

Dear Colleagues & Friends,

On behalf of the Executive Board, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 49th annual Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association State Conference. We are fortunate to convene on beautiful Cape Cod to welcome Athletic Directors from Massachusetts and Rhode Island for three days of professional development, networking, and reconnecting with colleagues. In addition, during the awards banquet, we will celebrate the individuals who go above and beyond for their extraordinary service and dedication to this profession.

This conference is a team effort that takes the talents and time of multiple individuals who deserve recognition and my thanks:

- Ann Trytko, who is in her first year as our Executive Director. Her dedication and love for our Association have been shown through her efforts to make sure that Massachusetts is recognized throughout the country as one of the best associations.
- First Vice President, Jim Quatromoni, Second Vice President Kelly Wolff, Third Vice President Jen Gouvin, Past President Matt Trahan, Treasurer Keith Mangan and Secretary Tania Rich have put in countless hours to make this conference a great experience for all our Athletic Directors.
 - Conference Coordinator Mike Denise, First Vice President Jim Quatromoni, and LTC Coordinator Karrah Ellis have done a tremendous job creating a conference schedule that is second to none.
 - Terry Riley and Andy Crisafulli have provided our association with great service, performing the duties of Awards Chair and Public Relations Officer respectively. Both these individuals execute behind-the-scenes assignments and take tremendous pride in their roles and responsibilities within our organization.

Please take time to visit the vendor hall and speak with the many vendors to learn about new trends in our profession. We continue to expand our vendor roster enabling our association to offer this conference free of charge to our membership. The success of this conference depends greatly on our vendors, so please make every effort to get down to the vendor hall and talk with our vendors.

I also urge you to visit the many suites and become involved at the state and national levels. Massachusetts has many outstanding Athletic Directors operating at a high level who are willing to share their practices and ideas. Their knowledge and expertise are invaluable.

I would like to congratulate all our award winners. Thank you to all our presenters, moderators, and guests. I encourage all of you to take advantage of every opportunity that is presented this week and take back as much as you can to your district so your student-athletes get a first-class interscholastic athletic experience,

It has been an honor to serve all of you as MSSADA President this past year. I am thankful for your commitment and support. It has been an honor to work closely with the many great people from various regions of our state.

Warmest regards,

Tom Tarpey, CAA, AIC

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