



**March 24, 2026**

## **Five to be recognized on State Finals Saturday**

Five individuals will be honored during the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals on Saturday for their contributions to education-based athletics and Indiana high school basketball in particular.

Those to be celebrated on the court include:

- **Senator Ron Alting** and **Tamika Catchings**, both of whom will receive the **Richard G. Lugar Award** at halftime of the Class 4A state championship. Catchings was last year's honoree but was unable to be in attendance that day.
- **Scott Arthur** will be celebrated as this year's **Boys Basketball Official of the Year** during halftime of the Class 2A state championship.
- **Mike Broughton** will be recognized with the **Ray Crowe Excellence in Leadership Award** at halftime of the Class 3A state championship.
- The **Jim Morris Humanitarian Award** will be presented to **Rick Vanderwielen** at halftime of the Class 3A state championship.



Alting



Arthur



Broughton



Catchings



Vanderwielen

The following pages include information about each award and bios on the recipients.

## **Richard G. Lugar Award for Distinguished Service**

Named in honor of the former United States Senator from Indiana, recipients of this award exemplify the highest standard of professional ethics, sportsmanship, and moral character.

### **Sen. Ron Alting**

State Sen. Ron Alting was born and raised in Lafayette. He graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School and was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 2001. Alting was also a part of the 1974 Lafayette Jefferson High School state finals basketball team.

Alting began his college career at Greenville University in Greenville, Illinois, where he was vice president of his class. Alting continued his education at Purdue University, earning a bachelor's degree. While earning his degree, he served as program director for the YMCA in Lafayette for three years. After graduating from Purdue, Alting went into entrepreneurship, owning restaurants, nightclubs and other various businesses throughout his life.

In 1995, Alting began his career as a public servant on the Lafayette City Council. He served as council president until 1998 when he was elected to represent Senate District 22 in the Indiana State Senate. He currently represents all of Carroll County and portions of Tippecanoe County. He is currently the most senior member of the Indiana Senate.

In 2011, Alting was appointed chair of the Senate Committee on Public Policy. In this position, he has presided over important legislation that has affected the lives of Hoosiers across the state. He also served on the National Conference of State Legislators Education Committee.

Alting is a widower and resides in Lafayette. He has two children and one granddaughter. His son, Ronnie Jr., lives in Los Angeles, California and his daughter, Ashley, lives in Naples, Florida.

### **Tamika Catchings**

One of the most decorated athletes of all time, Tamika Catchings has left an indelible mark at every level of the game.

Tamika is a 4-time Olympic gold medalist, 10-time WNBA All-Star, 5-time Defensive Player of the Year, and a WNBA Champion with the Indiana Fever.

Beyond her on-court success, she is known for her off-court professionalism and was a 3-time recipient of the Kim Perrot Sportsmanship award.

In 2004, she launched the Catch the Stars Foundation, which empowers youth by providing goal setting programs that promote Fitness, Literacy and Youth development.

Since her retirement from professional basketball, she added business owner to her resume as well. A true champion of the people, Tamika divides her time between family, business interests, broadcasting, corporate boards, and philanthropy.

## **Ray Crowe Excellence in Leadership Award**

This annual award was created to recognize and honor a devoted servant leader to Indiana high school student-athletes and their community. The award carries the name of Ray Crowe, the late, legendary Hall of Fame basketball coach of Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis who also was a teacher, administrator, politician and government official in our great state.

### **Mike Broughton**

At Hebron High School in northern Indiana, Mike lettered 11 times in baseball, basketball and track with the honor of being one of only 10 players in the State of Indiana in 1973 to receive the first Indiana (IBCA) Academic All-State award presented by the late Marvin Wood.

Mike went on to play college basketball and baseball at the former Marion College, now Indiana Wesleyan University.

Mike coached high school basketball in Indiana for 21 years – posting a record of 351 wins and 140 losses including 9 sectionals championships, 5 regional titles, 3 semi state crowns, and a state championship in 1993 with the Jeffersonville Red Devils.

Mike was the 1993 Indiana Sports Writers and Sportscasters High School 'Coach of the Year'.

In 1996, Mike was named by his peers as the Indiana All-Star head basketball coach in the annual Indiana/Kentucky All-Star Series.

