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## **IHSAA Student Advisory Committee holds Reunion Saturday**

As part of this weekend's festivities surrounding the football state finals, the IHSAA will host a reunion of current and former members of the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC).

At least one individual from each of the last 14 years as well as this year's group of 18 members will attend the gathering scheduled for Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm ET at Lucas Oil Stadium. Attendees will be recognized on the field during the Class A state championship game.



The reunion is a way to honor past members of the Student Advisory Committee, to reconnect with former student-athletes, and to share what engaging at an early age equates to in the real world.

Established during the 2001-02 school year, the Student Advisory Committee is made up of junior and senior studentathletes from high schools all across the state of Indiana identified for their leadership skills. Each year, the IHSAA receives nominations from member school principals on behalf of student-athletes. From that group of nominations, 20 are selected for interviews by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee, Executive Staff and returning members of the SAC. From those interviews, nine juniors are invited to join the group of nine seniors, to serve a two-year term.

The SAC represents the entire IHSAA membership of 410 schools, and its structure reflects that of the IHSAA Board of Directors in terms of classification and districts as well as female, urban schools and minority representation. The SAC meets four times annually – twice each semester – and is responsible for hosting meetings with student peers at the Fall Area Principals Meetings, assists with the awards ceremonies at IHSAA state championship events throughout the school year, plans and administers the annual IHSAA Student Leadership Conference in June and the group engages in and supports the activities of Special Olympics Indiana, including the Unified Track & Field State Tournament.

## About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.