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**NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES NAMED AS NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS
TWO NEBRASKA PREP COACHES TO BE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HALL OF FAME**

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) and the Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) announced the advancement of 14 coaches and an athletic director as finalists for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association national coach of the year. The nominations were based on each coach's career accomplishments through the 2017-18 athletic seasons. Two former Nebraska prep coaches will be honored by being inducted into the national high school coaching hall of fame as well.

Jack	Tarr	Malcolm	Athletic Director
Jim	Hansen	Lincoln Pius X	Boys Assistant Coach
Kevin	Scheef	Wahoo	Boys Basketball
Shane	Fruit	Ogallala	Boys Cross Country
Doug	Goltz	Falls City Sacred Heart	Football
Kevin	Hubbell	Lincoln East	Girls Assistant Coach
Trudy	Samuelson	Malcolm	Girls Basketball
Jeremy	Haselhorst	Papillion-La Vista South	Girls Cross Country
Nancy	Lockmon	Giltner	Girls Track & Field
Scott	Steinbrook	Kearney	Soccer
Terry	Graver	Elkhorn South	Softball
Rich	Hood III	Omaha Burke	Swimming & Diving
Matt	Wiemers	McCook	Tennis
Darcy	White	Exeter-Milligan	Volleyball
Dean	Boyer	Plainview	Wrestling

Eight finalists from across the nation, in nineteen recognized sports categories will be honored during the National Coach of the Year Awards Banquet which will take place at the NHSACA's national convention in Bismarck, North Dakota on the evening of June 26, 2019. The highlight of the banquet will be the naming of the NHSACA national coach of the year in each sports category.

All Nebraska coaches were nominated for this national honor by the Nebraska Coaches Association. The selection is based on career longevity, service to high school athletics, honors, championship years, and winning percentage. The nominees and finalists are evaluated by experts in the field of coaching using sport-specific rubrics to assign points in each category. NHSACA is the oldest coaches association in the nation formed by coaches, for coaches, and has been recognizing national coaches of the year since 1978.

NATIONAL HALL OF FAME: Coaches **Gail Peterson, Crofton** and **Sharon Zavala, Grand Island Central Catholic** will be inducted into the national high school coaching hall of fame at the same NHSACA Convention. Hall of Fame ceremonies will take place on June 25.