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Two New Members Added to Ohio Capital Conference Hall of Fame

Schwade to receive the 2014 OCC Commissioner's Award

(Columbus, Ohio--) Two new members will be inducted into The Ohio Capital Conference's Hall of Fame at the Fall Executive Committee Meeting on Monday November 10th at The Medallion Club in Westerville, Ohio. The Conference inducted the first Hall of Fame members in the Spring of 1997 and there are currently 44 individuals who are enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

The class of 2014 includes **Jerry Kelbley (Westerville South High School)** and **Terry Oehrtman (Lancaster High School)** who together have combined to serve 76 years at their respective institutions in the Ohio Capital Conference. "We are very proud to continue our tradition recognizing the accomplishments and contributions that these individuals have added to their institutions and the rich legacy of our Conference", said David Cecutti, Commissioner of the Ohio Capital Conference.

Enshrines were selected through a nomination process by the member schools and final selections were made by the Hall of Fame Committee made up of Athletic Directors and the Conference Commissioner.

Long time Ohio Capital Conference Treasurer **Larry Schwade** will receive the 2014 OCC Commissioner's Award for meritorious service to the conference.

Inductee Jerry Kelbley : Kelbley has been the Head Softball Coach for 33 years at Westerville South High School. In those years leading the Wildcats he has compiled an overall record of 607 wins and just 229 losses for a .773 winning percentage. Included in those years as the Head Coach are 12 Ohio Capital Conference Championships, 11 Central District Titles, five Regional Titles and one State Runner-Up title. In addition, Kelbley was recognized as the OCC Coach-of-the-Year 13 times. Kelbley has been recognized by the Ohio High School Softball Coaches Association with the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award and is also a member of the organizations Hall of Fame. He is also a Hall of Fame member of Westerville South High School.

Inductee Terry Oehrtman: Began teaching and coaching in the Lancaster School District in 1970 before retiring in 2005 from the teaching profession. Oehrtman spent 46 years at Lancaster High School coaching in some capacity in the school's Track and Field and Cross Country programs. He currently serves as the Head Coach of the Girls Track and Field program. He led the Gales to two Ohio Capital Conference Cross Country Championships while serving as the Head Coach. In 2007 Oehrtman was inducted into the Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award in 2001. Oehrtman also served as the school's Assistant Athletic Director and is currently an adjunct instructor at Ohio University and continues to serve as a meet manager for the State Cross County Championships.

About the Ohio Capital Conference:

The Ohio Capital Conference is an association of 32 public high schools with shared values and goals. The impetus for the founding of The Ohio Capital Conference came from a group of Central Ohio High School Principals as a result of discussions in the Spring of 1966. Since its inception in the Fall of 1966, with those five founding member schools forming the Conference, the pursuit and attainment of academic excellence has been the priority for each member school. Additionally, maintaining the Conference's status as one of the preeminent high school athletic conferences in the country also endures as an important and vital component of the Ohio Capital Conference student-athlete experience. Recognized as one of the leaders in interscholastic sports, the Ohio Capital Conference sponsors 25 interscholastic sports and strives for success from its student-athletes both on the field and in the classroom.