

# IHSSA CONGRATULATES!



## Principal JOSH VANDERFLUGHT MOUNT AYR Fine Arts Administrator of the Year

Each year, the IHSSA recognizes an outstanding Fine Arts Administrator of the Year. It is presented to a distinguished individual of statewide reputation and outstanding accomplishments. This is the highest honor the Iowa High School Speech Association may confer on an administrator. The contribution and service given by the inductee stem from dedication and commitment to the IHSSA and other arts activities in their school beyond normally expected and superlative identification. This year's recipient is Principal JOSH VANDERFLUGHT from Mount Ayr High School.

IHSSA Speech Coach Shaun Kniep in her nomination letter shares:

"When we hosted District IE's in 2023, Josh asked me what he could do for me, and I told him to take care of the concession stand. He didn't know what he was getting himself into, but he handled it like a champ. He still snuck out to watch our students perform. After my husband unexpectedly passed away, the first thing Josh told me was not to worry about anything. He ran speech meetings, scheduled rehearsals, scheduled transportation, took the whole team to district speech contest, even made sure they had their comment sheets, and...above all made sure all students had fun at contest! Josh cares about his kids. He cares about his teachers. He cares about speech and I know he has a newfound respect for speech coaches and for what speech offers our students in Iowa. We cannot speak highly enough of Josh's dedication to education, to Mount Ayr, to the Speech Team, and to the IHSSA."

**CONGRATULATIONS to PRINCIPAL JOSH VANDERFLUGHT and  
Mount Ayr High School!**

