



Newsletter

Larry Merx retires as MHSFCA Executive Director



Larry Merx, center, receives a recognition plaque for his years of service as the MHSFCA Executive Director. The plaque was presented by John Herrington, MHSFCA President, left, and Mark Dantonio, MSU, right.
by Al Slamer, CFO

The MHSFCA is announcing that Larry Merx, the long time Executive Director of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, has retired from his position as Executive Director. The MHSFCA wants to THANK Larry for his guidance, mentorship and selfless dedication. Larry's vision and leadership has helped to guide the Association for decades.

Larry has done an amazing job with the MHSFCA. He has served the organization for nearly 50 years in a variety of leadership roles. Larry has

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EXTRA POINT



MHSFCA
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January - December
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**MHSFCA
Meetings &
Important Dates**

Summer Meeting
21 June 2019
SVSU Conference Center

East / West
All Star Game
22 June 2019
Saginaw Valley



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Odd number Regions elected in odd years.

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Leadership
Jim Neumann, Flint Powers

Membership
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Drake Wilkins '17
John Herrington '18

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been a tireless worker for the game of football in not only Michigan but also around the entire country. He has left a lasting impact that will effect generations of players and coaches.

Larry was a four year letter winner and All-MIAA player at Adrian College. He earned his Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan University. Larry and his fabulous wife, Kay (a valuable asset in her own right for the MHSFCA), have been married for 50 years! They have two children (Katie and John) and three grandchildren.

The Larry Merx coaching resume in both football and track is an impressive roster of schools and success: Adrian College, Tecumseh, West Bloomfield, Erie-Mason, Dexter, Ypsilanti (11 years), Ann Arbor Huron (17 years) and since 2013, Chelsea.

Larry began his MHSFCA time as a Regional Director and the Chair of the Placement Committee. He began doing the Newsletter in 1979 and added to his duties the All Star Program in 1985. Larry could always see the big picture of any issue. His "get it done attitude" and strong organizational skills have helped move the MHSFCA in a stable and positive direction.

Larry assumed the role of Executive Director in 2006 when the Executive Director at that time, Don Lessner,

became ill and passed away. Larry has guided the MHSFCA since then with a steady hand helping the organization to grow into one of the most successful high school coaching associations in the country.

As Executive Director, Larry took the concept of a "brick and mortar" Hall of Fame and transitioned that idea into our current innovative Virtual Hall of Fame. His work with other state coaching associations has been instrumental in the promotion of high school football nationwide. The improved working relationship between the MHSFCA and MHSAA will serve as one of the great legacies of Larry's tenure.

In Larry's words: "The game of football includes everything you need to have a productive life from developing a work ethic to becoming a dependable member of a team".

All Larry's friends, colleagues and football family members wish Larry and Kay continued Good Luck, Good Health, Happiness, Success and many more Grand Adventures.

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE
FOR THE MHSFCA!**

MHSFCA Hall of Fame Memorial

On behalf of the entire Michigan High school Football Coaches Association, Board of Directors and members of our association, we honor the memory of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame inductees listed below. Their love of the game and love of coaching helped build programs, helped boys become men, and taught valuable life lessons both on and off the field. We commend their sacrifice, commitment and dedication to the game of football.

- David Woodcock, Jenison, HOF Class of 1986. Passed away January 4, 2018.
- George Barcheski, East Grand Rapids, HOF Class of 1986. Passed away March 17, 2018.
- Carl Foster, Onekama, HOF Class of 1995. Passed away August 22, 2018.
- Lee Hall, Alpena, HOF Class of 2005. Passed away December 21, 2018.
- Duane "Dewey" Lane, Wakefield, HOF Class of 1988. Passed September 29, 2018.
- Bob Blacquiere, Grand Rapids South Christian, HOF Class of 2013. Passed away October 5, 2018.
- Robert Wyman, Kalamazoo Christian, HOF Class of 1987. Passed away October 27, 2018.

If you know of a Hall of Fame coach who has passed away, please email the information listed below to cindy.farley@lesliek12.net and it will be added to this memorial.

•Name •School •Year inducted to Hall of Fame •Date passed



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MHSCA-Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award

Each high school in the state of Michigan is eligible to submit one senior female and one senior male for MHSCA Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport award.

