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Fort Wayne's Joe Jordan joins IHSAA Foundation Board

Joseph Jordan, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne, has been named to the Board of Directors of the IHSAA Foundation, Commissioner Bobby Cox announced today.

A lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, Jordan has over 25 years of experience at the executive level of organizational management, working in community organizations whose primary focus is youth and family development. He is in his ninth year overseeing the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Jordan received his degree in Business Management from Indiana Institute of Technology and he earned his Master's Degree in Business Management from Indiana Wesleyan University. His specialty has been creating and implementing new and exciting programs that will help enhance the opportunities for youth to reach their full potential. Jordan has served on a number boards at the local and state level and has been the recipient of numerous awards for his work and accomplishments.

"I am extremely happy to be a part of the IHSAA Foundation Board and represent the many fine young men and women in this great State of Indiana," says Jordan. "Having the opportunity to participate in sports from elementary school to college, I directly understand the benefits of sports and that a healthy body means that the mind is also healthy. I look forward to serving and helping build this Foundation for the benefit of our state's high school student athletes."

The IHSAA Foundation was created and formed by the IHSAA Executive Committee in June 2015 to operate exclusively for the charitable benefits of IHSAA member schools and their student-athletes. As funding becomes available, the IHSAA Foundation will award college scholarships to student-athletes in their pursuit of post-secondary education. It also will support IHSAA member schools through a grant program designed to help fund special projects.

Jordan's appointment is effective immediately and he joins eight other executives currently serving on the Board which oversees the Foundation. They include: J. Terry Clapacs, Vice President Emeritus of Indiana University; Dr. Phil N. Eskew, Jr., retired Director of Physician and Patient Relations at St. Vincent Hospital and current professor at the IU School of Medicine; James T. Morris, Vice President of Pacers Sports & Entertainment; Blake Ress, Commissioner Emeritus of the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc.; Patrick Shoulders, partner in the Evansville law firm of Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel Shoulders, LLP; Milton O. Thompson, Attorney, Indianapolis law firm of Bleeke Dillon Crandall; and Jennifer K. Wilfong, Vice President and Executive Coach at Merrill Lynch; and Bobby Cox, IHSAA Commissioner. Eskew serves as chairman of the group.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.

