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**BRITT COOPER OF ROSWELL AND COOPER HENDERSON OF ARTESIA
RECOGNIZED BY NFHS AS NATIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR**

Indianapolis, IN - Twenty-three high school coaches from across the country have been selected as 2015 National Coaches of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association.

The NFHS, which has been recognizing coaches through an awards program since 1982, honors coaches in the top 10 girls sports and top 10 boys sports (by participation numbers), and in one “other” sport that is not included in the top 10 listings. The NFHS also recognizes a Spirit coach and another “Contributor” as separate categories. Winners of NFHS awards must be active coaches during the year for which they receive their award. This year’s awards recognize coaches for the 2014-15 school year.

Two of New Mexico’s own, Britt Cooper of Roswell High School and Cooper Henderson of Artesia High School, were selected by the NFHS as National Coaches of the Year for 2015.

Coach Cooper took the award for boys basketball while Coach Henderson was selected for football. Coach Cooper started as an assistant at Roswell High in 1990 before taking over as head coach in 1994. He has accumulated over 400 wins and claimed three state championships (2009, 2010, & 2014) during his tenure with the Coyotes. Coach Henderson has been the leader of the Artesia Bulldogs’ football program since 1989 and has amassed nearly 300 wins and an astounding 14 state titles (his most recent in 2015). He added another championship as the head coach of Ruidoso High School in 1985. Coach Cooper and Coach Henderson are two of only six New Mexico coaches that have been selected by the NFHS as National Coaches of the Year.

A complete listing of NFHS national coach of the year awards can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.nfhs.org/CoachAwards/Search.aspx>

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