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OSAA Foundation Issues Largest Expenditure to Date

WILSONVILLE (August 23, 2010) – The OSAA Foundation has issued its largest one-time expenditure since it began in 2005. Nearly \$10,000 will be distributed to 13 OSAA member schools to help them implement the ImPACT Concussion program during the 2010-11 school year. Participating schools include Central Catholic, Clatskanie, Cove, Crane, Crescent Valley, La Salle Prep, Madras, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Phoenix, South Umpqua, Tillamook, and Triangle Lake.

“We feel fortunate to have OSAA Foundation resources available to help these schools implement this concussion management program,” said OSAA Foundation President Tom Welter. “Enhancing the health and safety of student-athletes at schools that might not be able to without our financial support is the exact reason we began the foundation.”

In June of 2010, the OSAA Foundation announced the scholarship program to member schools. OSAA member schools completed an application and agreed to subscribe to the ImPACT Program for three years. The OSAA Foundation will cover the entire cost of implementing the program for the first year, including any additional pre- and post-tests and education for each school’s certified athletic trainer.

The OSAA Foundation’s first expenditure came in Fall 2006 with the distribution of Anti-Hazing DVDs to all OSAA member schools. In 2007 the OSAA Foundation provided funding for ATLAS and ATHENA health promotion and substance abuse prevention programs for several member schools.

ABOUT THE OSAA FOUNDATION

The OSAA Foundation is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 whose mission is to enhance the future of Oregon high school activities. Through endowment games and private contributions, the OSAA Foundation has grown to nearly \$800,000 in assets since its inception in 2005. The OSAA Foundation recently partnered with U.S. Bank’s Charitable Services Group in order to maximize growth of its base funds.

ABOUT ImPACT

ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is the first, most-widely used, and most scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system. Developed in the early 1990's by Drs. Mark Lovell and Joseph Maroon, ImPACT is a 20-minute test that has become a standard tool used in comprehensive clinical management of concussions for athletes of all ages. ImPACT Applications, Inc. was co-founded by Mark Lovell, PhD, Joseph Maroon, MD, and Michael (Micky) Collins, PhD.

Given the inherent difficulties in concussion management, it is important to manage concussions on an individualized basis and to implement baseline testing and/or post-injury neurocognitive testing. This type of concussion assessment can help to objectively evaluate the concussed athlete's post-injury condition and track recovery for safe return to play, thus preventing the cumulative effects of concussion. In fact, neurocognitive testing has recently been called the "cornerstone" of proper concussion management by an international panel of sports medicine experts.

ImPACT can be administered by an athletic trainer, school nurse, athletic director, team coach, team doctor, or anyone trained to administer baseline testing. ImPACT is the most widely used computer-based testing program in the world and is implemented effectively across high school, collegiate, and professional levels of sport participation.