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HOLMDEL ATHLETIC ANNOUNCER RECEIVES CELEBRATED AWARD

HOLMDEL (April 18, 2017) – The Holmdel High School Athletic department is all abuzz as the “Voice of the Hornets,” Mr. William Baronowsky, wins a prestigious award for his tireless efforts in support of the basketball program.

Shore District Board 194, the local chapter of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. (IAABO) is a non-profit organization that trains and provides basketball officials to schools in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Each year, the Board holds an awards ceremony to recognize individuals who have made a significant impact on the game. Nominated by one of the IAABO members, Mr. Baronowsky was honored with the Jim Sullivan Award during this year’s ceremony.

The Jim Sullivan Award was started in 1972 and is the Board’s highest honor presented to a non-official connected with basketball who has made a significant contribution to the game in the Shore area over the years. Baronowsky, who has been in the Holmdel district for over 30 years as a librarian and media specialist, has also spent 24 years as the “Voice of the Hornets,” presiding over almost all sporting events hosted at the high school. His distinct baritone voice, colorful delivery, and professional demeanor have helped to enhance the experience of spectators and teams who come out to enjoy each of the games and competitions.

In addition to his announcing and scorekeeping duties, Baronowsky has been consistently involved in Holmdel Athletics for more than two decades. He has served as assistant coach for the wrestling program as well as winter and spring track. When asked about his dedication to the job and his meticulous nature, he said that he always tries “to give the most professional announcing performance possible that respects and honors both our athletes and our opponents.” “Coaches, athletes, and officials train long and hard for interscholastic competition and it would be unfair to them if they did not have an accurate record of the game,” he said.

When asked about how he felt receiving the award, Baronowsky said that it was “the most awesome feeling I have ever experienced.” He was even more humbled by the praise he received from the officials attending the banquet, all of whom congratulated him personally for this well-deserved honor. Baronowsky, however, did not want to take all the credit himself. He wanted to thank Jay Demarest, Holmdel’s first Athletic Director, for providing him the opportunity to work on the sidelines, as well as Boys Head Basketball Coach Sean Devaney who showed him how to keep score so many years ago. He also offered high praise for all the coaches and officials from all of the sports with which he has worked and who gave him a bit of guidance and advice that he has used over the years to become the “Voice of the Hornets.” And with that tribute and

recognition, Mr. Baronowsky shows how he truly embodies the essence and spirit of Holmdel athletics. There may be no “I” in “team,” but Holmdel and their competitors will always be lucky to have a “Baronowsky” in the booth.