



# OACA Newsletter



**SUMMER 2025**



**SERVING COACHES FOR 90 YEARS**

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# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

## Rob Younger, OACA Executive Director



This school year, the OACA has been celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> year of serving high school coaches in our state. It has been a busy and productive year! Last month, we honored over 360 coaches and family members at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual OACA Awards Banquet. In 1986, the first OACA "Coach of the Year" Banquet was held with 50-60 coaches in attendance. From 1986-1996, the Executive Board chose four \$1,000 scholarship award winners. Since 1997, eight \$1,000 scholarships have been given annually. We now also provide two additional scholarships: the Coach Dave Johnson Scholarship, sponsored by Dave Dowling in honor of Coach Johnson's meaningful impact on his life as a young student-athlete, and the OACA Director's and President's Scholarship. Our selection committee reviewed over 130 quality applications for this year's scholarships. Thirteen scholarship award recipients and their families were honored at the Awards Banquet last month. For a complete list of the scholarship award recipients, please see page 8 of the newsletter. Including scholarship award winners this year, a total of over \$360,000 has been awarded to OACA families over the 39 years of the scholarship program. We greatly appreciate our Sponsors - BSN Sports, Pacific Office Automation, Buffalo Wild Wings, Leading Edge Fundraising, Oregon Army National Guard, Prime Time Sports, Hudl, Oregon State Credit Union and the Sheraton/Pollin Hotels - who provide funds that go directly to our scholar-athletes. Additionally, this year we had over 1,700 coaches participate in OACA-sponsored coaching clinics. This summer we will be involved with numerous All-Star Games, including the Les Schwab Bowl Football Game, a Volleyball All-Star Series, separate Boys and Girls Basketball Games, and Baseball and Softball All-Star Series.

We would like to announce some new changes with your 2025-26 OACA Membership Package. **Please note that we will need to increase the cost of Gold Card membership next year. A 2025-26 Gold Card will cost \$75 and a retired Gold Card \$60. We will no longer offer a Regular Membership option.** The increase is needed as our Liability Insurance Policy premium has increased, and our Gold Card reimbursement is presently \$24 per card. The Gold Card program has been a very positive partnership for both the OACA and OSAA. This school year we reimbursed the OSAA \$65,208 and have provided \$1,071,044 over the twenty-six years of our Gold Card partnership.

We are looking forward to having next year's memberships being processed through FinalForms (please see page 13). This will allow you to download your card to your mobile device or print your card. You will receive information on this new membership application process when we begin the 2025-26 registration process in August.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated Executive Board and they are committed to representing all sports and all classifications. Greg Grant, Heppner HS, did an excellent job of leading this year's Board as President, and we look forward to Josh Grotting, Sutherlin HS, taking over as President for the 2025-26 School Year. Please refer to our website for a complete list of Executive Board members and Sport Chairs: <https://oregoncoach.org/contact-us/our-team/>.

The OACA is here to help! Over the years the OACA has worked hard to provide its members with up-to-date professional development offerings, a quality membership benefit package, a professional publication, a state and national wide awards program, and more...

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

Wishing you a GREAT SUMMER!

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### Chris Knudsen, OACA Associate Director

Various topics to end the year and prepare for next year.....

#### **SPONSORS / PARTNERS**

We greatly appreciate all of our sponsors whose kind financial support helps to keep our member registration costs down, provides scholarships for members' kids, and offers other great benefits to members. Please support our Partners: Buffalo Wild Wings, Pacific Office Automation, BSN Sports, Oregon Army National Guard, Leading Edge Fundraising, the Sheraton Hotel, Hudl, Prime Time Sports, Oregon State Credit Union and Crown Trophy.

#### **WEBSITE**

Please check our website, [oregoncoach.org](http://oregoncoach.org), throughout the year for information, communication and clinic registration. It contains available coaching positions, a list of our sports chairs, All-Star game information, coach's directory, and much more.

#### **MENTORSHIP**

We have an excellent Mentorship Program with great Mentors for all sports! It is available to anyone, but we target coaches with less than six years of experience. The design is to assist the head coach and athletic director to help coaches with questions or issues that arise or just to be there for some positive reinforcement. To get a coach signed up just contact Rob ([ocacarob@gmail.com](mailto:ocacarob@gmail.com)) or me ([ocacachris@gmail.com](mailto:ocacachris@gmail.com)) with their contact information.

#### **PROPOSALS**

If you have a proposal that you would like to introduce, please reach out to a sports chair from your sport. They will bring your idea forward to start the process that involves several steps. This is a great and easy format to possibly make a positive change.

#### **TESTIMONY AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Please check the OSAA website ([osaa.org](http://osaa.org)) to see when the various committee's meet. Most of them allow public testimony, either in-person or virtually. This is designed to let you have a voice for change. If you have an idea or concern, please attend and communicate.

