

OACA Newsletter

SUMMER 2024



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SEVEN-TEN YEARS OF SERVICE FOR 68 YEARS

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Rob Younger, OACA Executive Director



When May/June comes around each school year, we know the school year is close to ending. Spring sports are ending, and we are close to naming new state champions in track, baseball, softball, tennis, and golf. Congratulations to all our spring sport coaches. I trust that in between the school year ending, summer strength and conditioning, and the coming new school year, you can get some very deserved vacation time with family and loved ones. I also remember the excitement as teachers/coaches as we watch our graduating seniors walk across the stage of graduation, praying that things go well for them as they meet the challenges in their new adventures.

This school year, the OACA has been celebrating its 89th year of serving high school coaches in our state. It has been a busy and productive year as this year has passed rapidly. We need to thank this year's OACA Executive Board for their outstanding leadership and guidance. Special words of appreciation to Ronda McKenzie, Westview HS, this year's Board President for her excellent leadership this year. Our leadership team is excited to have Greg Grant, Heppner HS as our 2024-25 OACA Board President. A complete list of the 24-25 OACA Board of Directors and Sport Chairs can be found on our website <https://www.oregoncoach.org/contact-us/our-team/>.

This has been a very productive year for our Association. Our membership numbers continued to grow to close to where we were pre-covid. In December we provided a check for over \$59,000 to the OSAA in Gold Card partnership with the OSAA, bringing the 24-year total to over one million dollars. We sponsored six sport-specific clinics, which over 2000 coaches participated in. The Board of Directors sponsored five different OSAA policy changes in cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball. Last month, we honored over 330 coaches and family members at the 38th Annual OACA Awards Banquet. In 1986 the first OACA "Coach of the Year" Banquet was held with 50-60 coaches in attendance. 1986 also marked the year where the OACA began recognizing and honoring graduating senior student-athletes. This year, we had over 100 quality applications for our scholarships, with our selection committee choosing fourteen student scholarships, totaling \$25,000 that will be awarded this coming fall. For a complete list of all the scholarship award winners see page 8 of the newsletter. With the fourteen scholarship award winners this year, a total of \$338,000 has been awarded to OACA families over the 38 years of the scholarship program. We greatly appreciate our Sponsors, Pacific Office Automation, Buffalo Wild Wings, BSN Sports, Oregon Army National Guard, Leading Edge Fundraising, Hudl, MaxPreps, Prime Time Sports, Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Teams of Men, Oregon State Credit Union, and Dave Dowling who provide funds that go directly to our scholar athletes.

The new membership year for our Association begins July 1. Make sure to renew your membership to take advantage of the many benefits included. We would like to announce a change in the prices for membership for the 2024-25 school year. With increased costs due to inflation and credit card processing costs, the cost of an OACA Gold Card Membership when purchased by credit card/PayPal will be \$72, a \$4 increase. If you pay by check/cash/purchase order, the cost is \$69. The cost of a retired Gold Card is \$60, and a Regular Membership is \$55.

"Kids Need Coaches Today More Than Ever!" As a coach, we have tremendous influence and impact on our student-athletes. Coaching and teaching today's high school student-athletes is a demanding profession, and the better your mental and physical condition, the better able you will be to help your athletes. A healthy mental and physical lifestyle leads to a better and productive coach. I would challenge each of you this summer to take the time to relax, spend time with family and reenergize yourself. We tend to put so much of ourselves into others that we often forget to take care of us and our families. Have a great summer and take the time to do the things that we don't have time to do during the school year. Read, relax, exercise, etc. and prepare yourself for another great 2024-25 school year.

The OACA is here to SERVE!

If we can ever be of assistance, please contact us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob".

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Chris Knudsen, OACA Associate Director

We sincerely thank all of you coaches and athletic directors for the HUGE impact that you have on your athletes, schools and communities. You do not realize it but most nights as families eat dinner, drive somewhere or just visit, your athletes are talking about you. Things like, "Coach said this to me today" or "Coach showed me how to do...", etc. are told to families daily. The most powerful muscle in your body, your tongue, can be very powerful and impactful when used correctly. As Billy Graham famously stated "A coach will impact more people in one year than the average person does in a lifetime".

Most coaches will work very hard this summer, but we encourage you to get away, rest and re-energize. Because it is so important, "Moratorium Week" was created. Coaches tend to get so involved that a proper "Work-Life Balance" becomes necessary to address. As a sportswriter from Southern California wrote, "Your job doesn't love you. Your job won't kiss you. It won't hug you. But, your family will." So, take some time to get away this summer and enjoy your family.

Speaking of summer activities, we want to remind you that your OACA membership has a \$2 million liability that covers you during summer activities, camps, All-Star games, etc. Also, if you are conducting a camp, our carrier, Loomis and LaPann, can provide camp insurance at a reduced rate. This is HUGE. And, there are many more benefits to this valuable membership. If one of your coaches is not a member, have them contact our office and we can help get them covered for the summer as well as throughout the year. This is very important!!

Our Mentorship Program for football and volleyball coaches will begin in the latter part of the summer. If you have any coaches, particularly those with less than 6 years of experience, send us their names and contact information. We want to emphasize: the mentoring our mentors do is in addition to the mentoring that the coaches in your program do. We will certainly not interfere with the leadership and mentoring you are providing. We are just very interested in helping young coaches and keeping them in our great profession.

As the school year comes to an end, we want to remind you to encourage all of your Senior athletes to get involved in coaching or officiating. If every coach could encourage one former player each year to enter either profession, our issues with a lack of coaches and officials would not exist in the very near future. They can even start while they are in college if they are not playing a sport. Please help in this critical endeavor!!

