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Dr. Sawyer graduated from Norwich High School (1964) in Norwich, New York was accepted to Springfield College in Springfield, MA and graduated with a baccalaureate in health and physical education teacher education (1968) and a master's degree in health, physical education, recreation, and athletic administration (1971). He completed his doctorate in educational administration with an emphasis in community college leadership (1977) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, VA.

Dr. Sawyer has taught health, physical education, and sport management courses for over thirty-five years in higher education in four different institutions of higher education (i.e., Virginia Military Institute (1969-79), University of Bridgeport (1979-81), Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (1981-84), and Indiana State University (1984-present). He began as an instructor and reached full professorship at age 38. He has coached baseball, soccer, swimming, and track and field at the intercollegiate level and soccer at the interscholastic level. He has officiated baseball, football, soccer, swimming, track and field, and wrestling at the intercollegiate and collegiate levels for over thirty years. Dr. Sawyer has been an administrator for academic programs (e.g., director, department head, department chair, and acting dean), intramural and recreational sport programs, and an NCAA Division II athletic program.

Dr. Sawyer has authored or co-authored over 35 chapters, 14 books, and over 170 articles in scholarly journals. He made over 200 workshops for public schools or professional associations, and made scholarly presentations (over 120) at state, regional, national, and international meetings.

Further, Dr. Sawyer has served as the Indiana AHPERD president (1992-93), American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness president (now the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation) (1998-2001), and as a member or chair of numerous state, regional, national committees and/or councils. Further, he was chair of the JOPERD Editorial Board (1993-95) and Policy Board (2003-04), *Indiana AHPERD Journal* Editor (1985-p), *Journal of Legal Aspects of Sport* (1996-2001), JOPERD Law Review Editor (1996-2002, 2009-2012), and Editor-in-Chief, *ICHPER-SD Journal of Research* (2009-2013).

Finally, he has been honored by numerous professional awards such as Indiana AHPERD Honor Award (1989), Caleb Mills Distinguished Teaching Award (1995), Indiana AHPERD Leadership Award (1996), The Society for the Study of Legal Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity, Honor Award (2003), AAALF Honor Award (2003), National Council on Facilities & Equipment Outstanding Professional (2002) and Honor Awards (1999), SSLASPA Outstanding Professional Award (2003), AAHPERD Honor Award (2004), NASPE Sport Management Outstanding Professional Award (2008), and the

Indiana AHPERD Outstanding Sport Management professional Award (2008). He was in the first class of fellows for the North American Society for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sport (2001).