



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

ED TSCHANNEN NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE **2018 DAVID M. PARRY AWARD**

It is my very great pleasure to announce that the CFO Board of Managers has approved the selection of **Ed Tschannen** as the 2018 recipient of the annual **David M. Parry Award**. This award goes to a current or former coordinator of football officials recommended by a selection committee based on nominations from officials, commissioners and coordinators. Recognized as the nation's outstanding coordinator for the year, the awardee exemplifies Dave Parry's integrity, dedication, character and commitment to football officiating.

Ed Tschannen served the Gateway Football Conference (now the Missouri Valley Football Conference) as its first and longtime Coordinator of Officials from the league's inception until his retirement following the 2008 season. He brought unsurpassed wisdom, integrity, passion and tireless effort to supporting collegiate football officiating throughout his career, both on and off the field.

First and foremost, Ed was a master teacher. His unmatched skills as a high school teacher and athletics director were tremendous assets to the coordinator position, and his officials were ready and eager students. He is beloved to this day by those who worked with him and for him.

In the model of Dave Parry, Ed Tschannen was highly respected by his peers in the college football officiating community. He brought great experience, deep knowledge, and tremendous passion to understanding and communicating how the game should be officiated. Within his conference as well as on the national level, Ed was always ready to volunteer for any assignment, large or small, for the good of the game.

On a personal note, I thank Ed for his kindness and warm encouragement to me when I became the Southeastern Conference coordinator in 2006. He went out of his way to help me settle in to the position.

The David M. Parry Award will be formally presented to Ed in June 2018 in Napa, CA, where he and his wife will be the guests of the CFO at the coordinators' annual summer meeting.

I want to thank Bill Carollo (Big Ten, MAC, MVFC) and the search committee for the difficult task of making this recommendation from a large field of truly outstanding nominees from all divisions of college football.

Heartiest congratulations to Ed Tschannen!

Rogers Redding

National Coordinator of Football Officials

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