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An Interview with Ida (Jeanette) Nuckolls

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Ida (Jeanette) Nuckolls, a high school principal and IHSA board member for many years, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Illinois High School Association Oral History project*.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ida Jeanette Nuckolls was born in Bloomington, Illinois in February, 1954. She grew up in Bloomington and graduated from Bloomington High School in 1972. She then attended Bradley University, earning a BA degree in English Education in 1976. Jeanette began her working career as an English teacher for the Springfield Public Schools from 1977-78. She then taught for the Department of Corrections in Pontiac, Illinois from 1978 through 1983. During that time, she earned a MS degree in Special Education (Learning Disabilities and Social Emotional Disorders) from Illinois State (1982). From 1983-1985 Jeanette taught in Clinton, Iowa, serving as a multi-disabilities teacher. Nuckolls returned to Illinois, and taught special education at Joliet Central from 1985 to 1989, then as Joliet West's Division Chairperson of Special Education from 1989-1992. From 1992 to 1995 Jeanette served as Dean of Students at Naperville Central. While there, she earned a Doctor of Education in Education Administration and Foundation from Illinois State. Returning to her hometown area, Jeanette served as an Assistant Principal at Normal West from 1995-2002, then as Normal Community principal. After retiring from Normal, Jeanette next worked as an assistant executive director at University High School in Urbana. As an administrator at Normal and at University High, Jeanette also served on the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Legislative Commission and the IHSA Board from 2009-2016. Jeanette was the first African American Principal in the Normal School District and also received the Women of Distinction Award in 2008.

This interview covers Jeanette's involvement with the IHSA from the perspective as a high school principal (Normal West, Normal Community, and University High, Urbana) who also served nine years on the IHSA Board as well as on the IHSA Legislative Commission. Nuckolls discussed several issues facing the IHSA, including the non-boundary multiplier, expansion of sport classes, safety protocols, adding handicapped sports, bass fishing and additional boys and girls sports, the use of cooperative teams, residency questions, and siting of championships. Nuckolls also explored was the governing structure of the IHSA through the Legislative Commission, town halls, straw votes, and at-large board delegates serving underserved populations. She also discussed challenges facing the IHSA, to school finances and gender identification issues.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Illinois High School Association (IHSA); governance model for IHSA; determining number of classes needed for IL sports; non-boundary multiplier in Illinois sports; residency and transfers in Illinois sports; university lab schools; speech competition in Illinois; journalism competition in Illinois; scholastic bowl

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