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**LINCOLN, NE — The Nebraska School Activities Association proudly recognizes Mike Mayer of Perkins County as this week's Above and Beyond Award nominee.**

Mike has been a cornerstone of the Perkins County athletics

community for decades—serving as a dedicated assistant girls basketball coach, a respected referee, and a mentor to generations of student-athletes, coaches, and families.

Mike's connection to Perkins County runs deep—not only is he a long-time coach, he is also the father of alumni and the grandfather of current students. His commitment to education-based athletics is unmatched. Whether on the court or in the locker room, Mike is known for teaching more than just basketball. He instills character, work ethic, and integrity into every young person he coaches.

Over the years, Mike has provided steady leadership through times of transition. He was a consistent and calming presence during periods of coaching turnover in the girls basketball program, offering support, mentorship, and continuity to athletes who needed someone to believe in them. He uplifted his fellow coaches—especially those just starting out—offering encouragement, wisdom, and reassurance.



Mike's contributions extend beyond his coaching titles. During his time as a referee, he used each moment as a teaching opportunity, helping student-athletes better understand the game and develop respect for its rules and officials. His locker room talks, full of heart and motivation, left lasting impressions on countless players.

Mike was part of the coaching staff that led the Perkins County Girls Basketball team to the state tournament from 2005 to 2008, culminating in a state championship in 2008. And through all the program's highs and lows, Mike remained loyal—showing up, giving his best, and modeling what it means to lead with selflessness and humility.

Mike Mayer has given a lifetime of service to student-athletes, and his impact cannot be measured in wins or seasons alone. He has helped shape better players, better coaches, and most importantly, better people.

The NSAA is honored to recognize Mike Mayer for going above and beyond—not just for Perkins County, but for Nebraska high school athletics.

**The NSAA's Above and Beyond Program is designed to recognize the hidden gems of communities across Nebraska. [Click here to nominate someone today!](#)**