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An Interview with Dr. James Quaid

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Jim Quaid was born in July, 1958 in Evergreen Park, Illinois. He graduated from Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park in 1976. While at Carl Sandburg, Jim participated on the school's successful football and track teams. He earned a BA degree in philosophy and history from Benedictine University in 1980. He also earned 3 varsity letters in football. Later, Jim earned an MA in History from Purdue University in 1982, an M.Ed degree in administration and supervision from Loyola University in 1989, and a Ph.D. from Loyola in educational leadership, foundations, and psychology in 2000. Dr. Quaid's work experiences began at Lake Forest Academy (1982-85) as a history and government teacher. He also coached varsity hockey, track and football. From 1985-88, Jim served as Dean of Students at the Academy. In 1988 he served as Assistant Dean of Students at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, then Dean of Students, Associate Principal for Academic Affairs and finally Principal from 1993 to 2009. In addition to being principal, Jim served as coached football and track. From 2009 to 2011 he was the Associate Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Then in 2011, he served two years as Headmaster for Marmion Academy in Aurora. Jim has served as the president and principal at DePaul College Prep (formerly Gordon Tech High School) since 2013. Dr. Quaid also has a long association with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), including serving on the Strategic Plan Team in 2001 and again in 2008, serving as a private school liaison, and as an IHSA Board Member and as Secretary on two different occasions (2005-2009 and 2012-2014). He also served on the Legislative Commission (2015), and as Chair of the IHSA Financial Aid Criteria Committee from 2003 to 2004. Finally, Dr. Quaid served as President of the Catholic League, the Catholic Metropolitan Conference, and the Interscholastic Council of Private Schools.

This interview covers Dr. Quaid's involvement with the IHSA through the eyes of a student athlete, varsity coach, private school principal, a president of several Catholic League Conferences, and a long time IHSA board member and secretary, as well as his service on policy groups such as in strategic planning, public-private school issues, the Legislative Commission, and the Financial Aid Criteria Committee. He discussed the challenges and impact of the non-boundary school multiplier, the addition of non-sport activities, and relations with the Chicago Public Schools. Finally, Dr. Quaid discusses the governance of the IHSA, and the inclusion of private schools.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Illinois High School Association (IHSA); Illinois private schools and the IHSA; coaching for clubs and private specialized schools in the Chicagoland area; state multiplier for non-boundary schools; private schools not allowed to compete; football's impact on conferences; shortages in officials and referees

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