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**NMAA ANNOUNCES NMAA HALL OF FAME 'CLASS OF 2015'**

**ALBUQUERQUE, NM** - The New Mexico Activities Association, in conjunction with the NMAA Hall of Fame Committee, announces the Class of 2015 for induction into the NMAA Hall of Fame. The NMAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony and luncheon will be Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 12 p.m., at the Marriott Pyramid Hotel.

The ring ceremony will take place during the U.S. Bank State Basketball Championships on March 12, 2015 at halftime of the boys' 5A semifinal game, which starts at 6:30 p.m., at WisePies Arena.

**Inductees Are:**

**Angelo DiPaolo, Gallup High School and Gallup McKinley Schools**

Angelo DiPaolo, affectionately known as "Mr. D," wore many hats; from mathematics teacher to assistant principal to district athletic director. The majority of his coaching career was spent at Gallup High School as a football and track coach. DiPaolo graduated with his Bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1971 then obtained his Master's degree from the University of Arizona in 1976.

He received numerous honors during his career, including: Navajo Nation Athletic Hall of Fame, Gallup Catholic Hall of Fame, Diocese of Gallup Outstanding Teacher Award, Gallup High School Teacher of the Year, the Window Rock High School Teacher of the Year, NM NSPRA Administrator of the Year, National Federation Track & Field Official of the Year and NMADA Class A Athletic Director of the Year.

Known for his dedication and contribution to interscholastic education as a teacher, coach and administrator, students constantly expressed their appreciation for his assistance and his involvement. When it came to coaching in Gallup, DiPaolo bridged a cultural gap using sports as his catalyst.

Sadly, DiPaolo passed away among family and friends in mid-November 2014. He is survived by his wife, Diane, of 41 years. They have two children, Angela and Antonio, and two grandchildren.

**U.G. Montgomery, NMHSAA (NMAA) Director**

U. G. "Monte" Montgomery attended high school in Des Moines, N.M., graduating in 1928. He obtained his Bachelor's degree from Highlands University in 1931 and a Master's degree from Colorado University in 1940. Before moving to Des Moines, Montgomery participated in high school sports in Texas. At Des Moines High School, he played basketball and ran track. During his college career, Montgomery lettered in five sports, including football, basketball, track, tennis and baseball.

Montgomery started his career at Logan High School as a coach and principal. He moved around the state of New Mexico to coach and teach. For two years, Montgomery served in the U.S. Navy. Montgomery was NMHSAA's (NMAA) Executive Secretary (Director) for 22 years.

Montgomery ushered in and selected non-athletic activities, saw the beginning of girls' sports and competitions and moved from five to eleven sanctioned sports. He was a member of New Mexico Administrators Association, National Federation of State High School Associations, and was an active member of Trinity Methodist Church and Lions Club.

U.G. Montgomery and his wife, Ruby, had three children, Carolyn, Dr. Johnny Montgomery and Gene Montgomery. They also had eight grandchildren.

### **Dr. Dan Salzwedel, NMAA Director**

Dan Salzwedel graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Wisconsin in 1965. He received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1972 and 1974. Salzwedel earned his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in 1986.

Salzwedel served as basketball coach, athletic director and principal at Des Moines High School for three years. He also served as superintendent of Lake Arthur Municipal Schools. He was employed by the New Mexico Activities Association as Assistant Director in July of 1981 and assumed the position of Executive Director in July of 1986. He held the position of Executive Director for 18 years. Besides his administrative duties, Salzwedel conducted basketball rules clinics around the state and supervised the implementation of the rules/regulations passed by the member schools. In addition, he interacted with many related populations, internal and external, such as the NM State Legislature and NM School Administrators Association.

During his time as Executive Director, Salzwedel was instrumental in numerous achievements for the NMAA, including developing and trademarking the NMAA logo, and achieving necessary corporation funding to purchase and build a facility that included the only Hall of Pride and Honor in the country. He served on the New Mexico High School Coaches Association Board of Directors and created a pathway for bringing the coaches' association into the NMAA office. Salzwedel instituted a training/information distribution program with district clinics in all sanctioned sports and non-athletic activities. He formalized and instituted the non-athletic activity program.

Salzwedel served on numerous boards and committees for the National Federation of State High School Associations, including the National Federation Board of Directors, Sportsmanship and Ethics Committee, Basketball Rules Committee, Baseball Rules Committee, Marketing Committee and many more. He also created and implemented an inventory program for Title IX plans that was utilized by numerous school districts.

Salzwedel successfully organized the NMAA state basketball tournament at The Pit. Above all of his achievements, coaches and co-workers alike gave Salzwedel the utmost respect. He exemplified leadership and always led by example. He is happily married to his wife, Luan, and has four children; Todd, Carey, Amy and Cari and nine grandchildren.

### **Larry Waters, La Cueva High School and New Mexico Soccer**

Larry Waters attended Fairfax High School in Minnesota, where he lettered in four sports, was a member of the band and choir, wrote for the school newspaper and yearbook, and performed in numerous drama productions.

After high school, Waters obtained his Bachelor's degree from Mankato State University, where he was a member of the men's golf team, marching band and jazz band, choral group, and worked on many drama and musical productions. Waters attained his Master's degree from Mankato State University in 1970.

Waters started his teaching career as a physical education teacher at St. James High School in St. James, MN. His longest stint, 27 years, was at La Cueva High School (Albuquerque, NM), where he was an English, Physical Education and Drama teacher, Athletic Director and Dean of Students.

Waters coached many sports including tennis, swimming/diving, handball, volleyball and soccer. He was the La Cueva High School boys' soccer head coach for 22 years. He has been a member of ASEP for 34 years and an FCA Huddle Sponsor for 20 years. He was an NHSACA Regional Coach of the year three times and the NHSAGA National Coach of the Year in 2004. He was the NSCAA's Soccer Regional Coach of the Year four times and National Coach of the Year in 2008. He received a National Letter of Commendation from the NSCAA in 2011 and Certificate of Appreciation in 2009. As a member of the Board of Directors of the NM Soccer Complex (Bernalillo), he was involved in the design, negotiations with the Pueblo and construction of the 22-field complex. He designed and developed "NMSoccer.com," a website that has been the source of soccer information, stats and All-State teams published by the media.

Waters has been involved with New Mexico Athletic Directors Association (NMADA), National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), New Mexico High School Coaches Association (NMHSCA) and National Soccer Coaches of America Association (NSCAA).

Larry and his wife, Renee, have been married for 38 years. They have two children, Zachariah and Micah. His mother, Barbara, is his greatest influence on his life. His late father, James, played minor league baseball and refereed high school football and basketball.

The NMAA Hall of Fame was established in 1976 and is comprised of an elite group of 91 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 2015 - Angelo DiPaolo, U.G. Montgomery, Dan Salzwedel, and Larry Waters - will represent the 92<sup>nd</sup> through 95<sup>th</sup> members of this prestigious group.

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