



UPDATES FROM THE OHSAA FOUNDATION



Kim Combs

After being involved with the OHSAA for three years in the areas of sponsorship, marketing, hotel partnerships and the annual Basketball FanFest, Kim Combs was named Executive Director of the OHSAA Foundation in January of 2010. Combs works directly with the Foundation's service week initiatives, web site and newsletter correspondence and the six leadership conferences, which promote leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship and service and are attended by over 750 student-athletes around the state each year. The Grove City native is a graduate of The Ohio State University, has worked for the Columbus Sports Commission and owns her own consulting company, KNC Solutions, which provides support for non-profit sports and charity events.



Bob Goldring

Bob Goldring joined the OHSAA in the fall of 1995 as Director of Information Services. He was promoted to Assistant Commissioner in June 2005 and to Associate Commissioner for Operations in August 2008. A 1977 graduate of Orrville High School, he holds two degrees from The Ohio State University. Bob's previous work has all been in collegiate sports information offices, including Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Purdue University and Ohio State University.

Student Leadership Conferences

The OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conferences will be held in the spring of 2012. The Foundation will hold four Student Leadership Conferences instead of the six conferences previously held around the state. The conference sites will include Columbus, Dayton, Canton and Elyria.

These conferences are for sophomore and junior student-athletes who exhibit leadership qualities in the classroom, within their communities, as well as the team. These all-day conferences will have workshops addressing leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork, citizenship, role-modeling and current issues affecting today's student-athletes. More information on the conferences will be available on the OHSAA Foundation website, www.ohsaafoundation.org.

Basketball Service Week

Once again it is time to start planning for Basketball Service Week! This year Service Week dates are Nov. 16 through Dec. 3. Service Week is a great opportunity for member schools to participate in a service project and highlight activities in your school.

Foundation Service Week is highlighted by a "Foundation Game," where OHSAA member schools are encouraged to participate. Schools can use one of their five allotted basketball scrimmages to play a regulation game under all normal game conditions. Foundation Games do not count on a team's record.

This year the Foundation wanted to show our appreciation to participating schools for their support and commit-

ment to community service by recognizing Bishop Rosecrans and Unioto High Schools during the boys state basketball tournaments. Bishop Rosecrans and Unioto coaches and players tremendous service efforts within their school and community exemplified the purpose of Foundation Service Week!

First Friday – Tackling Prostate Cancer One Play at A Time

Archie Griffin and the First Friday Foundation encourage Ohio football coaches to support "First Friday." September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month designated to bring awareness and funding to advance prostate cancer research. The "First Friday" Night Game in September is designated to educate and promote prostate cancer awareness. Each year 235,000 new cases are reported and 40,000 deaths are linked to prostate cancer.

The First Friday Foundation was organized by long-time football coach and official, Mike Sammons, from Columbus. Mike was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer and in March 2007 passed away after a valiant fight against this horrible disease. Mike's goal was to educate the football communities and officials about prostate cancer. The OHSAA Foundation sends blue wristbands to all football schools and asks that on the "First Friday" Night Game in September these wristbands are worn and public service announcements are read throughout the game regarding prostate cancer. To donate or for more information please visit www.firstfriday-foundation.org.

