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Banquet & Induction Ceremony

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NIAA Hall of Fame Mission Statement

“The purpose of the NIAA Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those outstanding individuals who have had a significant and positive impact on the lives of Nevada’s young people through their involvement as an administrator, athlete, coach, contributor and/or official.”

– *Dr. Jerry A. Hughes, former Executive Director, founder of the Hall of Fame and 2008 inductee*

The NIAA Nomination & Selection Process:

The NIAA Hall of Fame induction banquet and halftime recognition ceremony originated in 1992 as a goal of Dr. Jerry A. Hughes, retired Executive Director of the NIAA, to honor deserving individuals.

The process for an individual to be inducted to the NIAA Hall of Fame is initiated when the candidate is nominated by a current or retired superintendent, NIAA Board of Control member, NIAA member-school administrator or member of the media. Next, a selection committee representing various categories chooses the inductees. Those selected must finally be approved by the NIAA’s Board of Control.

Nominees come from a possible five categories: administrator, athlete, coach, contributor or official. An athlete may be nominated 15 years after his/her graduation from high school. Nominees for other categories may be submitted after the individual has served secondary education for at least 25 years. All nominees, however, must be retired from their area of work in order to be eligible.

A special “thank you” goes out to all the individuals who submitted nominations, as well as to the members of the 2008 NIAA Hall of Fame selection committee. For more information about the NIAA Hall of Fame, please call (775) 688-6464.

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association’s office staff, Board of Control, member school athletic administrators and more than 38,000 high school student-athletes in the Silver State would like to thank all the people who are responsible for the success of Nevada high school activity programs.

It is said that athletics is the other half of education. The NIAA strongly believes in that statement. With the guidance of their teachers, coaches, administrators, officials and various contributors, Nevada’s high school student-athletes have the opportunity to learn, among many other things, the values of teamwork, commitment, loyalty and citizenship. We salute and thank you all for the outstanding support.

**2008 NIAA Hall of Fame Banquet
presented by the
Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association**

Thursday, February 21, 2008

11:30 a.m.

Silver & Blue Rooms of Lawlor Events Center

University of Nevada, Reno

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Welcome to the 2008 NIAA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Dear Hall of Fame Inductees & Honored Guests:

On behalf of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association's (NIAA) office staff and Board of Control, I would like to welcome you to the 16th annual NIAA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Today, we honor 12 individuals who have made exceptional, personal contributions to the student-athletes of Nevada. They have helped many young men and women gain positive experiences in education and activities during their journey through high school. I can honestly say that these special people made a very positive difference.

High school athletics and activities in the United States represent the largest amateur sports body in the world. As such, interscholastic athletics and activities provide a valuable laboratory where values such as sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, teamwork and self-discipline are learned and practiced on an every-day basis.

The spirit of the Silver State is embodied in high school activities. The 12 individuals we are inducting here today have had a positive impact on young men and women and helped make their dreams come true. These inductees have helped to guide our state's student-athletes through their trials and tribulations, and they have rejoiced with them in their times of triumph.

I would like to say thank you to the administrators, coaches, officials and contributors who, day in and day out, do what they do because they care. I would also like to thank all of you in attendance for taking the time to honor these outstanding individuals. Your presence here today is a big thanks in its own way.

Congratulations, NIAA Hall of Fame Class of 2008.

Sincerely,

Mr. Eddie Bonine
Executive Director

NIAA Hall of Fame Trivia, Presented by the Inductees of the Class of 2008

Welcome to NIAA Hall of Fame, Class of 2008, trivia central. Please note that this trivia information is meant to be simply for enjoyment (and bewilderment) by you, our guests. Please feel free to laugh with us. Good luck!

1. This individual led his team to 55 consecutive victories and four straight state titles, not to mention a win in one of the biggest games in Silver State prep history. Who is he?
2. This “conductor” of athletics helped to lead his school as an assistant coach to its first football playoff appearance in 25 years. Who is this individual?
3. This individual was musically inclined, as proven when he was chosen in 1995 as the Nevada Music Educators Association’s Administrator of the Year. Who is he?
4. This individual, despite being known for his coaching accomplishments in one sport in particular, actually assisted with three other varsity sports. Who is this individual?
5. This individual built it and they came... region and state championships, that is. Who helped to change the landscape of track and field in Northern Nevada?
6. This individual believed that “playing by the rules” in his two obsessions – officiating sports and playing poker – “rewarded those who were the most skilled and talented.” Who said this?
7. This individual was a student-athlete for Hugh Gallagher, Sr., and played freshman basketball for the University of Nevada, Reno. Who is he?
8. This individual coached both sons of former Executive Director, Dr. Jerry Hughes.
9. This individual was the founder of the Nevada Athletic Directors Association (NADA) and the NIAA Hall of Fame. Who is this individual?
10. He was more than just the ultimate assistant coach. Who is he?
11. This individual was the coach the last time Sparks High School won a state football championship (1959)?
12. Speed. Strength. Agility. This individual possessed all three with great magnitude as is evident by his individual zone and state championships in the track sprints and field throws. Who is he?

Thanks for playing the 2008 NIAA Hall of Fame trivia game. Please note that all answers can be found on the inside back cover.

NIAA to induct 12 for this year's Hall of Fame

The late **Michael Bearman** (official), who passed away in 2004 at the age of 59, was a legendary character within the Northern Nevada Officials Association's circles. The standout three-sport official was highly regarded for his tireless work ethic, uncanny ability to control a game no matter what the situation, flawless integrity and unflappable demeanor in being able to cheer up anyone's foul mood.

"Bear" settled in Reno in the late 1970s and made refereeing and umpiring his full-time career. He served as a basketball, baseball and softball official for the NIAA for 25 years.

Hugh Gallagher, Jr., (athlete) is symbolic of Virginia City's overwhelming success in boys basketball in the 1960s. He was instrumental in leading VC to the first four (1962-65) of its six consecutive state titles. He helped to lead the Muckers to 55 straight wins during a span from 1962-64, and a 95-1 record overall. The three-time all-State player ("B" League Player of the Year in 1965) scored 32 points against Reno in a famous 1965 game.

Gallagher also captured four gold medals in NIAA state track meets. He was a member of the Muckers' victorious 400 and 800 meter teams in 1962, and 880 meter relay squad in 1965. He also won the 180 meter low hurdles in 1965.

John Gonda (coach, administrator) is known for his outstanding contributions to Sparks High School as its long-time head varsity football coach, to Reed High School as its athletic administrator and to the Washoe County School District as the Director of Student Services.