- Athlete must have competed in a minimum of three sports for all four years of high school.
- Online Application will launch February 25, 2019
- Application must be submitted by April 15 of each year.
- One senior female and one senior male in each class (A,B,C,D) will be selected.
- Awards will be presented at senior events of the student's high school.

Each of the nominees is evaluated on the basis of their athletic achievements (both as an individual and as a team member), scholastic accomplishments, leadership and service.

Each of the qualified nominees will receive a certificate from the MHSCA in honor of being their school's candidate.

One male and one female from each of the four classifications of schools (A, B, C, D) will receive a plaque as the **MHSCA Rich Tompkins State Multi-Sport Athlete of the Year**.

For more information contact Larry Merx, MHSCA, at: larrymerx@gmail.com or go to MHSCA.org

Nominations will be accepted only from school Athletic Directors or Principals and should be made at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEqWL2u8QYzR_-L_bXgjUxGt1tdlEq1sGbWEU-K6NRTTVuKJQ/viewform

Reminder
Nominations are due: 15 April 2019

Live Demonstration Drills Dominate 47th Annual “Winners Circle Clinic”

by Jerry Rabideau, Clinic Chair

Greeting Coaches,

Officially, the 47th “Winners Circle Clinic” is in the books and it was the most successful in Lansing to date!

The 47th annual “Winners Circle” Football Clinic continues to grow in Lansing. The clinic is hosted by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA). This year, like many previous, we brought together high school and college coaches from all over the state and Midwest. In addition to coaches, we brought in experts from the medical profession, professional leadership support, vendors, honored guests and even a speaker that focused on building “Mom” support. The 47th Clinic was jam packed with a full variety of speakers and continues to provide our colleagues the best material to build your program. The MHSFCA continues to be the largest state clinic in the entire midwest! Yes, bigger than Ohio’s!!

Our association, for the past many years and always, has become very focused not only on the attack of our game, but also its safety. Each year our group visits, collaborates, and analyzes what other states are doing to build support and safety. Terry O’Neil (Practice Like Pro’s), speaker at this years clinic, has become one of the nations experts advocating for the safety of our game. State by state Terry visits each of the associations and shares the latest research of what others are doing and provides beneficial material for free to every coach on how to keep the game safe. We encourage you to visit Practice Like Pro’s at www.practicelikepros.com and review his material. Terry is a non-profit that is solely focused on sharing ways to keep the game forever!

Lansing and its central location is working for our clinic. Every year our team sends out a survey and those that respond are in strong support that Lansing is a great place to host our function. The facilities are large yes, but it holds our group wonderfully minus the few parking problems and minor issues. The Lansing Radisson, Lansing Center, and Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau have been super allies for us. They are providing many discounts for our organization and doing everything in their power to keep your costs down. We, like you love the days of Battle Creek. Putting it simply, we have way out grown the ability for that venue. Battle Creek will always hold a warm place in our hearts, but until another suitable facility is built, we must consider and continue to consider larger cities and venues. It is

Lansing for now, but we are always looking.

Our Clinic is much more than just football and its mechanics, we also use this time to recognize some of our state's most successful football coaches. Each year we recognize regional and state coaches of the year. As well, we give out our association's highest honors to a few coaches that have been an integral part of our game. Be sure to check out the rest of this newsletter and pay respects to this years recipients. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Live Demonstrations led by retired and very successful Lowell Head Football Coach Noel Dean was a huge success! Live Demonstrations have been done at the national level but have never been done at our state level. Noel approached our clinic staff, presented the idea and it was unanimously accepted by our team. We envision Live Demonstrations expanding next year!



*MHSAA Brain Health session.
Mark Uhl, Executive Director, and Amy Teddy*

Here is a quick recap of the 2019 Clinic:

- 13 College Coach Speakers
- Mark Dantonio (MSU), Matt Mitchell (GVSU), Jeff Brohm (Purdue), Tony Annese (FSU)
- 38 High School Coach Speakers
- Amy Teddy Concussion Update
- 1 Retired NFL Coach Speaker - Time Management
- 1 Speaker on Injury Prevention
- Jason Feig - SAT College Board Resources
- 3 Live Demonstration Sessions
- Terry O'Neil - Practice Like Pro's
- Vendor Luncheon
- Staff Rates
- Awards Banquet
- 75 + Sessions

- State Coach of the Year Awards
- Honored Awards
- 2019 Hall of Fame Nominees
- Countless hours of football discussions and fun
- And of course countless hours of social!!!!

