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## **Iowa Sports Foundation News**

### **Hallihan recipient of the IGHSAU Sportsmanship Award**

**DES MOINES, IOWA** – Iowa Sports Foundation Executive Director, Jim Hallihan, was a recipient of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Sportsmanship Award at the Girls' State Basketball Tournament being played at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

Each qualifying school in the Girls' State Basketball Tournament had been asked to nominate one community member whom personifies sportsmanship and decorum throughout the season. Ames High School nominated Hallihan to receive the Sportsmanship Award.

"When you think of sportsmanship in and around the Ames community, you automatically think of Jim Hallihan," commented Judge Johnston, Ames High School Athletic Director. "We felt this was a great way to honor him for his accomplishments."

Hallihan was awarded with a recognition certificate and \$250 check payable to the school's scholarship fund. Each school is to use these funds for creation of a scholarship toward the post-secondary education of one or more students.

Hallihan and the Iowa Sports Foundation have encouraged Iowans to practice sportsmanship through: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship, while striving to be a champion on and off the field of play. Hallihan serves on the Board of the Institute for Character Development in Des Moines and attended two national sports summits whose focus was to reinstate character building through the six pillars of character in amateur sports throughout America. Hallihan hosted a radio show, "Sports for the Right Reasons," in which sportsmanship and character-building are the focus for youth, parents and coaches.

The Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) promotes, directs, protects and regulates amateur interscholastic athletic relationships for junior high and secondary girls between member schools to stimulate fair play, friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship among contestants, schools and communities throughout the State of Iowa. It is the only organization in the nation solely devoted to interscholastic competition for girls. Over 70,000 students participate in IGHSAU sponsored sports.

For a complete Hallihan biography, visit [www.IOWASPORTSFOUNDATION.org](http://www.IOWASPORTSFOUNDATION.org).

The Iowa Sports Foundation (ISF) is a nonprofit sports management organization that helps develop amateur sports in Iowa and promotes positive lifestyles and physical fitness through athletic events and health education programs. The ISF host the Summer Iowa Games, Winter Iowa Games, Live Healthy Iowa, Live Healthy America, Live Healthy Iowa Kids, Go The Distance Day, Hoopin at the Dome, Net Fest, Fish Iowa Games, and the Iowa Games Golf Classic.

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