

# 2012 MHSAA

## WOMEN IN SPORTS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

# LEADERS SHOW UP!

## SPEAKER PROFILES

**BLANTON, JEDEDIAH:** Jedediah teaches Kinesiology courses at MSU and works as a research assistant at the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports. He competed collegiately in cross-country and track and is currently in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a graduate student at Michigan State University, working toward a Doctorate of Philosophy in Kinesiology.

**BRANDEL-WILHELM, TIA:** Coach Tia Brandel-Wilhelm and the Ferris State University women's volleyball program are deeply intertwined as the Bulldog head coach just completed her 16<sup>th</sup> year at Ferris. She has guided the Bulldogs to six NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, which includes four of the last seven seasons. Prior to joining Ferris, she served as head coach for three seasons at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Tia earned her Master's in business administration from WVWC.

**CARTWRIGHT, LORIN:** Presently the athletic director at Ann Arbor Pioneer HS, Ms. Cartwright has a BS from Grand Valley State University and a MS from University of Michigan. Lorin has written several books and publications and has presented for NIAAA and MIAAA. She has also served as the head athletic trainer at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

**DEBOER, KATHY:** Ms. DeBoer is the Executive Director of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). Prior to AVCA, DeBoer spent 23 years in intercollegiate athletics serving as a coach, administrator and fundraiser. She also spent 18 years at the University of Kentucky, first as head volleyball coach, and finishing as the Senior Associate Athletic Director. Kathy is a nationally-known public speaker on the impact of gender on competitive behavior in business and sports settings.

**EWING, MARTY:** A faculty member with MSU's Institute for the Study of Youth Sports since 1983, Dr. Ewing is a sport psychology specialist who has studied achievement motivation in young athletes, parental issues in sports, and explored better ways to provide sports experiences for underserved populations. She also spent 10 years coaching volleyball and basketball and is a nationally rated volleyball and basketball official.

**GATLIFF, MARGARET:** Margaret is an MHSAA Finals Official and a member of the CHSL Hall of Fame. She also officiates college basketball and has a degree from Central Michigan University. Her professional affiliations include National Recreation and Parks Association membership.

**GAVITT, MARY KAY:** Mary Kay has been a Water Safety Instructor for almost forty years. She is currently employed by the Mason Public Schools as the Community Education/Aquatic Director and is a former high school nurse. She is affiliated with the Red Cross Health and Safety Board and the Michigan School Nurses Association.

**GOULD, DAN:** Dr. Gould is the Director of the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports and a Professor in the Department of Kinesiology at MSU. During his career, Dan has focused equal attention on research, teaching and outreach activities in applied sport psychology.

**GRIFFES, KATIE:** Katie is a doctoral candidate in Sport and Exercise Psychology at Michigan State University and is a former high school and college tennis player who has also coached tennis. She is a graduate teaching assistant in the MSU Department of Kinesiology and has a BA in Psychology from Olivet College. She is a member of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology.

**HEINRICH, ELIZABETH:** Ms. Heinrich is the Associate Athletic Director and Chief of Compliance Services at University of Michigan. She has spent seven years with NCAA compliance and is the Chair for the National Association of Athletics Compliance Reasonable Standards Committee. Elizabeth's BA is from the University of Notre Dame and she has a JD from Boston University School of Law.

**HOOGENBOOM, BARB:** Dr. Hoogenboom is a Calvin College graduate with a Masters from Grand Valley State University and a Ph.D from Eastern Michigan University. She is a Certified Athletic Trainer and a Board Certified Sports Clinical Specialist with an interest in ACL injury prevention in female athletes and neuromuscular training and intervention.

**ISAAC, MAUREEN:** Since 1984, Coach Isaac has coached competitive swimming at virtually every level, including age group, high school and Division I college programs. She began her coaching career at Ohio State University. In her Sports Marketing role, she has been involved in the planning and logistics for six Winter and Summer Olympic Games as well as numerous other national and international events.

