



#### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR STEVE JOEKEL

Mr. Steve Joekel has been an educator for 35 years, including 10 years as a teacher and coach, and the last 24 years as a secondary school administrator. He was the Vice Principal/AD at Bellevue West HS, Principal at Wahoo High School, and Asst. Principal/AD at Gretna Jr/SR HS, all in Nebraska. Recently Steve retired as Assistant Principal for Activities and Athletics at Millard West High School in Omaha. He served in that role for 15 years as Millard West's first athletic administrator, opening the new high school in the fall of 1995. In 2008-09 that school was awarded the Nebraska School Activities Associations US Cellular Director's Cup recognizing the top overall activities program in Nebraska high schools. Also those same years, it was awarded the Omaha World Herald All Sports Grand Champion award. During his tenure, Millard West teams earned 8 State Championships and 22 State Runner Ups.

Steve received his CAA designation in 1997 and served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Nebraska State Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association from 1992-2000, then as President Elect, President and Past President from 2000-2004. He is currently on the NSIAAA Board and sits on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame. He is a certified NIAAA LTC Instructor for the 501, 502, 504, 509, 590 and 505 courses, being on the NIAAA National Faculty for the 505 Transformational Leadership and Mentoring course, teaching that course at the NIAAA national conference. He received the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1998 and was the District II Outstanding Athletic Administrator in 2005. In 2006, Steve was selected as the Nebraska Athletic Director of the Year. He was chair of the Metro Conference Board of Control in 1993-94 and 2007-08 and has served on numerous conference and NSAA committees, and as director of numerous tournament events. Steve has presented at both state and national athletic administrator and coaches conferences and clinics, and teaches graduate classes for teachers and coaches for several colleges and universities. He is a speaker and on the planning committee and board for the Nebraska Sportsmanship Summit. From 1997-2002 Steve was a co author of the curriculum and director of the Phi Delta Kappa Ethical Leadership Institute.

Mr. Joekel is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and has graduate degrees from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. He was honored with the Nebraska Wesleyan Outstanding Young Alumni Achievement Award in 2001 and inducted into the NWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, and serves on the NWU Alumni Executive Council.

Other honors include: 1995 Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame Silver Anniversary Team; 1998-99 NSASSP Assistant principal of the Year, 2004 NSCTA Outstanding Administrator Award, and Phi Delta Kappa service key.

Steve and his wife Pam just celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary and have 4 children and one granddaughter.