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IHSAA TO INDUCT THREE INTO HALL OF FAME

The Idaho High School Activities Association's Hall of Fame annually honors individuals who have given many years of exemplary service to Idaho's youth. Three such individuals will be inducted as the Hall of Fame Class of 2017. Launa Moser (Preston), Joleen Toone (Gooding) and Gary Ward (Nampa) will be honored at ceremonies during the 38th annual Hall of Fame banquet Wednesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Boise Centre in downtown Boise. Ticket information will be posted on the IHSAA website in mid May.

Other awards to be presented at the banquet include the Dick Fleischmann Memorial Award, the Wes Lowe Memorial Award and the Duane D. Wolfe Memorial Award along with Distinguished Service Awards for each of the six activity districts, the Spirit of Sport Award and Official of the Year. Those recipients will be announced at a later date.

Hall of Fame - Class of 2017

Launa Moser, Preston Launa Moser spent her entire thirty-four year educational career working as a teacher and coach in eastern Idaho. Launa's extensive resume is proof that she championed the values of participation in numerous interscholastic activities throughout her career. Perhaps Launa's biggest impact has been in the area of health and physical education, particularly for girls. A tireless educator, Launa was instrumental in the promotion and development of volleyball, basketball, track and softball in Idaho.

Joleen Toone, Gooding Idaho schools owe a great deal to dedicated educators such as Joleen Toone, an exemplary teacher, coach and athletic director who retired from the Gooding School District in 2009. Joleen has devoted thirty-three years to providing quality athletic opportunities for the students at Gooding High School. Throughout her illustrious career Joleen coached basketball, volleyball and track, but her impact was most widely felt as an athletic director. A longtime member of the Idaho Athletic Administrators Association, Joleen was inducted into the IAAA Hall of Fame in 2015.

Gary Ward, Nampa A lifelong teacher, coach, counselor and advocate of high school activities, Gary Ward retired from Vallivue High School in 2002. During an exemplary thirty-three year career, Gary coached football, basketball, wrestling, track and cross country. He started the cross country program at VHS in 1973 and was honored as the Idaho State Cross Country Coach of the Year six times. Gary served the IHSAA from 1981-2014 as an assistant for numerous state tournaments including track, wrestling and cross country.