Chris

2024 OACA AWARDS BANQUET

On May 18th we held our 38th annual Oregon Athletic Coaches Association Awards Banquet. We had a wonderful turnout this year with over 325 coaches and family members in attendance at this event, which took place in the University of Oregon's beautiful Autzen Stadium Club Level facility. Please see a complete list of award winners on the following pages.

In addition to coaching awards, we also presented plaques to our Years of Service (YOS) honorees. YOS honorees are OACA members who have reached a milestone year in their coaching career. We honored coaches who have reached their 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60th year in coaching. Below is a list of our Years of Service Honorees.

25 YEARS

Chris Arnold
Keith Bennett
Kevin Bickler
Laric Cook
Matt Craven
Rod Cross
Jody Cyr
Neil DeForrest
Scott Dippel
Troy Farwell
Arnold Garcia
Ryan Gerry
Buell Gonzales, Jr.
Josh Grotting
Abdiaziz Guled
Jason Lamb
David Larsen
Meadow Lemon
Jeff Leo
Bruce Marthaller
P.J. Martineau
Guy Millington
Zach Pauls
Carrie Pyle
Richard Rockwell
Matt Saltmarsh
Ramiro Santana
Tyler Satterthwait
Jeff Schiewe
Mike Simons
Wade Sims
Tim Smith
Eric Stutzer
Eugene Turner
Chad Waples
Tal Wold
Eric Wolff
Dave York
Cory Young
Patti Youngren

30 YEARS

Hugh Anderson
Anna Baltrusch
Kent Blanchard
Heidi Bowers
Jeff Clark
Don Clarke
Wayne Everest
Ariah Fasana
Jayme Frazier
Marvin Gibbs
Eric Givens
Jen Gubrud
Rob Henry
Jason Hildreth
Chris Johnson
Brad Joy
Samedy Kem
Becky Kemper
Chad Kessler
Trent Kroll
Karalee Kylo
Marianne Mills
John Oliver
John Roady
Chad Rush
Sonna Smith
Scott Smyth
Scott Spear
Cliff Toney
Randy Waite

35 YEARS

Ed Baran
Carrie Danchok
Monty Hawkins
Rod Kuykendall
Greg Oveson
Scott Rueck
Darren Shryock

40 YEARS

Clair Costello
Kevin Dixon
Kary Hadden
Vince Randall
Donald E. Riggs
Gene Saling
Tim Sam
Tony Smith
Tom Snook
J.T. Thomas
Lennie Wolfe

45 YEARS

Mike Jodoin
Tom Johnson
Dennis Melcher
Pat Scott
Terry Williams

50 YEARS

Dave Ackerman
Jim Figoni
Rob Younger

55 YEARS

Michael W. Bober

60 YEARS

Larry Binkerd
N. Terry Calhoun

NFHS COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

NFHS National Coach of the Year

Klel Carson, La Grande HS - Wrestling
Donna Roisom, Grant HS - Girls Tennis

NFHS Section 8 Coaches of the Year

Enrique Abad, Aloha HS - Boys Soccer
Mike Stone, La Salle Prep - Boys Tennis
Jason Hafner, McMinnville HS - Boys Swimming & Diving
Brad Horning, North Bend HS - Baseball
Dennis Dunlea, Lost River HS - Football (8-Player)
Marty Stallard, Coquille HS - Girls Basketball
Sarah Shinkle, Crook County HS - Girls Golf
Christine Langley, Lakeridge HS - Spirit (Cheer)



NFHS Oregon State Coaches of the Year

Ken Potter, Jesuit HS - Football (11-Player)
Gary Hull, Western Christian School - Boys Basketball
Joe Fulton, Philomath HS - Boys Cross Country
Chris Koenig, Nelson HS - Boys Track & Field
Martine Wodke, Sheldon HS - Volleyball
Anna Heuberger, Gladstone HS - Girls Soccer
Charlotte Richardson, Caldera HS - Girls Cross Country
Robyn Schiffer, South Medford HS - Girls Swimming & Diving
Heidi Bowers, Imbler HS - Girls Track & Field
Brandi Jackson, Dallas HS - Softball

2023-24 ALL-SPORTS WINNERS

6A Jesuit HS

5A Summit HS

4A Marist Catholic HS

3A Oregon Episcopal School

2A Bandon HS

1A Crane Union HS

2023-2024 AWARD HONOREES

Assistant Coaches of the Year

Chris George - St. Mary's School (Medford)
Ken Grieb - Heppner HS
Lauran Pratt - Oregon Episcopal School

Athletic Trainer of the Year

Cari Wood - Redmond HS

Community Service Award

Nichole Kenny - Salem
Dan Segal - Corvallis
Kent Smith - Hillsboro

Dave Dowling Impact Coaches of the Year

Chris Gissell
Cliff Kirkpatrick, Crescent Valley High School

Dave Johnson Contributor Award

Paul Ward - Dallas HS

Marv Heater Distinguished Service Award

Greg Mulkey - Marshfield HS

Media Award

Dan Bain - Roseburg
Annie Fowler - East Oregonian
Brad Fuqua - Corvallis/Philomath

Middle School Coach of the Year

Chris Johnson - St. Mary's School (Medford)

NFF HS Academic Excellence Award

Summit HS Football - Corben Hyatt

OAOA Meritorious Sportsmanship Award

Kristen Cooper - Bend Senior HS

Officials of the Year

Chuck Caylor - Douglas Basketball
Tommy Kennedy - Salem Wrestling
Denny Palanuk - Salem Softball

Oregon Army National Guard Coaches of the Year

Tom Johnson - Barlow HS
Jennifer Teeter - Imbler HS

Rob Younger Power of Influence Award

Anthony Stoudamire - Jefferson HS (Portland)

