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A LITTLE HISTORY OF NATYCAA

Established in 1987, NATYCAA is the only professional organization that represents all two year institutions of higher education in the United States.

The organization is dedicated to the continuing growth and development of two-year college athletics and the individuals involved through exchange of information, monitoring of legislation, promotion of academic excellence, increasing communication between organizations, and encouraging a high degree of integrity in all endeavors. The NATYCAA Cup recognizing the top scholarship and non-scholarship programs in the nation has become one of the most prestigious awards for two-year colleges. NATYCAA became affiliated with NACDA in 1999.



Carl Heinrich



Founding Fathers of NATYCAA

Art Becker, Scottsdale CC; Bob Bottger, St. Louis CC – Meramec; Rex Brumley, Broward CC; Carlyle Carter, Penn State System; Vin Cullen, CC of Rhode Island; Bob Dinaberg, Santa Barbara City College; Russ Dippold, St. Louis CC - Forest Park; Rick Golas, Holyoke CC; L. William Miller, St. Louis CC - Florissant Valley; Max VanLaningham, Dodge City CC.

Ways to get involved and continue the tradition

Be a part of the tradition by contacting any of the NATYCAA officers, (www.natycaa.com). The Executive Committee is made up of the President: Carl Heinrich, Johnson County CC, First VP: John Volek, Sierra College, Second VP: Gary Broadhurst, Mohawk Valley CC, Third VP: Jim Cox, Miami Dade CC, Secretary: Tom Stewart, Holyoke CC; and Treasurer: Scott Geddis, Phoenix College.

Executive Committee

District 1: John Jackson, Dean College; District 2: Ron Case, Gloucester County College, Troy Tucker, Northampton CC; District 3: Bobby Bowman, Pasco-Hernando CC, Rick Hitt, South Florida CC; District 4: Scott Barlow, Lakeland CC, LuAnn Zimmick, College of DuPage; District 5: Bob Bottger, St. Louis CC at Meramec, Brenda Hampton, Iowa Western CC; District 6: Greg South, South Plains College, Joe Tubb, South Plains College; District 7: Art Becker, Scottsdale CC; District 8: Bob Clement, West Hills College, Jim Forkum, Santa Rosa Junior College; At-Large: Mary Ellen Leicht, NJCAA, Carlyle Carter, Community College League of California Commission on Athletics, Dick McClain, Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges, Kulwant Singh, De Anza College, Jack Sullivan, County College of Morris; Immediate Past President: Dave Evans, San Diego Mesa College.

Committees

Membership: John Volek, Chair; Constitution and By-Laws: Thomas

Stewart, Chair; Nomination and Elections Committee: Bob Myers, Chair; Sponsorship Committee: Ron Case, Chair; Convention Committee: Carl Heinrich, Chair; Scholar-Athlete Committee: Gary Broadhurst, Chair; Communications/Web Committee: Bob Bottger, Chair; Finance Committee: Scott Geddis, Chair; Connections: Mary Mahan/Ron Warnock, Co-Chairs.

NJCAA Update

In 1939, the NJCAA began its competitive tradition hosting its first national track & field meet. Over the last 60 years, the NJCAA has seen this number grow from one to 48 for the 2009-10 academic year. The fall 2009 Championship season was a busy one for members of the NJCAA. Six teams got a taste of their first championship in the history of their athletics program, while seven saw their winning traditions continue.

In volleyball, Illinois Central College made history this fall with its first NJCAA Division II title over Cowley County Community College (Kan.). In the other divisions, the College of Southern Idaho recorded its ninth Division I Volleyball Championship and Brookhaven College (Texas) its fourth in Division III.

Tyler Junior College (Texas) celebrated twice by winning its first championships in both DI men's and women's soccer. The Richland College (Texas) women's soccer team took home its third DIII championship in six years. The men's honor went to first-time champion Union County College in New Jersey.

Cross country saw some repeat champions and one newcomer to the winner's stage. The Division III women's title went to first-time champ Ocean County College (N.J.) and the men's title stayed with six-time defending champions, SUNY Delhi, which has collected 12 titles since DIII competition began in 1991.

The men's and women's half-marathon went to three-time champion South Plains College (Texas) and first-time champion Cowley County Community College (Kan.), respectively.

The battle for the NJCAA football title went to four-time champion Blinn College (Texas) after a thrilling 84-yard punt return with less than 20 seconds left in the game.

Over the past 70 years, the NJCAA has continued to expand in meeting the demands of its growing championships. Whether carrying on winning traditions or opening new chapters, the NJCAA supports its member schools and its student-athletes.

Thanks for this article to Carl Heinrich, director of athletics at Johnson County Community College and NATYCAA President.