RIIAAA retirees,

Your support is always appreciated.

Here's a few highlights from

2022-2023.

* Allen Huestis, CAA and Beth Penkala, CMAA spearheaded RIIAAA in hosting the NIAAA Section 1 Summit meeting at the Crowne Plaza.  All of the New England States, New Jersey and New York as well as NIAAA representatives spent two days covering NIAAA information and sharing.
* RIIAAA for 23 consecutive years has been #1 in NIAAA percentage membership 196%,  3 National Accommodations.
* 14 ADs went to the National Athletic Directors' Conference, Nashville, TN in December 2022
* Robert Palazzo, CMAA was honored with the NFHS Citation Award at the NADC luncheon in Nashville
* Robert also represented Section 1 in its bid to take a NIAAA At Large A Board seat.  Unfortunately, besides a great effort on Bobby's part, he did not get the majority vote.
* Marty Crowley, Cumberland represented RIIAAA on the NIAAA Blue Ribbon panel.  You can find Marty and other panel members in the Spring NIAAA Athletic Administrators' Magazine.
* Shivani Mehta, Mt. Hope HS and Aidan Fair, Smithfield HS were named the NIAAA Scholar Essay Recipient for RIIAAA.
* Jen Wasson, SMA Bay View earned her CMAA as well as being selected as the 2022 NIAAA State Award of Merit recipient.
* Beth Penkala, RIIAAA Executive Director earned her CMAA
* Jamey Vetelino, Westerly was named Athletic Administrator of the year.
* Saint Raphael Academy took three awards this year: School of the Year, Administrator of the Year - Dan Richard, and Lifetime Achievement Recipient - Tom 'Saar" Sorrentine.
* Paul Alainiello, CAA and Richard Lawrence were this year's RIIAAA Hall of Fame honorees.
* Karen Massaro, CAA and Greg Kortick, RAA are leaving their positions as AD to go back to the classroom full time.  We wish them all the best and hope they stay in contact with the RIIAAA.  Both served the RIIAAA for many years, Karen as President and Greg as Recording Secretary.
* The RIIAAA is initiating an all inclusive Coaches Association, hoping to unify and maintain transparency of awards, insurances, finances, and any other aspect of the individual sports associations.  *If you know anyone or yourselves that would be interested in helping, we could use the support.*

*So you see, it is with the help of your membership that benefits the many activities held throughout the year.  Join us, particularly at the annual appreciation breakfast held next year Wednesday, November 29, 2023.*

*The retirees 2023 application is attached.*

Benefits include:

Members gift.

NIAAA term insurance.

Free attendance to the breakfast in November 2023, dinner in Hyannis in March 2024, and the RIIAAA awards banquet in April 2024.

Nominating and Voting privileges for annual awards.