Tim Griffin (contributor, official) is one of the all-time great athletic directors, tournament conductors and officials from Sparks. He served as vice principal and athletic administrator at Sparks High School from 1981 through 1992. During that time, he co-directed the Northern zone and state basketball tournaments with Carson High's Tom Andreasen (NIAA Hall of Fame inductee, 2002). He served as the principal at Reed from 1992 through 1998.

Griffin worked as a football official from 1966 through 1983, earning assignments for numerous playoff games at all levels. He served as the NNOA football chapter's president and also sat on its Board. He helped to develop the official's evaluation system. Griffin, who grew up playing football and basketball at Carson, also coached a variety of sports at Sparks over 13 years.

Dr. Jerry Hughes (administrator) retired from his post as Executive Director of the NIAA in December of 2006. He completed nearly 18 years of service in the state association office as just the second full-time director (Bert Cooper, a 1996 Hall of Fame inductee, worked as the NIAA's first from 1974-1989).

Hughes oversaw the formation of many new events, award programs and projects, including this very NIAA Hall of Fame, the state team academic championships, the Nevada Drug and Alcohol Policy, the Nevada Coaching Education Program, the Top 10 Student-Athletes of the Year banquets, the Model Coach award and Award of Excellence in Academics, Athletics and Citizenship. Hughes served on the Board of the National Federation of State High School Association's (1994-98).

Ron McNutt (coach) is the most successful and influential baseball coach in Northern Nevada prep history. His 657 baseball victories and 29 coaching seasons are

state bests. He was selected 11 times as Northern Nevada Coach of the Year, five times as state Coach of the Year and three times as district (11 U.S. western states) Coach of the Year. He led the Senators to three state titles and saw 38 players drafted to the pros.

McNutt, who also worked as Carson High's athletic director, was honored in 1995 by the National High School Coaches Association as its "Groundskeeper of the Year" for his outstanding time, energy and effort spent on "Ron McNutt Field".

Dave Nolte's overall coaching record - 19 state team championships, 30 region team titles, 24 Coach of the Year honors and 23 hosted NIAA region/state meets at Reed - is unmatched in Nevada high school sports history. His contributions to cross country and track and field are legendary. His own efforts to raise funds for Washoe County's first synthetic track facility (now named the Dave Nolte Northern Nevada Regional Track and Field Facility at Reed H.S.) left a legacy for all to enjoy. More than 90 of his athletes went on to compete in college, and many others went into coaching. Nolte set the standard for leadership in the Nevada coaching circles.

Tom Olivero (administrator, coach), has been a top organizer in the NIAA for more than three decades. He coached football, baseball and track at Sparks for 25 years. His other key contributions include the co-founding of the Citizenship Through Sports Initiative, the lead in developing of the Coaching Education Program and the heading of the Nevada Athletic Directors Association. He had long-term runs as the NIAA's state basketball tournament director and WCSD's coordinator of activities. Olivero, after more than two decades at Sparks, helped to open North Valleys as its athletic administrator.

Don Reynolds (athlete, coach, administrator) has been a top director in the NIAA for more than three decades. He was an all-State quarterback for Wooster's 1967 state championship football team. He coached multiple sports at McQueen, Reno and Wooster over the course of his educational career. He served several years as president of the NADA while working as the athletic administrator at Galena. And, he was a co-tournament director of the NIAA state basketball tournament for 15 years. Reynolds was also instrumental in the launching of the NIAA's sportsmanship and coaching education programs.

Joe Sellers (coach) is the state's all-time winningest football coach with nine state championships and 250 career victories. He led the nationally-ranked Wooster Colts to seven state titles from 1976-1998, including four in five years from 1985-1989. He led Bishop Manogue to back-to-back in 2002-03. He posted a 214-37 record at Wooster and a 36-8 record at Bishop Manogue.

Casey Stevens (coach) has long been heralded as the quintessential assistant coach. The truth be told when it is stated that every great coach needs an even greater assistant. Stevens was that person for Joe Sellers. Stevens helped to mold the great Wooster and Manogue teams every step of the way. Stevens, who also served as an athletic administrator in the WCSD, had multiple opportunities to forge his own path as a head coach but always stayed and kept the "team" in tact.

Dave Wyman (athlete), who graduated from Wooster in 1982 and went on to play at Stanford and in the NFL, was the catalyst in starting the Colts' amazing run of success in the 1980s. There is no greater truth than to say every great coach, every great assistant and every great team must have that one special player to make it all go. David Wyman was that guy.

MICHAEL BEARMAN, Official

The late Michael “Bear” Bearman was a sports official through and through. He worked high school (and every other level of organized competition) basketball, baseball and softball games for more than 25 years. That’s a fairly impressive statistic considering he did not start officiating for the Northern Nevada Officials Association until he reached his early 30s. Maybe sports officiating and poker playing were always in his blood, or maybe it was something else that eventually pointed him down that career path. At any cause, Bear was one of the most dedicated and talented high school officials with which the Silver State has ever been blessed.

Mike Bearman was born in Rice Lake, Wisconsin in 1944. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a degree in education. He worked for a time as sports editor for the university’s student newspaper.

Bear dabbled early with a brief career in the insurance industry in New York and later as a teacher in Illinois and Arizona. Bear eventually moved to and settled in Reno in the late 1970s. Here, combining his love for sports and people, he made refereeing and umpiring his full-time career. Bear will be always remembered for his many outstanding commitments and contributions as an official to the student-athletes of the Silver State.

Bear was a legendary character within NNOA circles. He was a standout three-sport official. He was highly regarded for his tireless work ethic, uncanny ability to control a game no matter what the situation, flawless integrity and unflappable demeanor in being able to cheer up anyone’s foul mood. Bear’s mother, Sophie, who was his constant companion in Reno for 11 years until she succumbed to Alzheimer’s disease in 2002, could often be seen in the stands striking up poignant conversations with newly-made friends.

“Bear may have also officiated basketball and softball, but in his heart and soul he was a baseball umpire,” said Chris Healy, the current Commissioner of Officials for the NNOA’s baseball chapter. “He prided himself on knowing how to run a game, using common sense and a sense of humor to manage players, coaches and fellow umpires. To Mike Bearman, the coaches and administrators became part of his extended family, not adversaries in a contest.”

Besides caring for his mother, Bear had two loves: sports and poker. It was written in his obituary that “(Bear) believed that both required playing by the rules and rewarded those who were the most skilled and talented.”

Bear, who passed away in June of 2004, is survived by his brother, David, his sister-in-law, Lily, and a nephew and a niece.

