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NJSIAA Joins Statewide Celebration of “National Girls and Women in Sports Day”

2012 marks 40th anniversary of Title IX – law requiring gender equity in educational settings

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (January 19, 2012) – The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) will be joining Seton Hall University and several other sponsors at noon on Sunday, January 22, to hold the 26th annual, statewide celebration of “National Girls and Women In Sports Day.” The event is particularly significant this year as 2012 marks the 40th anniversary of the landmark Title IX legislation. The theme of Sunday’s event is: “Title IX at 40: In It for the Long Run.”

Title IX – a law prohibiting the exclusion of women or men in educational programs based on their sex – opened a window for female athletes. When the law was officially passed, women were no longer denied the ability to participate in school or university sports programs, even if their school did not sponsor female teams.

“Forty years ago a law was passed that would change high school- and university-level sports forever,” says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “Without Title IX, the amazing talent of so many female athletes would have gone unrecognized.”

The event will begin with a statewide awards luncheon, at which more than 175 outstanding high school and university female athletes will be presented with awards from the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport. Following the luncheon, attendees will attend the Seton Hall vs. Syracuse women’s basketball game.

Additional event sponsors include the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women; the Star Ledger; the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; the Garden State Athletic Conference; the Montclair State University Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Leisure Studies; the Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey; the National Association for Girls and Women In Sport; and the Women’s Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Additional information on this event, which will be held at Seton Hall University, is available on the NJSIAA Web site (<http://njsiaa.org/>) or by calling the association at 609.259-2776.

About the NJSIAA

Established in 1918, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletics Association (NJSIAA) is a voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of 433 accredited public, private, and parochial high schools. A member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, the NJSIAA conducts tournaments and crowns champions in 32 sports. Championship competition for girls is sponsored in basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, winter track, and volleyball. Boys’

championships are determined in baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, outdoor track, winter track, volleyball, and wrestling.

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