NJSIAA op-ed highlights true purpose of high school athletics

Exec. Director Timko says many have lost sight of connection to education, benefits

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (September 6, 2016) – With the 2016 school year beginning this week, NJSIAA Executive Director Steve Timko has released an opinion piece reminding fans, parents, and players of the purpose of scholastic athletics. The op-ed, “The True Meaning of High School Sports”, attempts to re-emphasize the crucial educational component of sports and athletic extracurriculars students engage in.

“The true reason we have athletic competition for high school students is to further extend the reach of classroom education,” wrote Timko. “That’s the reason scholastic sports developed in the first place, more than a century ago, and that’s why they continue to exist.”

The op-ed is available on Medium.com by following this link.

“High school athletics are entertaining...not entertainment,” added Timko. “They aren’t primarily about state championships, earning scholarships, or even running for Team USA.”

An accompanying infographic on the case for high school sports (previewed below) is available by following this link.

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Elaine McGrath new president of NJSIAA
McGrath is athletic director at South Brunswick High School
Charles Klaus and Vincent Smith are VPs

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (September 19, 2016) – The NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) recently named Elaine McGrath as president, while Charles Klaus and Vincent Smith have been appointed first and second vice president, respectively. In addition to the new president and vice presidents, there are six new representatives serving on the 46-member executive committee for the 2016-17 school year.

McGrath is the athletic director of South Brunswick High School, and was previously president of the Greater Middlesex Conference, assistant principal/athletic director at Highland Park High School, and head women’s basketball and head women’s softball coach at Rutgers University in Newark. She served as first vice president of the NJSIAA last year.

“I’m honored to assume the role of president for the NJSIAA this school year,” said McGrath. “I’m ready to work alongside executive committee members and all others involved with the association for the success of scholastic sports across our state.”

First vice president Klaus, a 1982 graduate of Haddon Township High School, currently serves as principal of Haddonfield Memorial High School. Smith, second vice president, is superintendent of the Point Pleasant Borough Schools.

“The members of our executive committee are enthusiastic about the difference they can make in New Jersey scholastic sports,” said Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “Seasoned and new members alike take a proactive approach and we’re delighted to have them.”

Listed below are the six new NJSIAA representatives joining the committee.

New County Representatives:
- Jack Hurley (Bergen County) -- Superintendent, Rutherford Board of Education
- Paul Popadiuk (Somerset County) – Principal, Montgomery High School

New Ex-Officio Representatives:
- Kathy Whalen (Department of Education representative) -- Employed at Department of Education
- Maureen Dzwill (Officials Association Rep) - Girls LAX Official and Girls LAX State Rules Interpreter
- Richard Kaz (NJASBO Rep) -- School Business Administrator at Northern Burlington BOE
- Kevin Carty Jr. (NJSCA Rep) -- Coach, Hillsborough High School
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# # #
**Steroid testing of NJ scholastic athletes during 2015-16 yields no positive results**

*NJSIAA checks total of 497 male, female students representing 68 schools*

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 13, 2016) – The results are in for NJSIAA’s 2015-16 random steroid testing program for New Jersey’s scholastic athletes. Of the 497 male and female student-athletes tested, none was found to be positive for any of 80 banned substances, including anabolic steroids.

The athletes tested under the annual NJSIAA program – all of whom were drawn from teams that qualified for state playoffs – were from six boys and six girls sports, and represent 68 different member high schools. The program was established in 2006.

“We’d like to get this same result – zero positives -- every year,” says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director, regarding the program that’s co-funded annually by NJSIAA and the state of New Jersey, with each contributing $50,000. “At the same time, we’d also like to have the means of testing more broadly. The more students we’re able to test, the more information we’ll have about the scope of this problem, and the better positioned we’ll be to halt it.”

The cost-per-test is approximately $200, a price that impacts efforts to expand the scope of annual testing.

“Ideally, rather than limiting our testing to the playoffs, we’d have random testing year-round,” Timko adds. “This would give us a much broader perspective of what’s going on, since not all athletes and not all programs qualify for championship play. But, without additional financial support, that’s not possible.”

That support very nearly came last year, in the form of new legislation.