HUGH GALLAGHER, JR., Athlete

A long time ago in an era from which today's culture and society are far removed, there played on the Comstock a team of legends; a team that wrote its own chapter in the history of Nevada high school basketball. In one glorious swoop these horsemen of the hardwood (a group legendary sports writer Grantland Rice would have been delighted to cover) captured the imagination of the Silver State's elite. Hugh Gallagher, Jr., was the catalyst of that amazing set of Virginia City teams.

Gallagher and the Muckers' teams of the early 1960s embodied all that is great about small-town high school sports. They played during a time when the Davids of the sports world could still compete against and defeat the Goliaths.

Gallagher was instrumental in leading Virginia City to the first four (1962-1965) of six consecutive state boy's basketball titles. He helped to lead the Muckers to 55 straight wins during a time span from 1962 to 1964. Gallagher and his VC teammates compiled a 95-1 record over the course of their four-year career. The lone loss occurred during Gallagher's junior year when he was slowed for a game by a severely sprained ankle.

Gallagher was a three-time all-State selection and was named the "B League" Player of the Year for his senior season. Gallagher guided the Muckers (with an enrollment at the time of 37 students) in 1965 to a win over host Reno (with approximately 1800 students) in what was arguably the most famous hoops game in Nevada prep history. He led all scorers that night with 32 points in front of the standing room-only crowd.

Gallagher was named to the Royal Crown Cola Prep all-American team for the 1964-65 season, joining the likes of Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor (of Power Memorial High School in New York City, later Kareem-Abdul Jabbar of UCLA and NBA fame) as one of the top 100 high school basketball players in the nation.

Gallagher played more than just basketball in high school. He was a standout track runner, capturing four gold medals in NIAA state track and field meets. Gallagher was a member of the Muckers' victorious 440 and 880-yard relay teams in 1962, and 880 relay squad in 1965. He also won the 180 meter low hurdles in the 1965 state championship finals. Gallagher was also a top-notch summer baseball player. He earned the Most Valuable Player honor in a 1967 Connie Mack regional tournament.

Gallagher is a true Nevadan. Hugh Gallagher, Sr., was inducted to the NIAA Hall of Fame in 1994. Junior graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1969 before being commissioned to the U.S. Army. Gallagher had an outstanding college basketball career – he was a starting guard for three years for the Wolf Pack and to this day holds team records for most free throws made (20) and attempted (22) in a game – but he is best remembered on the home front for his amazing high school career.

It is because of the achievements of people like Hugh Gallagher, Jr., and the Mucker teams of that era that the NIAA created in 2001 the Nevada State High School Record Book.

Hugh and his wife, Linda, have one son, Hugh Charles Gallagher, and two granddaughters. Hugh has one brother, Bob Gallagher, and one sister, Barbara DeArrieta.

JOHN GONDA, Coach & Administrator

John Gonda has a rich and storied history as a coach and administrator in the Washoe County School District. He made great contributions to Sparks High School as its long-time football coach, to Reed High School as its athletic director and to the WCSD office as its Director of Activities. Gonda also had an athletic career at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Gonda, who graduated from UNR in 1952 with a Master's degree in education, taught in the Washoe County School District from 1952 through 1987. He served as the football coach at Sparks from 1959 through 1976, leading the Railroaders to the 2A League state championship in his first season. Sparks has not won a state gridiron title since 1959. Gonda was, however, named the state football coach of the year by the Nevada State Journal again in 1969.

Gonda was named the Greater Reno Chamber of Commerce's Teacher of the Month in October of 1974 for his outstanding work in teaching government to the students at Sparks High School. Sparks dedicated its 1975-76 Yearbook to Gonda.

Gonda moved to Reed in the fall of 1976, working as its athletic director for the next five years.

Gonda then, with the start of the 1981-82 school year, set up camp in the district office. He served as the WCSD activities director until his retirement in the summer of 1987. Gonda was one of the early creators and developers of the district's activities position, assuming the responsibility of scheduling (dates, transportation, etc.) all extra-curricular events.

Gonda assisted over the course of his educational career as a representative to the NIAA Board of Control and a tournament director to the NIAA office staff.

Gonda and his wife, JoAnne, have five children (Jeff, Dan, Mark, Kathie and Steve). They have 25 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

TIM GRIFFIN, Athlete, Coach & Administrator

Tim Griffin is the epitome of what is a Hall of Fame member. He is a lifetime Nevadan who represents every facet of the high school experience. He excelled as a two-sport athlete, multi-sport coach, lead principal and athletic administrator, and long-time official. Griffin was a fixture in the Northern Nevada sports community for a time spanning four decades, contributing in every way possible to student-athletes and the NIAA.

Griffin, who graduated from Carson High School in 1959, earned varsity letters in football and basketball. He was a two-year starting end on both offense and defense. He was named to the all-Conference team both ways as a senior. Griffin's great claim to fame is that he caught what proved to be the game-winning touchdown pass in Carson's traditional Nevada Day game in both his junior and senior years.

Griffin coached just about every sport over the course of his 13-year teaching career at Sparks High School. He served as the varsity boys basketball coach for four years, compiling a 51-49 won-lost record. Griffin's first season as head hoops coach was particularly memorable as the Railroaders defeated defending large-school state champion Rancho High School, halting the Rams' 25-game winning streak. Griffin also led Sparks to a great season in 1975, a season in which the Railroaders took the eventual state champion Carson Senators to the buzzer in each of their three contests.

Griffin worked as a football official in the Northern Nevada Officials Association from 1966 through 1983. He earned the right to work numerous playoff and championship games at all levels. He was elected president of the NNOA's football chapter and served on its Board a handful of times. Griffin was responsible in large part for the development of an evaluation system to help improve official's skills by involving the coaches.

Many of Griffin's outstanding contributions came during his time as an administrator. He served as vice principal and athletic director at Sparks from 1981 to 1992. He co-directed the 4A Northern Zone and state basketball tournaments during that time with Tom Andreasen (NIAA Hall of Fame inductee in 2002). "We hosted all state tournaments in Reno using Lawlor Events Center and local high school gyms, creating an 'event' atmosphere."

Griffin was finally the principal at Reed from 1992 to 1998. During his time at Reed, the Raiders captured the 4A Northern Zone's "All-Sports Trophy" (given to the school with the best finishes/placings by its athletic teams) so often that the league retired the award.

"I have a strong belief that if a student is involved in any extra-curricular activity it will be a positive benefit to the student, his/her grades and to the school," Griffin says. "I attended virtually every extra-curricular activity including athletic events, musicals, plays and ROTC exhibitions."