#### **CLINICS**

Our OACA clinics are for our coaches. We try to create the most meaningful content along with a relaxed setting to network with other coaches as well as view the latest products available from vendors from across the country. Any net profit goes directly back to our coaches. We strive to make these the best clinics around. Please join us at a clinic and any feedback to improve them is always welcome.

We wish you a relaxing, fun and productive summer. As always, let us know if we can help in any way.

Enjoy!!

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

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# 2024 OACA AWARDS BANQUET

On May 31st we held our 39th annual Awards Banquet. We had an excellent turnout this year with over 360 coaches and family members in attendance, 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

Chad Angel  
Ben Brown  
Curtis Brown  
Jill Carey  
Jeff Centoni  
Nathan Chin  
Craig Christoff  
Richard Chroninger  
Andre Cobbs  
Scott Dippel  
James Dixon  
Chris Gaydos  
Buell Gonzales, Jr.  
Sean Gorley  
Karl Granlund  
Josh Grotting  
Jamie Hammericksen  
Kenneth Harms  
Mark Holms  
Matt Humphreys  
Andy Johnson  
Jim Johnston  
Ryan King  
Chris Larson  
Matt Leichty  
John Lemmons  
P.J. Martineau  
Jon Millbrooke  
Guy Millington  
Kevin Moffatt  
Ryan Moser  
Joe Petshow  
Ramiro Santana  
Mike Simons  
Amy Skirvin  
Shawn Stinson  
Eric Stutzer

Jason Tester  
Pieter Voskes  
Dave York  
Carlton Wise

## 30 YEARS

Brian Adolph  
Michael Bottaro  
Dan Butterfield  
Don Clarke  
Bill Crowson  
Eric Dazey  
John Elder  
Wayne Everest  
Mike Fanger  
Arnold Garcia  
Greg Hess  
Jason Hildreth  
Dave Jordal  
Shane Kessler  
Margaret Kincaid  
Todd Lane  
Rod Lundgren  
Jim Missel  
Mark Moore  
Grant Nelson  
Tony Olliff  
Damien Ramirez  
Chad Reeves  
Ted Rose  
Bart Rothenberger  
Butch Self  
Jeff Skirvin  
Shawn Stanley  
Justin Starck  
Guy Takahashi

## 35 YEARS

J.D. Alley  
Stu Clem  
Sue Doan  
Tony Jones  
Scott Kellar  
Bill Masei  
Scot McDonald  
Chris McGowan  
Jim Poetsch  
Joe Rivelli  
Antoine Shired  
Anthony Stoudamire  
Les Willett  
Todd Zimmermann

## 40 YEARS

Greg Haga  
Jack Henderson  
Bill Shaw

## 45 YEARS

Les Duman  
Cary Gatzke  
Dave Hood  
Robert Kennewell  
Nick McWilliams  
Steve Puckett  
Thomas Trunt  
John C. White  
Dave Winters

## 50 YEARS

Dennis Dempsey  
Kim Horn  
Mark Peterson  
Steve Thompson

## 55 YEARS

Bruce Boldenow  
John Gillespie  
Garland Gilmore  
Doug Hislop  
Craig Rothenberger

## 60 YEARS

Roger D. Herbert  
Dennis Ludwig

# NFHS COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

## NFHS National Coach of the Year

Ernie Brooks, Crook County HS - Boys Track & Field

## NFHS Section 8 Coaches of the Year

Shane Hedrick, Cascade HS - Football (11-Player)

Ron Hop, Dayton HS - Boys Basketball

Nils Eriksson, Bend Senior HS - Boys Soccer

Steve Thorpe, Sweet Home HS - Boys Wrestling

Hedy Jackson, Catlin Gabel School - Boys Tennis

Jennie White, Dallas HS - Boys Golf

Lennie Wolfe, Warrenton HS - Baseball

Tom Cole, South Medford HS - Girls Basketball

Susan Doan, Estacada HS - Volleyball

Dan Zimmer, Henley HS - Girls Swimming & Diving

Melissa Turner, Salem Academy - Girls Golf

Vernita Reyna, Sprague HS - Spirit (Dance)



## NFHS Oregon State Coaches of the Year

Ian Berge, Valley Catholic HS - Boys Cross Country

Rod Lundgren, Centennial HS - Boys Swimming & Diving

Javier Gonzalez, Ontario HS - Girls Soccer

Kari Strang, Summit HS - Girls Cross Country

Stu Clem, Pendleton HS - Girls Tennis

Eric Dettman, Lincoln HS - Girls Track & Field

Scott McCormick, South Salem HS - Softball

Rusty Gulzow, La Grande HS - Girls Wrestling

## 2024-25 ALL-SPORTS WINNERS

**6A Jesuit HS**

**5A Summit HS**

**4A Crook County HS**

**3A Banks HS**

**2A Salem Academy**

**1A Crane Union HS**

# 2024-25 Award Honorees

## Assistant Coaches of the Year

**Nicki Ford** - St. Mary's School  
**Brian Lucas** - Philomath HS  
**Tony Ruvalcaba** - Wilsonville HS  
**Wesley Wachob** - Parkrose HS  
**Denny Walters** - Crater HS