“It’s great that no positives were found – this shows children are getting the message,” explained Senator Richard Codey. “Now, we need to expand the program to further strengthen steroid abuse testing. In fact, we were recently very close to providing additional funding, but the governor ultimately vetoed a bill I’d co-sponsored. That was definitely a missed opportunity to improve the health and safety of this state’s young people.”

Of the students tested by NJSIAA during the 2015-16 school year, 343 were boys and 154 were girls. Boys were tested in six different sports: football (192 tests), baseball (60 tests), basketball (30 tests), wrestling (24 tests), soccer (24 tests), and winter track (13 tests). Girls also were tested in six different sports: softball (36 tests), basketball (30 tests), lacrosse (30 tests), volleyball (24 tests), soccer (24 tests), and winter track (10 tests).

Under program rules, all scholastic athletes must accept the possibility of a test by signing a consent form prior to the start of their season. Any student who tests positive automatically forfeits one year of athletic eligibility.

The test utilized by NJSIAA is a urinalysis, and can identify more than 80 banned substances. Athletes randomly selected for testing are chosen by a National Center for Drug-Free Sport computer program and
are analyzed by the Los Angeles Olympic Analytical Laboratory, at the University of California, Los Angeles – the same lab utilized by the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) for its testing needs.

As a component of the annual testing program, the NJSIAA provides student-athletes, parents and coaches access to an online site – [www.drugfreesport.com/rec](http://www.drugfreesport.com/rec) -- that will identify whether or not a particular athletic supplement contains any ingredients not approved by the association. The typical response time for an inquiry is within 48 business hours.

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Annual NJSIAA ShopRite Cup awarded to New Jersey’s
top scholastic sports programs

Leading high school athletics programs of 2015-16 recognized for championship play

Schools from Bergen, Camden, Monmouth, and Morris counties

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (October 24, 2016) – Six of the top high schools from New Jersey counties have received this year’s ShopRite Cup. The award, presented by ShopRite and the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association), recognizes the top high school athletic program in each of New Jersey’s six group classifications.

Throughout the 2015-2016 school year, athletic programs accumulated points based on performance in championships in the 32 NJSIAA-sanctioned sports. Schools also received three additional points per season whenever none of their student-athletes or coaches were disqualified. The final point standings are as follows:

- **Group I:** Shore Regional High School (Monmouth County) - 54 points
- **Group II:** Haddonfield Memorial High School (Camden County) - 97 points
- **Group III:** River Dell Regional High School (Bergen County) - 64 points
- **Group IV:** Ridge High School (Bergen County) - 62 points
- **Non Public A:** Christian Brothers Academy (Monmouth County) - 165 points*
- **Non Public B:** Villa Walsh (Morris County) - 121 points*

*Points doubled - single gender school

“We are proud to honor these six scholastic athletic programs, with an emphasis on their student-athletes,” says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “These outstanding young people exhibit exceptional sportsmanship and dedication, which are prime reasons their schools’ athletic teams have been so successful.”

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The NJSIAA’s rules for event behavior clearly contrast with those for both professional and even collegiate sports, at which tailgating is often an institution and most venues sell alcohol. The difference, Timko notes, isn’t just the age of the athletes who are competing.

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ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (OCTOBER 26, 2016) – A former Major League pitcher, a man once considered to be the World’s Fastest Sprinter, and an NCAA and NBA basketball champion are among the talented individuals inducted into the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) Gallagher Bollinger, Inc. Hall of Fame as the “Class of 2016.”

This year’s inductees are:

- **ALOIS “AL” LEITER – ATHLETE** – Leiter is best known as a former Major League left-handed pitcher who played 19 seasons for the New York Yankees, Toronto Blue Jays, Florida Marlins and New York Mets. The Berkley Township native attended Central Regional High School, pitching back-to-back no-hitters in 1984. The two-time All Star and three-time World Series champion has also enjoyed a successful broadcasting career.

- **JOHN MILLAR – COACH** – Born and raised in Kearny, Millar graduated from Kearny High School in 1967, then earned a bachelor’s in Physical Education and Health from Montclair State University. Returning to his high school alma mater, Millar has compiled a tremendous record of 547 wins, 86 losses, and 19 ties as a soccer coach during a 30-year span. His Kearny Kardinals were crowned co-state champs three times and won the state championships outright on five occasions.

