



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **KSHSAA HONORS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS FOR DEDICATION & SERVICE**

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Each year, the Kansas State High School Activities Association recognizes and honors a select group of contest officials for their dedication and service to Kansas interscholastic athletic programs. The KSHSAA Official Recognition program started in the 1999-2000 school year to honor officials who have contributed significant years of service. Award plaques are given for 20, 30, 40 and 50 years of service to the youth and schools of Kansas. Officials reaching these milestones are recognized at a ceremony in conjunction with a state championship event.

Each school year approximately 4,000 men and women, including some high school students, become KSHSAA registered athletic officials. The Association registers officials in 10 of the 14 sports it sponsors. Officials at interscholastic athletic events not only provide for a fair and safe contest environment but also play an important role as participants in the educational development of high school students.

The KSHSAA was pleased to recognize these special individuals for their years of study, preparation, sacrifice of personal time, and most of all, their enduring commitment to the schools and youth of Kansas.

<b>KSHSAA Registered Officials Honored in the Winter of 2017:</b>		
<b><u>20 Years of service</u></b>	<b><u>30 Years of service</u></b>	<b><u>40 Years of service</u></b>
Steven Allen, Wichita Shane Blair, Shawnee Jeff Cunningham, Lansing Brian Duncan, Salina Dennis Dutton, Macksville Kurt Lohse, Topeka Darin Putthoff, Tecumseh Jeremy Struemph, Overland Park, <i>(posthumously)</i> Josh Tanking, Corning	Keith Bramhall, Vermillion J. Jay Clark, Wichita Pete Didio, Topeka Ike Donn, Colby David Hager, Atchison Gerald Henderson, McPherson Michael Martin, Girard Mark Middlemist, Holton Scott Sturm, Wichita Thomas Walters, Emporia	James Baldwin, Leavenworth Scotty Hendrix, Topeka Terry White, Ottawa