

The National Federation Officials Association State Officials of the Year are individuals who are truly giving back to the avocation in their communities and on a statewide level. The recipients of the NFOA New Mexico Official of the year for 2008-2009 are as follows:

SPORT	RECIPIENT	GROUP
Baseball	DeMond Thomas	Hobbs
Girls Basketball	Lisa Romero	Albuquerque
Boys Basketball	Judge Jackson	Gallup
Football	Butch Tongate	Santa Fe (NOT PRESENT)
Girls Soccer	Gary Manley	Las Cruces
Boys Soccer	Malcolm Webb	Taos
Softball	Mike Fulkerson	Carlsbad
Girls Swimming & Diving	Gloria Killian	Alamogordo (NOT PRESENT)
Boys Swimming & Diving	Pete Dunavant	El Paso
Girls Track & Field	Mary Lou Gooris	Albuquerque
Boys Track & Field	Bill Johnson	Crownpoint
Volleyball	Jim Farmer	Albuquerque
Wrestling	Gaeton Falance	Albuquerque

In addition, our office is proud to announce that two of New Mexico's own are recipients of Sectional and National Awards through the National Federation.

The National Federation is divided into eight sections. Each year, the NFHS presents one official from each section with a Distinguished Active Official of the Year Award. Our section, Section VI, is comprised of New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. The award is given to an official from each section that has truly gone above and beyond the call of duty as an official and that has given back something extraordinary to the avocation. Previous New Mexico recipients of this award are Jim Sayre of Las Cruces in 2002 and Danny Lujan of Santa Fe in 2003. This year's NFHS Section VI Distinguished Active Official of the Year Award goes to Mr. Paul LaPorte of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

In addition, the National Federation awards ONE National Distinguished Contributor Award in the country each year. This award goes to an individual who is not an active official but has contributed significantly to officiating through service as an administrator, assignor or other non-active role. The New Mexico Officials Association is proud to present the Land of Enchantment's first ever recipient of the NFHS National Distinguished Contributor Award to Mr. Kip Luna of Albuquerque.