We hope you enjoyed the clinic. It is our hope to make each year bigger and better. Thank you to all that participated from the speakers, attendees, vendors and guests. It is an honor to host this yearly event and we hope to see you back next year. A very special thank you to the clinic staff!! You are a wonderful group to work with. Now it's football season and work towards 2020 Clinic!

See you in Lansing in 2020!

Respectfully,
Jerry



Brain Health live presentation

2019 Leadership Conference

Jim Neumann, Leadership Chair

On February 10, approximately 372 coaches and athletes met at the downtown Radisson in Lansing for the leadership conference. Our keynote speaker was the newly hired Central Michigan University Coach, Jim McElwain. Coach stress the importance in leadership by providing examples of it. Also, stories about it help to hammer the importance of it to the student athletes. After his keynote address, the coaches were led to a separate room where a question and answer period took place. With the help of Coach Noel Dean a lot of great questions were answered - like the importance of a leadership council, qualities of great leaders and a number of other topics. While the coaches were in a separate room - the players were watching videos, answering and discussing questions and getting

to know players from a number of different schools. After lunch, the coaches and players came together to process everything they learned. The conference was a great success and next years will be at the same location on Monday, February 10. Please circle the date on your calendar. Finally a thank to Coach McElwain, the Radisson staff and Coach Dean and his Addix staff for donation of the t- shirts.



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MHSFCA Partners with National Football Foundation for the 2018 Dream Team Awards

Scott Farley, Executive Director

On December 6, the MHSFCA partnered with the National Football Foundation to honor twenty-two of the top high school players in Michigan at the 2018 Dream Team banquet. John Herrington of Farmington Harrison was also honored as the 2018 Dream Team coach. Attendees heard speeches from Herrington, NFF Michigan chapter president Tony Versaci, U of M head coach, Jim Harbaugh,

as well as MSU players Cole Chewins and Khari Willis.

Dream Team members were selected from the MHSFCA All State teams by members of the MHSFCA Board of Directors. This was the first year of our partnership with the NFF and we look forward to expanding and refining this partnership moving forward.



*Members of the 2018
National Football
Foundation Dream
Team*

National Football Foundation 2018 Dream Team Awards



*Keynote Speaker, Jim Harbaugh,
University of Michigan*



*Tony Versaci, Director
Michigan Chapter, NFF*



*John Herrington received the 2018
NFF Dream Team Coach of the
Year Award*



*Michael R. Sadler Division 1 Scholar/Athlete
Award winner, Cole Chewins, and Michael
Sadler's mother, Karen Sadler.*



*Keynote Speaker, Khari Willis,
Michigan State University*



*Keith Otterbein, Hillsdale College, intro-
ducing the Division 2 Scholar/Athlete
Award winner, Charles J. Rose, 40 years
after Keith won the award himself.*



*Pete Schmidt Courage Award winner, Larry
Prout, Jr, with Grant Newsome, former U of M
player (left) and Jim Harbaugh (right).*



*Dan Musielewicz, Olivet College, accept-
ing the Division 3 Scholar/Athlete award on
behalf of Trent Monroe.*



*Charles J. Rose, Division 2
Scholar/Athlete Award winner*

Andrew Pratley takes the reigns as President

Dear Fellow MHSFCA Members,

As I begin my first year as your association President, I can't help but be excited about football in the State of Michigan and where we are headed. We have a state steeped in a tradition of excellence and such a unique blend of geography and school size that makes football in Michigan one of a kind. It is with those things in mind that I would like to address issues both from a state perspective and that of our association.



*Andrew Pratley,
MHSFCA President*

First, football in our state is in an ever-changing landscape. The recent years of concussion concerns have given us many challenges, including fear, which has led to the decrease in participation. I believe our game has never been safer. That is not to say that we can't work to do even more, or that the risk of injury is not present. However, with an increasingly productive partnership with the MHSAA, we have found much common ground in order to continue to promote and improve this great game.