Griffin, who graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1964 and then earned his Master's degree in education from UNR in 1973, was named in 1995 the Administrator of the Year by the Nevada Music Educators Association. He served as president of the Sparks Rotary (a great sponsor of many high school sports events) in 1993 and 1994.

Tim and his wife, Pam, have three children, Kim, Scott and Kelly.

DR. JERRY HUGHES, Coach & Administrator

Dr. Jerry Hughes witnessed and accomplished just about everything a director of a high school sports association could over the course of his nearly 18-year career. He doubled the size of the office staff, raised the operating budget more than 75 percent (to more than \$1.1 million) and implemented a great variety of health and activity programs for the benefit of the NIAA membership. Dr. Hughes made progress with change.

Dr. Hughes started as the full-time Executive Director of the NIAA in July of 1989. He succeeded Bert Cooper (NIAA Hall of Fame inductee in 1996), who had worked the previous 15 years as the only other full-time Executive Director of the NIAA.

Dr. Hughes helped to oversee the formation and implementation of multiple events, programs and projects. A sampling of current programs that gained national attention include the Nevada Drug and Alcohol Policy, the Nevada Coaches Education Program, the NIAA's Citizenship Through Sports Initiative, the Nevada Wrestling Weight Management Program, the NIAA's Top 10 Student-Athletes of the Year banquets, the NIAA's Model Coach award, the NIAA's Award of Excellence in Academics, Athletics and Citizenship, and the NIAA state academic team championships.

Dr. Hughes also helped to initiate various in-state conferences and organizations such as the NIAA Hall of Fame banquet, the Nevada Athletic Directors Association and the Washoe County School District's athletic trainer's/training program.

Dr. Hughes, who grew up in Shreve, Ohio and graduated from Triway High School, earned his Bachelor's degree in physical education at Adams State College (Alamosa, Colo.) in 1970. He played for the 1967 and 1968 Rocky Mountain Conference football champions at Adams State. He graduated with a Master's in physical education from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1979 and achieved his administrative certificate from UNR in 1986. Dr. Hughes earned his doctorate of education in physical education-sports (emphasis in professional leadership) from Brigham Young University in 1987.

Prior to heading the NIAA, Dr. Hughes spent 15 years working within the Washoe County School District. He served as the Student Activities Specialist and the director of the physical education curriculum during the 1987-88 and 1988-89 school years. He worked as the Athletic Director, health education (Fitness for Life) teacher, and assistant football and skiing coach at McQueen from the fall of 1982 through the summer of 1987. He also worked as a teacher (while coaching at Wooster High School) at Hunter Lake Elementary School (1974-1975), Traner Middle School (1975-1978) and Hug High School (1978-1980).

Dr. Hughes founded and served as first president of the Nevada State Athletic Director's Association for the 1988-89 and 1989-1990 school years. He also served on the Board of Directors for the National Federation of State High School Associations from 1994 through 1998. Dr. Hughes was honored with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrator's Association's State Award of Merit (1995) and the National Federation's Interscholastic Coaches Association's Distinguished Service Award.

"I had the opportunity to travel across the country and meet many wonderful people in my field in each and every state," Dr. Hughes said. "Great changes occurred in this state since I started. I enjoyed my tenure as the Executive Director."

Dr. Hughes and his wife, Tina, raised three children, Luke, Jason and Heather.

RON McNUTT, Coach

Baseball is a game, among many other things, about creativity, innovation and integrity. Nobody before or since this day has represented the traditions of the grand game in Northern Nevada better than Coach Ron McNutt. The living legend garnered more wins, coach of the year awards and professional-athlete-from-our-program claims over the course of his 29-year coaching career than any other coach in any other sport in Nevada high school history.

McNutt's statistical achievements are staggering. His Carson Senator varsity baseball teams won a collective 657 games (compared to 264 losses), two large-school state championship banners and four state runner-up trophies from 1976 through 2004. He was named the 4A Northern baseball Coach of the Year 11 times, the large-school classification's state Coach of the Year five times and the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) District 7 (far western states) Coach of the Year three times. McNutt, who was known equally well for his accomplishments as the founder of a Carson-based summer team, managed the Carson Capitols to an additional 1,217 wins (to 231 losses) during 23 seasons.

McNutt coached 38 student-athletes (16 from Carson High School) who were drafted professionally, including three in the first round. Seven of those (Charlie Kerfeld, Matt Williams, Bob Ayrault, David Lundquist, Donovan Osborne, Dusty Bergman and Darrell Rasner) made it to the Major Leagues.

McNutt was, however, much more involved in the Northern Nevada sports community than just as a coach. He served as a long-time teacher at Carson and eventually the school's athletic director (2001-2006) until his retirement two spring seasons ago. He currently works as Commissioner of the 4A Northern Region (responsible for by-law interpretations, schedules, standings, etc.) and as a lead bartender (a.k.a. go-to-guy) at Carson City's Silver Oak golf course.

One of coach's great legacies is that of "Ron McNutt Field" (so named by the Carson School District's Board of Trustees in June of 1992), the top prep facility in the Silver State if not the country. McNutt was named the Groundskeeper of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association in 1995 and was featured in Fine Lawn Research Magazine in 1997 for his time, energy and effort spent on the school's beautiful stadium. He was honored by the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association in 1993 with its Distinguished Service Award.

McNutt served as president of the 4A Northern Nevada Baseball Coaches Association for 20 years and on the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee for six years. He has also served at one time or another as state chairman for the Continental Amateur Baseball Association and the United States Amateur Baseball Association. McNutt, who coached in the first USA versus Japan High School World Series (1983), helped to produce the first high school instructional baseball video (1990).

Ron credits his wife of 40 years, Terrie, and their son, RC, for the unconditional love and support during his Hall of Fame career. Terrie currently serves as the director of the Nevada State Spirit Coaches Association and its representative to the NIAA Board. She was instrumental in gaining the sport recognition and status in the NIAA's Handbook (governing policy, rules and regulation manual).

DAVE NOLTE, Coach & Administrator

He was the dean of cross country and track and field in Northern Nevada for a time spanning more than two decades. No one in NIAA history has done more to promote, facilitate and market “athletics” (as the sport is titled in the Olympic realm) than Dave Nolte.

It’s not that Nolte set out to create a legacy for himself when he began his educational career in the Washoe County School District in 1980. It just happened along the way. During his time as a teacher and coach at Reed High School (1980-2001), Nolte created the prototype for an athletic program. From fundraising for capital improvements to nurturing talent to simply getting large numbers of student-athletes to participate, he developed a blue print on how to achieve success.

