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New IHSAA Student Advisory Committee Announced for 2014-15

Eighteen high school student-athletes from across the Hoosier State have begun the school year as members of the 2014-15 IHSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC).

The SAC represents the entire IHSAA membership of 410 schools, and its structure reflects that of the IHSAA Board of Directors in terms of classification and districts as well as female, urban schools and minority representation.

Each year, the IHSAA receives nominations from school principals on behalf of student-athletes from IHSAA member schools. From that group of this year’s nominations, 20 were selected for interviews by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee, Executive Staff and returning members of the SAC. From those interviews, nine juniors were invited to join the group of nine seniors serving their second year.

Among the returning seniors are Joel Boser of Hamilton Heights and Gracie Norton of Mooresville who were elected as president and vice-president, respectively, by their peers for the school year. Individuals who will serve as part of this year’s committee include:

2014-15 IHSAA Student Advisory Committee
Name                  Grade School                  Grade School
Quinlan Armstrong    11  Northwestern        Jude Diagostino    12  Tri West Hendricks
Joel Boser (President) 12  Hamilton Heights  Olivia Gettelfinger 12  Bloomington North
Jude Diagostino   12  Tri West Hendricks  Riley Hickman     11  Rensselaer Central
Olivia Gettelfinger 12  Bloomington North  Alexa Jenkins     11  Hamilton Southeastern
Riley Hickman    11  Rensselaer Central  Ty Johnson       11  Shelbyville
Alexa Jenkins     11  Hamilton Southeastern  Christian Kreiger 12  Fort Wayne Canterbury
Ty Johnson        11  Shelbyville         Olivia Mc Millan   12  Connersville
Jordan Meurer     12  North Knox         Michael Montgomery 12  Tindley
Gracie Norton (Vice-President) 12  Mooresville  Matt Otwinowski 11  LaPorte
Riley Peppler     11  Angola             Lexi Place        12  Bloomfield
Sydney Rainey     11  Harrison (West Lafayette)  Jacob Stamm     11  Seton Catholic
Lauren White      11  Washington

The IHSAA began sponsoring the Student Advisory Committee in 2001-02 to give Indiana high school student-athletes hands-on experience and a voice to the IHSAA staff.

The SAC meets four times annually – twice each semester – and is responsible for hosting meetings with student peers at the upcoming Fall Area Principals Meetings; assisting with the awards ceremonies at IHSAA state championship events throughout the school year, planning and administering the annual IHSAA Student Leadership Conference in June and; to engage in and support the activities of Special Olympics Indiana including the Unified Track & Field State Tournament.
Other SAC functions include the development of an **IHSAA Captain’s Handbook** which is posted to IHSAA.org as well as assisting in the creation of multiple public service announcements addressing good sporting behavior which will be utilized during 2014-15 state championships events.
About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

Founded in 1903, the purpose of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA) is to encourage, regulate and give direction to wholesome amateur interschool athletic competition between its 410 member schools. The Association provides state championship tournament series in 20 sports, 10 for girls and 10 for boys. Approximately 160,000 student athletes participate in IHSAA sports on an annual basis.