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**MIDVALE, Utah (November 28, 2017)** – A leader in the Utah high school community will be nationally honored for his contribution to high school activities in the Beehive State.

Marc Hunter, the executive director of the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (UIAAA), will be inducted into the NIAAA Hall-of-Fame during the organization's upcoming conference in Scottsdale, Ariz. Hunter notably served as the athletic director at Jordan High School.

Hunter began his tenure at Jordan High School in 1979 as a mathematics teacher, and during his first 10 years he served as a head coach in five sports — football, girls basketball, baseball, track and soccer. He was the school's director of athletics for 30 of those years.

Hunter was also a statewide leader in athletic administration through his involvement with the Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (UIAAA) and the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA). He has been the coordinator of the UIAAA state conference since 1998 and has been a conference speaker 11 times. In his time with the UIAAA, he was instrumental in establishing the UIAAA Hall of Fame and the UIAAA student/athlete scholarship program. Today, Hunter continues to serve as executive director of the UIAAA, a position he has held since 1999.

Hunter's commitment and dedication to the athletic administrators of Utah was also evident at the national level. His volunteer service to the NIAAA began with his commitment to the newly established Leadership Training Program in 1998. He was quickly recognized by his peers as a national leader and promoter of professional development for athletic administrators across the nation. A lifetime member of the NIAAA, Hunter's contributions to athletic administration at the national level have been comprehensive.

Hunter currently serves as the past chair of the National Executive Directors' Council (NEDC) and recently completed a two-year term as chair of the NEDC. Hunter served as the chair of the Operations Subcommittee for the 2015-2020 NIAAA Strategic Plan.

Earning his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and a master's from Brigham Young University, Hunter has been recognized many times during his career. In 2014, he was the recipient of the NIAAA Frank Kovalski Professional Development Award. Hunter also received the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2006, the NFHS Citation in 2002 and an NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1999. He earned his CAA status in 1997 and CMAA designation in 2000. Other awards include Athletic Director of the Year from five different organizations. In 2014, Hunter was inducted into the UIAAA Hall of Fame.

Hunter will join two other Utah administrators who will be commended for outstanding contributions to Utah high school students. Springville High principal, Dr. Everett Kelepolo, and Park City athletic director, Jamie Sheetz, will also be awarded Distinguished Service awards during the NIAAA conference.

Hunter, Kelepolo and Sheetz will receive their awards during the NIAAA's upcoming conference in Scottsdale, Ariz. Rich Barton, the athletic director of Richfield High School, currently serves as the NIAAA president.