IHSAA TO INDUCT TWO 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. Two such individuals will be inducted as the Hall of Fame Class of 2020. Bill Hawkins (Madison HS) and Tracy Leinen (Boise HS) will be honored at ceremonies during the 41st annual Hall of Fame banquet Wednesday, August 5th, 6:30 p.m. at the Boise Centre in downtown Boise. Ticket information will be posted on the IHSAA website in 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. Distinguished Service Awards for each of the six activity districts, the Spirit of Sport Award and Official of the Year will also be presented. Those recipients will be announced at a later date.

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Bill Hawkins, Madison HS  Bill Hawkins spent twenty-nine years as the head boys’ basketball coach at Madison High School and created a dynasty that won’t soon be matched. During his career at Madison, his teams advanced to the state tournament an amazing twenty-two times where they earned trophies fifteen times and won the state title five times. During that time Bill was also a leader in numerous professional organizations including the Sixth District Coaches Association and the Idaho State Coaches Association. He was named Idaho Basketball Coach of the Year five times, earned the Distinguished Coach of the Year award and was presented with the Hugh Brady Award for Outstanding Service. Bill Hawkins is by all accounts a coaching legend in Idaho and he continues to serve as a mentor and role model for young coaches today.

Tracy Leinen, Boise HS  Tracy Leinen is one of the most well-respected administrators in the state of Idaho. In her thirty-five years in education, she has impacted literally thousands of young people and was instrumental in the growth, promotion and advancement of the Idaho Athletic Administrators Association. Before being named Boise High School athletic director in 1998, Tracy spent twelve years coaching a variety of sports including girls’ basketball, volleyball and softball. She earned numerous coaching awards including district coach of the year honors seven times. However, Tracy’s true impact came from her years as an outstanding athletic administrator and leader of the IAAA. She spent twenty-seven years serving her fellow AD’s in both the IAAA as well as the NIAAA. She was a member of both the IHSAA and NIAAA Board of Directors, received Idaho Athletic Director of the Year honors three times, earned the 2006 NFHS Citation award and the Dick Fleischmann award in 2009. Tracy was also inducted into the IAAA Hall of Fame in 2019.