## Athletic Trainer of the Year

**Bryan Painter** - Corvallis HS

## Community Service Award

**Jack Frazier** - Dominos Pizza, Dallas, OR  
**Brooks Newsom** - Pacific Office Automation

## Dave Dowling Impact Coach of the Year

**Jerry Buczynski** - Willamina HS

## Dave Johnson Contributor Award

**Terry Summerfield** - USA Football/Barlow HS

## Marv Heater Distinguished Service Award

**Jack Folliard** - OAOA

## Media Award

**Nick Krupke** - KPTV Fox 12

## Middle School Coach of the Year

**Bryan "Moe" Williams** - Oakridge Jr/Sr HS

## NFF Team Academic Excellence Award

**Bill Wortman** - Adrian HS

## OAOA Meritorious Sportsmanship Award

**Monty Hawkins** - La Salle Prep  
**Bill Westerholm** - Seaside HS

## Officials of the Year

**Patrick Duffy** - Metropolitan Interscholastic Soccer  
**Henry Hixson** - Malheur Co. Basketball Assoc.  
**Alicia Provost** - Greater Portland Volleyball

## ORARNG Coaches of the Year

**Chris Johnson** - Siuslaw HS  
**Danielle Schneider** - Parkrose HS

## Rob Younger Power of Influence Award

**Mike Forrester** - North Bend HS

## Unified Sports Coaches of the Year

**Angela Capps** - Redmond HS  
**Jessica Miller** - North Salem HS  
**Álvaro Muñoz Conde** - Forest Grove HS





# 2024-2025 COACHES OF THE YEAR

## Baseball

**6A** Joe Monahan, West Linn HS  
**5A** Dennis Minium, Thurston HS  
**4A** Cameron Webb, Scappoose HS  
**3A** Lennie Wolfe, Warrenton HS  
**2A/1A** Dave York, Umpqua Valley Christian

## Basketball, Boys

**6A** Tom Johnson, Barlow HS  
**5A** Sean Kelly, La Salle Prep  
**4A** Jebron Jones, Baker HS  
**3A** David Henry, Westside Christian HS  
**2A** Geoffrey Martin, Western Christian School  
**1A** Eric Nichols, Crane Union HS

## Basketball, Girls

**6A** Wes Pappas, Tualatin HS  
**5A** Amber Lease, Crater HS  
**4A** Tal Wold, Stayton HS  
**3A** Jed McMullen, Amity HS  
**2A** Derek Imig, Salem Academy  
**1A** Tomika Doman, Crane Union HS

## Cheer

**6A-1A** Natasha Hattenhauer, Crescent Valley HS  
**Cheer Assistant** Lily Andrews, Lakeridge HS

## Cross Country, Boys

**6A** Tom Rothenberger, Jesuit HS  
**5A** Justin Loftus, Crater HS  
**4A** Tom Swinford, Newport HS  
**3A** Kendall Schoolmeester, Banks HS  
**2A/1A** Steve Sheehy, Union/Cove

## Cross Country, Girls

**6A** Eric Dettman, Lincoln HS  
**5A** Justin Loftus, Crater HS  
**4A** Joe Fulton, Philomath HS  
**3A-1A** Nick Slenning, Oregon Episcopal School

## Dance & Drill

**6A** Trisha Herndon, Sherwood HS  
**5A** Megan Lofton, Lebanon HS  
**4A** Debbie Kishpaugh, Pendleton HS  
**3A-1A** Megan Hoffman, Valley Catholic HS

## Football

**6A** Jon Eagle, West Linn HS  
**5A** Adam Guenther, Wilsonville HS  
**4A** Zach Loboy, Marist Catholic HS  
**3A** Matt Bruck, Burns HS  
**2A** Tony Smith, St. Paul HS  
**1A** 8-Player Bill Wortman, Adrian HS  
**1A** 6-Player Ricky Ostle, Powers HS

## Golf, Boys

**6A** Matt Schulte, Jesuit HS  
**5A** Andy Heinly, Summit HS  
**4A** Jack Pennington, Marist Catholic HS  
**3A-1A** Scott Millhouser, Bandon HS

