



OHIO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

Dear OHSBCA Members,

Welcome to the **69th annual OHSBCA State Clinic, January 16th, 17th and 18th of 2020**. You are a member of the 2nd largest coaches associations in the United States. Many high school coaches and college speakers have said that this is one of the best clinics in the nation. I am hoping that you are able to take something from this year's clinic and go back to your school to make the young men in your program better this coming year and for future players as well.

With my involvement on this board for the past 5 years, I have seen the giant steps forward the association has made. It is my honor to give back as Director of the 2020 State Clinic. This venue at the Hyatt Regency and Columbus Convention Center is just one example of what a first class operation we all are here to witness. If there is anything that any of our 24 board members or the Hyatt personnel can do to make your experience more enjoyable, please let us know. Your board is committed to making this a most enjoyable and rewarding experience, and represents you throughout the entire year.

We have the opportunity to recognize and honor three (3) of our own with their induction into our OHSBCA Hall of Fame this weekend. I truly hope that you take the opportunity to attend our banquet on Friday at noon in the Regency Ballroom to honor these three great men who have given so much to their schools, community and our association. The banquet also includes many other awards being given to your peers and scholarships to the children of our members. I have taken great pride in putting together a great lineup of clinic speakers who have a variety of messages that will help you to get back into "baseball mode" as we get closer to our seasons approaching. We continue to learn and seek out information and I feel that this year's speakers will truly help all of us grow our players and build a stronger program. The list of speakers for this year include:

Greg Beals – The Ohio State University

David Pierce – University of Texas

Tony Vitello – University of Tennessee

Jerry Weinstein – Colorado Rockies

Jim Rickon – Cleveland Indians

Matt Kata – Cleveland Indians

Danny Hayden – Miami University

Dean Hansen – The Ohio State University

Jordon Banfield – University of Akron

Mike Grady – Grady Pitching School

Eric Smith – Youngstown State University

Erik Bakich – University of Michigan

Randy Mazey – West Virginia University

Fred Corral – University of Missouri

Justin Toole – Cleveland Indians

Jeff Duncan – Kent State University

Brian Harrison – Baldwin Wallace University

Kyle Hallock – Bowling Green State University

Brian Meyer – Butler University

Evan Agona – Cuyahoga Community College

Bill Gamble – Massillon Jackson High School

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the entire OHSBCA Board of Directors for their dedication and hard work to this organization. My sincere gratitude goes to the gentlemen who have been on the Executive Board with me the past few years: Craig Kyle, Drew Kirby, Rob Lavengood, Tom Neubert, Don Schone, Kevin Yoder, Trevor Thomas, Dave Hall, Dave Barrow, Scott Manahan, Ray Benjamin, Curt Karpinski, Dave Burkett, Jeff Mielcarek, and Frank Gamble. A special thanks goes to all of my current and former assistant coaches, Jeff Keck for encouraging me to become involved in the OHSBCA, the Board Members of the Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches Association: Luke Smrdel, Dennis Woods, Bill Gamble, Aaron DeBord, Brian Hiscox, Matt Weymer and Dan Ransom. Most importantly my family: two daughters, Harper and Emersyn, and my amazing wife, Brittany, for always being so supportive of my coaching life.

Thanks,

John Bakalar

**2020 Clinic Director OHSBCA 1st Vice President
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