During the last eight years (2018-26), Mike has served as the director of the Indiana/Kentucky All-Star Basketball games, a series that is now 86 years old.

He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012.

Served on the IHSAA Board of Directors and Executive Committee representing Jennings County High School from 2012-18, serving as Board President during the 2016-17 school year.

Since 2012, Mike has provided color commentary on the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals telecasts.

Mike and his wife Pat have been married 50 years and are blessed with 3 children, Josh (Jenn), Michelle, and Kristi; and 7 perfect grandchildren.

## **Jim Morris Humanitarian Award**

The Jim Morris Humanitarian Award honors the enduring legacy of James T. Morris, a founding member of the IHSAA Foundation Board whose leadership and vision left an indelible mark on high school athletics across Indiana. This award recognizes individuals from IHSAA member school communities who embody Jim's core values of family, friends, faith, community, and vocation. Each year, the IHSAA Foundation celebrates a recipient whose extraordinary service and dedication reflect the humanitarian ideals Jim championed throughout his life, while also providing a grant to support the athletic department of the nominating school.

## **Rick Vanderwielen**

The Lafayette native and Noblesville resident's dedication to broadcasting high school sports and his service in a consulting capacity have resulted in the creation of IHSAAtv.org and the IHSAA Champions Network. From 2005 to 2013, Vanderwielen's companies produced the IHSAA baseball, softball and volleyball state finals for Fox, Comcast, IHSAA sports.org and eventually Hamilton County's HomeTown Sports Indiana.

Since his retirement in 2013, Rick has volunteered his time and expertise supporting the broadcasting efforts of the state finals as well as creating IHSAAtv.org as a portal for IHSAA games of the week and sub-state tournaments in basketball and football.

His entrepreneurial spirit has resulted in being named as One of the 100 Most Influential Businessmen in Indiana by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce in 1997. In 2003, he was designated as Person of the Year by the Noblesville Daily Times and Riverview Hospital. And in 2004, he was named Businessperson of the Year by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. His companies also have been recognized as Growth 100 achievers by the IU Kelley School of Business and earned the Mass Mutual Blue Chip Award.

He is the founder of Indiana Automation, Inc. (later Integrator.com), Flexware Integration, Security Automation Systems, HomeTown Television and a partner in Webstream Sports. He has been a principal in four other businesses.

He has served on advisory boards at Purdue University, the Hamilton County Judicial Task Force, and the Riverview Hospital Board of Directors. He and his family are trustees of the "Vanderwielen Family Foundation" and "1 More Game" which have contributed scholarships to deserving organizations and individuals for 20 years.

## **Official of the Year**

Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association honors one outstanding official in each sport who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and service to their sport, the IHSAA, their fellow officials, and Indiana's student-athletes.

### **Scott Arthur**

Scott Arthur of Loogootee, IN is the recipient of the 2025-26 IHSAA Outstanding Official Award for the sport of Boys Basketball.

Arthur has been a licensed basketball official in Indiana for 34 years. During his officiating career, he has worked 29 boys sectionals, 19 regionals, and nine (9) semi-state contests. This Saturday will mark the fifth IHSAA State Championship Game for Scott! In addition to his boys basketball experience, he has also officiated 24 girls sectionals, 14 regionals, eight (8) semi-states, and four (4) State Championship contests.

Arthur is a member of the Southwestern Officials Association and has served in several leadership roles, including Baseball Chair from 2006–2011 and Basketball Chair from 2011–2014. He also served as an IHSAA Rules Interpreter and IHSAA Clinician, helping train and mentor officials through live drills throughout the state. At the local level, Scott has been dedicated to mentoring young officials and has also coached youth and middle school basketball.

Arthur's service to officiating extends into the community. He has helped organize a golf scramble through his officials association that has raised approximately \$70,000 in scholarship funds for area schools. He has also officiated numerous charitable fundraising games supporting families facing life-threatening injuries or terminal illnesses, further demonstrating his commitment to high school athletics beyond the court.

Arthur was selected for this honor by a committee representing Indiana's officials' associations. There are more than 6,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA across 11 sports, all of whom play a critical role in providing safe, fair, and competitive opportunities for more than 160,000 student-athletes statewide.

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### ***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 412-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 24 sports, 11 for girls, 11 for boys and two co-eds (Unified Flag Football, Unified Track and Field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.*