## Golf, Girls

**6A** Micah Frey, Lake Oswego HS  
**5A** Chris Bensel, Wilsonville HS  
**4A-1A** Melissa Turner, Salem Academy

## Soccer, Boys

**6A** Geoff Skipper, Jesuit HS  
**5A** Monty Hawkins, La Salle Prep  
**4A** Lupe Gonzales, Henley HS  
**3A-1A** Peter Shulman, Catlin Gabel School

# 2024-2025 COACHES OF THE YEAR

## Soccer, Girls

- 6A** Steve Fennah, Jesuit HS
- 5A** Alex Boehm, Wilsonville HS
- 4A** Stefan Schroffner, Marist Catholic HS
- 3A-1A** Chris Dorough, Catlin Gabel School

## Softball

- 6A** Avery Morehead-Hutsell, Sheldon HS
- 5A** Rob Ray, Bend Senior HS
- 4A** Tim Cary, Pendleton HS
- 3A** J.P. Kelley, South Umpqua HS
- 2A/1A** Zach Williams, Grant Union/Prairie City

## Swimming, Boys

- 6A** Steinar Neidig, Westview HS
- 5A** Kenzie Settelmeyer, Crescent Valley HS
- 4A-1A** Danny Weinberg, Catlin Gabel School

## Swimming, Girls

- 6A** Bryan Butcher, Jesuit HS
- 5A** Alexandra Winslow, Bend Senior HS
- 4A-1A** Danny Weinberg, Catlin Gabel School

## Tennis, Boys

- 6A** Jeff Wood, Jesuit HS
- 5A** Mike Stone, La Salle Prep
- 4A-1A** Wade Judy, Marist Catholic HS

## Tennis, Girls

- 6A** Kirsten Ruchaber, Jesuit HS
- 5A** Jason S. Lin, Crescent Valley HS
- 4A-1A** Jeff Priske, Marist Catholic HS

## Track & Field, Boys

- 6A** Erin Regali, Sheldon HS
- 6A** Tyrone Stammers, Sherwood HS
- 5A** Dave Turnbull, Summit HS
- 4A** Ernie Brooks, Crook County HS
- 3A** Ian Berge, Valley Catholic HS
- 2A** Brandon Lidgard, Delphian School
- 1A** Heidi Bowers, Imbler HS

## Track & Field, Girls

- 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** Reagan Shira, Adrian HS

## Volleyball

- 6A** Teresa Zimmerlee, Jesuit HS
- 5A** Kaela Wehrman, South Albany HS
- 4A** Tammie Montiel, Marshfield HS
- 3A** Becky Kemper, Valley Catholic HS
- 2A** Kara Copeland, Salem Academy
- 1A** Maddy Wester, Crane Union HS

## Wrestling, Boys

- 6A** Kevin Keeney, West Linn HS
- 5A** Greg Haga, Crater HS
- 4A** Trevor Hancock, Pendleton HS
- 3A** Tyler Swartzlender, Burns HS
- 2A/1A** Don Jackson, Oakridge HS

## Wrestling, Girls

- 6A/5A** Guy Takahashi, Forest Grove HS
- 4A-1A** Dan Nibblett, Oakridge HS



# 2024-25 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 **2024-25 OACA Scholarship Winners**:

**Aubrey Bisenius**, La Grande HS  
**Mya Haarsma**, Amity HS  
**Sienna Lillebo**, Taft HS  
**Addison McNeill**, Siuslaw HS

**Macy McNeill**, Siuslaw HS  
**Polly Olliff**, Dallas HS  
**Ashelyn Stanley**, West Salem HS  
**Kailea Takahashi**, Forest Grove 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 recipients of the **2024-25 Coach Dave Johnson Scholarship** are:

**Paiten Braseth**, Imbler HS  
**Angel Cabrera**, Willamina HS

The **OACA Director's and President's 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 following are the **2024-25 OACA Director's & President's Scholarship** winners:

**Jayda Cant**, Imbler HS  
**London O'Brien**, Mazama HS

The **OACA/NOCAD Balfour Scholarship** is a rotating scholarship that is sponsored by the Balfour Company. The OACA is a charter member of the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors (NOCAD). NOCAD membership consists of forty-two state coaches' associations. At the annual NOCAD Conference in January, the OACA was selected to provide the NOCAD Balfour Scholarship to a graduating senior from their coaches membership.

The OACA Scholarship Committee is proud to have selected:

**Riley Flack** of La Pine HS  
as this year's **OACA/NOCAD Balfour Scholarship** Recipient

## **Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals**

### **The NW's All-Star Football Game Announcement – ROSTERS**

Northwest – The Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals, is proud to announce the 2025 rosters for Team Columbia and Team Willamette. This annual all-star football tradition began in 1948 as the Oregon Shrine Game, with past games held in venues such as Multnomah Stadium and, more recently, at Lewis & Clark College. Now in its 77th year – and 27th as the Les Schwab Bowl – the event continues to showcase the top high school football talent from across the Northwest.

