 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 2010 are already serving on the council, while eight members of the Class of 2009 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 22. 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 Advisor Council acts as the voice of Michigan's student-athletes; serves as a student sounding board for the MHSAA's Representative Council; assists in planning Sportsmanship Summits, Captain's Clinics and other student leadership events; participates 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 assists 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.

Members of the Student Advisory Council from the Class of 2010 are: Mackenzie Lawler, Okemos; Andrea McIntosh, Ann Arbor Greenhills; Elyse McKenna, Algonac; Ryan Moore, Central Lake; Taylor Schultz, Richland Gull Lake; Nicole Trevarthen, Iron Mountain; Alex Van Tiem, Detroit U-D Jesuit; and Daniel Yats, Clare.

The eight new members of the Student Advisory Council will be notified by May 8. The 2008-09 meetings are tentatively scheduled for Aug. 15, Oct. 4, Dec. 6, Feb. 7 and April 25. Meetings will take place at the MHSAA Office in East Lansing.

For more information, contact Andy Frushour at the MHSAA – 517-332-5046 – or afrushour@mhsaa.com.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,600 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.