



NSAA Activities Medicine Advisory Committee



Brad Hoelsing, Superintendent and PK-4 Principal at Wausa Public Schools in Wausa, NE. Brad grew up in Coleridge & Laurel, NE graduating from Laurel-Concord High School in 2001. He attended Wayne State College, where he played football and spent time in the fine arts department. While At WSC, he achieved his B.S. in Social Studies Education, a master of arts degree in Education administration, and his ED. Specialist degree in school district Superintendency. He is currently the superintendent and elementary principal at Wausa Public Schools in Wausa, NE, a school he has been employed at since 2006. He and his wife Sheila have been the play production directors at Wausa, winning 11 state championships and a runner-up, while qualifying for state for 14 straight years. Mr. Hoelsing has also served on the NSAA play production advisory committee and is currently serving on the NSAA District 3 administrative managing committee as well as being on the NSAA representative assembly. He and Sheila currently live in Wausa with their 4 children. His greatest goal in promoting sports and activities is to ensure equity, visibility, and the opportunity for involvement in multiple areas in the realm of sports/activities, creating well rounded people that have an appreciation for both athletics and the fine arts.



Nathan LeFeber, a Nebraska native, Nathan LeFeber received a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a Master's degree in Trombone Performance from the University of Iowa at Iowa City. He has been teaching instrumental music since 2003, most recently at Kearney High School where he has been 'Enriching Lives Through music' since 2011. Prior to that, Mr. LeFeber taught band at Beatrice High School and Lincoln Christian School. From 2011-2014, Mr. LeFeber served as Chair of Band Affairs for the Nebraska Music Educators Association and is currently serving as past president of the Nebraska chapter of Phi Beta Mu, an honorary band directors fraternity and is past president of the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association.



Matthew Curtis, Assistant Principal/Activities Director at Gretna High School. Matt is originally from Omaha, Nebraska and graduated from Millard South in 1995. He attended UNO where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education. Matt went on to receive his Master's in Education from UNO, following that up with a Master's in K-12 Administration from Concordia University. He went on to work at Omaha South High School for 17 years, serving as a Teacher, Coach, Dean of Students, and Assistant Athletic Director. He has been at his current role at Gretna High School for two years. Matt's wife Terri works in the in-home daycare industry. Matt and Terri have two children; sons Brayden and Cameron.



Amy Hostetler, PreK-12 Principal at Creek Valley Public Schools in Chappell, Nebraska, was born and raised in Loup City, Nebraska where she taught English, Speech, and Theater at the secondary level for 21 years. Prior to teaching in Loup City, she taught English, Speech, and Theater at Greeley and at Ansley, Nebraska. Hostetler graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Education degree in English/Speech-Theater, 7-12 in 1995. She earned two Masters of Education degrees from Doane University: Curriculum & Instruction in 2010 and Educational Leadership, Principal, 7-12 in 2012. Shortly after, she added the PK-6 endorsement to her Principal certificate. Over the years, Hostetler has actively been involved in NSAA Speech and Play Production by serving as a District Representative for NSCTA, sitting on Speech and Play Production Summer Committees, presenting at NSAA workshops and NSCTA conventions, and serving in various roles at the Nebraska State Speech Tournament. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise from hosting numerous events on a large scale as well as coaching successful teams at the state tournaments for speech and play production. Hostetler has enjoyed making connections across the state of Nebraska through the fine arts and is ready to contribute to the committee for a common purpose and goal.



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Lynn Hall, A native of McCool Junction and graduate of Doane College, Lynn Hall taught at Meridian and Wahoo Public Schools before arriving at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson, where he has been since 1997. In 2002, he completed his M.A. in Choral Music Education at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Lynn and his wife Daphne live on a farm outside of Henderson.



AJ Johnson, has been in education for 24 years, all in Hartington. He started as a high school language arts teacher, then became special education coordinator, then principal, and finally superintendent. This is Mr. Johnson's sixth year as superintendent at Hartington-Newcastle. During that time, he has been speech coach for all 24 years and began coaching one-act about 15 years ago.



Jeremy Toffle, M.D., FAAP, a board certified pediatrician in Omaha, NE, where he works in the Children's Physicians office at West Village Point. He obtained his bachelors degree in Chemistry from Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH and received his medical degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown, WV. Jeremy is a husband and father of two boys. In his free time, he enjoys woodworking. In the past year he also started a blog and podcast titled Imperfect Dad, MD, where he helps other dads and parents embrace their imperfections through mindset practices and parenting advice.



Ron Higdon, NSAA, formerly the wrestling coach at the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) for 19 years (15 as an assistant and 4 as the Associate Head Coach). In his coaching tenure at UNO, they won 6 NCAA II wrestling team titles (2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010 & 2011). During his coaching career, 123 UNO wrestlers earned NCAA II All-American honors, including 24 National Champions. Ron is starting his 10th year as an Assistant Director for the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA). Ron is the Director for the sports of boys & girls tennis, wrestling, boys & girls soccer. He is the liaison for the NSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and also oversees the assigning of medical personnel for all NSAA Championships. Ron is in charge of the NFHS Hall of Fame applicants for the state of Nebraska. He developed and implemented a wrestling official mentoring program. Starting in the 2016-17 school year, Ron has developed and implemented the NSAA Student Advisory Committee. He serves on the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee and served on the NFHS Spirit of Sport and Heart of Heart Committees. Ron is also on the Executive board for National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) as the national scholastic representative. Originally from Amarillo, Texas, he moved to Omaha in 1987 to wrestle at UNO. He was a 2-time collegiate All-American in wrestling prior to coaching. Ron is married to Sandy Derby-Higdon and proud parent to Kalee and Ryder.



Taryn Retzlaff, NSAA, graduated from Rushville High School where she participated in three sports and many activities. Taryn attended Doane University, graduating in 2005 and Chadron State College, graduating in 2009. She taught for seventeen years with her last nine at Norfolk High School. At Norfolk, Taryn served as the yearbook adviser, directed theatre, and taught English. She joined the NSAA staff in the summer of 2022 as an Assistant Director and is responsible for play production, music, speech, and journalism. Taryn's passions lie within diversity and the arts. She believes that activities connect students with their communities, provide significant opportunities for growth, and help them learn skills they will benefit from for the rest of their lives.