Earlier this month, the coaching staff from both teams participated in a formal draft to select players. Athletes from all high school grades and classifications in Oregon and SW Washington, including graduated seniors, were eligible to be chosen for this prestigious all-star showcase. The result is a roster that truly represents the best in NW for high school football.

Proceeds from the Les Schwab Bowl benefit several important causes, including the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association's general scholarship fund, the Brayden Bafaro Scholarship Fund, and a number of local youth charities. As one of the most well-attended statewide all-star football games in the country, the Les Schwab Bowl is not only a celebration of athletic excellence – it's also a powerful force for community impact.

The 2025 Les Schwab Bowl presented by Express Employment Professionals will be held on Friday, June 27th, at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Gates open at 4:30 PM, and kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 PM.

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### **TEAM COLUMBIA: HEAD COACH – AARON HAZEL, NELSON**

AJ ROBINSON-SPRAGUE STEVE PYNE-UNION STEVE SMITH-LAKE OSWEGO MARK GRIBBLE-SHERWOOD  
PAUL KRAUS GRANT WATTS-NELSON

#### **LINEBACKERS**

TANNER SAXE-NELSON TOBIAS CHAPPEL-UNION  
ROWAN LEWIS-LAKE OSWEGO CARTER CONDON-CASCADE  
LEONARDO CORREANI-LINCOLN JACKSON SKINNER-MARIST  
MAKHI MILLER-EVERGREEN

#### **RUNNINGBACKS & DEFENSIVE BACKS**

KENYA JOHNSON-SPRAGUE GRANT VALLEY-JESUIT  
BRAXTON SINGLETON-NORTH SALEM JAMES WADE-GRANT  
ANDREW KNIGHT-SUNSET KEONA TAM-WILSONVILLE  
BEN WIEPERT-WILSONVILLE EVAN WUSTIG-WEST SALEM  
MATAIO OLOMUA-SANDY KADEN BOZOVICH-UNION

#### **QUARTERBACKS**

CADE MITCHELL-MOUNTAINSIDE  
DUKATTIE WITHERSPOON- SPRAGUE

#### **OFFENSIVE LINE & D-LINE**

JACKSON LIEPOLD-NELSON WALTER DAHME-SHERWOOD  
JAMARCUS ROBINSON-SETON CATHOLIC DAWSON RELING-MARIST  
PEYTON EVELAND-REDMOND LEVI KLOSTREICH-SHERWOOD  
EMMETT HUNSANKER-SPRAGUE ELI HOFFMAN-SUNSET  
KAI BRUSASCO-SPRINGFIELD JACOB MAKARENKO-SPRAGUE  
ALEX DAYOOB-SETON CATHOLIC NEHAMIAH TAPUA-EVERGREEN  
BRADY HOLLAND-LINCOLN JAYLIN HILL-GRANT

#### **RECEIVERS**

MALACHI GARLINGTON-NELSON SEAN GERIGK -MOUNTAINSIDE  
LUKE CARLI-WILSONVILLE BOBBY BLANCHET-ALOHA  
HUNTER VAUGHN-NORTH DOUGLAS WYATT HORNER-REDMOND

#### **KICKER**

CANAAN MOORE-UNION

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### **TEAM WILLAMETTE: HEAD COACH – DOMINIC FERRARO, TUALATIN**

JOHN BECK-GRANT ERIK MOEN-TUALATIN RICHARD MORENO-CAMAS ROBBY SCHARF-IDA B. WELLS  
GREG FISHER

#### **LINEBACKERS**

DANIEL KUENZI-SILVERTON BRODY BUZZARD-MARIST  
MAX BAKER-BEAVERTON MICHAEL COVEY-CASCADE CHRISTIAN  
PARKER GIBSON-REDMOND DUNCAN WELLMAN-CLACKAMAS  
TRE HOFFERT-GRANT DECKARD HALE-GRANT

#### **RUNNING BACKS & DEFENSIVE BACKS**

COLE THOMAS-CENTRAL CATHOLIC JORDAN HICKS-MOUNTAINSIDE  
ALEX NUNEZ-ONTARIO GRACYN FITCH-SANDY  
CHRIS LOWE-JESUIT JAYDEN THYNES-REDMOND  
JAMES RICHARDS-SANDY MARCUS POST-LAKERIDGE  
KOEN CAMPOS-WEST SALEM

#### **QUARTERBACKS**

JORDAN ROSSETTA-GRANTS PASS  
ZEKE THOMAS-WILLAMETTE

#### **OFFENSIVE LINE & D-LINE**

TANNER DUNNE-TUALATIN CARTER PAUL-LAKERIDGE  
JAXON BARBER-LINCOLN PJ TAUTU-CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
ELI WILLIS-SILVERTON MATTHEW HINKLE-CASCADE  
CADEN PUBOLS-CENTRAL CATHOLIC DALTON STEVENS-MARK MORRIS  
AEDEN LEWEY-WILLAMETTE QUINN WICKLOW-JESUIT  
ZAC BRIDGES-SANDY DANIEL TEPUA-EVERGREEN  
KOLBY WOFFORD-DAYTON

