

Kelly Whelan - 2011 Recipient



The Ohio High School Athletic Association has selected Kelly Whelan as the recipient of the 2011 Ethics and Integrity Award.

Whelan has officiated girls and boys high school basketball for 35 years, including 13 state semifinal and final basketball games and over 25 regional tournament games. She also officiated high school volleyball, retiring in 2009 after a 33-year career that included 10 state semifinal and final games and over 25 regional tournament games.

Whelan's responsibilities also extend beyond the gymnasium, as she served as President and Vice President of both her basketball and volleyball associations several times during her career. She also



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served on the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee every year since its inception in 1990.

Over the course of her career, Whelan has been honored with numerous awards, including the Southwest District Board's Outstanding Official Award; the Ohio Valley Basketball Officials Association's Dan Tehan Award for leadership, dedication to officiating, achievement and service; the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Officials Association's Tom Ballaban Award for outstanding officiating; and induction into the Ohio Officials Hall of Fame in 2007.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Whelan attended St. Ursula Academy and graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She has worked as a real estate professional for 28 years. Whelan and her husband, Jeff, have been married for 28 years, and have three sons: David, Danny and Tim.

OHSAA Ethics & Integrity Award



The OHSAA Ethics and Integrity Award is presented annually to an Ohioan who has displayed outstanding traits of ethical behavior and integrity in the performance of duties and responsibilities and is a role model for others. The award is the highest honor the OHSAA SEI Committee may bestow. Previous winners have been:

- 1994: **Robert Kanaby**, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- 1995: **Fred Dafler**, former associate commissioner of the OHSAA.
- 1996: **Chester Roush**, a teacher, coach and school administrator in Ohio for 35 years.
- 1997: Former U.S. Senator **John H. Glenn Jr.**, whose distinguished career has included military service, the U.S. space program, corporate management and local and national politics.
- 1998: **Archie Griffin**, executive director of the Alumni Association at The Ohio State University, where, as a student, he was the only football player in history to win the Heisman Trophy twice.
- 1999: **Jimmy Crum**, sports director at WCMH-TV, channel 4, in Columbus for 41 years before retiring in 1993.
- 2000: **Wayne Embry**, an NBA executive who is a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.
- 2001: **Jo Ann Davidson**, the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1995 through 2000 and the first woman to serve in that role.
- 2002: **Bill Hosket**, a former basketball standout at Dayton Belmont and Ohio State who also played on Olympic Gold Medal and NBA World Championship teams.
- 2003: **Larry Kehres**, head football coach at Mount Union who has led the school to 10 NCAA Division III National Championships.
- 2004: **Jim Tressel**, head football coach at Ohio State who led the 2002 team to a 14-0 record and the school's first consensus national title since 1968.
- 2005: **Pat Tabler**, former Major League Baseball player who has been involved in coaching and charity work in the Cincinnati area.
- 2006: **Clark Kellogg**, a former high school, collegiate and professional basketball standout who has served as a national college basketball television analyst since 1990.
- 2007: **Duane Warns**, a former assistant commissioner of the OHSAA who chaired the OHSAA's Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee for 12 years.
- 2008: **Mike Kelly**, a former high school and college football coach who compiled a 246-54-1 record at the University of Dayton with three national championships.
- 2009: **Charlie Coles**, head basketball coach at Miami University, whose Hall of Fame career saw him overcome cardiac arrest in 1998 and has included 330 wins in 20 seasons as a collegiate head coach.
- 2010: **Larry Larson**, known as "Mr. High School Sports" in Central Ohio for his coverage in print and on 610 WTVN radio for 19 years and former teacher, coach and administrator for 32 years, including 17 as the Athletic Director of Grandview High School.