Unified Sports Coaches of the Year

Justin Adams - South Albany HS
Amy Nickell - Redmond HS

2023-2024 COACHES OF THE YEAR

Baseball

6A Joe Monahan, West Linn HS
5A Dennis Minium, Thurston HS
4A Cameron Webb, Scappoose HS
3A Joe Baumgartner, Banks HS
2A/1A Kevin Moffatt, Kennedy HS

Basketball, Boys

6A David Blue, Central Catholic HS
5A Jon Frazier, Summit HS
4A Jebron Jones, Baker HS
3A Brian Morse, Cascade Christian HS
2A Gary Hull, Western Christian HS
1A Eric Nichols, Crane Union HS

Basketball, Girls

6A Tom Cole, South Medford HS
5A Alyssa Ogle, Silverton HS
4A Randy Denson, Henley HS
3A Bill Schimel, Corbett HS
2A Jordan Sammons, Bandon HS
1A Tomika Doman, Crane Union HS

Cross Country, Boys

6A Jacob Michaels, Franklin HS
5A Justin Loftus, Crater HS
4A Tom Swinford, Newport HS
3A Ian Berge, Valley Catholic HS
2A/1A Steve Sheehy, Union/Cove

Cross Country, Girls

6A Tom Rothenberger, Jesuit HS
5A Kari Strang, Summit HS
4A Joe Fulton, Philomath HS
3A-1A Tyler Green, Oregon Episcopal School

Dance & Drill

6A Hayley DuLong, Lake Oswego HS
5A Danielle Schneider, Parkrose HS
4A Emily Madsen, Astoria HS
3A-1A Jessica Anderson, Valley Catholic HS

Football

6A Steve Pyne, Central Catholic HS
5A Adam Guenther, Wilsonville HS
4A Alex Stork, Henley HS
3A Jon Gettman, Cascade Christian HS
2A Ray Yarbrough, Lowell HS
1A 8-Player Dennis Dunlea, Lost River HS
1A 6-Player Thomas VanNice, Echo HS

Golf, Boys

6A Adam Ruben, Lake Oswego HS
5A Andy Heinly, Summit HS
4A Mike Long, Baker/Powder Valley
3A-1A Missy Smith, Oregon Episcopal
School

Golf, Girls

6A Michele Gray & Laurie Wagner, Jesuit HS
5A Dan Murnan, Summit HS
4A-1A Sarah Shinkle, Crook County HS

Soccer, Boys

6A Alan Cox, Lakeridge HS
5A Tom Bunnell, Summit HS
4A Ollie Richardson, Cottage Grove HS
3A-1A Jose Garcia, McLoughlin HS

2023-2024 COACHES OF THE YEAR

Soccer, Girls

6A Manolis Tjuanakis, Grant HS
5A Alex Boehm, Wilsonville HS
4A Ben Bonser, North Marion HS
3A-1A Chris Dorough, Catlin Gabel School

Softball

6A Mike Faulconer, Sheldon HS
5A Brandi Jackson, Dallas/Perrydale
4A Lindy Macnab, The Dalles HS
3A Robert Medley, Burns/Crane
2A/1A Zach Williams, Grant Union/Prairie City

Swimming, Boys

6A Bryan Butcher, Jesuit HS
5A Bailey Dickerson, West Albany HS
4A-1A Shayna Swanson, Newport HS

Swimming, Girls

6A Brigitte Stacey Dennett, Lakeridge HS
5A Brandon Powers, Bend Senior HS
4A-1A Cheyenne Maszk, La Grande HS

Tennis, Boys

6A Darrell Hawkins, West Linn HS
5A Jake Oelrich, Summit HS
4A-1A Wade Judy, Marist Catholic HS

Tennis, Girls

6A Kirsten Ruchaber, Jesuit HS
5A Mark Orozco, Crescent Valley HS
4A-1A Todd Mansfield, Oregon Episcopal School

Track & Field, Boys

6A Eric Dettman, Lincoln HS
5A Dave Turnbull, Summit HS
4A Chad Scriven, Marshfield HS
3A Chris Johnson, Siuslaw HS
2A Kellen Peters, East Linn Christian
1A Reagan Shira, Adrian HS

Track & Field, Girls

6A Hashim Hall, Tualatin HS
6A John Parks, Lake Oswego HS
5A Dave Turnbull, Summit HS
4A Joe Fulton, Philomath HS
3A Jake Cochran, Coquille HS
2A Brent Hutton, Bandon HS
1A Amanda Maddux, Damascus Christian HS

Volleyball

6A Teresa Zimmerlee, Jesuit HS
5A Troy Shorey, Crescent Valley HS
4A Shari Pimental, Marist Catholic HS
3A Rory Rush, Sisters HS
2A Denetia Chimuku, Portland Christian HS
1A Maddy Wester, Crane Union HS

Wrestling, Boys

6A Neil Russo, Newberg HS
5A Austin Markee, Dallas HS
4A Steve Thorpe, Sweet Home HS
3A Desmond Bennett, Harrisburg HS
2A/1A Tony Blomstrom, Toledo HS

Wrestling, Girls

5A/6A Mike Simons, Thurston HS
4A-1A Krystal Fabricante, La Grande HS

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients

The OACA annually awards scholarships to high school graduating seniors of OACA members. Scholarship applications are reviewed by the OACA Executive Board, who evaluate applications in the areas of academics, athletic participation and honors, extracurricular activities, and community service. Since the inception of the scholarship program in 1986, the OACA has provided over \$338,000 to graduating student-athletes.

