



January 4, 2010

Karl Koonce
Lake Hamilton High School High School
280 Wolf Street
Pearcy, Arkansas 71964

Dear Karl:

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected as the 2009 NFHS Coaches Association National Coach of the Year in the sport of Boys Track & Field. The NFHS Coaches Association is the **official** professional organization for coaches of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). This is indeed an honor when you consider that you have been selected from all coaches throughout the country.

The following criteria was used in selecting our national coaches of the year: career coaching record, community service, involvement in other school activities, involvement in your profession at local, state, and national levels, and your basic philosophy of athletics. In recognition of this singular honor, you will be awarded a plaque later this spring. (Note: To be eligible to receive this award, you must be an active member of the NFHS Coaches Association. Enclosed is a membership brochure in the event you are not a current member.) The plaque will be sent to your state's high school athletic/activities association.

Your award will be recognized in the Spring issue of the *Coaches Quarterly* magazine and we would be pleased to include a photograph of you in our publication if you could send us one (head and shoulders shot, please, preferably in color). Please send your photograph to the following address by February 15, 2009: Barb Waldsmith, NFHS, PO Box 690, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Digital photos may be e-mailed to bwaldsmith@nfhs.org.

Once again, congratulations on this prestigious honor. Thank you for your contributions to the high school student athletes of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert F. Kanaby', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Robert F. Kanaby
Executive Director

Jeff Arbogast
Chair, NFHS Coaches Association
Advisory Committee

RFK/JA:bw

c: Vernon Brooks

enclosure

Mailing Address: PO Box 690 | Indianapolis, Indiana 46206 | **Phone:** 317-972-6900 | **Fax:** 317.822.5700 | www.nfhs.org

Shipping Address: NFHS Distribution Center | 1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive | Indianapolis, Indiana 46202