#### **RECEIVERS & TIGHT ENDS**

AARON BIDWELL-MARIST BRODY KUENZI-SILVERTON  
OLIVER LUEBKERT-BEAVERTON CHARLIE DEXTER-CHURCHILL  
BARRY MYLES-SHELDON JASIAH AGNIMEL-LAKE OSWEGO  
KNOX SMITH-WILLAMETTE

#### **KICKER**

ADAM FERREL-LAKERIDGE



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FOR ANOTHER YEAR  
OF COLLABORATION



[OregonArmyGuard.com](http://OregonArmyGuard.com)





## OREGON ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

*One Rule - One Interpretation - One Mechanic*

As you may have heard, after 21 years I am stepping down as the Executive Director of the Oregon Athletic Officials Association (OAOA). It's been a great ride, and I want to sincerely thank the leadership of the OACA for their tremendous support without which we would not be as successful as we are. Rob Younger and Chris Knudsen have both been invaluable in understanding the importance of coaches and officials working together for the benefit of Oregon's student athletes.

In 2003 Tom Welter (retired OSAA Exec. Dir.) heard that I was retiring from my law practice and invited me to lunch to discuss a new initiative. Given that the athletic directors (OADA) and coaches (OACA) have statewide associations, Tom's vision was to complete the process asking if I would be willing to start a statewide officials association. He recognized the importance of a statewide officiating organization given that over 115 local associations were operating on their own with little statewide direction. Given my interest and involvement at the time in the officiating world, and recognizing the need, I jumped at the chance and the OAOA was born on June 13, 2003!

I must also thank the leaderships of the OSAA, OADA and OACA in embracing OAOA from the outset and continuing over the years. Tom and Peter Weber, along with their excellent staff, provides invaluable guidance and support which ensures our ability to further our mission of statewide training and representation.

Finally, a brief word about recruiting and retention. We're doing better! About an 8 percent increase each of the last two years.....a meaningful improvement since the Covid years. Still work to be done and we ask coaches to encourage their athletes to consider officiating as they move forward in their careers. They can connect with their local association(s) by simply using this website – [www.newofficials.org](http://www.newofficials.org).

Again, big thanks to the OACA and its membership for their excellent partnership with high school officials, together in support of Oregon's student athletes!



Jack Folliard  
OAOA Executive Director (retired)

## Hydration is Injury Prevention

Congratulations on making it through the 2024-25 sporting season! As you start (or continue) planning for next season's practices and competitions, consider making hydration a part of your practice and game plan, not only for the sake of your athlete's performance, but also to decrease the number of injuries.

The human body is about 60% water by weight, and you are considered dehydrated at a 1% loss of fluid in children (think of your pre-pubescent freshmen athletes), and 2% in adults (post-puberty).<sup>1</sup> Without adequate rehydration, this loss of fluid leads to several negative effects on performance:

**Decreased blood volume:** Aside from decreasing oxygen delivery and increasing fatigue, decreased blood volume can make muscles more susceptible to strain or tear injuries, as well as increase cardiovascular stress.

**Increased cramping risk:** In prolonged or high-intensity activities, particularly during warmer temperatures, fluid loss correlates with a loss of electrolytes, which can lead to increased cramping.

**Decreased thermoregulation:** Hydration is closely associated with the body's ability to cool itself, and dehydration puts athletes at increased risk for heat-illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can lead to catastrophic injury and/or death.

**Decreased cognitive function:** Dehydration can lead to increased mental fatigue, which negatively impacts concentration, focus, and reaction time. This decrease in performance can lead to poor decision-making and compromised technique, which can then increase the risk of injury.<sup>2</sup>

Here are some ways you can encourage a culture of hydration with your athletes:

**Thirst:** Teach your athletes to listen to their thirst. Thirst sensation is the body's way of signaling that more fluids are needed.

**Urine Color:** Teach your athletes that they want their urine to be about the color of Country Time Lemonade. Clear? Over hydrated. Apple juice? Under hydrated.

**Timing:** Strongly recommend that your athletes carry a water bottle to hydrate prior to practices and games. During activity, athletes should have access to water and other rehydrating fluids to consume as needed. **It is never appropriate to withhold fluids as a form of punishment in sport.** Within 4 hours post-exercise, rapidly replacing fluids restores fluid balance, improves recovery, and decreases post exercise fatigue.