The following are our **2023-24 OACA Scholarship Winners:**

Mitchell Basinski, Centennial HS

Kai Carson, La Grande HS

Connor Dunlea, Lost River HS

Jada Gary, Sutherlin HS

Mitchell Mahlum, Liberty HS

Cooper Rothenberger, Junction City HS

Charles Shorb, Powers HS

Josie Vermillion, Sutherlin HS

In addition to the student-athlete scholarships, the **Coach Dave Johnson Scholarship** is awarded to a college-bound student-athlete who has overcome obstacles in his or her personal life in order to reach a level of success, both on and off the field of play, that makes them a credit to their team, school and community. This scholarship is sponsored by Dave Dowling, South Salem HS graduate, in honor of Coach Johnson's meaningful impact on his life as a young student-athlete.

The following are our **2023-24 Coach Dave Johnson Scholarship** awardees:

Jesus Moreno Rangel, Crescent Valley HS

Emma Spalding, North Bend HS

The **OACA Directors and Presidents Scholarship**, created with support from Jennifer & Jarod Teeter and funded by former OACA Directors and Presidents, is to recognize a deserving student-athlete who meets the following criteria:

- Outstanding character, sportsmanship and leadership—a student-athlete who truly stands out among peers
- Emphasis placed on pursuing a career in education
- Emphasis given to multi-sport athlete

The recipients of the **2024 OACA Directors & Presidents Scholarship** are:

Kaitlin Brock, La Grande HS

Lainie Wheeler, North Valley HS

This is the inaugural year of the Griffin Hoffmann Memorial Scholarship that is presented to deserving tennis players from high schools in Oregon. The goal of the Griffin Hoffmann Memorial Scholarship is to keep the memory of Griffin, a former tennis player at McDaniel HS, alive. The foundation would like to thank the Semler family for their contributions to the mission and goals of the Foundation.

The recipients of the **2024 Griffin Hoffman Memorial Scholarship** are:

Justin Silva Gamez, McDaniel HS

Artimus Hebbe, McDaniel HS

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING 2024-25 CLINICS

August 16, 2024

OACA Volleyball Clinic
Wilsonville HS

August 17, 2024

Soccer Clinic
La Salle HS

October 11, 2024

OACA/Nike/OBCA Basketball Clinic
Wilsonville HS

January 31-February 1, 2025

Nike NW Track & Field Clinic
Location TBA

March 7-9, 2025

Nike/OACA Football Clinic
Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel

LES SCHWAB BOWL



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Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals 2024 Oregon's All-Star Football Game AnnounceMENT – ROSTERS & NEW VENUE!!

Oregon – The Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals, is proud to announce the 2024 rosters as well as the transition into a new venue, Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR. Beginning in 1948, the Oregon Shrine Games was played in Multnomah Stadium, and most recently Linfield University. Today, this annual tradition – now known as the Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals – is playing its 76th game (26th as the Les Schwab Bowl) and will be showcasing the best football talent in the state of Oregon. A draft was held with the coaching staff from both teams earlier this month, and they selected high school players from any grade and playing level, and are eligible to compete with graduated seniors in the All-Star football game showcase. The game truly represents the best of the best Oregon has to offer. Event proceeds from the Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals will benefit the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association general scholarship fund, the Brayden Bafaro Scholarship Fund, and various youth charities. The Les Schwab Bowl is one of the most well-attended statewide All-Star Games in the country. The 2024 event occurs on Friday, June 28th, at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, at 7:00 pm. **Any alumni in the game's 76-year history are cordially invited to attend the game and come onto the field during introductions to be recognized, courtesy of Les Schwab Tires**, the game's 26-year title sponsor and generous supporter. Please contact denbody@primetimepdx.com to arrange tickets.

Team Columbia: Head Coach – Steve Pyne, Central Catholic

Running Backs & Defensive Backs:

Deckard Hale - Grant Emmett Togni - Lincoln

Luke Baker - Clackamas

Andrew Knight - Sunset Kameron Rague - South Medford

Hudson Gasperson - Jesuit Chaz Katoanga - Nelson

Offensive & Defensive Linemen:

Zac Stascauskys - Central Catholic Ridge Hout- West Linn

Sam Keen - Springfield

Jakob Fairbank - McMinnville Brady Holland - Lincoln

Samuel longi - David Douglas

Adrian Machic - Sunset Jackson Leipold - Nelson

Kainoa Hayes - Central Catholic

Brody Borrevik - Sheldon Alexander Esuk - Sunset Kicker:

Miles Rice - Sunset Rocco Graziano - Sheldon

Assistant Coaches: Craig Pyne (Central Catholic), Paul Kraus (Central Catholic), Spencer Phillips (Lakeridge), John Beck (Lakeridge), Aaron Hazel (Nelson), Chris Cooper (Central Catholic)

Team Willamette: Head Coach – Adam Guenther, Wilsonville

Linebackers:

Donnie Vercher III - Central Catholic

Jeremiah Katsuta - Central Catholic Aeden Saele - Sprague

Hudson Reink - West Linn

Carter Christiansen - Wilsonville James Sessions - Scappoose

Landon Fay - McMinnville

Offensive & Defensive Linemen:

Ryder Swanson - Oregon City Kysen Ramirez - West Salem

Patrick Wooley - Liberty

Nate Peau - Central Catholic Emmet Fee - Wilsonville

Suliasi Lauaupaalu - Sherwood Grayson Brown - Sandy

John Stone Jr - Tigard

Cameron Glenn - Sheldon Lincoln Mason - Wilsonville

Dawson Relling - Marist

Zach Bridges - Sandy Jace Eveland - Redmond

Kicker: Max Nowlin - Scappoose Jackson Bell - Sherwood

Brandon Sailer - Scappoose

Assistant Coaches: Ned Walls (Wilsonville), Dominic Ferraro (Tualatin), Eric Moen (Tualatin), Scott DuFault (South Salem), Rich Hannan (Sherwood), Eric Mahlum (Liberty)

