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**Padua Franciscan High School**

# Press Release

## Padua Franciscan High School Athletic Director Wins Award

April 30, 2014 (PARMA, OH) – Mr. Kevin Leigh '89, athletic director of Padua Franciscan High School, was awarded *Athletic Director of the Year* by the Northeast Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NEOIAAA). This award is presented to an association member who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism and has made significant contributions to their students, school, and community.

Leigh has been with Padua Franciscan for 20 years where he has worked in the Athletic Department for the past 16 years, with nine as the Athletic Director. In addition, he was also the head varsity soccer coach where he had over 100 career wins and six league titles.

He has a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from John Carroll University and a master's degree in educational administration from Ursuline College.

"I'm blessed to work within a great school community. This award is a reflection of the quality people in the Padua Franciscan High School family," said Athletic Director Kevin Leigh.

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**School background notes:** Padua Franciscan is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is the largest private, co-educational secondary school in northeast Ohio. Today, it is one of less than twenty high schools officially chartered by the State of Ohio as college-preparatory. In 2004 and 2006, Padua was named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic secondary schools by the Acton Institute, and since 2007 has been recognized as one of the best schools in Ohio by the Gerber Report. Padua is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement as well as the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association. An Ohio corporation, Padua was founded by the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart of Saint Louis, Missouri, and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. As a school in the Franciscan tradition, its mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.