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2012 KSHSAA GOVERNOR'S AWARD RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

Annually, the Kansas State High School Activities Association presents an award known as the Governor's Award, to an individual in recognition for their outstanding contributions in the field of secondary education in the state of Kansas. We are pleased to announce Greg House has been selected posthumously, as the recipient of this prestigious honor in 2012.

Greg House's exemplary teaching and coaching career in the Blue Valley school district in Overland Park spanned thirty years. Hired in 1983, he taught psychology, social studies and prelaw classes at four of the district's high schools during his tenure. A native Kansan, House graduated from Argentine High School in Kansas City, Kansas and Emporia State Teacher's College. House was highly respected by students and his professional colleagues for his passion and commitment in helping others pursue excellence. He pioneered many innovative teaching and coaching techniques and led his boys and girls swimming and diving teams to an unprecedented twenty KSHSAA state championships combined, in his thirty year career. As an assistant coach, he was also instrumental in helping Blue Valley High School attain multiple state football championships. An inspirational teacher and professional peer, House is described by former students and colleagues as a man who was, "caring, who listened, who held high expectations of himself and others and who worked hard to bring out the best in others." It is widely agreed, "people were better for having known Coach House."

The KSHSAA Governor's Award Selection Committee is comprised of the presidents of the Kansas National Education Association, Kansas Association of School Boards, United School Administrators, Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals and the Kansas School Superintendents' Association.

2012 KSHSAA Oscar Stauffer Awards Announced

Presented annually by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, the **Oscar Stauffer Awards** recognize excellence in the fields of sports broadcasting and sports writing, and acknowledge meritorious service through coverage of interscholastic sports programs in Kansas. Sportscaster award applicants submit play-by-play tapes for evaluation. The Kansas Association of Broadcasters selects the honoree. Sportswriter nominations are submitted by the high schools of Kansas and the selection is made by a committee of the Kansas Coaches Association.

The **2012 Oscar Stauffer Sportscaster of the Year** award winner is Brian Hanni, sports director of Great Plains Media/KLWN-1320 AM Radio in Lawrence.

A native of Topeka, Kansas, Hanni graduated from Topeka-West High School in 1998. It was in high school that Hanni got his start in broadcasting by doing play-by-play commentary for his school's local community access television channel. Hanni continued his education at the University of Kansas, obtaining a degree in Broadcast Management in 2002 and receiving eight different KAB awards while still in college.

Now in his 10th year with Great Plains Media/KLWN-1320 AM, Hanni broadcasts play-by-play for Lawrence-Free State High School football games and both Lawrence-Free State and Lawrence High School boys basketball games. Each Saturday morning in the fall, listeners can also hear Hanni broadcast a high school football coaches' show featuring Lawrence-Free State and Lawrence High Schools. Occasionally he will also call high school baseball regional and state tournament games. In addition to Hanni's high school broadcast responsibilities, he also calls games for the University of Kansas baseball and women's basketball programs. Hanni also created "Rock Chalk Sports Talk", a daily sports show on KLWN-AM that focuses primarily on KU sports and is also broadcast once a week on the Jayhawk IMG Sports Network. This is Hanni's second Stauffer award, having previously been recognized in 2010.

The **2012 Oscar Stauffer Sportswriter of the Year** award winner is Mr. Andy Brown, of the *Louisburg Herald*.

A graduate of Paola High School in 1998, Andy Brown went to college at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri where he majored in journalism. While in school, Brown worked for the *St. Joseph News-Press*. After graduating in 2002, Brown became an assistant sports editor for the *Leavenworth Times*, where he worked until 2004. From 2004 through 2007, Brown worked as the sports editor for the *Atchison Globe*. He then became sports editor of the *Osawatimie Graphic* where he worked until 2008. Since 2008, Brown has served as the sports editor at the *Louisburg Herald*. During his 10 year career, Brown has won several awards through the Kansas City Press Club and the Kansas Press Association. Upon learning of his selection as the Oscar Stauffer Sportswriter of the Year, Brown commented about working in the journalism field and said "I continue to love it. It is something new every day."