Nolte, who graduated from California State University-Hayward in 1977, had a stellar distance running career of his own; he was part of the 1977 NCAA championship team at Hayward and was ranked sixth in the 800 meters. He later earned a Master’s degree in physical education (1981) and in administration (2002) from UNR.

Nolte’s overall coaching record is unmatched when it comes to boys cross country (one state and one region crowns), girls cross country (six state and seven region banners), boys track and field (two state and six region titles) and girls track and field (10 state and 16 region championships). He was named 21 times as the Northern Nevada cross country or track and field Coach of the Year. More than 90 of his Reed student-athletes went on to compete in college. Nolte was named in 1995 and 2000 the Track and Field Coach of the Year for Region 7 by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Nolte, who was the founding president of the Northern Nevada Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association, served as the meet director for 23 NIAA region and state championship meets. He founded the still-popular Reed Rotary Track and Field Invitational in 1983 and the Reed Invitational cross country meet in 1985. He is a certified instructor for USA Track and Field and a member of both the NFHS Track and Field Coaches Association and National Association of Athletic Directors.

Nolte served at one time on both the WCSD’s purchasing and business project committees, but those resume duties pale in comparison to his grand accomplishment. He led the effort – in every capacity imaginable – to get the Silver State’s first high school all-weather track and field surface put in at Reed. He was honored by the City of Sparks in 1992 for his contributions in the conceptual design of the facility, his efforts to fund-raise through the private sector and his overseeing of the building process. The shrine is called the Dave Nolte Northern Nevada Regional Track and Field Facility.

Nolte, who also assisted the NIAA as a multi-time soccer, basketball and softball tournament director while at Reed, concluded his educational career as an administrator. He served as the athletic director at Reed from 2001-2004, the athletic administrator at Galena from 2005-2007 and the assistant director of student activities for the WCSD for a brief time in 2007.

Dave, who was inducted to the NNCCTFCA Hall of Fame in 2002, has two daughters, Lori and Amber Nolte. Both daughters competed on championship cross country and track and field teams at Reed, and both won individual track and field titles in NIAA state meets.

TOM OLIVERO, Administrator & Coach

As the well-remembered lyric sings in the Cheer's theme, sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name. Tom Olivero, on the contrary, could have traveled anywhere in Northern Nevada during the course of his extraordinary 31-year educational career and found that people all over knew his name.

Olivero was an exceptional and over-achieving coach and athletic administrator in the Washoe County District. He worked at Sparks High School for 22 years, in the "Green House" (WCSD main office) for three years and at North Valleys High School for six years. He served on the NIAA Board of Control for three years and directed countless post-season (region and state) championship tournaments for the NIAA office staff. Olivero's legendary contributions to the student-athletes of Northern Nevada made him a shoe-in for this NIAA Hall of Fame honor.

Olivero, who earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and his Master's degree from the University of San Francisco, began his working career at Sparks in the fall of 1976. He coached four sports over the course of his two-plus decades of service to Sparks; he was an assistant football coach for eight seasons, the junior varsity volleyball coach for four seasons, the varsity volleyball coach for four seasons, an assistant baseball coach for four seasons and the varsity girls track coach for four seasons. Olivero served as the Railroaders' athletic administrator during his final five years in the Brickhouse.

Olivero left Sparks High School in 1998 to take over as the district's Coordinator of Student Activities. He served in the district office for three years, where he was instrumental in starting the district's middle school volleyball program.

Olivero concluded his career at North Valleys. He was on the original Panthers' staff, leading the sports program as its athletic administrator for six years. Olivero helped to design, build and maintain facilities and oversee the purchasing of athletic equipment, among countless other duties, as the school's first leader.

Olivero was involved in student leadership and as a class advisor for many years during his career. He also served as president of the Nevada Athletic Directors Association for two years. Olivero was once honored by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association with the state's Award of Merit.

Olivero was a prominent fixture at a variety of NIAA functions. He was a voting member on the Board of Control for three years. He served as a region and state tournament director for the sports of football, soccer, volleyball, basketball and baseball while at both Sparks and North Valleys. He was a founding committee member for both the NIAA's Citizenship Through Sports Initiative and Coaches Education Program, leading a vast array of classes in each area. Olivero was also one of the original teaching faculty for the American Sport Education Program, which was endorsed in 1996 by the National Federation of State High School Associations as its national curriculum for coaching principles and coaching fundamentals. He taught classes on both subjects at national athletic director conferences.

Olivero also served on multiple NIAA committees, including the one-time transfer rule and undue influence (recruiting) regulation review groups. He is still active (eight years running) on the NADA's state conference planning committee.

Olivero and his wife, Jan, have three sons, Anthony, Drew and Tyler.

DON REYNOLDS, Athlete & Administrator

Don Reynolds was one of the top “go-to” guys for the NIAA office staff and its former director, Dr. Jerry Hughes. Reynolds, who was an outstanding athlete and then coach in his own right before he got into athletic administration, assisted greatly on the original Nevada Athletic Directors Association planning committee, the first real state basketball tournament organizing group and the basic Citizenship Through Sports Initiative team. Reynolds is linked to many of the other 2008 NIAA Hall of Fame inductees in a very special way.

Reynolds played three seasons of varsity football, two seasons of varsity basketball and one season of varsity baseball at Wooster High School leading up to his graduation in 1969. As a junior quarterback in 1967, he led the Colts to their first state gridiron title and in the process was named to the large-school classification all-State football team. Reynolds eventually received an athletic scholarship and play baseball for the University of Nevada, Reno, from 1970 through 1973.

Reynolds earned his Bachelor’s degree in physical education and English, and his Master’s degree in school administration from UNR.

Reynolds coached a variety of sports at the high school level. He first worked as an assistant football coach at Wooster for two years. He worked as an assistant basketball and baseball coach at Reno over the course of a four-year period. Reynolds served as the head boys basketball coach for nine years at McQueen. In addition, he led the varsity girls basketball and golf teams for one season.

Reynolds converted to an athletic administrator, spending the last 11 years of his educational career in the front office of the new Galena High School. He was the school’s first athletic director (1992) for four years before becoming a vice-principal for the remaining seven years (1996-2003). Reynolds served as president of the Nevada Athletic Directors Association for two years and was named the Class 4A Athletic Director of the Year in 1999. He was selected to receive the Silver State’s National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association’s state Award of Merit in 2003.

