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**NEWS RELEASE**

**2009 NFHS Coach Educator of the Year Awards Announced**

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (April 29, 2009) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has named three individuals as recipients of the 2009 NFHS Coach Educator of the Year Award.

This year's recipients, who were unanimously recommended by the NFHS Coach Education Committee, are **Mike Maghan**, athletic director at McNary High School in Keizer, Oregon; **Lavonne Norman**, director of operations and marketing for the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA); and the late **Ken Yamase**, former executive director of the Big Island Interscholastic Federation in Hilo, Hawaii.

Maghan, past president of the Oregon Athletic Directors Association, has tirelessly promoted and supported coaches education in Oregon. He is responsible for the certification of more than 4,000 coaches and 300 leadership trainers throughout

the state, and he was also instrumental in securing \$50,000 in funding from the Oregon Legislature to help with funding of coach education programs. Maghan, former chair of the NFHS Coach Education Committee, is also leading efforts with the NFHS Coach Education program in Oregon through coordinated instructor training and course scheduling for the entire state. He was instrumental in the development of the Fundamentals of Coaching Instructor Guide.

Since 1992, Norman has been active in promoting spirit coaches education throughout Alaska, and was the only trained instructor in the state from 1992 to 2000. She served four years on the NFHS Spirit Advisory Committee, promoting the education and development of spirit coaches.

In 2007, Norman petitioned the ASAA Board of Directors to adopt the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course for all high school coaches. Later that year, the ASAA board approved the courses as part of the mandatory ASAA coach education. Today, Norman serves as the Section 8 representative on the NFHS Coach Education Committee and is the NFHS state spirit director.

Yamase was coordinator and lead instructor for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Leadership Training Courses. He coordinated and assisted in the training of more than 115 Hawaii athletic administrators at the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching instructor's workshop. In

addition, he was the Section 7 representative on the NFHS Coach Education Committee and the Hawaii program coordinator for the NFHS Coach Education Program.

The NFHS is dedicated to the advancement of coach education programs throughout the country. Additional information on the programs is available at

[www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

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The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

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