We are working on a new proposal to redefine contact practice and again limit the time that live contact is occurring in practice. We believe that through adding a THUD definition, we will be able to achieve more realistic practice and still truly teach the game in a safe, professional manner. We believe that these changes will continue our progression in making the game as safe as possible, which means limiting opportunities for additional injury, while giving ample time to teach proper fundamentals of the game, including tackling, so our young people are technically sound during competition.

We are also working to address youth football and trying to ensure that our future players are taught both the fundamentals of the game and the love and respect for it as well.

Secondly, our association is in a great place. We have been blessed with many years of great leadership throughout the organization that has allowed us to see membership grow, in addition to continuous improvements to our awards, clinic, and all-star game. However, as with all things, we are addressing ever-changing times and ever-changing needs. Therefore, we will be undergoing an overhaul of our board of directors and the way our organization operates.

This year we have begun restructuring by changing the

form of our executive board. We are adding the position of Chief Financial Officer to the board to complement that of the current Executive Director role. We are thrilled to have two great leaders in those roles with Al Slamer and Scott Farley taking the reigns at those respective positions.

This year there will also be a change in how we determine regional directors. For the first time ever, regional directors will be selected based on division and geography. Each division will be broken down into four regions, and we will have one director from each region. This will give us a total of 36 regional directors as well as an additional 9 at-large directors that will be appointed by the Executive Board to ensure we have a diverse range of directors. We believe this will better serve our organization and also allow for us to have a couple of other additional benefits.

First, our regional coach of the year award will then be evenly distributed amongst all divisions. Second, it will allow us to nominate and choose all-region teams for the first time in each division. Those teams will then be taken to a state-level meeting to choose our all-state teams and ultimately our dream team.

With this significant change we will be seeking several new directors. Currently our smallest schools tend to be the most underrepresented divisions; however, I would personally like to encourage all of you to run for a seat in this year's elections.

We need input from all of our coaches to ensure the game we love continues to thrive and evolve in our state. Remember, it is not our game to call our own, but rather we are a mere snapshot in time, and it is our duty to protect and grow the game of football.

I look forward to serving you over the next few years and would encourage you to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns at pratleyac@gmail.com

Yours in football,

Andrew Pratley
President, MHSFCA

2019 Jim Crowley Award Winner

Steve Wilson is this year's Jim Crowley Award winner. Steve is a 1973 graduate of Muskegon High School where he lettered in football, swimming and wrestling. In swimming, he set the school record in the 400 freestyle in 1970. In football, he was a member of the 1971 team which won a mythical football championship, was captain in 1972, all conference in 1971 and 1972, and was Honorable Mention All State in 1972. As a wrestler, he was the city champion and district champion at 185 lb. weight class in 1973. In addition to the above, he was presented with the Clayton L. Beach Senior Athlete award in 1973.

Steve attended Michigan State University and graduated in the spring of 1978. He got his first teaching position at Muskegon High School in the fall of 1978 and taught special education, computer science and physical education until 1989. While at Muskegon, he coached football, wrestling, swimming and track. He was an assistant coach on the 1986 mythical Class A State Championship team.

In 1989, Steve became head football coach and a teacher at Fruitport High School. He spent twenty-three years as the head football coach at Fruitport with a 148-79 record, six conference championships, thirteen playoff appearances, one district championship, two regional championships and one state final appearance. In addition, he was named

regional coach of the year five times by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and one year as the MHSFCA coach of the year. He was named Muskegon area Coach of the Year three times and conference Coach of the Year twice. He assisted in wrestling and track during his years at Fruitport. Steve retired from teaching and coaching in 2012.

He has been involved with the MHSFCA since 1986. He was a regional director on the board of directors from 1997-2008. An officer from 2002-2010 and was our president in 2010. He was also inducted into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame in 2010 and has served on the website and membership committees from 2012 to the present, as well as working with the past presidents.

Steve has worked with Special Olympics, American Red Cross, Fruitport Lions Club and serves on his church's board of trustees. In addition, he has taken part in building wheelchair ramps all over the Muskegon area for the past twenty some years!

He married his high school sweetheart, Holly in 1977. They will celebrate 42 years of marriage in June. They have two grown children, Melissa and Phillip, and four grandchildren, Grace, Isabella, Brayden and Landen.

Congratulations, Steve!



Larry Sellers presents the Jim Crowley award to Steve.

Steve's acceptance speech.