Reynolds has been a co-tournament director of the NIAA’s marquee tournament, the state boys and girls basketball finals and its many related events, for the last 20 years. He helped to write the NADA Constitution and to organize the early NADA state conferences. He has also been a fixture at Lawlor Events Center and Washoe County School District venues in many other capacities; he was a member of the original Citizenship Through Sports committee and of the first Nevada Coaching Education Program - Leadership Training Courses instructor’s pool.

Reynolds, who is still an active Lt. Colonel in the Nevada Air National Guard, is the son of Daryl and Frances Reynolds. He and his wife, Michele, have one daughter, Tiffany Paulson, and one son, Matthew Wierzba.

JOE SELLERS, Coach

The most successful coaches tend to indirectly create for themselves a status of legendary proportions. They are long remembered in their school building, the arenas and/or stadiums in which they prowled, and in the community in which they served. Coach Joe Sellers just may be the exception, however. His star status as a head varsity football coach at Wooster and Bishop Manogue exceeded the norm and perpetuated throughout the entire Silver State.

Sellers is the state's all-time winningest football coach with nine state titles and 250 career victories to his credit. He led the nationally-ranked Wooster Colts to seven state championships (including four in five years from 1985-89) between 1976 and 1998, and Bishop Manogue to back-to-back crowns in 2002 and 2003. He posted a 214-37-7 record at Wooster over 23 seasons and a 36-8-2 record at Bishop Manogue from 2001-04.

Sellers and his staff led the varsity Colts to a 36-game winning streak (longest in the large-school classification and second overall behind The Meadows' 41 consecutive Class 2A victories between 1998 and 2001) from 1985 through 1987. Wooster's 1985, 1986 and 1987 football seasons all resulted in undefeated records and state championships. Sellers and team guided the Bishop Manogue Miners to 30 straight varsity football wins between 2002 and 2004.

Sellers coached many of Nevada's greats, including fellow NIAA Hall of Fame inductee David Wyman and the sons (Jason and Luke) of another 2008 inductee, Dr. Jerry Hughes. Sellers was named by the Northern Nevada Football Coaches Association and the Northern Nevada media as the Coach of the Decade for the 1980s.

Wooster's 1981 squad was the first Northern team in 25 years to win the state championship on a Southern Nevada field. Those 1981 Colts were led by Wyman and fellow 2008 NIAA Hall of Fame inductee, assistant coach Casey Stevens.

All told, Sellers' Wooster teams were 6-0 in state championship games played in Las Vegas. With such tremendous accomplishments and achievements to his credit, including the fact he coached 67 players who went on to play NCAA Division I ball, it is no wonder why Sellers was named the Nevada Coach of the Year nine times. Wooster named its stadium, "Joe Mac Sellers Field", in his honor in 1996.

Sellers, who was inducted to the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2003, is the first to admit that in order for the head coach to achieve great success (and not just in terms of winning), he must surround himself with loyal and outstanding assistants. It's the assistants that help to drive an athletic program toward success – keeping the student-athletes motivated, dedicated and focused; with an air of integrity and respect.

Sellers worked as an umpire in the Northern Nevada Official Association's baseball chapter from 1969 through 1989. He was assigned to do numerous zone and state championship tournament games. Sellers also coached two other sports. He served as either an assistant or head coach in wrestling for 15 years and baseball for five years.

Sellers and his wife, Linda, have four sons, Luke, Jake, Joe Mac and Bo. All four sons were named to the Northern Nevada football Team of the Decade for the 1990s. Joe Mac was named the state's Player of the Year in 1994 and 1995 as the Colts won back-to-back state titles. Combined, the sons won seven state individual wrestling titles and four state team crowns. Jake was a four-time state individual champion.

CASEY STEVENS, Coach

It's the rare individual who sacrifices personal gain for the betterment of the group. But, that's exactly what Casey Stevens did over the course of his 28 years in education.

Stevens was heralded as the quintessential assistant coach. The truth be told when it is stated that every great coach needs an even greater assistant. Stevens was that person for Joe Sellers. Stevens helped to mold the great Wooster and Manogue teams every step of the way. Stevens, who also served as an athletic administrator in the WCSD, had multiple opportunities to forge his own path as a head coach but always kept the "team" in tact.

Stevens earned his Bachelor's degree in 1978 and his Master's degree in educational administration in 1981 from the University of Nevada, Reno. He was the captain of the UNR football team in 1976 and 1977. In addition to his high school resume, Stevens coached YMCA basketball and youth fast-pitch softball for "too many years to remember."

Stevens joined Sellers and the Wooster High School faculty and football coaching staff in 1978. He was also with Sellers on the Bishop Manogue High School coaching staff for the 2001 through 2004 seasons. He taught 20 years at Wooster and eight years at Washoe High School. He helped to guide the Colt and Miner varsity football teams to a combined 238-37 record, nine state championships and 13 Northern titles.

The Colts won 36 consecutive games (equating three straight undefeated and state championship seasons) during the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons. The Miners won 30 varsity football games in a row during the 2002 (Class 3A state champions), 2003 (3A state champions again) and 2004 (Bishop Manogue's first year in the Class 4A) seasons. Stevens was named the AFLAC National Assistant Football Coach of the Year in 2003.

Stevens was active in athletics off the football field as well. He worked as Wooster's athletic administrator from 1985 through 1998. He served as president of the Nevada Athletic Directors Association (of which he was a member for 14 years) from 1993 to 1994. Not to be overlooked, Stevens was the head coach for the Wooster junior varsity baseball team from the 1979 through 1985 seasons.

Stevens served as president of the UNR Alumni Football Players Association (of which has been a member from 1978) from 1981 through 1985.

"This great honor is dedicated to the memory of my father, 'Big Al'," Stevens says. "Without his love, guidance and friendship, this would have never been possible."

Stevens is the son of UI ("the family rock"). He and his wife, Ronda, have four children, Matt Megan, Kristy and Katie.

DAVID WYMAN, Athlete

Dave Wyman is one of the most prolific athletes to have ever graced the athletic facilities of Northern Nevada's high schools. The 1982 Wooster High School graduate was a standout prep football, basketball, and track and field participant. He was the catalyst and, in essence, one of the originals for the Colts' amazing run on the gridiron. Wyman went on to play football for Stanford University on a Division I scholarship, and for the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos of the National Football League.

Wyman is one of the three – including head coach Joe Sellers and assistant coach Casey Stevens – in the “Wooster connection” being inducted here today. There is no greater truth than to say every great coach, every great assistant and every great team must have that one special player to make it all happen. Wyman was that guy.

