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LINCOLN, NE — The Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) is honored to announce John Bauer of St. Mary's High School as this week's recipient of the "Above and Beyond" Award. John's

exceptional dedication to student success, school safety, and community involvement sets a shining example of leadership and selflessness.

John Bauer is more than a volunteer—he's a cornerstone of the St. Mary's community. At every home sporting event, John can be found behind the scenes, running the game clock and announcing with professionalism and enthusiasm. His presence brings energy and spirit to each event, elevating the experience for athletes, families, and fans alike. After the final whistle blows, John stays to help clean the gym, showing that his commitment doesn't stop when the game ends.

But John's impact reaches far beyond athletics. As a law enforcement professional, he brings invaluable safety knowledge and leadership to the school. His involvement on the school safety committee has helped shape critical policies that protect students and staff, and his safety presentations for both students and teachers have raised awareness and fostered a culture of preparedness and care.

"John exemplifies the true spirit of service and dedication," said a member of the St. Mary's staff. "He selflessly dedicates his time, knowledge, and energy to support our community, and his positive impact can be felt in every corner of our school."



Earlier this year, John took his efforts even further by organizing a student self-defense course, bringing in law enforcement professionals to teach valuable skills and strategies. The event was a tremendous success and has now become a planned annual tradition—another lasting contribution to student empowerment and safety.

Through every role he fills—volunteer, safety advocate, mentor, and community leader—John Bauer continues to go above and beyond. His tireless efforts ensure not only that events run smoothly, but that students and staff feel safe, supported, and united.

The NSAA is proud to recognize John Bauer for his outstanding contributions to the St. Mary's High School community and for being a true embodiment of what it means to go above and beyond.