

NFF Chapter Newsletter



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Tips for Establishing a Community Liaison System

- Get face-to-face with prospective new members
- Team with a close friend, approaching prospective new members as a group
- Set goals to have every HS coach and athletics director as a member
- Establish targets on the number of new recruits each current member must enlist
- Develop awards to honor people who have made contributions to the game
- Build relationships with booster clubs, HS principals and other key audiences
- Follow up with everyone who attends your banquets for membership
- Encourage three-year memberships with give-a-ways such as an NFF baseball cap
- Hold events to attract new members such as tailgate parties with free food at college and HS football games

Tips courtesy of Mike Schutte, president Wyoming Chapter



The Buffalo Bills hosted several youth football games on their grounds last year. Buffalo is the only NFL team to boast a dedicated youth facility.

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS!

Don't forget to forward this newsletter to your membership so everyone is involved!

Villanova Football Coach Receives Impressive Distinction as a Hall of Famer

Andy Talley, head coach at Villanova and president of the **Philadelphia Chapter**, recently earned



induction into the Delaware County (Pa.) Athletes Hall of Fame. **Talley**, currently in his 26th season as a collegiate head coach and 21st year at Villanova, holds the title of all-time winningest coach for the Wildcats with a mark of 141-85-1.

Prior to his arrival in 1985, Villanova had discontinued its football program. Since its return, **Talley** has guided the Wildcats to six NCAA playoff appearances, four conference titles and two Lambert Meadowlands Trophies. In 1997, **Talley** accepted the Eddie Robinson Award as I-AA Coach of the Year.

In addition to resurrecting the Villanova football program, **Talley** has played a key role in the revitalization of the **Philadelphia Chapter** and the promotion of amateur football throughout the region. Congratulations **Coach Talley** on a well deserved honor!

News and Notes

Eric Hamilton, the president of the **Delaware Valley Chapter (N.J.)**, recently notched his 175th victory as head coach at The College of New Jersey, besting LaSalle University 21-16 on October 22. Great job, Coach!



The NFF Family would like to wish **Dick Williams**, **East Tennessee Chapter** president, well on his speedy recovery. We are glad to learn that he is home safe from the hospital.



The NFF would like to welcome University of South Florida Head Coach **Jim Leavitt** and several members of his staff as the newest members to the **Tampa Chapter**, which is headed by **Chapter President Vernon Korhn**, a 2004 Chapter

Leader Award recipient.

Congratulations to **S.M. McNaughton/No. Louisiana Chapter President Tony Sardisco** for winning the 2005 Dinner Program Cover Contest. For his efforts, he received an all expense paid trip for two to NYC for the upcoming Awards Dinner. Start thinking about ideas for the 2006 dinner program to win your free trip to



2003 Midwest Region High School Scholar-Athlete **Brandent Englemont** recently appeared in the Nov. 7 issue of *Sports Illustrated*. **Englemont**, a graduate of Holmes High School (Ky.), and a Play It Smart participant, starts at safety for Michigan.

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GET INVOLVED!

We want to hear about
your chapter!

Please feel free to send photos,
announcements and descriptions
of your upcoming events to
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for inclusion in the upcoming
publications.

**Building Leaders
Through Football**

The 2005 High School Scholar-Athletes



Thomas Bemenderfer
Midwest Region
Moose Krause Chapter
Penn High School - South Bend, Ind.
(Attending Northwestern University)



Ramsey R. Lafayette
East Region
State of Maine Chapter
Hamden Academy - Hampden, Maine
(Enrolling next fall at Harvard University)

Through its nationwide network of 119 chapters, The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) annually selects four remarkable individuals, one high school player from each region, as National High School Scholar-Athletes.

"The National High School Scholar-Athlete Awards annually strive to honor the finest individuals at the high school level," said NFF President Steven J. Hatchell. "This year's four nominees are no exception. Their accomplishments both on and off the gridiron represent the absolute best among their peers."

These four scholar-athletes will be honored during the NFF's Annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the Waldorf-Astoria in NYC.



Brandon Chase Fisher
South Region
Middle Tennessee Chapter
Christ Presbyterian Academy - Nashville, Tenn.
(Attending the University of Montana)



David M. Miller
West Region
Riverside County Chapter
Norco High School - Norco, Calif.
(Enrolling next fall at the US Air Force Academy)

Recent Chapter Activities

The **Western New York Chapter** assisted with the processing of a NFL Youth Football Fund grant for the Buffalo Bills Youth Football Stadium. The Bills, the only NFL team with a dedicated youth facility on their grounds, hosted 10 youth games last year. Organizations use the facility for free and garner all profits made during their games. **Chuck Funke**, **Denny Lynch**, and **Chris Lewis** played a key role in the effort. (See photo on page 1)

The **Greater Cincinnati Chapter** hosted a reverse raffle on Oct. 27, raising a few thousand dollars for local scholarships. The event featured a raffle of an all expense paid trip for two to the 2005 Rose Bowl, autographed memorabilia and other items.

Mike Ditka, the College Football Hall of Famer from Pittsburgh, recently spoke at two chapter events in Bloomington, Ind. and Springfield, Ohio. **Carl Barzilauskas**, the **Central Indiana Chapter** president, and chapter officer **Geoff Bradley**

spearheaded the Bloomington event while **Springfield Chapter** President **Paul Valente** organized the Ohio gathering. For every luncheon ticket sold, Indiana University graciously donated a ticket to the Hoosiers November 5th game against the University of Minnesota to local Bloomington youth football players. Indiana Head Coach **Terry Hooppner** attended the Bloomington event.

Chris Kearney, newly named president of the **Chicago Chapter**, reports that membership has grown from 15 to 65 members since September. Congratulations Chris!

Helping foster new relationships, **Matthew Sign**, chief operating officer of the NFF, recently spoke to the Starkville Touchdown Club on behalf of the **Mississippi State Chapter** about the NFF's initiatives in the region.

Chris Vaughan, president of the **Touchdown Club of Houston Chapter**, reports that his chapter has selected their 2005 scholar-

athletes, sending their bios to the College Football Hall of Fame for their display, which showcases all of the chapter scholar-athletes nationwide. The Houston chapter awards \$15,000 with the top scholar-athlete receiving \$1,500. College Football Hall of Famer **Gifford Neilson** will emcee the chapter's banquet, and **Chris Plonsky**, the Longhorns' senior associate athletics director and an NFF board member, will deliver the keynote speech.

The **St. Louis-Tom Lombardo Chapter** continues to be one of the nation's most active. Chapter member **Tammy Buehler** runs the chapter's Trivia Night, which includes a silent auction to raise money for their scholarships. **Charley Armey**, who heads the St. Louis Rams' college and pro personnel departments, will speak at the chapter's November luncheon. Chapter member **Jim Greco** also sent news that on Nov. 14, the chapter will participate in the 6th Annual St. Louis Rams & Red Cross Blood Drive.