



MIAA Associate Executive Director Sherry Bryant Receives Coveted NFHS Citation

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) selected eight leaders in state high school associations to receive an NFHS Citation. This award honors individuals who have made contributions to the NFHS, state high school associations, athletic director and coaching professions, the officiating avocation and fine arts/performing arts programs. The NFHS Citation is one of the most prestigious achievements in high school athletics and performing arts.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is extremely proud to announce the NFHS 2021 Section 1 Citation recipient:

Sherry Bryant, MIAA Associate Executive Director



During her 30-year career at the Associations, Sherry has served as Financial Controller, Director of Human Resources, Technology Advancement Leader, and Liaison to a number of sport Committees including, Field Hockey, Basketball, Gymnastics, Skiing, Tennis, Softball, and co-liaison for Rugby. Sherry has also provided leadership through her service to the MIAA Tournament Management Committee, MIAA Blue Ribbon Committee on Gender Equity, the MIAA Covid-19 Task Force, and MIAA Women and Girls Leadership initiatives. At the national level, she has served two terms on the NFHS Field Hockey Committee most recently as chair, is a leader in the NFHS/USA Field Hockey Advocacy Group, and has been appointed to the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee.

MIAA member, Field Hockey Committee Chair, Coach and retired Rockport High School Athletic Director Mary Ryan stated, “Sherry is hands-down the ultimate professional and so deserving of the NFHS Section 1 Citation. Her commitment, dedication and tireless work ethic on the local, state and national levels on behalf of our student-athletes, athletic directors and coaches is beyond reproach. I have the utmost respect and

admiration for all that she does in the quest of Educational Athletics. I have been so fortunate to call her my colleague and friend.”

According to MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine, “Sherry Bryant’s 30-year service to the MIAA membership as well as being a key Senior Executive teammate has been outstanding. I am very pleased her contributions to our NFHS Section 1 colleagues and NFHS Association have been recognized and will be celebrated.”

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,500 high schools and 12 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.9 million in high school sports. For more information, visit the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org.



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The banner features a dark blue background with the text 'EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS' in large, bold, white letters. Below the text, there is a row of four small images: a basketball player in a white jersey, a group of cheerleaders, a soccer player in a white jersey with the number 13, and a portrait of a young woman. To the right of the images is a sign that says 'MIAA CHAMPION'.

