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NMAA ANNOUNCES NMAA HALL OF FAME 'CLASS OF 2017'

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - The New Mexico Activities Association, in conjunction with the NMAA Hall of Fame Committee, announces the Class of 2017 for induction into the NMAA Hall of Fame. The NMAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony and luncheon will be Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 12 p.m. at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid Hotel.

The ring ceremony, presented by Herff Jones, will take place during the U.S. Bank State Basketball Championships on March 9, 2017, at halftime of the 6:30 p.m. semifinal game at WisePies Arena aka The Pit.

The Inductees Are:

Bruce Carver – Eunice High School, Hobbs High School, Rio Rancho Public Schools

Bruce was an all-state athlete for the Eunice Cardinals before moving on to play basketball at the collegiate level for Lubbock Christian University. He earned his Bachelor's from Lubbock Christian and later obtained a Master's from West Texas A & M. After spending 13 years as a teacher and coach at various schools in New Mexico and Texas, Bruce began his career in administration as the Athletic Director for Hobbs High School. After 13 more successful years in Hobbs, he then became the District Athletic Director for Rio Rancho Public Schools, a position he has held for the last nine years.

Lela Goar – Clovis Municipal Schools, FCCLA (Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America)

Lela graduated from Burnet High School before earning her Bachelor's Degree from Southwest Texas State University and her Master's Degree from Texas Tech University. After spending one year in education in Texas, Lela began her service to the kids of New Mexico as a teacher and FCCLA leader for Clovis Municipal Schools. She would hold these positions for 22 years before moving on to higher education as an instructor at Eastern New Mexico University. During her 16 years at ENMU, Lela continued her involvement with interscholastic activities as the state's FCCLA Administrator.

The NMAA Hall of Fame was established in 1976 and is comprised of an elite group of 100 accomplished individuals who have made significant contributions to interscholastic athletics and activities in New Mexico. In order to be considered, nominees must show great support of the NMAA's philosophy and objectives, they must have a combination of involvement in formulating regulations and procedures for various interscholastic education programs, and they must have a minimum of 25 years of service, 20 of which must have been in New Mexico. Nominations are then screened by the NMAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee which consists of current and former leaders within interscholastic athletics and activities. The committee meets in October each year and then selects a maximum of four individuals for induction. The Class of 2017 – Bruce Carver & Lela Goar – will represent the 101st and 102nd members of this prestigious group.

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Bruce Carver



Lela Goar

