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### **Jeff Johnson & Colton Wierzbicki to Join NSAA Staff**

LINCOLN – The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) has hired Jeff Johnson as the Interim Associate Director for the 2023-24 school year. As the Interim Associate Director, Johnson will assist NSAA Staff with day-to-day operations, staff development, constitution & bylaw interpretations and championship event preparations. Johnson will step into the role currently held by Jennifer Schwartz, who has been appointed as the Interim Executive Director of the NSAA for the 2023-24 school year.

Johnson brings immense educational experience to the NSAA Staff after 23 years as a Nebraska school administrator, including 17 years as the Papillion-La Vista South High School Activities Director and Principal. Johnson was a Unified Sports pioneer, resulting in Papillion-La Vista South being one of two schools in the nation named a *National Unified Sports Champion School*. Prior to his time at Papillion-La Vista South, Johnson was an Assistant Principal and Activities Director at Grand Island Senior High School, an Assistant Principal at Norfolk High School and the Head Football and Head Wrestling Coach at Plainview High School. Johnson is currently the Director of Athletics at College of Saint Mary in Omaha.

Throughout his career, Johnson has been a change agent within the NSAA membership. Johnson was a member of the NSAA committee responsible for authoring the NSAA Class Caucus Legislative Process, creating another avenue for NSAA member schools to propose legislation. Johnson also sat on the board of the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NSIAAA).

Colton Wierzbicki has also been hired as an NSAA Assistant Director. Wierzbicki will be the primary administrator in charge of baseball. His appointment follows the resignation of current NSAA Assistant Director, Dan Masters, who has accepted the position of Activities Director at Lincoln Lutheran High School.

Wierzbicki earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management from the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK). While working toward his degree at UNK, he served as the UNK Director of Baseball Operations and assisted with the UNK Sports Information Department. Wierzbicki also volunteered at the NSAA State Cross Country Championships during his time at UNK.

Wierzbicki's education career began in 2015 at Ralston High School, where he served as an Assistant Baseball Coach and as a Special Education Paraprofessional. In 2019, Wierzbicki accepted the position of Director of Admissions and Assistant Baseball Coach for Omaha Roncalli Catholic High School. Wierzbicki also provided technology support, worked as a public address announcer and recently began serving as the Assistant Activities Director at Roncalli Catholic.

"Jeff and Colton will be an outstanding additions to the NSAA staff," says NSAA Interim Executive Director Jennifer Schwartz. "Jeff Johnson's experience and Colton Wierzbicki's energy will be assets to not only our office but NSAA member schools throughout our state."

Jeff Johnson and Colton Wierzbicki will begin their duties with the NSAA on July 1.

### **About the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA)**

The NSAA, based in Lincoln, Nebraska, is the statewide leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1910, the NSAA has provided leadership and support for education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NSAA enforces rules and regulations promulgated by the member schools, providing for a level competitive playing field in sports and activities. NSAA organizes and administers regular and postseason activities in 29 different sports and activities. Game officials and activities judges are registered by the NSAA and assigned by NSAA for postseason competition. For more information about the NSAA, visit the NSAA website at [www.nsaahome.org](http://www.nsaahome.org).