**Fluid Type:** For exercise lasting less than 1 hour, just water is sufficient. For exercise sessions lasting longer than 1 hour, or including intense intervals may benefit from utilizing sports drinks.<sup>3</sup>

Athlete hydration status is an important part of performance as well as injury prevention. If hydration has been a challenge for your team, talk with your athletic trainer about possible strategies, or check with your athletic director about ensuring that there is water access for your athletes during the upcoming season.

From all of us here at OATS, have a great summer!

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# NEW FOR 2025-26 OACA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION



The Oregon Athletic Coaches Association is proud to partner with FinalForms to help grow our membership, manage our event registration and attendance, and provide a communication platform. This unique model creates awareness and provides engagement with our membership. Education-based athletic associations use FinalForms for day-to-day communication, conference and event registration, event logistics, membership renewals, awards management, and more.

Our ADs across the state can use FinalForms to add, modify, and renew coaches, communicate with coaches, and pay for multiple coach memberships at once. Coaches can use FinalForms to print, view, download, or email their membership card. Membership cards may be added to Apple or Google Wallet. Anyone with a smartphone can scan the card to verify membership. Coaches can also use FinalForms to search for, view, and contact fellow coaches.

The association can generate revenue by reaching new vendors, managing vendor registration, and creating a digital marketplace for online connections. Association leaders use the FinalForms communications platform to send messages to any set of users such as “members”, “expired members”, “soccer coaches”, and more. Plus, association leaders can use the communication tool to promote sponsors.

As we begin the use of our OACA AMP (Association Management Platform) site, ADs and Coaches will see the engagement and investment across our entire membership to enhance benefits.

Please stay tuned, as there will be more information to come in August as we transition to this new platform!





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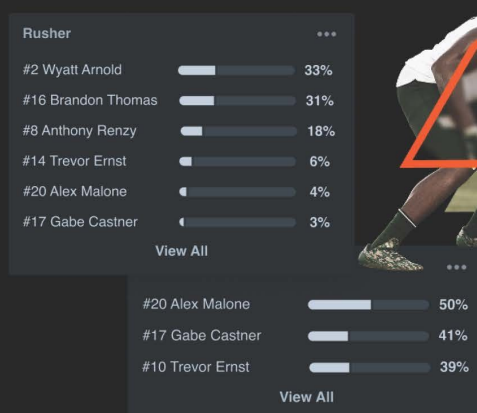
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## A Message from Dave Hood, CAA OADA Executive Director



Hello Everyone,

As we move toward the final Spring competitions and wrapping things up for 2024-25, I hope everything is running smoothly. ADs across Oregon have accomplished a number of things this past year and we are excited for 2025-26. The OADA is proud to finish our fourth year as a Dual Member (OADA & NIAAA) state. This has created several opportunities for members in the way of professional development and connection to athletic administrators throughout the country. We have also reached record member numbers again!

We were also very proud to host the 56<sup>th</sup> State Conference in Sunriver. This conference saw a record number of athletic administrators in attendance. It was gratifying to see so many leaders network and participate in NIAAA Leadership Training courses as well as numerous important workshops.

Some highlights of the State Conference:

- NIAAA Associate Exec. Director Becky Moran, CMAA attended and presented.
- Hearing keynotes and workshops from Lauren Fleshman (New York Times best-selling author)
- Inducted the 15<sup>th</sup> OADA Hall of Fame Class: Dennis Burke, Del LaRue, Vicki Nelms, CMAA and Mark Horak, CAA
- Hosted a function just for New ADs and a separate gathering for Female ADs
- Held the annual Scholarship Golf Tournament @ Lost Tracks GC which allowed us to offer a record SEVEN \$1000 OADA Scholarships
- 8 LTC classes
- Huge number of ADs take the CAA exam! (Thanks for coordinating LTI Coord. Tim Sam, CMAA)
- 20 Workshops
- Awarded scholarships to Addie French, Bridget Grady, William Barsotti, Mya Haarsma, Mallory Lusco, London O'Brien & Sienna Lillebo. Sienna Lillebo is female Section 8 winner for the NIAAA Scholarship
- Honored OADA AD Award nominees and winners (all nominated by various leagues)
- 2025 OADA AD Awards & Recognitions: **See all on following pages**

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 Shelley Moore, CMAA was the conference planner). I want to point out the extra efforts by Mike Henderson, CAA (Hall of Fame & Golf Tournament), Craig Ellingson (Exhibit Hall) and go getters Randy Ramp, CAA & Evan Brown, CAA. 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 (especially two years in a row!) and wish him the best. The board is also very excited to welcome our newest member, K.T. Emerson, Valley Catholic HS, as our 2025-26 OADA secretary. K.T. has a great background of different experiences and a passion for character development & leadership and will be a welcome addition in the years to come. Our incoming President-Elect, Jessica Russell, CAA, has already been planning the 2026 State Conference. 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!