- **DR. DAVE SIME – ATHLETE** – At the age of 13, Sime was a Silver Skate Medal winner for speed skating staged at Madison Square Garden. At Fair Lawn High School, he earned All-State awards in both football and baseball. His senior year in high school he batted .525 and won a baseball scholarship to Duke University. Pursuing track-and-field at Duke, Sime set nine world records, and his mark in the 200-yard dash stood for a decade, until 1966. During the 1950s, many experts considered Sime – who won a silver medal at the 1960 Olympics in Rome – to be the World’s Fastest Sprinter.

- **RON “ITCHY” SMITH – ATHLETE** – Smith played three years of varsity basketball when Camden High was a three-year school (10-12 grades). He guided the Camden’s squad to back-to-back undefeated seasons (’59 and ’60), as well as an epic, 47-game winning streak. The Star Ledger newspaper named “Itchy” to its All-Twentieth-Century team.

- **EDWARD STINSON – COACH** – A 1965 graduate of Hoboken High School, Stinson went on to earn his bachelor’s at New Jersey City University. In 1975, he received a master’s from Seton Hall University. His most successful stint as a high school football coach was at his alma mater, from 1987–’04, where his teams compiled a record of 158-36, with one tie, and were state sectional champions in ’94 –’96 and ’98 – ’99.

- **MILT WAGNER – ATHLETE** – A three-year varsity basketball starter for Camden High School, Wagner was named All South Jersey, First Team during his junior and senior years. While a starter
at Camden, the team’s record was a remarkable 77-8. He received a basketball scholarship to the University of Louisville and became a starter, helping guide the Cardinals to three Final Four berths, culminating in the 1986 NCAA championship. Wagner was selected in the second round of the ’86 NBA draft, and eventually became one of a small group of players to win a high school state championship, a national collegiate title, and the NBA crown.

Established in 1995 and named for Short Hills, NJ-based Bollinger Insurance, a provider of sports-related insurance products, the NJSIAA’s Gallagher Bollinger, Inc. Hall of Fame receives nominations annually from high schools across the state. These submissions are reviewed by a selection committee that makes final decisions regarding inductees. Additional details – including specific criteria and the nomination form – are available by visiting this link.

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OPIOID
Round table discussion

An open discussion between medical professionals, educators, legislators, government bodies, and other stakeholders on our protocols and recommendations for preventing opioid addiction and abuse.

Thursday, December 1
11 a.m.
NJSIAA Headquarters
1161 US-120 Robbinsville, NJ
Lunch will be served

Please RSVP to Erin Ford at eford@successcomgroup.com or Michael Cherenson at mcherenson@successcomgroup.com
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NJSIAA football championship games available for live viewing/streaming online

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (November 30, 2016) – NJSIAA fall championship events will be available to watch live this weekend, streaming on two partner websites. All games at Met Life Stadium, Rutgers, and Kean University will be broadcast via News 12 Varsity and all five games at Rowan University will be broadcast on the NFHS Network.

Games from News 12 Varsity: (all games below are available on www.news12varsity.com)

- Lenape Valley vs. Madison – Friday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.
  - This game will also be broadcast live to Optimum subscribers on Optimum Channel 14
- St. Peter’s Prep vs. Paramus Catholic – Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.
  - This game will also be broadcast live to Optimum subscribers on Optimum Channel 14
- Parsippany Hills vs. Morris Hills – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.
- Shabazz vs. Weequahic – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.
- Piscataway vs. Manalapan – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.
- Westfield vs. Bridgewater-Raritan – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.
- Holy Spirit vs. Mater Dei – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.
- Sayreville vs. Middletown North – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.
- DePaul Catholic vs. St. Joseph Regional – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.
- Asbury Park vs. Keyport – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.
- Allentown vs. Brick Township – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.
- Old Tappan vs. River Dell – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
- Bernards vs. Manasquan – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
- Rumson-Fair Haven vs. South Plainfield – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
- New Milford vs. Hasbrouck Heights – Sunday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.
- Passaic County Tech vs. Ridgewood – Sunday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m.
- Mahwah vs. Westwood – Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.
- Wayne Valley vs. Wayne Hills – Sunday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

Games from NFHS Network: (all games below are available on www.nfhsnetwork.com)

- Delsey vs. Wall – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m.
- Salem vs. Paulsboro – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 2:30 p.m.
- Millville vs. Toms River North – Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.
- Cedar Creek vs. West Deptford – Sunday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m.
- Timber Creek vs. Lenape – Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m.