Steve Wilson
2019 Jim Crowley Award winner

2019 MHSFCA Clinic Banquet Highlights

Coach of the Year award winners



Division 1
Coach of the Year

Scott Merchant
Chippewa Valley



Division 7
Coach of the Year

Clint Galvas
New Lothrop



Division 2
Coach of the Year

Mike Giovonnia
Warren DeSalle



Division 8
Coach of the Year

Rick Bailey
Reading



Division 4
Coach of the Year

Kevin Bartz
Edwardsburg



Division 1/8 Man
Coach of the Year

Kendall Crockett
Morrice



Division 5
Coach of the Year

Craig Tibbe
Unity Christian

Not Present

Division 3 Coach of the Year
Tyrone Spencer, Detroit Martin Luther King

Division 6 Coach of the Year
Pat Collins, Montague

Division 2 / 8 Man Coach of the Year
Steve Ostrenga, Rapid River

2019 MHSFCA Clinic Banquet Highlights

Women of the Year award winners



Kathy Diorio
Battle Creek Lakeview
and
John Herrington, 2018
MHSFCA President



Bonnie Garofalo
SCS Lakeview
and
John Herrington, 2018
MHSFCA President



Linda Ishbia
Walled Lake Western
and
John Herrington, 2018
MHSFCA President



Monica Kiefer
Brighton
and
John Herrington, 2018
MHSFCA President

Steve Spicer Leadership award winners



Lenny Dantinne
Millington



Jason Katt
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Kelly Luplow
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SEP 25	WINTERHALL	A
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MHSFCA

Membership Benefits

Did you know that:

One of the benefits of MHSFCA membership is liability insurance through the MHSCA and NOCAD.



GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

As a membership benefit, coverage is provided by the Commercial General Liability Policy issued to the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors. This policy will provide general liability coverage to the Michigan High School Coaches Association and its members.

CARRIER

Houston Casualty Company

POLICY PERIOD

August 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019

LIMITS OF INSURANCE

\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence
\$1,000,000	General Aggregate (per Member)
\$1,000,000	Products/Completed Operations
\$1,000,000	Personal & Advertising Injury
\$ 300,000	Fire Damage
\$ 25,000	Sexual Abuse (per Member)
Excluded	Medical Payments

COVERAGES

- ❖ Participant Legal Liability for insured members
- ❖ Liability assumed under insured written contract
- ❖ Defense Cost outside limits

EXCLUSIONS

- ❖ The use of automobiles, buses, watercraft and aircraft
- ❖ Property of others in the care, custody, and control of the insured.
- ❖ This insurance does not apply to members that coach at an All-Star game that is not approved by your state coaches association.

CAMP COVERAGE

Today, most Coaches are involved in some type of sports camp. Please note that our General Liability Program follows insured members while working at camps and/or conducting their own personal camp.

PARTICIPANT/ACCIDENT COVERAGE

In addition, Participant/Accident Coverage is available for coaches and/or participants. Should an accident occur during a camp, clinic or event, this secondary coverage could help offset the loss suffered by families affected by such accidents.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

- ❖ If a member has a camp and requires proof of insurance, certificates are at no additional charge.
- ❖ If a member has a camp and requires a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured on the General Liability Policy, the cost is \$125.00.
- ❖ Participant/Accident Coverage must be in place for all participants prior to the issuance of a certificate of insurance naming an Additional Insured on the General Liability Policy.
- ❖ Certificates of Insurance and Participant/Accident request forms are available on our website: www.loomislapann.com

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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

Home Address (Street) _____

City, State ZIP+4 _____

Phone (H) _____

E-mail _____

School Where Last Coached _____

Total Years Football Coaching _____

Qualifications

***You must meet all FOUR!**

1. Coached football for twenty years at any level.
2. Previously a MHSFCA Member.
3. Retired from coaching.
4. Pay a one-time fee of \$100

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Membership Application Form



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Join MHSFCA / MHSFA / NHSCA (\$30)

Name: _____

School: _____

Coaching Position: _____ Total Years Coaching: _____

Home Address (Street): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____

Email: _____

Membership runs January - December
 MHSFCA Clinic Registration includes membership.
 MHSFA / NOCAD insurance coverage coincides with your membership term.

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The MHSFCA encourages you to also become a member of the national professional organization for football coaches, the *American Football Coaches Association*.

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NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

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