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**Legendary Coach to Be Inducted Into National
High School Hall of Fame**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce that Dave Barney, long time boys and girls swim coach at Albuquerque Academy, will be inducted into the prestigious National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 2, 2015.

Dave has been involved in interscholastic coaching since 1961, including the past 40 years as girls swim coach and the past 33 years as boys swim coach at Albuquerque Academy. The amazing 83-year-old Barney has led his Charger swimmers to 35 NMAA state titles (19 boys, 16 girls).

His overall record (boys and girls) entering the 2014-15 season was 923-71. Barney's teams previously set or still hold 70 state records with 238 individuals and relays winning gold medals. Barney has coached five National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) national champions and he has coached more than 300 NISCA All-American swimmers. In 1995, Barney was selected as the first NFHS National High School Girls Swimming Coach of the Year. In 2010, he was the first swim coach to be inducted into the NMAA's Hall of Fame.



*Dave Barney, NFHS Hall of Fame
Inductee (2015)*

Dave Barney and 11 other individuals were chosen after a two-level selection process involving a screening committee composed of active high school state association administrators, coaches and officials, and a final selection committee composed of coaches, former athletes, state association officials, media representatives and educational leaders. Nominations were made through NFHS member associations.

The National High School Hall of Fame was started in 1982 by the NFHS to honor high school athletes, coaches, contest officials, administrators, performing arts coaches/directors and others for their extraordinary achievements and accomplishments in high school sports and activity programs. This year's class increases the number of individuals in the Hall of Fame to 435.

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