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Michael King Awarded Ohio High School Principal of the Year by OASSA

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The Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) is proud to announce that Michael King principal of Geneva High School, as the recipient of the prestigious Ohio High School Principal of the Year Award for his exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to student success.

This is the first year for an expanded selection process where up to ten High School Principals from the ten geographic zones across Ohio were recognized as the winners of the Zone Principals of the Year awards. Those ten Principals then became finalists in the Ohio Principal of the Year selection process. A selection Committee made up of members of the OASSA Board of Directors reviewed the candidacy of the finalists, and from that pool, Michael King was selected to represent Ohio as the OASSA High School Principal of the Year. We are very proud to recognize all of the finalists and celebrate their dedication and contributions to Ohio's students, schools, and communities as well as the positive example that they set for Ohio school leaders.

Michael King has served Ohio students as a school leader for the past 14 years. Throughout his career, Michael has dedicated himself to the mission that purposeful professional development, program innovation, and the creation of student-centered opportunities are the foundation to student success for a leader.

Since joining Geneva High School in 2023, Michael has taken the lead on the development of initiatives directed at gifted education, special education services, project-based learning, and student behavioral supports. He strongly believes in professional development that will directly impact the classroom. Those initiatives resulted in outstanding improvement in student achievement and earned his building the Momentum Award from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Michael has led the effort to bridge the gaps in student access and opportunity that frequently challenge rural and Appalachian schools through the Geneva Learning Through Internships Program. This forward-thinking approach that focuses on student career readiness skills acquisition and student success beyond the walls of the high school exemplifies the mindset that Michael brings to his vocation.

Michael King's work ethic and character are evident in something he wrote when reflecting on Geneva student success: "I know none of this is possible without strong intentional relationships with both staff and students built on: respect, collaboration, empathy, and integrity."

OASSA is honored to recognize and celebrate Michael King from Geneva High School as the Ohio High School Principal of the Year.