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Recapping the 2014 NATYCAA Convention

Let me begin by saying how extremely humbled I am to serve as the President of NATYCAA for the 2014-15 academic year. It seems like yesterday I attended my first Convention in Orlando. I was so impressed with the camaraderie and the collective experience of those at that Convention. And after the 2014 Convention, those same feelings remain. NATYCAA holds a special place in my heart, and I eagerly look forward to a successful 2014-15 campaign.

I would also like to thank Jack Sullivan, County College of Morris, 2013-14 NATYCAA President, for all of his hard work and leadership last year. Jack worked tirelessly throughout the year to make sure we were organized and prepared as we got ready for our mid-winter meetings and for the 2014 Annual Convention. He has set the bar awfully high!

The 2014 NATYCAA/NACDA Conventions were held at the World Center Marriott Resort in Orlando, Fla., from June 5-12. Our theme was "Make it Matter." A sincere thanks goes out to Ron Case, who pours his heart and soul into this organization. His willingness to go above and beyond amazes me, and he is everything this organization is about. Another thank you goes to fellow executive officers Kulwant Singh (De Anza College), John Scarpino (Seminole State College of Florida), Brenda Hampton (Iowa Western Community College) and Gary Broadhurst (Mohawk Valley Community College) for all of their help in preparing for the Convention. Ron got us started with a round of golf at Hawk's Landing for members, sponsors and guests. A great time was had by all. A new initiative created by Jack Sullivan was to include a first-time attendee orientation. The attendance was phenomenal, and will definitely be included in future conventions. The day ended with a Connections reception at the hotel followed by an opening reception at BB King's Blues Club, graciously sponsored by the NJCAA and once again organized by Ron Case.

The following is a review of the agenda and award winners recognized this June:

Keynote Welcome: Judy Rose, Director of Athletics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

NATYCAA Session 1: Brad Barnes, Assistant Director of Compliance, Texas A&M; Matt Phelps, Associate Director, Athletic Academic Center, Texas State University

Topic: "Making our student-athletes more transferable"

NATYCAA Session 2: Tim Neal, sports medicine consultant with Buckner Sports Law

Topic: "Developing a Plan to Recognize and Refer Student-Athletes with Psychological Concerns"

Awards Luncheon:

Keynote Speaker: Mike Alden, Director of Athletics, University of Missouri, 2013-14 NACDA President

L. William Miller Award: Bobby Bowman, Pasco Hernando CC

Scholar Athletes of the Year presented by Kathy Polanshek and Carol Malouf

Bobbie Boehler - Brookdale Community College
Maclane Smoke - Brookdale Community College



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NATYCAA Hall of Fame Inductees:

Bob Myers, John Volek, Mike Jacobsen

Learfield Sports Directors' Cup

First place: Iowa Western CC
Second place: Mt. San Antonio College
Third place: Herkimer Count CC
Fourth place: Iowa Central CC
Fifth place: Orange Coast College

NATYCAA Cup:

NJCAA Scholarship Division: Iowa Central CC
NJCAA Non-Scholarship Division: Herkimer County CC
State Association Division: Mt. San Antonio College

Under Armour Athletic Directors of the Year

Richard Holler - Westmoreland County College
John Jackson - Dean College
Greg Silcox - Paradise Valley Community College
Jack Sullivan - County College of Morris

Day One concluded with a Connections session entitled "AAA Connections Can Make it Matter and the Corporate Sponsors Recognition." The day ended with the Annual Business meeting where the body received reports and proposals from the various NATYCAA committee chairs.

Day Two of Sessions:

NATYCAA Session 3: NACDA featured session

NATYCAA Session 4: Dennis Goodwin, co-founder of AHC

Topic: "Anti-Hazing Program for Coaches, Student-Athletes, Administrators, Educators and Parents"

CONNECTIONS SESSION: Ruth Case, Connections IT Consultant

Topic: "Making Connections with Technology - Maximizing the Use of Your Cell Phone, iPhone, and iPad"

NATYCAA Session 5: Keith L. Hammond, Attorney at Law, Jackson Lewis P.C.

Topic: "Emerging Issues Under Title IX: Disability Accommodation and Transgender Athletes"

NATYCAA Session 6: Don Tencher, Director of Athletics-Rhode Island College & NACDA Secretary

Topic: "Setting Up a Structure for Successful Fundraising on a Limited Budget and Making it Work"

NATYCAA Session 7: Jim Forkum, NATYCAA Past President

Topic: "The Call and Responsibility of True Leadership in Our Ever Changing Athletics Environment: Part Sermon, Part Pep Talk, Part Reality Check and Part Primer on Measuring Our Ethical Conduct and Minimum Level of Professional Performance"

NATYCAA would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their continued support of our organization: Southern Bleacher Company, Summit America, BSN Sports and Daktronics.

Finally, a special thank you goes out to Pat Manak and the NACDA staff for all of their help. This will be an exciting year for NACDA, as it will celebrate its 50th anniversary throughout the 2014-15 year, culminating with its 50th Convention next summer, set to take place during the NACDA and Affiliates Convention week, from June 11-18 in Orlando, Fla. The Executive Committee will meet in Florida in January as we make preparations for an exciting 2015 Convention.

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