About News 12 Networks
News 12 Networks is the leader in hyper-local content, providing news, weather, traffic, and sports exclusively to cable subscribers in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut tri-state area. News 12 Varsity provides local high school sports coverage including games, highlights, and commentary available on air at interactive channel 614, online at news12varsity.com or on the go with the News 12 Varsity App. News 12 Networks is owned and operated by Altice USA.
About The NFHS Network
The NFHS Network (www.nfhsnetwork.com) captures the passion, pride, and energy of the high school experience by delivering live high school sports and events to family members and fans whenever they want, wherever they are.

The NFHS Network celebrates and showcases the unique accomplishments of high schools students, including the student-athletes participating in 27 different sporting events and the student broadcasters from schools around the country that produce events through the School Broadcast Program. The NFHS Network also broadcasts state playoff and championship events in 46 states.

The NFHS Network is a joint venture among the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), its member state associations and PlayOn! Sports. The NFHS is located in Indianapolis, Indiana and is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. PlayOn! Sports is based in Atlanta, Georgia and is the nation’s largest high school sports media company.

Follow the NFHS Network on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram at @NFHSnetwork for the latest news and event information.

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###
National Girls and Women in Sports Day event celebrates athletic achievement across New Jersey

NJSIAA-sponsored, annual awards luncheon hosted by Seton Hall University

SOUTH ORANGE, NJ (January 30, 2017) – NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) sponsored yesterday’s annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) celebration, which recognized the exceptional scholastic and collegiate athletic accomplishments of female athletes across New Jersey. The awards luncheon was hosted by Seton Hall University.

West Essex High School’s head field hockey and girls’ lacrosse coach, Jill Cosse-Minnella, received this year’s prestigious National Girls and Women in Sports High School Honor Award. Cosse-Minnella is a former dual-sport, national champion student-athlete at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey). The head field hockey and girls’ lacrosse coach at West Essex since 1998, she has amassed a combined 14 state championship titles.

“This coalition is doing exceptional work in getting more girls confidently involved in sports,” Cosse-Minnella said. “The benefits of participation in scholastic sports are innumerable, and all students should be encouraged to participate and have their achievements celebrated.”

Additional awards and honors were presented during the luncheon, which was held at the Richie Recreation Center on the campus of Seton Hall University. (To see a full list of award recipients, please visit this link.) All luncheon attendees received complimentary admission into the Seton Hall Women’s Basketball game versus Butler University immediately following the event.

“Coach Cosse-Minnella embodies the core values of NJSIAA,” said Steven J. Timko, executive director of NJSIAA. “She has not only been successful on the field, but has stressed academic achievement and good citizenship off the field.”

About National Girls & Women in Sports Day (NGWSD)

National Girls & Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) began in 1987 as a special day in our nation’s capital to recognize women’s sports. The day united premiere organizations and elite female athletes to bring national attention to the promise of girls and women in sports. In 1987, NGWSD also served as a remembrance of Olympic volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her athletic achievements and dedication to promoting equality for women’s sports; Hyman died of Marfan’s Syndrome in 1986. NGWSD has since evolved into an event to acknowledge the accomplishments of female athletes, the positive influence of sports participation and the continuing struggle for equality for women in sports.

NGWSD is celebrated annually across all 50 states with community-based events, award ceremonies and other celebratory activities. NGWSD is organized by the members of the National Girls & Women in Sports Day Coalition. Champion women athletes have also contributed to annual NGWSD activities. For more information, please visit: www.NGWSD.org.

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# # #
National Girls and Women in Sports Day event will celebrate athletic accomplishments from across NJ

NJSIAA sponsoring annual awards luncheon

Seton Hall University will host festivities

What: National Girls and Women in Sports Day is being recognized in New Jersey by an annual, NJSIAA-sponsored awards luncheon. Hosted by Seton Hall University, the event will celebrate scholastic and collegiate athletic achievements from across the state.