**JOSEPH, JACQUIE:** Coach Joseph is the Head Softball Coach at Michigan State University and a Central Michigan University graduate. She also holds a MBA from Central Michigan University. This is her 19<sup>th</sup> year at MSU as the Head Softball Coach and her 24<sup>th</sup> year overall as a softball coach.

**KIMMERLY, GEOFF:** A former Prep Sports Editor at the Lansing State Journal, Geoff is the Media and Content Coordinator at the Michigan High School Athletic Association. He has also served on the Associated Press' poll voting and all-state panels. Mr. Kimmerly has a BA in journalism from MSU.

**LAUER, LARRY:** Dr. Lauer is an Applied Sports Psychology Consultant and the Coaching Education Coordinator at Michigan State University. He has been an Applied Sport Psychology Consultant for the last 15 years. He currently also serves as the USA Hockey National Team Development Program Mental Performance Consultant. He is a graduate from the University of North Carolina Greensboro and has a Ph.D. in Exercise and Sport Science.

**MAHER, BRIDGET LEIGH:** Ms. Maher is a history, social science and English teacher at Ann Arbor Greenhills. She coaches Girls Varsity Basketball and has a BA from the University of Michigan and a MA from Harvard University focusing on language and literacy. Prior to teaching, Bridget was very involved in service learning summer camps and education research at the University of Michigan.

**MALOLEY, PAULA:** Coach Maloley is a Wellness Instructor and the Head Softball Coach at Grand Rapids Community College. She has officiated collegiate basketball for over 15 years and has a BA in Education from Calvin College and a Masters in Athletic Administration from MSU. Paula was just recently chosen to receive the Easton Victory Club Award from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association recognizing her 600<sup>th</sup> victory.

**MCGEE, KATHY:** McGee is a former Athletic Administrator and received the MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Award in 1999. In 1998, Coach McGee was selected to serve as an assistant coach for USA Basketball in the World Youth Games and is presently the Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Central Michigan University.

**MCKINSTRY, JUSTIN:** Justin is an Exercise Physiologist and Personal Trainer as well as an ACSM certified Health Fitness Specialist. He has a BA from Central Michigan University in Health Fitness, Preventive and Rehabilitative Services .

**MERCHANT, SUZY:** Suzy Merchant has put her stamp on the Michigan State Women's Basketball Program and in her fourth season, has led the Spartans to the 2011 Big Ten title, earning Big Ten Coach of the Year honors. Merchant has compiled the most wins by a MSU coach over her first four seasons, while helping lead the Spartans to three NCAA Tournament appearances. She has also gone to great lengths to become an integral part of the community through attendance at many service events and has a BS from CMU and a Master's from Saginaw Valley State.

**MOHNEY, GRETCHEN:** Ms. Mohney has a Masters in athletic training from Western Michigan University and is a NATA certified athletic trainer and a NSCA certified strength and conditioning specialist. Gretchen is CPR/First Aid certified and also a certified provider in sports-metrics ACL prevention. She is a collegiate rower, gold level figure skater and a marathon runner.

**MOLINA, KATIE:** Katie coaches at Detroit Country Day and works for Community Outreach & Medical School Admissions for Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She earned her BA from Northwood University and a Masters in Sport Counseling at Wayne State University.

**MOODY-BREECE, KATHY:** Kathy is a nineteen year varsity softball coach at Elk Rapids and Traverse City West. She was inducted into the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Belding High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Moody-Breece has a BS and MA from Central Michigan University.

**MONROE, KRISTEN:** A licensed Zumba Fitness and WaterArt certified Water Fitness instructor, Kristen has a BS in Kinesiology from MSU and has almost completed a BS in Nursing from University of Michigan-Flint. She is an adjunct faculty instructor with the Lansing Community College Physical Fitness and Wellness Department.

**MOORIDIAN, KELLY:** Kelly is a graduate assistant for Tutorial and Student-Athlete Support Services at Michigan State University. She was a varsity collegiate gymnast at MSU and has professional affiliations with the National Assoc. of Academic Athletic Advisors. She earned her BA from MSU and a Masters in Sport Administration from MSU.