Receivers & Tight Ends:

Zhaiel Smith - Central Catholic Blake Hurley - Sunset

Evan Brenner - Central Catholic Cash Landau - Franklin

Jackson Doman - Canby

Aaron Bidwell - Marist D'Mareion Gates - Central Catholic

Caden Negra - Ashland Andreas Nicolaidis - Central Catholic

Linebackers:

Zach Davis - Central Catholic Ty Newbury - Central

Luke Webb - Camas Kenya Johnson - Sprague

Max Baker - Beaverton

Aiden Hazen - Marist

Quarterbacks:

Zayden Anderson - Seaside Will Reid - Franklin

Receivers & Tight Ends:

Evan Wusstig - West Salem Nick Crowley - Wilsonville

Matthew Eleweke - Tualatin

Rasean Jones - Baker Andrew Ramtel - Mountinside

Alexis Ruiz - Clackamas

Justice Anthony - McKay Brody Thomas - Sheldon

Running Backs & Defensive Backs:

Tyson Davis - Central Catholic

Jamahl Wilson - North Salem Andrew Waletich - Sherwood

Madden Tanuvasa - Mountinside Trayton Futi - Sprague

Jake Feist - Tigard Wyatt Ferguson - Sherwood

Quarterbacks:

Max Nowlin - Scappoose Jackson Bell - Sherwood

Brandon Sailer - Scappoose





Oregon School Activities Association

As the 2023-24 school year closes, we again reflect on the great relationship between the OACA, OADA, OAOA and OSAA. Those relationships were on full display throughout the year as we worked together to navigate the ever-changing landscape of educational activities.

This was most evident throughout the year as we all joined forces to promote the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Campaign. Our theme was the ACTION part of an EAP. In total, seven articles were sent out to schools, along with a presence on social media statewide. We thank the leadership and boards of each organization for keeping the focus on the experience of the students within our state.

2024-25 is setting up to be an important year for the organization as we prepare to begin the Classification & Districting Committee process and State Championship Committee process in 2025-26. It's amazing to think we are already starting the second half of the time block!

The work of the Petition to Play Down Task Force will be concluding and a new policy will be in place for schools looking to play at a lower classification than their ADM assigns them. The new policy will look at both the school's athletic program as a whole but also each activity on its own to potentially stay at its originally assigned classifications.

The Championship Thresholds Task Force is also beginning their work. Their charge will be to look at the qualifying percentages across all team sports, individual sports, and activities to find best practices in each to allow the State Championship Committee the ability to easily review proposals that may come forward through the process. If you're interested in serving as the coaches' representative on the upcoming Classification and Districting or State Championship Committees, please contact Rob or Chris.

Now, more than ever, it's important to retain positive people in the professions of coaches, officials, and athletic directors. It's imperative that we continue to support one another so we can continue to grow, develop, and maintain the leaders of tomorrow. If you have ideas or ways that we can support you in your profession, please let us know. Each organization has mentoring programs built to help support their memberships, we ask that you lean into those resources so burn out doesn't occur.

On behalf of the OSAA staff and our affiliated associations, we wish you a great summer and look forward to starting up the 2024-25 year on August 19.



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MAXPREPS

ABOUT THE MAXPREPS-OACA PARTNERSHIP

MaxPreps is proud to sponsor the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association and thanks the OACA for its continued support. MaxPreps helps coaches manage their team stats, roster, and calendar needs in one place.

The [MaxPreps app \(available for iOS and Android\)](#) for coaches, student-athletes and parents allows everyone to stay up to date on the team schedule, scores and results. The MaxPreps app is the easiest way for coaches to post scores and stats to MaxPreps for everyone to see. All roster, schedule, and stat information on MaxPreps.com automatically syncs to the app.

SUPPORT

Coaches may contact MaxPreps at support@maxpreps.com with any questions or reach out to MaxPreps/OACA representative Josh Taylor at jtaylor@maxpreps.com.