For Journalists: An excellent photo / video / interview opportunity

West Essex High School's field hockey and girls lacrosse coach, Jill Cosse-Minnella, will receive this year's prestigious National Girls and Women in Sports High School Honor Award. Additional awards will be presented during the course of the luncheon.

All luncheon ticket holders will also have complimentary tickets to the Seton Hall girls' basketball game, which follows the luncheon at 2 p.m.

To see a full list of attendees and award recipients, please visit this link.

Where: Richie Regan Recreation Center
Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Ave
South Orange, NJ 07079

When: Sunday, January 29, 2017
12 – 2 p.m.

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###
New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association, New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association host Hall of Fame 2017 awards event

Inductees from 16 New Jersey counties

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (March 27, 2017) – The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA) – in cooperation with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) – recently hosted its annual Hall of Fame awards program at Pines Manor, in Edison. Thirty-four high school coaches and one athletic trainer, representing 16 different New Jersey counties, were inducted.

The Hall of Fame program – the official sponsor of which for 2017 was Wilson Sporting Goods – honors coaches from all sports, and from public and non-public secondary schools. All inductees exhibited exceptional coaching skills during their careers, along with strong ethics and integrity.

A complete list of honorees is available by following this link.

“For those of us who’ve been involved with New Jersey scholastic sports for a long while, this event is tremendously nostalgic,” says Steve Timko, NJSIAA executive director. “In many cases, the individuals we’ve inducted were fixtures on the high school athletics scene for decades, and had a profound, positive impact on thousands of young people. It’s an honor simply to be associated with them.”

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ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (June 7, 2017) – NJSIAA Executive Director Steven J. Timko – a fixture in New Jersey scholastic athletics for half a century – will be stepping down from his position with the association at the end of this calendar year.

“I’ve spent 50 years working in scholastic sports, and I’ve had the opportunity to get to know so many amazing student-athletes and remarkable educators,” says Timko. “I recently celebrated a birthday, I’m pleased with how my health is at this point, and my passion for high school athletics is undimmed. Considering all those factors, I decided now was the appropriate time to step aside.”

Prior to being appointed Executive Director of the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) in 2006, Timko spent five years as an assistant director for the association.

Before joining the NJSIAA staff, Timko spent 25 years with Hopewell Valley Regional School District, where he was Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics. He also spent three years at South Plainfield High School, coaching baseball, basketball, and cross-country.

Timko has been inducted into the Hopewell Valley Hall of Fame, South Plainfield’s Hall of Fame, and the inaugural class of the New Jersey Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.

The NJSIAA Executive Committee will appoint the next Executive Director based on a recommendation from a search committee that will be comprised primarily of past-presidents of the NJSIAA Executive Committee. Key responsibilities of the position include overseeing the financial affairs of the association, communicating with member schools, supervising championship tournaments and attending meetings of both the association and the National Federation of State High School Associations. In addition, the Executive Director rules on interpretations of the NJSIAA constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations, all subject to Executive Committee endorsement.

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Scholar-athletes across state recognized by NJSIAA

Annual luncheon honors students from every New Jersey county

ROBBINSVILLE, NJ (June 22, 2017) – At its annual scholar-athlete luncheon, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) recently recognized 365 high school students for their achievements, awarding a total of $203,000 in college scholarships.

Under the ongoing scholar-athlete program, each NJSIAA member school – nearly every high school in the state – has the opportunity to select one senior student as its scholar-athlete of the year. Students who attend the luncheon event are then awarded, at minimum, a $500 college scholarship in recognition of their accomplishments.

“These student-athletes worked extremely hard in the classroom and in their respective sports to stand out from their peers,” says Steve Timko, the NJSIAA’s executive director. “This luncheon is our way of applauding their efforts and wishing them well as they begin college.”

Since 1993, the NJSIAA has honored more than 7,000 New Jersey high school students and distributed in excess of $1.5 million in college scholarships through its scholar program.

A spreadsheet of scholarship recipients, divided by county, is available at this link

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