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An Interview with Dr. Sally Renaud

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Dr. Sally Renaud, who helped create a high school journalism competition for the Illinois High School Association, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Sports Stories – Illinois High School Association Oral History project*.

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## Dr. Sally Renaud, Sports Stories-IHSA, SIH-A-L-2017-035

**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Dr. Sally Renaud was born in May, 1959. She grew up in Massachusetts and for two years went to Malden High School in a suburb of Boston. The family then moved to Fulton, Missouri where she graduated from Fulton High School in 1977. She then attended the University of Missouri, majoring in journalism. She earned a degree in journalism in 1981 and worked as a journalist for two years before she began teaching at Crest Ridge High School in Centerview, Missouri. After earning a Master's Degree in English at Central Missouri State in 1987, she taught journalism and English at Central Missouri, then at Emporia College in Kansas, and finally at Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Renaud is currently professor and chair of the Journalism Department at Eastern. She received the Illinois high school Association (IHSA) Distinguished Service Award in 2012. She was received the Robert P. Knight Multicultural Award sponsored by the Illinois Press Foundation in 2012, and is involved with the Eastern Illinois University's High School Journalism workshop, a two week residential camp that has gone on for twenty years. She earned her Ph.D. in journalism from Southern Illinois University in 1998. Dr. Renaud is the Executive Director for the Illinois Journalism Education Association and has been the President of the College Media Association.

Dr. Renaud explains how journalism became an IHSA sanctioned activity, a process that involved high school teachers, press organizations, state press, college professors, IHSA directors, and regional associations. She discussed the eventual format of the contest, which included involvement of professional judges. She goes through the various categories of competition, such as photography, news writing, review writing, advertising, yearbook theme, yearbook copy, yearbook layout, newspaper design, sports writing, information graphics, broadcasting, feature writing, headline writing, editorial cartooning, editorial writing, and copy editing. The interview covers the development of the prompts, the contest daily schedule, judging, and team and individual awards. The role of Eastern Illinois University as a state final site was reviewed, along with the selection of high schools and other universities for the sectional meets were discussed.

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