## **2025 OADA 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:

**1. 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.

***Pete Lukich, CAA & Tom Bendt, Retired ADs and directors of the Oregon Ambassador Program***

**2. 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.

***Kevin Moffat, Kennedy High School***

**3. Athletic Director of the Year:**

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

1A: ***Annette Moeller, Wallowa High School***

2A: ***Ryan Tompkins, Clatskanie High School***

3A: ***Jerry Buczynski, Willamina High School***

4A: ***Darren Shryock, Stayton High School***

5A: ***Mike Carpenter, Summit High School***

6A: ***Katie Hartman, Sherwood High School***

Small School (1A, 2A, 3A) AD of Year: ***Ryan Tompkins***

Large School (4A, 5A, 6A) AD of Year: ***Darren Shryock***

**4. 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.

***Steve Wallo, CAA, CS Lewis Academy***

**5. 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.

***Anna Maria Lopez, CAA, St. Mary's Academy***

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## **2025 OADA Awards Recognition & Summary (cont.)**

**6. 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.

**Derek Duman, Riverdale HS**

**7. Cindy Simmons Leadership Award:**

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

**Brandon Standridge, CMAA, Creswell High School**

**&**

**Ryan McIrvine, CAA, McMinnville High School**

**8. 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.

**Gary Hull, Western Christian High School**

**9. 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:

**Scott Archer, Gilchrist HS**

**Tyler Baker, Klamath Union HS**

**Doug Thompson, Forest Grove HS**

**Cody Aker, Gladstone HS**

**Matt Hilgers, Sisters HS**

**Tammie Parker, Helix Charter School**

**Randi Viggiano, Ridgeview HS**

**Garet Luebbert, Sandy HS**

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## **Identify Your Needs**

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## **Type of Car - New vs. Used vs. Leased**

The destination is getting closer! Now that you have a strong idea of your "must haves" in a car purchase, it's time to determine which option works needs and budget – buying a new car, used car, or leasing. A great resource to explore is the [Getting a Car](#) article, which dives into the pros and cons of each option.

## **Paying for Your Car**

You've made great progress so far! Next up, we need to consider how you plan to pay for the car. Do you plan to:

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**Save a downpayment, then secure a car loan for the remainder of the purchase?**

When considering financing a car, you want to have a strong sense of [what a car loan costs](#), including your monthly payment, APR, fees, the term of your loan. An auto loan calculator can be a great option to help you determine the amount of downpayment you'll need to save to stay within your car purchase budget. Once you have your downpayment goal identified, employ the savings goals outlined above to help you save monthly towards your downpayment target.

**Additional Financial Considerations**

You're getting further down the road towards achieving your goal! As you near your financial goals and preparing to go shopping, here are a few additional areas to explore:

- *Compare Prices and Negotiate* – once you narrow down the type of car you are looking for, identify the market value of the vehicle brands using trusted resources like Edmunds, Kelley Blue Book, or Consumer Reports. Then, shop at different Oregon dealerships online to find the best purchase prices available in your local markets. This will help you find the best deal and potentially negotiate with your dealer for a better price on your car purchase.
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## The Importance of Athletic Rewards and Recognition

**Developing great adults  
starts when they are youths**

In today's world, the significance of sports trophies is extended to grassroots levels like schools and colleges where young athletes are recognized and realized.

Sports prizes and competitions are highly valued in high schools and colleges for a number of reasons. They first encourage physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle, teaching pupils discipline and collaboration.

These occasions promote cordial rivalry and provide people with a place to showcase their talents. They develop leadership and

time management abilities as well.

Athletes who excel are also recognized and inspired with sports awards, which increases their zeal and commitment. Additionally, by encouraging students, teachers, and parents to support their teams, these events strengthen school spirit and foster a feeling of community. Overall, sports competitions and prizes are crucial to a student's holistic education since they foster their physical and psychological growth.

- 🏆 Enhances team culture
- 🏆 Provides a competitive advantage
- 🏆 Improves athlete-coach relationship
- 🏆 Boosts team spirit

Buying the right kind of trophies is one of the most hectic and complex tasks that a school/college has to do while organizing a sports tournament. Considering the importance that trophies and awards hold in an athlete's life, it is important that schools and colleges present quality sports trophies to their student-athletes while they award and felicitate the winning students that they can carry for a lifetime.

Therefore, it becomes important for institutes to look for quality custom sports trophies to buy so that these institutes can not only modify and design as per their institute's legacy but also give the winners something valuable and durable.

It should also be noted that all the athletes who became big in their sporting careers trace their success back to their wins in school and college, and so these tournaments being held in schools and colleges become a very important aspect of an athlete's life as this is the time where their talent is realized by their social surroundings and themselves.

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