



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

Dear OHSBCA Members,

Welcome to the **70th annual OHSBCA State Clinic, January 20th, 21st and 22nd of 2022**. You are a member of the 2nd largest coaches associations in the United States. Many high school coaches and college speakers have said that this is the best high school baseball coaches clinic in the nation. While we were not able to join one another in fellowship and learning in 2021, I am certain that we will only see that as an opportunity to connect, strengthen our relationships and continue to learn from some of the best baseball minds in the game today. It is my hope that this year's lineup enables you to take back some quality information and experiences to share with the great young men that you have the opportunity to lead.

In my involvement on this board for the past five years, I have had the opportunity to witness first hand some of the GREAT things that this association has done and will continue to do, to push Ohio High School Baseball forward. It is my honor to give back as Director of the 2022 State Clinic. This venue at the Hyatt Regency and Columbus Convention Center is just one example of what a first class operation we all are here to witness. If there is anything that any of our 27 board members or the Hyatt personnel can do to make your experience more enjoyable, please let us know. In our final year here at the Hyatt Regency, it is our duty to create the most memorable experience for you and your coaching staff.

We have the opportunity to recognize and honor four (4) of our own with their induction into our OHSBCA Hall of Fame this weekend. I sincerely hope that you take the opportunity to attend our banquet on Friday at noon in the Regency Ballroom to honor these four great men who have given so much to their schools, community and our association. The banquet also includes many other awards being given to your peers and scholarships to the children of our members. I have taken great pride in putting together a great lineup of clinic speakers who have a variety of messages that will help you to get back into "baseball mode" as we get closer to our seasons approaching. We continue to learn and seek out information and I feel that this year's speakers will truly help all of us grow our players and build a stronger program. The list of speakers for this year include:

Greg Beals – The Ohio State University
Dan McDonnell - University of Louisville
Xan Barksdale - Catching-101
Dan Delucia - The Ohio State University
Steve Sabins - West Virginia University
Kyle Weldon - Miami University
Steve Dintaman - Northern Kentucky Univ.
Kyle Hallock - Bowling Green State Univ.
Barrett Serrato - Kent State University
Cody Dennis - Capital University
Roger Danison - Ohio Dominican Univ.

Butch Thompson - Auburn University
Nate Trosky – Trosky Baseball
Robbie Britt - University of Charleston
Brad Goldberg - The Ohio State University
Lee Sponseller - University of Cincinnati
Dean Hansens - The Ohio State University
Connor Walsh - Northern Kentucky Univ.
Josh Newman - Penn State University
Joe Wilkins - Tiffin University
Tom Marker - Olentangy Orange HS
Curt Bly - Mason High School

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the OHSBCA Board of Directors and District Representatives for their dedication and hard work to this organization. My sincerest gratitude goes to the gentlemen who have been on the Executive Board with me the past few years: Craig Kyle, John Bakalar, Gene Bumgardner, Michael Valesko, Dave Hall, Dave Barrow, Scott Manahan, Ray Benjamin, Curt Karpinski, Dave Burkett, Jeff Mielcarek, and Frank Gamble. A special thanks to all of my current and former assistant coaches and players, Craig Kyle for encouraging me to become involved in the OHSBCA, the Board Members of the Central District Baseball Coaches Association: Ryan Lucas, Ryan Alexander, Adam Arcuri, Mike Weaver, Ty Brenning, and Michael Sandman. Most importantly, I would like to thank my family; my daughter, Kendall, my son, Kash and my incredible wife, Laurie, for their unwavering support of all things baseball.

Thanks,

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