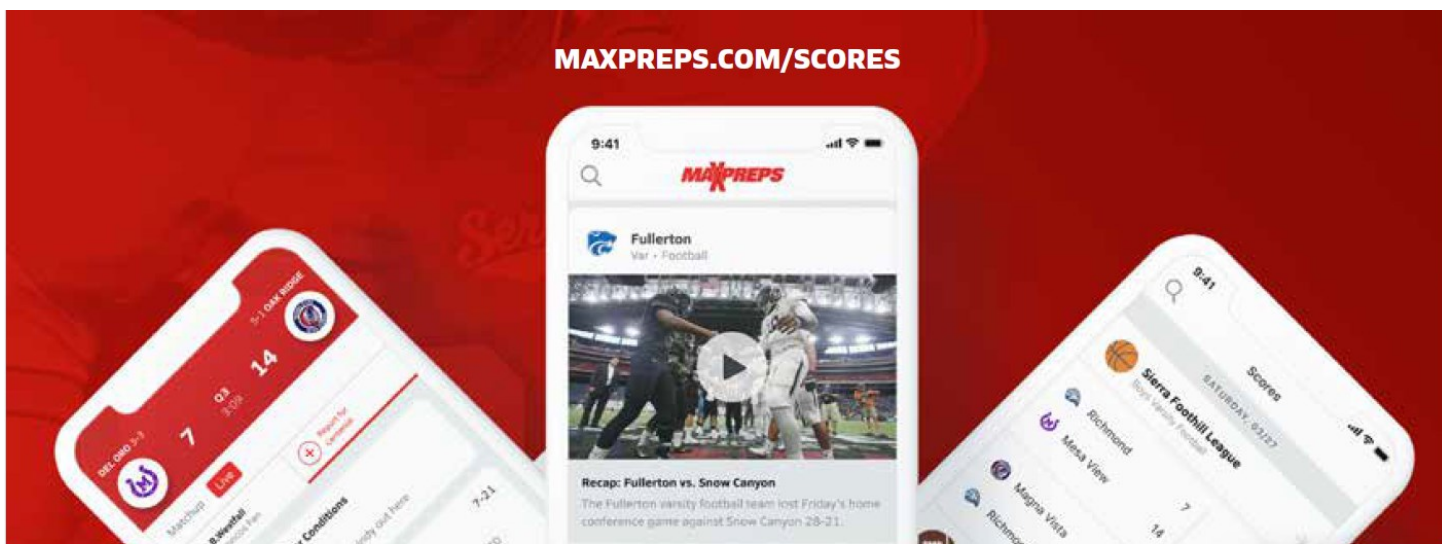
MANAGE YOUR TEAM

Request admin access to your team on MaxPreps to manage your team's schedule, roster and results. [Click here to sign up and get access or visit MaxPreps.com/coach.](#)

GAMECHANGER SYNC

Baseball and Softball coaches can automatically sync stats from GameChanger to MaxPreps. Learn more about the sync at support.maxpreps.com.

MAXPREPS.COM/SCORES



LIVE SCORING FOR THE FANS AT HOME

Keep your fans engaged and informed with live scores throughout all of your games. Teams can assign live-scoring responsibilities to a trusted program volunteer. The MaxPreps app allows a program volunteer to provide live scoring updates on their mobile device during the game. All scores/updates will be available on MaxPreps.com and the MaxPreps app. The app is available for iOS and Android.





Celebrating 2023-2024

from Debi Hanson, Associate Executive Director, OAOA



After just putting the finishing touches on the spring sports officials' awards, I am reflecting on how quickly this year seemed to go. What a year of ups and downs, highs and lows. I'm sure you are all feeling the same way. Again, I can't thank you enough for what you all do for our student athletes. You impact them in ways beyond imagination.

This year the OAOA has honored the following officials for their service to their local associations, schools, and even statewide.

Volleyball Official of the Year – Julie Pacarro-Stout, Portland

Soccer Official of the Year – Patrick Evoy, Central Oregon

Football Official of the Year – Steve Westerberg, Central Oregon

Wrestling Officials of the Year – Doran Simmons, Mid-Valley & Amo Estrada, Blue Mt.

Basketball Official of the Year – Mike Mann, Grants Pass

Softball Umpire of the Year – Bill Mead, Mid-Columbia

Baseball Umpire of the Year – Mike Kyles, Blue Mountain

We would also like to acknowledge Kristin Cooper, Bend High School Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach, for receiving our OAOA Meritorious Sportsmanship Award at this year's OACA Banquet.

With almost 1000 officials attending OCEP Playoff clinics/training, new officials' numbers increasing, and your continued support and recognition of officials this has been a banner year for the OAOA. Please consider asking your local commissioner or officials' organization to attend your early pre-season coaches or parents' meetings. This is a great way to build sportsmanship and get the word out about officiating opportunities.

Our Leadership Conference "Serving Through Leadership" is coming up at the end of June. This is a highlight for all local commissioners and association board members. If you have topics you'd like to have addressed please reach out to Chris Knudsen, as he will be attending and speaking on your behalf.

Looking forward to serving with you in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.





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You will receive your Gold Cards electronically through an email from the OSAA Website, Subject line: "2024-25 OSAA Gold Card." The email contains a link for your card and instructions on how to save the link to your mobile device. **We recognize that some members do not have a smart phone. Membership hard copies are available for those individuals. Both the Digital and Hard Copies are valid for admission into HS/OSAA events.** If your phone is unable to process a digital card, contact our office at 541-928-2700 or melissa@oregoncoach.org.

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It is in your best interest to sign up for your membership at the beginning of each membership year and take advantage of the entire membership year. It does not matter if you coach a winter or spring sport, you can sign up for your membership as soon as the new school year opens and have the benefit of your insurance for the entire membership year that also covers you when you are in the classroom. Online Membership Registration for the 2024-25 school year will begin on July 1st at www.oregoncoach.org.

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Here are some tips to inspire summer savings:

- **Holidays in July:** Do you have a savings account set up for holiday expenses? If not, start one today and set up an automatic transfer to fund it regularly. Even \$10 a week would ensure that when the holiday month comes, you already have \$200 for the season. That’s 200 dollars you won’t be putting on a credit card to pay off later.
- **Extra cash:** When’s the last time your household participated in a yard sale? Summer is the perfect time to turn clutter into cash. Join up with several friends or family members to boost your motivation and the amount of items up for sale! Use those funds to start or boost an emergency fund, or a periodic expenses account like a car maintenance or back-to-school savings account.
- **No-buy July:** What’s one common purchase you could put on pause for one month? Many of us get into the habit of buying lunches or coffees more than we’d like, or ordering little things online that, by the time they arrive, we don’t want as badly anymore. Think of one thing you can cut out for the month and commit! It helps to think of how you will replace this purchase—will you meal prep your lunches or delete a shopping app from your phone?
- **Make cents:** How often do you look at your checking balance online? Here’s a fun tip from one of our members:
 - ⇒ Every time you look at your checking account online, round down and transfer the cents (or dollars, too!) to a separate savings account. For example, if your balance is \$652.82, you transfer 0.82 cents (or \$2.82) to savings. Imagine how much you’ll save in a year! Those extra cents can be used to boost your vacation fund or pay down debt next summer.

We also have our Financial Education Resource Center where anyone in the community can learn more about topics like savings, building a budget, and debt payoff: [Wellness Center - Topic: Housing \(banzai.org\)](#)

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Hello Coaches!

