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Long-time Indiana AD's memory honored with scholarship Denny Lewis Legacy of Advocacy Scholarship to be awarded in Spring 2025.

As a fervent champion of education-based athletics, Dennis "Denny" Lewis worked tirelessly to protect and grow the opportunities for Indiana's high school student-athletes. The late, 37-year educator left a lasting impact on communities around the state. Serving in multiple roles, most notably as Athletic Director at Jasper High School for the final 17 years of his career, Denny inspired his players, students, and peers to live lives based on the teachings of education-based athletics.

In honor of this work, the IHSAA and IHSAA Foundation proudly announce the Denny Lewis Legacy of Advocacy Post-Secondary/Training Scholarship.



Thanks to family, friends, former students, and community support, this new \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in perpetuity to honor and continue Denny's legacy.

Beginning in the 2024-25 school year, one student-athlete from an IHSAA member school will be selected who best exemplifies the qualities that Denny worked to instill and actively continues to promote the values of education-based athletics.

"My father was the epitome of an advocate for high school athletics and the benefits in which they bring – both the qualities that you immediately see in a developing high school student and those that you look back on in 30 years," says **IHSAA Assistant Commissioner, and son of Denny Lewis, Brian Lewis.** "He led every day with the same vim, vigor, and gusto that you'd see on the sidelines for his family, his community, and especially his students. Dad was truly a champion of high school sports. This scholarship is his next and last step in investing in the future of our great state."

Students interested in applying for this scholarship should visit the [scholarship's webpage](#) for criteria and additional information. Each student-athlete must be nominated by their school's principal or athletic director, to be initiated on IHSAA's membership portal (www.myihxaa.net). Recipients of the Denny Lewis Legacy of Advocacy Post-Secondary Scholarship will be recognized and celebrated at the [IHSAA Foundation's Impact Awards](#).

Supporting education-based athletics for the next generation.

To learn more about Denny's legacy and this scholarship, visit IHSAA.org/Foundation/Scholarships/Lewis.

About the IHSAA Foundation, Inc.

The IHSAA Foundation was created in 2015 as the philanthropic arm of the IHSAA. Its mission is to help protect, sustain, and nurture high school sports in Indiana for the 409 high schools it serves. The 17-member Foundation Board is made up of member-school superintendents from each of the three IHSAA districts, at minimum two member-school athletic directors, the Chair of the IHSAA Executive Committee, the current IHSAA Commissioner, and 11 at-large members from all corners of the state. Members of the Board are nominated by IHSAA Commissioner, Paul Neidig, and ratified by Board Approval.

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 409-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 24 sports, 11 for girls, 11 for boys and two co-eds (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.