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### **Leigh Latshaw Receives National Certification**

On February 9, 2026, Mt. Vernon High School Athletic Director Leigh Latshaw was recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) as a Certified Master Athletic Administrator.

Achieving the Certified Master Athletic Administrator (CMAA) recognition is similar to a professional earning a Master's Degree in their designated field. However, in high school athletics, this the highest level of certification one can receive through the NIAAA and is done by completing challenging coursework and a final project. In Southern Indiana, Latshaw is one of only two individuals to have obtained this certification. Latshaw will be recognized for this accomplish by the NIAAA at the State Conference in March 2026.

“Leigh Ann Latshaw is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators worldwide to attain this level of professionalism.” – Justin Chapman, Communications Manager at NIAAA

“On behalf of Mt. Vernon High School, I want to congratulate Coach Latshaw on this tremendous accomplishment as a Certified Master Athletic Administrator. Achieving the CMAA is the highest national certification an athletic director can obtain, and she is most deserving. Mt. Vernon High School is blessed and proud to have Leigh Latshaw leading our student athletes and coaches.” – Dr. Scott Strieter, Principal at Mt. Vernon High School

#### **About the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)**

The NIAAA is an accredited organization and is the professional organization for interscholastic athletic administrators. Based in Indianapolis, IN, the NIAAA's mission is to provide professional development options for directors of athletics, and to enhance the athletic administration profession. With a current individual membership of over 12,000, the NIAAA consists of member state athletic administrator associations in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, as well as internationally. The NIAAA champions the profession of athletic administration through education opportunities, advocating ethics, developing leaders, and fostering community. For more information, visit the NIAAA website at [www.niaaa.org](http://www.niaaa.org).

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Founded in 1870, The Metropolitan School District of Mount Vernon in Mount Vernon, Indiana, stands as a paragon of educational excellence, renowned for its blend of academic rigor, innovative programming, and comprehensive technology integration. Our school district includes five schools in Posey County: Farmersville Elementary School, Marrs Elementary School, West Elementary School, Mount Vernon Junior High School, and Mount Vernon Senior High School. Our district boasts a team of dedicated educators who foster a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment, ensuring every student is equipped for success. With a strong emphasis on community engagement and continuous improvement, we pride ourselves on our extensive extracurricular successes and commitment to sustainability. MSD of Mt. Vernon is not just a school district; it's a thriving educational community where every student is empowered to reach their full potential.

