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President's Message

Tol Gropp, CMAA ♦ Timberline High School ♦ IAAA President

"I'm Here For You"

A good friend of mine always says "I'm here for you". Usually he uses this phrase in a joking manner as if to say, "I know you've got this, but if you need me, I'll be here in the background ready to help". Earlier this month I was mountain biking with some friends at the Eagle Bike Park. Just so you know, I like to mountain bike for the exercise, not for the technical aspect. I'm the most cautious rider I know, and typically choose to go down the hill last so that I can take my time. And even with all my cautious behavior, I still found myself flying over the handle bars at the bottom of the "shake and bake" trail. I could feel my clavicle was broken. I tried to walk down the hill but was too light-headed to make it alone. I sat down and tried to reach for my phone. It was at that moment, my friends came back up the trail to make sure I was alright. Two dentists and an eye doctor couldn't do much for the break, but they did help me and my bike down the hill and rushed me to urgent care. Surgery to move 5 pieces back in place are now held together by a plate and about 10 screws. On that day, it was good to have a few people there to pick me back up.

Lucky for each of us, we have a network of Athletic Directors around the state who are always here for each other. 2020 has been an interesting year, to say the least. We've each had changes to deal with that we NEVER could have imagined. Remember that you have a support system of ADs around the state that are willing to help. I've leaned on the ADs in the SIC multiple times this fall, and they've always been there to lend a hand to me and to each other. I'm sure you've had the same experience where you are located.

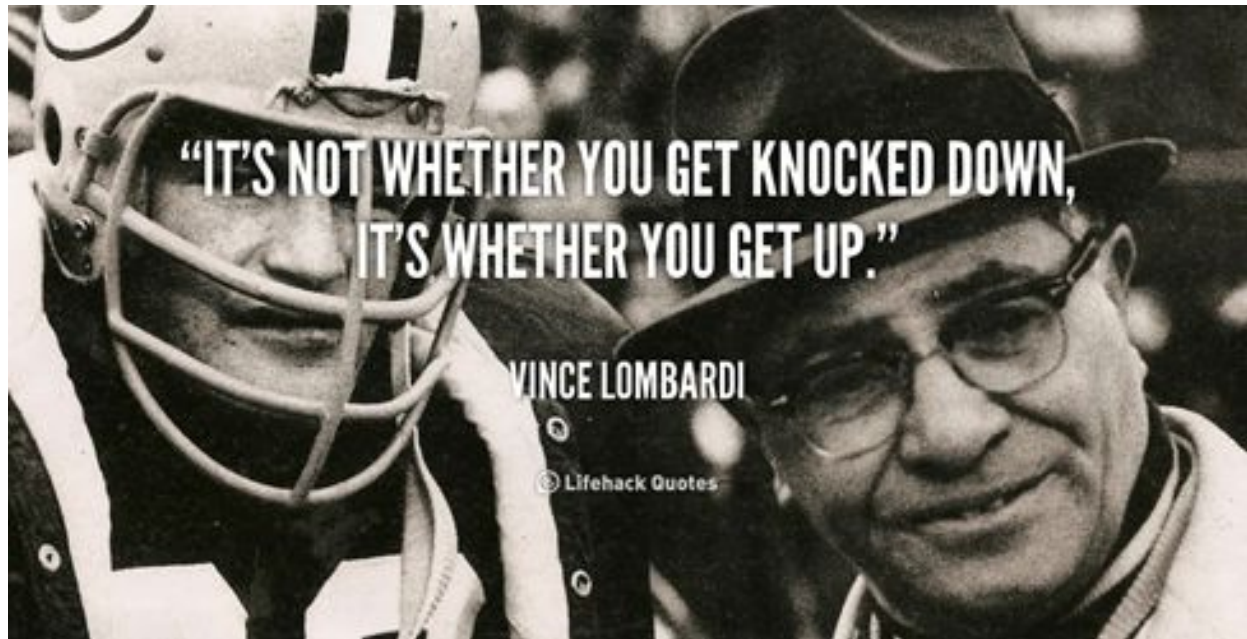
I appreciate the chance I have to work with each of you. May each of you enjoy the upcoming Holiday Seasons with your families. "I'm here for you".