Wyman was a two-time all-Northern Zone and all-State linebacker and tight end. He was named the state's Player of the Year in 1981 and the Hertz Best Athlete of the State in 1982. Wyman helped to lead the Wooster Colts to the 3A League (large-school) state football championship in 1981, which would be the first of five state football titles for Wooster in the 1980s. The 1981 state championship team was the first Northern team in 25 years to win the title on a Southern Nevada field. Wyman was named by the Northern Nevada Football Coaches Association and the Northern Nevada media as the Player of the Decade for the 1980s.

Wyman, who earned two varsity letters in basketball, was also a zone and state champion in track and field. He was a two-time individual zone and state champion in the shot put, and a two-time zone champion in both the 100 and 200 meter dash events for the 1981 and 1982 seasons. He helped to lead the Colts to the 1982 NIAA state track and field team championship.

Wyman continued his stellar athletic career at Stanford in the late 1980s. He earned status on the Pacific 10 Conference's second team as a linebacker in 1983 and 1984. He was named to Pac-10 first team and to the Sporting News' all-American Team in 1986. The two-time Stanford team Most Valuable Player (1983 and 1984) was selected to play in the (1987) prestigious East-West Shrine Game as a senior. Wyman was a finalist for the prestigious Dick Butkus Award as college football's most outstanding linebacker in 1987.

Wyman went in the second round of the 1987 NFL Draft to Seattle. He played for the Seahawks for six seasons (1987-1992) and was voted as the Seahawks' Most Improved Player in 1988. He played his final three NFL seasons for Denver (1993-1995), winning the Ed Block Courage Award for the Broncos in 1995. All told, Wyman got 85 career starts in the NFL and was a regular starter in eight of his nine pro football seasons.

Wyman earned a Bachelor's degree in communications from Stanford in 1987. He was a Dean's Award winner in 1985. He was inducted to Wooster High School's Hall of Fame in 1987 and to the Stanford University's Hall of Fame in 2001. Wyman coached football at Redmond High School, Wash., from 2001 to 2003. He just completed his second year of coaching at Interlake High School in Bellevue, Wash.

Wyman and his wife, Shannen, have a son, Jake, and a daughter, Kendall. Dave's brother, Mike, was also an all-State lineman for Wooster (1979) and a scholarship athlete at Stanford (1985). Shannen, was a cheerleader (“Seagal”) for the Seattle Seahawks for seven years. She owns businesses in the clothing and jewelry industries.

NIAA Hall of Fame, past inductees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Residence</u>
CLASS OF 1992		
Ty Cobb	Contributor	Deceased
Angelo Collis	Coach, Administrator	Deceased
Elmo Dericco	Administrator	Fallon
Richard Harris	Official	Elko
John Robb	Coach, Administrator	Deceased
Donald Taylor	Coach, Administrator	Las Vegas
CLASS OF 1993		
Peter Bernhard	Athlete	Las Vegas
Helen Cannon	Contributor	Las Vegas
Tod Carlini	Coach, Administrator	Deceased
Joe de Arrieta, Sr.	Athlete	Winnemucca
Jim Ellett	Official	Reno
Mike Lommori	Coach	Yerington
Albert Lowry, Sr.	Coach	Deceased
Val York	Athlete	Bozeman, Mont.
CLASS OF 1994		
Ed Arciniega	Athlete, Administrator	Fallon
Bud Beasley	Coach	Deceased
Norman Craft, Sr.	Athlete, Coach, Administrator	Las Vegas
John Dolan	Coach	Deceased
Hugh Gallagher, Sr.	Contributor	Deceased
Robert Lunt	Contributor	Deceased
John Polish	Athlete	Ely
CLASS OF 1995		
Robert Benson	Coach, Administrator	Reno
Pat A. Diskin	Contributor	Deceased
William Morris	Athlete	Deceased
Dr. Donald Romeo	Contributor	Deceased
John Sande III	Athlete	Reno
Mathew Trontel	Coach, Administrator	Deceased
CLASS OF 1996		
Louis Anton	Official	Deceased
Philip E. Bailey	Athlete	Tucson, Ariz.
George M. Baxter	Athlete	Reno
Jack R. Cook	Coach	Deceased
Bert Cooper	Coach, Administrator	Carson City
Overton Curtis	Athlete, Coach	Deceased
David Humm	Athlete	Las Vegas
Jack Mannion	Coach, Administrator	Las Vegas

CLASS OF 1997

Grant Bowler	Contributor	Deceased
Judy Cameron	Coach, Administrator	Henderson
Jim Holcombe	Official	Deceased
Frank Nails	Coach	Las Vegas
Walter Powers	Athlete, Coach	Deceased
Robert Scott	Contributor	Carson City
Edwin "Tip" Whitehead	Athlete, Coach	Deceased
Harold Wright	Athlete	Deceased

CLASS OF 1998

Ronald Engel	Athlete, Administrator	Deceased
Orsie Graves	Athlete, Coach	Deceased
Lee "Ernie" Hall	Contributor	Deceased
Carroll Johnston	Coach, Administrator	Las Vegas
Charles H. Knight	Official, Coach, Administrator	Gold Canyon, Ariz.
Howard Leavitt	Athlete, Coach	Las Vegas
Harold Ruparcich	Official	Deceased

CLASS OF 1999

Joe de Arrieta, Jr.	Athlete, Coach, Contributor	Winnemucca
Grant Crutchley	Athlete, Coach	Eureka
Michael Fesenmaier	Coach, Official	Smith
Frank Guisti, Jr.	Athlete, Coach	Deceased
Christian Nenzel	Athlete, Coach, Contributor	Gardnerville
Roy Smith	Coach, Contributor	Elko
Eric "Rick" Traasdahl	Coach	Las Vegas

CLASS OF 2000

Gary Batchelor	Coach, Administrator	Overton
Earl Dunn	Athlete, Coach	Deceased
Bonnie Flaagan	Coach	Las Vegas
Syl J. Frediani	Athlete, Official	Sparks
Larry Fromhart	Coach	Deceased
Ken Fujii	Athlete, Coach	Carson City
Jerry "Jake" Longero	Athlete, Coach, Contributor	Yerington
Horrace Smith	Athlete, Coach, Contributor	Las Vegas
Dr. LeRoy A. Wolever	Contributor	Deceased

CLASS OF 2001

Don F. Anhder	Coach, Administrator	Alamo
Linda Close	Coach, Educator	Las Vegas
David R. Green	Athlete, Coach, Administrator	Gerlach
Eldon Wesley Hughes	Coach, Educator	Deceased
James "Bud" Hurin	Coach	Deceased
Lou Micheo	Coach	Smith
David E. Shay	Coach	Boulder City
Roger Trounday	Athlete	Reno
Gary Wheeler	Coach	Las Vegas

