



# NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PUBLICATION AWARDS

## REVIEWS *Comments from Past Winners!*

Just want you to know how deeply honored and humbled I am to have received the Grand Award. I cried, screamed, and smiled when I saw the results. Having my hard work and love recognized in this way means a lot to me. God Bless and "thank you" for having this contest. Already making plans for next years program.

- Suzanne Barker Griffith, Boyd County High School

To Whom it May Concern,

Thanks for the opportunity to offer some feedback on the contest and where we've been since winning an award last year. Truth be told, we were a bit hesitant to enter our 2010 fall sports program for competition. Not because we didn't believe it was a good product, but because we never want to take focus away from the students. However, the award did enable us to shine the light of thanks and appreciation on Teri Smith, the athletic department assistant who spearheads the program process. Teri is loath to be in the spotlight for her efforts, but it was high time she had some tangible evidence of her hard work in the form of outside recognition from The National High School Sports Publication Awards. Additionally, the sales staff this year has told potential advertisers they will be part of an award-winning program, which carries some cache when making calls. We featured the award in our alumni magazine and on our website, as well as getting some press in the local community papers. So again, it was a good way for us to spread the word about our program.

Thanks,

Mark D. Motz ('87)  
St. Xavier High School  
Director of Communications and Publications

### PAST WINNERS!

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Michael Watts, I was a two time winner of the Gold Medal Award at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio. I was a student winner, and I have since moved on to working in Sports Information at the collegiate level at Fordham University.

The National High School Sports Publication Awards helped bring to light what our Student Sports Information Department at Saint Ignatius has accomplished over the past few years. After creating our first media guide in 2008, we found the NHSSPA competition when it was mentioned by a local newspaper and decided to enter our football media guide in the upcoming competition in 2010. With a gold medal from our 2010 entry we also decided to enter our media guide for the 2011 competition (winning another gold medal.)

Our football media guides have been well received by the media before these awards, but to be awarded national recognition for our hard work really put our program on the map. Since that time, our Student Sports Information program has been featured in our local newspaper and on a regional sports network in part because of the prestige of this award. Coming from an athletic program that has produced numerous state and national championships, winning these awards has raised the level of our program in the same way a state title would bring attention to our athletic teams. I can say that within our Sports Information program we have worked harder and produced better materials in an effort to present even better media guides each year to the NHSSPA.

I highly recommend that everyone from students and fans to professionals consider the NHSSPA as a way to continue to promote the efforts of those making programs and media guides for fans and press alike. While I will no longer be participating in the NHSSPA competition due to my collegiate course load, I can say that Saint Ignatius High School will continue to participate in these competition for years to come.

As previous Gold Medal Award winners we at Walled Lake Western feel honored and delighted to participate in the NHSSPA system. We would highly recommend that all schools use this to acknowledge the hard work put in by the volunteers in your athletic program.

Danette Sarah & Frank Wozny  
WLW Football Program

I must tell you that this award has made a BIG difference in my business. I started out with just one publication during my first year of business and won a Gold Award. The publicity from that award created the opportunity for the a second, and now a third, school to turn to my company for creative direction and design assistance. The doors that have been opened for me by these awards have been awesome.

I do a lot of other projects for the two schools and hopefully I will be doing even more for the newest addition. I have even been able to hire seasonal help as my business has been growing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for creating this contest, it has been a life changer for me!

Sincerely,

Kerri Motter  
President, Motterific Creations

I would like to humbly thank you again for selecting me as one of your national gold medalists for my submission of the 2015 Bergen Catholic Football Media Guide. It is such a thrill to be honored for my hard work by those who truly understand what goes into the sports publication process, and to be named a gold medal winner three years in a row is truly one of my finest accomplishments in my young career.

Thank you again for hosting this national awards competition, for supporting those who do so much to help their respective high school sports programs, and for deeming me worthy of such amazing national honors these past three years.

Sincerely,  
Dan Long '03  
Communications & Sports  
Information Director  
Bergen Catholic High School

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