As we move toward the last month of athletics & activities for 2023-24 it is fun to look back at the journey and see what was accomplished. We have had a great spring with a full slate of sports and activities and have hosted several top-notch championship events. Also, the OADA was proud to host the 55th State Conference in Sunriver! It was gratifying to watch the reconnections that people made and the number of athletic administrators who participated in NIAAA leadership training courses as well as workshops of every kind.

Some highlights of the State Conference:

NIAAA Associate Exec. Director Rich Barton and his wife Sheila attended and presented.

Hearing keynotes and workshops from Jake von Scherrer (Educational AD Podcast)

Inducted the 14th OADA Hall of Fame Class: Paula Toney, Ron Lowe, Perry Stubberfield & Kevin Bryant

Hosted a function just for New ADs

Held the annual Scholarship Golf Tournament @ Lost Tracks GC which allowed us to offer a record five OADA Scholarships
8 LTC classes

Record number of ADs take the CAA exam! (Thanks for coordinating LTI Coord. Tim Sam, CMAA)

24 Workshops

Awarded scholarships to Gavin McIrvine, Jackson Luebbert, Julie Hull, Aidan Bonner & Cooper Rothenberger.

Honored OADA AD Award nominees and winners (all nominated by various leagues)

2024 OADA AD Awards & Recognitions: **See following page**

I am thankful for everyone that was able to spend valuable time together and especially our board and Conference Ambassador Committee that worked so hard planning and putting everything together (President-Elect Trent Kroll was the conference planner). I want to point out the extra efforts by Bill Bowers (Hall of Fame), Mike Henderson (Exhibit Hall) & (Golf Tournament). I also appreciate the great partnership we have with the OSAA & OACA.

I would like to thank Past-President Doug Thompson for his years of servant leadership and wish him the best. The board is also very excited to welcome our newest member, Mike Nolan, Ida B. Wells HS, as our 2024-25 OADA secretary. Mike has a passion for character development & leadership and will be a welcome addition in the years to come. Our incoming President-Elect, Shelley Moore, CAA, will be planning the 2025 State Conference starting soon. Please get all suggestions and ideas for next year to her.

So, as you look forward to the pace of the summer months and make plans for next school year, I encourage you to take time to unwind and create a sustainable schedule that allows you to give yourself the attention, time and energy you deserve. Your leadership is a blessing to those around you and has an impact far beyond what you can imagine.

Take time for you so you can continue to share your best with others.

BE well!

Dave Hood, CAA
OADA Executive Director





2024 Awards Recognition & Summary

Highlighting the core values of leadership, innovation, and commitment to student athletes' welfare, the conference recognized individuals who have demonstrated exceptional prowess in their roles as athletic directors. Amongst the distinguished award winners were:

Proactive Coaching Leader of Significance Award:

Person or business that promotes, invests and commits to character and leadership development in Oregon Middle & High School student athletes.

Peter Weber, OSAA Executive Director

Bill Bowers Award of Excellence:

Special award given to honor Bill's passion, determination, belief in professional growth and development of ADs through LTI courses, NIAAA, OADA

Tim Sam, CMAA, North Valley High School

NIAAA State Award of Merit:

This award may be presented annually by each state to an individual who is an NIAAA member and is deemed by the state association to have performed meritorious service to the state.

Brad Dunten, Powder Valley High School

Athletic Director of the Year:

This prestigious accolade acknowledges outstanding leadership in their league and across the classification.

1A: *Bart Rothenberger, CAA, Alsea High School*

2A: *Kevin Moffatt, Kennedy High School*

3A: *Zach Lillebo, Taft High School*

4A: *Greg Mulkey, Marshfield High School*

5A: *Daunte Gouge, CMAA, Centennial High School*

6A: *Ryan McIrvin, CAA, McMinnville High School*

Small School (1A, 2A, 3A) AD of Year: *Kevin Moffatt*

Large School (4A, 5A, 6A) AD of Year: *Greg Mulkey*

Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award Nominee:

The Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to individuals from within the NIAAA membership in recognition of their length of service, special accomplishments and contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local, state and national levels.

Craig Rothenberger, CAA, Junction City High School



2024 Awards Recognition & Summary (cont.)

NFHS Citation Award Nominee:

NFHS Citations are awarded to individuals whose contributions have impacted high school activity programs through their association with one of the following groups of professionals: state associations and NFHS staff, athletic directors, coaches, officials, music adjudicators and directors, and speech, debate and theatre directors.

Missy Smith, CMAA, OSAA Assistant Executive Director

OADA/OSAA Partnership:

The award goes to the Athletic Director who goes out of their way to help the OSAA on committees, at state championship contests, or just continuing a good relationship with the OSAA.

Marshall Haskins, PIL Athletics

Cindy Simmons Leadership Award:

This accolade honors exceptional efforts in guiding other athletic directors, coaches and school community members.

Lorena Woods, CAA, Stanfield Secondary School & Shelley Moore, CAA, Newport High School

Jim Rotramel Lifetime Service Award:

This award is given to the Athletic Director who exemplifies the profession with servant leadership and a life-long commitment to serving today's youth.

Jerry Buczynski, Willamina High School & Greg Grant, Heppner High School

CAA Certifications Achieved:

These ADs have demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience, and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination:

Billy Brost, The Dalles HS; Tony Bush, Crosspoint Christian; Ryan Gallagher, Parkrose HS; Chris George, LaSalle Catholic; Anna Maria Lopez, St. Mary's Academy; John Matsuo, Hillsboro HS; Ryan McIrvin, McMinnville HS; Josh Mink, Ontario HS; Ricky Rodriguez, Sheldon HS; Lorena Woods, Stanfield Secondary School; Tina Pearson, Blanchet Catholic



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Hello Coaches!

