INSHAPE Announces
2018 State Teachers of the Year

The Association also recognizes award recipients for Outstanding Student, Young Professional, Leadership, Pathfinder, Special Contributor, Honor, and Legacy

Six collegiate scholarship recipients recognized

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Indianapolis, IN. (September 18, 2018) – INSHAPE, the Indiana Society for Health and Physical Educators, announced its 2018 state Teacher of the Year award winners, six individuals who are among the elite of the school health education, physical education, adapted physical education, dance and recreation professions.

The Teacher of the Year Award enables INSHAPE to recognize the work of outstanding educators. State Teachers of the Year are selected among nominees after rigorous evaluation by the Association selection committee. The awards are given in recognition of outstanding teaching performance and the ability to motivate today’s youth to participate in a lifetime of physical activity.

"Our 2018 Indiana Teachers of the Year are indeed a special class of educators. They inspire all teachers by sharing best practices at state and national conferences. They become mentors to younger teachers. Their enthusiasm for teaching motivates other educators and administrators," noted Gary Lemke, INSHAPE president and executive director.

The state award recipients will be recognized on November 4, 2018 during the organization's Hall of Fame Awards Banquet concurrent with the State Conference. For the first time, the INSHAPE State Conference will be held at Grand Park Events Center in Westfield, IN. The awards banquet is presented by U.S. Games, a division of BSN Sports of Dallas, TX.

INSHAPE Teachers of the Year now compete for the SHAPE America Midwest District Teacher of the Year. Midwest District Teachers of the Year become candidates for the 2019 SHAPE America National Teachers of the Year.

Last year, three INSHAPE Teachers of the year - Cassie Brooks of Brownsburg Middle School, Todd Krebs of RISE Learning Center, and Kalie Carlisle McKinley of Assumption High School - were 2018 National Teacher of the Year candidates

The 2018 Indiana state Teachers of the Year are:
Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year — Chris Berg, Sunnyside Elementary School (West Lafayette, IN)

Chris has been a teacher in Lafayette and Avon for the last 13 years. He is a graduate of Indiana University Bloomington with a BS, Physical Education, Kinesiology, MS, Sport Management. He also has his Building Level Administration License from IUPUI. The heart of his school program combines innovation, technology, and physical literacy concepts safeguarding his mission of providing an individualized physical education program for all learners. His goal is to provide a physical education experience that is positive, engaging, and meaningful so they continue to move for a lifetime. Locally, Chris teaches children of migrant workers during the Summer. He has also taught in a wide range of settings ranging from the villages of Ghana (Africa) to affluent school corporations in the US. This Summer he spent time teaching in Australia and New Zealand. In addition to his teaching responsibilities and the coaching of football and softball, you can find Chris engaged in running, playing basketball, and participating in a mix of yoga and dance. He feels it is important for his students, athletes, and children to see him as a mover and as someone who enjoys a good challenge while having fun. Not an educator content with the status quo, Mr. Berg routinely participates in a variety of professional development opportunities. He has finished one year of PhD studies at Purdue University. Chris will be teaching in Colorado schools during the 2018-2019 school year.

Health Educator of the Year — Andrea McMurtry, Fishers Junior High (Fishers, IN)

Andrea has been teaching at Fishers Junior High School for the last 19 years. During that time, the school named her their Teacher of the Year. She has previously been recognized as the Indiana SHAPE Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year as well as the SHAPE America Midwest District Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Her work with the Fuel Up to Play 60 program has led her to be recognized as their Program Advisor of the Year. Andrea is active with INSHAPE as the Future Professionals advisor. She has an MA in physical education with athletic administration and coaching from Ball State. While at Purdue University, Andrea received the Hilda M. Schwinn top female physical education teacher Award. Ms. McMurtry developed the Wellness curriculum concept for HSE schools. Instead of students receiving one semester each of health and physical education, the wellness curriculum provided more opportunity to integrate the concepts of health and physical education while also providing students the opportunity for physical activity three days a week, year-round. As an adjunct professor for the University of Indianapolis, she develops lessons that focus on the importance of advocating for quality health and physical education programs. She has recently accepted a new position at Ball State University.

Adapted Physical Education — Bethany Clegg, Burris Laboratory School (Muncie, IN)

Bethany has an exceptional inner-perspective and reflection for students with special needs. She works diligently to provide an inclusive and least restrictive environment for students with differing abilities. Ms. Clegg has been teaching for 12 years, the last five at Burris Laboratory School. She is a National Certified Adaptive Physical Education Teacher and Past INSHAPE President (2015). In addition to her current teaching position at Burris, she also teaches Adapted Physical Education at Ball State University. Clegg has been published in SHAPE America’s national publication and contributes to PE Central. During her years teaching in the Muncie Community Schools, she served as a supervising practicum teacher for students in Adapted Physical Education as well as a student teaching supervisor for students who wanted experience in working with students with disabilities. In her current teaching position at Burris, which is a part of Teacher College at Ball State University, she has pre-service teachers in classes on a regular basis. In recent years, she has focused on logic and problem-solving to connect with the students who learn in more complex ways. In her
teaching career, she has received over $25,000 in grant funds for her students leading to recognition as one of Delaware County's most inventive teachers.

**Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year — Dan Tennessen, Avondale Meadows (Indianapolis, IN)**

Dan has been teaching physical education for 11 years at both the elementary and middle school levels. He is a graduate of IUPUI's Physical Education/Health Education Teacher Education program and the 2017 INSHAPE Young Professional. He loves giving back to his profession. He has served on the INSHAPE Fitness & Sport, Elementary PE, and Secondary PE councils. He is a local advocate for the profession who helps colleagues in many Indiana school districts. On the national level, Mr. Tennessen represented Indiana educators in Washington D.C. this year. His ideas have been published in "Great Activities" and "Physical Education Magazine." A popular national speaker, Dan regularly presents some of the most popular sessions at INSHAPE's annual state conference. He has also presented in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio. He presented at the 2015 SHAPE America National Convention in Seattle and co-presented at the 2017 National Physical Education & School Sport Institute in Asheville, North Carolina. Currently, Dan serves as an OPEN National Trainer. He believes moving and enjoying physical activity should be a normal part of life. His goal is to provide students with enough variety of experiences that they enjoy being active and feel comfortable participating in different activities as they go through life. He feels it is important for physical educators to clearly show our ability and love for being active, which is why you can often find his family out for walks around his neighborhood or on the trails of local parks. Dan has recently accepted a new teaching opportunity at Super School 19 in Indianapolis.

**High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year — Matt Barker, Heritage Christian (Indianapolis, IN)**

During his 14 years as both a public and private school physical education teacher, Mr. Barker has had the opportunity to teach students of all physical, social and emotional levels. He strives to provide inclusive experiences that involve everyone from the gifted athlete to the wheelchair bound student. Many of his courses are constructed with a mix of fitness, games, and activities as a platform allowing students to improve their skills and performance. Matt graduated from Indiana University Southeast with an MS in Secondary Education. He attained his BS in Physical education at Valparaiso University and his teaching certification at Manchester College. Mr. Barker also coaches track and field. He will be teaching at Westfield Middle School during the 2018-2019 school year.

**Recreation/Leisure Educator of the Year - Jordan McIntire, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN)**

Jordan is the Assistant Director, Military and Family Programming at Indiana University, Bradford Woods. She earned her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science in Kinesiology at IUPUI and is completing her PhD in Leisure Behavior from IU Bloomington. In the past year alone, she helped over 400 veterans learn to cope with their PTSD symptoms using therapeutic recreation. She also works with military families and utilizes therapeutic recreation services to help family reintegration issues post-deployment. Through the use of leisure education and adventure recreation, she worked with youth on probation to decrease their recidivism rates and help enhance sense of identity and self-esteem while bettering relationships with their parents. Currently, all programming she has designed is evidence-based to help increase the validity and reliability of recreational therapy programs in enhancing overall well-being.
During the awards banquet, the Association will also recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of professionals who have contributed to the advancement of the profession and scholarship award recipients. They include:

**Leadership Award**: Molly Hare, Indiana State University
An individual who has demonstrated significant leadership in terms of program development in health, physical education, recreation, dance, and/or allied areas, and whose contributions reflect prestige, honor, and dignity to the Association.

**Young Professional Award**: Katherine Karn, Muncie Central High School
A younger member of the Association who has demonstrated outstanding potential in teaching, scholarship, and service, and if continued, indicates that he/she will develop into a distinguished member of the profession.

**Outstanding Student Award**: MiKayla Duzan, Manchester University
An undergraduate student who has displayed distinctive leadership and meritorious service to his/her profession of health, physical education, recreation, dance, and/or allied areas.

**Special Contributor Award**: Sunni Rossi, American Heart Association
An individual who is outside of health, physical education, recreation, dance, and sport but who, through his/her work, has contributed significantly to the general purposes of the Association.

**Pathfinder Award**: Diana Jones, Anderson University
The Pathfinder Award was established to honor members who have and/or continue to advocate, recruit, and enhance opportunities for girls and women in sport and sport leadership.

**Honor Award**: Roberta Sipe, University of Indianapolis
An individual who is clearly outstanding in his/her profession with long and distinguished service to health, physical education, recreation, dance, and/or allied areas.

**Legacy Award**: LeAnn Haggard, North Central High School
An individual in the health, physical education, recreation, dance, sport, and/or allied professions who have given long and distinguished service. The award recognizes those persons who have left a legacy, a benchmark, or a standard in professional service, scholarship, and leadership.

**Jean Lee / Jeff Marvin Collegiate Scholarships**  INSHAPE annually awards six (6) $1,000 scholarships to undergraduate students who are attending an Indiana college or university, will be juniors or seniors during the coming academic year, and are majoring in health education, physical education, recreation, dance education, or allied areas (including sport administration). The 2018 recipients of the Jean Lee / Jeff Marvin Collegiate Scholarships are:

- Cassidy Bruner, University of Indianapolis
- Justin Dostal, University of Indianapolis
- MiKayla Duzan, Manchester University
- Brooke Fullenkamp, Indiana Wesleyan University
- Chelsea Hersley, I.U.P.U.I.
- Matthew Longest, Indiana State University
More information about INSHAPE awards can be found at www.indianashape.org. The Hall of Fame Awards Banquet on November 4, 2018 starts at 5 p.m. at the Cambria Hotel located on the Grand Park Sports Campus – (18592 Carousel Lane, Westfield, IN, 46074). Reception begins at 4pm prior to the banquet. Dinner tickets can be purchased online at the INSHAPE web site until October 15, 2018.

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The Indiana Society for Health and Physical Educators (INSHAPE) is a professional education association for teachers, administrators, researchers, coaches, students, and other allied professionals who are actively engaged in and dedicated to the promotion of quality health, physical education, recreation, dance, sport, and allied programming in public and private schools, colleges and universities, and community agencies throughout the state of Indiana. The mission of INSHAPE is to enhance the credibility of the disciplines within the Association through advocacy, professional development, and research-based pedagogies resulting in healthier communities.

The Association is affiliated with SHAPE America (Society for Health and Physical Education) and the Midwest District of SHAPE America. This affiliation provides a strong national voice for its members on professional and legislative issues and keeps its members and the public aware of professional and legislative developments.