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To: KSHSAA Member High School Athletic Directors

From: Joe Schrag, Chairman, KSHSAA Track and Field Centennial Celebration Committee

RE: 100 years of Track and Field

The Kansas State Track and Field Meet in 2010 will mark a special occasion in the sport's history of Kansas schools, the 100th Anniversary of the State Track and Field meet. Within this 100 year span, no less than 30 future track and field Olympians, including eight Olympic Champions and a world record holder, have participated in the KSHSAA State Track and Field Meet. Numerous other Kansas track and field athletes have become nationally known and have gone on to greatness in other sports. In short, the Kansas State Track and Field meet has been a showcase for exceptional athletic talent which has produced remarkable performances.

Given such a memorable history to celebrate, the KSHSAA administrative staff has assembled a group of former and current administrators, track and field coaches, and athletes as a "Centennial Celebration Committee". This committee is charged with the task of planning some special events to be held during the 2010 state meet to celebrate the history of the meet. To that end we are requesting your help.

We would like to contact former state track and field champions so we can invite them to the 2010 state track and field meet to acknowledge their accomplishments. This is an enormous undertaking! Each year as many as 325 athletes could become state champions, so there are thousands to be contacted. This is why we are seeking your assistance.

Please see the attached Contact Information Form. We request that, you provide any contact information you may have for former state champions from your school. Our purpose is to reach out to these former state champions so we may invite them to participate in our special event. We feel the best resource to help us with this task are our member schools. We respectfully ask that the information you collect be sent to Rick Bowden at the KSHSAA by December 1. We may not be able to contact every champion, but we are hoping to reach as many as possible.

The other item enclosed with this letter is a standard press release. Please forward to any of your local media organizations. We believe local media outlets would be of great benefit in helping us share this information about the 2010 meet and the special place this meet has for the schools and athletes that comprise the KSHSAA.

**Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, 2010, at Wichita State University
Celebrating 100 years of track and field history**

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this special event.

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Contact information – KSHSAA State Track and Field Champion

While we recognize that it is impossible to know the whereabouts or contact information for all individuals who were KSHSAA State Champions in Track and Field, we would ask your assistance in providing us with contact information for any student athlete, male or female, who won a state title in track and field when representing your school.

Instructions—please provide the following information for any KSHSAA State Track and Field champion from your school.

SCHOOL _____

NAME OF STATE CHAMPION: _____

If female please provide married name, when applicable _____

YEAR(S) HE or SHE WON A STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEET EVENT

EVENT(S) HE or SHE WON

MAILING ADDRESS OF THIS ATHLETE: _____
 (Street, RR, PO Box, Apartment #, etc.)

 (City State Zip)

Athlete's phone number (if you have it) _____

Athlete's Email address (if you have it) _____
 (Please print or type)

Your name (person submitting this information) _____

Your contact information _____

SEND TO: Rick Bowden, KSHSAA
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PRESS RELEASE

Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, 2010—Celebrating 100 years of track and field history!

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As part of the celebration the KSHSAA is asking any former state track and field champion who won an event at a KSHSAA State Track and Field Meet to contact the KSHSAA. Also, if the address of any other champion is known, please send that information to Rick Bowden, KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director, 601 SW Commerce Place, PO Box 495, Topeka, KS 66601-0495 or via **E-MAIL: rbowden@kshsaa.org**