As some of you wrap up your seasons, we have no doubt you are already looking ahead to next school year and next season. For some of you, summer is a good way to allow your student athletes some much needed rest and time off; for others, you are using that time to get them ready to go for a grueling season ahead. No matter your approach to summer, we urge you to ask your Athletic Trainer how they can be of help to you and your student athletes during the summer.

For those coaches who do not have access to an athletic trainer at your school, the National Federation of High School Sports recently put out an article about finding an athletic trainer that fits your school's needs. You can read it below:

<https://www.nfhs.org/articles/hiring-an-athletic-trainer-finding-the-right-fit-for-your-school/>

For those who do have access to an athletic trainer, use them! Athletic trainers can help assist with a variety of items that would be useful during the summer months, such as:

- *Providing prevention programs/screenings
- *Assisting with strength or recovery programs
- *Giving individualized advice and assistance for pre-existing or continued injuries
- *Doing baseline concussion testing
- *Coordinating pre-participation exams for those who need a new or updated one for the upcoming year
- *And more!

If your athletic trainer is not contracted to work during the summer, communicate and plan ahead. In doing so, they can still provide valuable services for you and your student athletes. And if they are around in the summer, make sure you communicate and invite them to your practices and events! The summer is a great time for the student athletes as well as your coaching staff to get to know your athletic trainer and create a connection for the upcoming season.

Have a great summer!!

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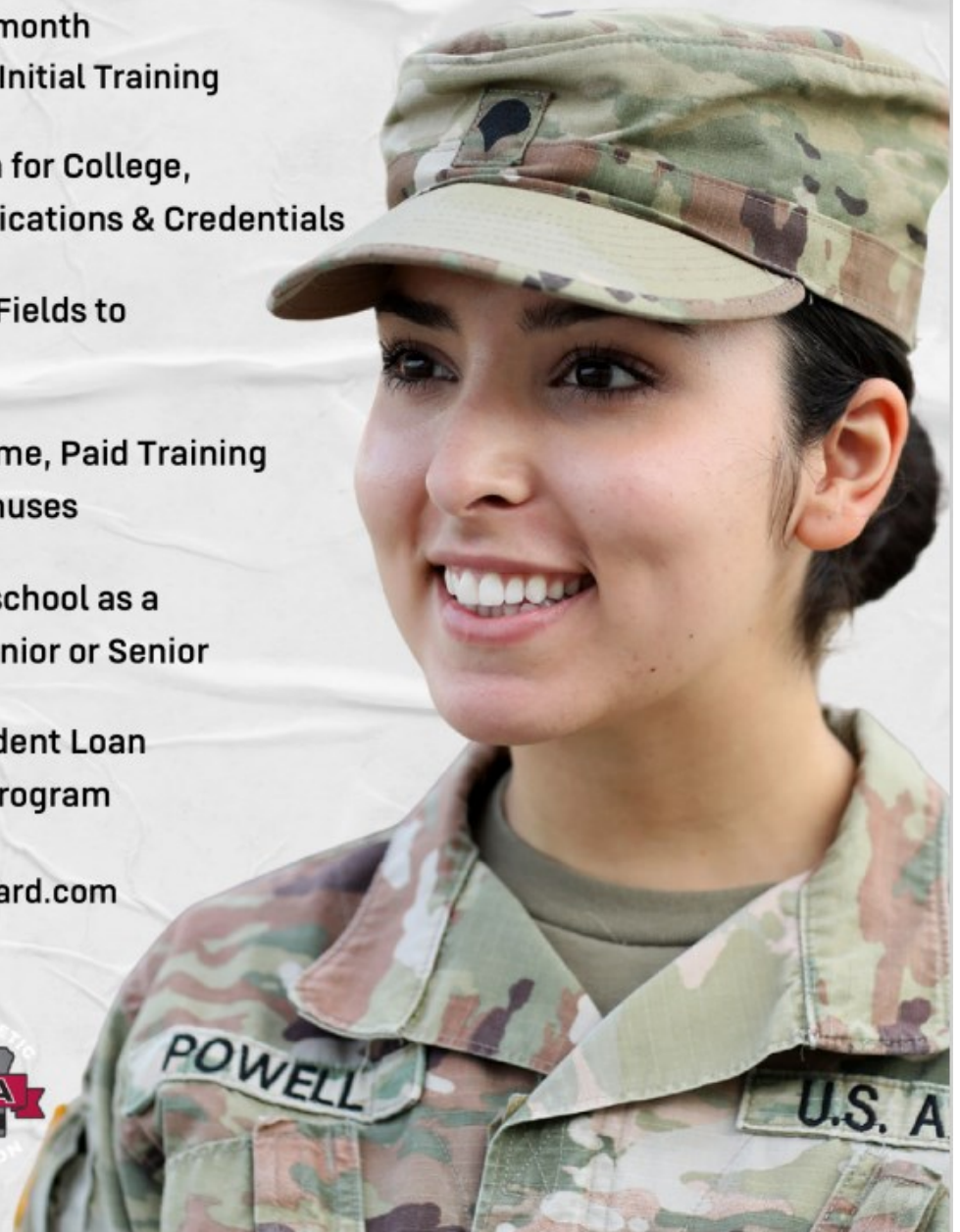


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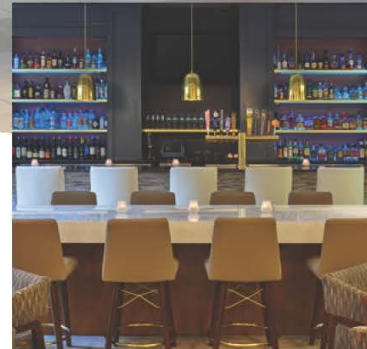
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