**OSTERS, ANDI:** Andi is a Program and Development Assistant at the Michigan High School Athletic Association and has experience with MHSAA Captain's Clinics, Sportsmanship Summits and Student Advisory Council. She has a BA from MSU and is a MSAE member.

**PANKRATZ, MARSHA:** A collegiate standout at the University of Iowa, Pankratz played field hockey for the Hawkeyes and finished her career as third among all-time Iowa goal scorers. Twice honored as Iowa's Female Athlete of the Year, Pankratz was also the recipient of Iowa's Big Ten Medal of Honor as the University's top academic and athletic graduating senior. She is in her second stint with the University of Michigan field hockey program, returning to the reigns as head coach two years ago after a brief hiatus from coaching.

**RAMUS, LAURA:** Laura has been a Sports Physical Therapist and Certified Athletic Trainer for 22 years. She has worked at every level from middle school to the Olympics. She was the head athletic trainer and strength coach for the WNBA Detroit Shock and is currently President of Girls Can JUMP, Inc. and Supervisor of Detroit Medical Center Sports Performance Academy. Ms. Ramus has a degree from Wayne State University.

**REVIS SHINGLES, RENE:** Dr. Revis Shingles is a Certified Athletic Trainer and Sport Sociologist. She has been a professor for over 20 years, primarily teaching in the areas of athletic training and sports medicine including therapeutic exercise, administration, clinical education and cultural diversity. Rene' is presently Director and Associate Professor at Central Michigan University and is a University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Illinois State University and Michigan State University graduate.

**SMILEY, SUSAN:** Ms. Smiley has thirty years of experience as a sports writer and editor for various newspapers including the Detroit Free Press, Boston Globe, Oakland Press, Daily Tribune and Macomb Daily. She has also served as the communications and membership manager for the Golf Association of Michigan. Susan has a BS in journalism from Wayne State University.

**SMITH, ROBERT:** Coach Smith is the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at East Lansing High School. He has led the Lady Trojans to eight consecutive CAAC-Blue conference titles and five consecutive regional and district titles. A key contribution to the success of his program has been instilling program-wide trust amongst all the stakeholders.

**THOMPSON, ARNETTA:** Thompson is a former athletic administrator and presently the Instructional Assistant Principal at Creston High School. She has a Masters in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University and is a former MHSAA Representative Council member.

**TIBALDI, PATTI:** Tibaldi has been both a high school and college coach and administrator in her 38 year career. Starting with teaching and coaching stints and followed by 18 years at Aquinas College, Ms. Tibaldi is now a coach, teacher and athletic administrator at Traverse City West High School. She has been honored as Coach of the Year and was the 2011 MHSAA WISL recipient. An Aquinas College graduate, Tibaldi was inducted into her alma mater's Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach.

**UYL, MARCY:** A physical educator, coach and personal trainer are all a part of Marcy's background. She is presently a personal trainer/group exercise instructor and works with off-season athletes to improve their speed, strength and overall conditioning. She has coached basketball at the high school level for the last 15 years.

**VOELKER, DANA:** Dana is a PhD student at Michigan State University, studying sport psychology and counseling education. She was the captain and president of the Penn State Women's Ice Hockey team and is a two-time Academic All-American as well as a former competitive figure skater. She is presently involved in consulting with the MSU Women's Ice Hockey team.

**WESCOTT, TRACY:** Tracy has been a yoga instructor at the YMCA for the past five years. She has a degree in Kinesiology from MSU and a background in Cardiac Rehab. She is passionate about yoga and enjoys working with individuals on their fitness goals and incorporating yoga into their lifestyle.

**WRIGHT, MISSY:** Missy is a tennis professional and sport psychology consultant at the Michigan Athletic Club. She graduated from Purdue University with a BA and received her MS from Michigan State University. She is a doctoral candidate in Sport and Exercise Psychology at Michigan State University and is a former Big 10 athlete, having been a 3 year letter winner and captain of the tennis team at Purdue University.