CLASS OF 2002

Tom Andreasen	Athlete, Coach, Administrator	Carson City
Joe Bota	Official	Reno
Bonnie Godtel	Coach	Las Vegas
Sharon Klise	Coach	Wooster
Gary Lundergreen	Athlete, Coach	Zephyr Cove
Don Manoukian	Athlete	Sparks
Charles Minker	Official, Contributor	Deceased
William "Bud" O'Dea	Coach	Deceased
Ron Pagni	Athlete, Administrator	Reno
Patty Sheehan	Athlete	Reno
Robert Stoddard	Contributor	Deceased

CLASS OF 2003 – No inductees

CLASS OF 2004

Jim Billingsley	Athlete, Coach	Winnemucca
Jim Coverley	Coach, Official, Contributor	Reno
John "Slug" Flynn	Coach, Administrator	Reno
Jackie Giorgi	Coach, Administrator	Deceased
Fred Gladding	Coach	Virginia City
Richard Henson	Coach	Fernley
Keith Neville	Coach, Administrator	Hawthorne
Clark Reid	Coach	Gardnerville
Keith Roman	Coach, Administrator	Minden
JoJo Townsell	Athlete	Gardnerville
George Winters	Coach	Hawthorne

CLASS OF 2005

Renee Brown	Athlete	New York City
Mary Ann Engen	Coach	Henderson
Joe Gallia	Athlete, Coach, Administrator	Star, Idaho
Frank Hawkins	Athlete	Las Vegas
Vaughn Higbee	Athlete, Coach, Administrator	Alamo
Matti Smith	Official, Coach	Las Vegas
Elwin Whipple	Athlete, Coach	Deceased
Richard Whitehead	Coach	Henderson

CLASS OF 2006

Dick Allen	Coach	Reno
Deloy Anderson	Contributor	Reno
Joe Blaney	Coach	Greenville, NC
Craig Congdon	Athlete, Contributor	Reno
Mike Copenhaver	Official	Reno
Ed Hillygus	Coach	Yerington
Moyal Kump	Coach	Elko
Ron Lee	Athlete, Official	Reno
Doug Maupin	Athlete	Reno
Jack Ritenhouse	Official	Deceased
Angie Taylor	Athlete	Reno

CLASS OF 2007

Ray DePalma	Administrator	Deceased
Al Faccinto, Jr.	Athlete	Las Vegas
Chuck Gerber	Coach	Las Vegas
Gene Girard	Coach	Las Vegas
Mike Kobielsky	Athlete	Deceased
Mario Monaco	Administrator	Las Vegas
Bobby Peck	Athlete, Coach, Official	Henderson
Frances Price	Coach	Las Vegas
Dan Snyder	Coach	Las Vegas

CLASS OF 2008

Welcome to the NIAA Hall of Fame. Today, you join 125 other outstanding administrators, athletes, coaches, contributors and officials in a prestigious membership.

Congratulations on your induction and thank you for your involvement with Nevada's high school student-athletes.

NIAA Hall of Fame Trivia Answers

1. The amazing Hugh Gallagher, Jr., of Virginia City boy's basketball fame.
2. Tom Olivero helped to guide the Sparks Railroaders to the football playoffs for the first time in a quarter century as an assistant coach.
3. The athletically and administratively-gifted Tim Griffin.
4. In addition to winning more than 1,800 baseball games as a high school and club coach, Ron McNutt also assisted with Carson's football (1970-78), basketball (1970-80), and track and field (1971-72) teams. He served as an assistant to Tom Andreasen during the Senators' 1975 state hoops title run.
5. Dave Nolte is the namesake behind the Northern Nevada Regional Track and Field Facility located at Reed High School.
6. The late (and great) Mr. Michael "Bear" Bearman, one of the top multi-sport officials in NNOA history.
7. The multi-talented (athletically, academically and administratively) Don Reynolds.
8. The living legend, Coach Joe Sellers.
9. Your concluding speaker, Dr. Jerry A. Hughes.
10. The ultimate A.D., NADA president and UNR alumnus, Casey Stevens.
11. The legendary John Gonda, a Sparks High School, Reed High School and Washoe County School District administrator extraordinaire.
12. The Wooster High School football (and track and field) great, David Wyman.

History of the NIAA

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) is a private, non-profit organization (501c3) originally formed by the secondary schools in Nevada. In essence, the NIAA is the governing body of high school athletics and activities in the Silver State as recognized by the Nevada state legislature. It is important to note, however, that the NIAA does NOT receive state funding. The NIAA's three revenue streams are corporate partnerships, event ticket sales and member school's dues.

The original (NIAA) Nevada Interscholastic League was formed in 1922. It became affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in 1939. School administrators established the League in order to develop and enforce high school athletic welfare and safety standards, eligibility and amateurism rules, and ethical conduct and behavior policies that would compliment the academic work of students. The NIAA ensures that Nevada's student-athletes engage in pure competition under uniform regulations.

The NIL became the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association in 1967. The first full-time salaried Executive Director was hired in 1974 and an office was established in Carson City. The NIAA office moved to Reno in 1997.

As of September 2007, the NIAA has 101 member schools plus three independent schools divided into four classifications. The NIAA is responsible for sponsoring, directing and developing athletics and activities in Nevada's high schools. In addition, the NIAA oversees the Nevada Association of Student Councils (NASC).

The NIAA office is responsible for sanctioning activities, conducting post-season tournaments, regulating officials and providing a host of services to its member schools.

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association is incorporated in compliance with NRS 81.170-81.280 and was recognized in 1974 under the provisions of NRS 386.420-.470.

The NIAA provides the following services to its member schools in addition to the 135 region tournaments and 60 state championship tournaments it conducts:

- * Awards, in each NIAA-sanctioned sporting event, an academic team champion and honors individuals on the all-State (4.0 gpa) academic team;
- * Hosts a Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony, which honors outstanding athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and contributors who have had a significant and positive impact on Nevada's youth;
- * Hosts an end-of-the-year awards banquet honoring the top 10 student-athletes in both northern and southern Nevada;
- * Conducts coaching clinics (and certifies coaches through the Nevada Coaching Education Program) and the training, testing and certifying of officials;
- * Promotes cooperative spirit among member schools through its special Citizenship Through Sports program;
- * Publishes the NIAA Bulletin and other informational material (such as the Reference Manual - school directory and post-season sport tournament information packets -, Handbook, Year In Review, Record Book, etc.) for all member schools, sponsors, the media and the public;
- * Prevents the exploitation of student-athletes by special interest groups.