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Executive Director's Message

Tracy Leinen, CMAA ♦ IAAA Executive Director

Hello all IAAA Members,

It definitely has been a different world for all of us since mid March when all this COVID-19 stuff started. We had to cancel our 2020 State Conference and all of our IAAA meetings have had to be conducted by Zoom. I know that all of your lives have changed greatly because of schedule changes and everything else going on daily. I want to say thank you for all you are doing to keep our children safe and educated and also for all the work you do to keep the athletic programs going smoothly.

The NADC Conference is coming up in December and I would like to encourage you all to attend if at all possible. Here is some information about it:

The 51st National Athletic Directors Conference will be held December 11-14, with on-demand access through Friday, January 15, 2021. We are excited to offer all of our 51 LTI courses from December 7-10, 2020, which can be purchased during registration. The link to register is <https://members.niaaa.org/events/register.aspx?id=1369250&itemid=7da15b5f-024c-46ad-aa b1-46c1b4e4cf12>

I hope some of you are able to attend and it might be good if you have not been able to get to go in the past at least you can have an opportunity to see it virtual this year.

The IAAA is planning on having our state conference in April if all works out. Please plan on keeping April 11-13, 2021 open to attend the IAAA State Conference at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. More information to follow in the next few months.

Take care and be safe out there and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Tracy Leinen, CMAA
IAAA Executive Director



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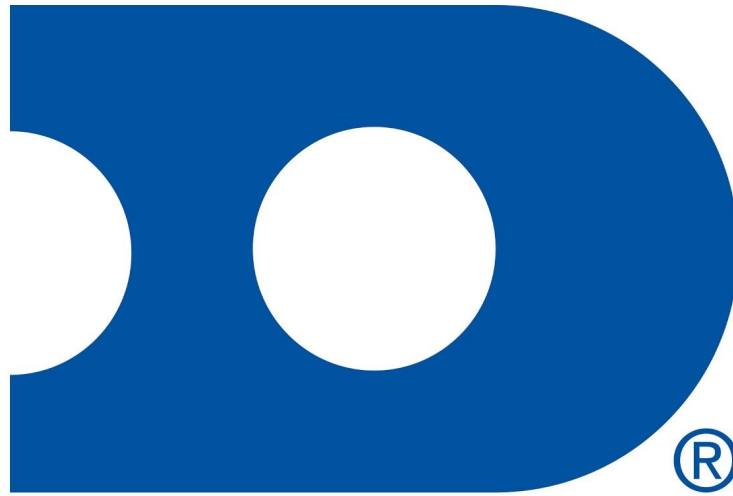




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Important Dates

IAAA Board Meeting

December 7, 2020 @ IHSAA Office

NADC

December 7-14, 2020 (Virtual)

IAAA Board Meeting

January 19, 2021 @ IHSAA Office

IAAA State Conference

April 11-13, 2021 @ Riverside Hotel, Boise



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New AD Spotlight

Amos Lee ♦ Cascade High School

Number of years in education: 19 Certified, 21 as a Coach.

Family: Wife - Tailee. Three Children - Aspyn, Indigo, & Kenai.

What you've coached and/or are currently coaching:

Basketball - 24 years.

Track & Field - 13 years.

Lacrosse - 9 years.

Soccer - 3 years.

Volleyball - 3 years.

Baseball - 3 years.

Why did you decide to become an athletic administrator?

I saw an opportunity to act as a servant leader, which has always been a primary teaching point. I wanted to help others build success be a better culture builder.

What are you most enjoying about the job thus far?

Cultivating leaders and impacting programs on a deeper level. I feel like I have a better opportunity to build relationships and do what I say I will because I have greater influence over the decision-making process.

New AD Spotlight

Jake Trudeau ♦ Compass Charter High School

Number of years in education: 4th year teaching, 2nd year as AD.

Family: Most of his family live in the Treasure Valley. Engaged!

What you've coached and/or are currently coaching:

Coached the Compass Middle School boys basketball team for two years before coming the AD.

Why did you decide to become an athletic administrator?

I'm passionate about helping kids learn lifelong skills through playing sports.

What are you most enjoying about the job thus far?

Getting to interact with these kids that like playing sports as much as I do as well as seeing the hard work they put in during practice transfer to game time situations.





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