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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **AIA WELCOMES DR. ANNA BATTLE TO AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PHOENIX, AZ (May 21, 2014) – The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) would like to welcome its newest member of the AIA Executive Board, Dr. Anna Battle, who will serve as the 5A Conference representative.

A collegiate basketball and track athlete at Arizona State University and then a teacher of high-school students for twelve years and a coach for myriad school sports, Dr. Battle takes every opportunity to teach teachers and administrators effective strategies to improve academic performance of students in secondary schools. Next year, Dr. Battle will assume the Assistant Superintendent of Plant Operations, which includes overseeing the athletic programs in the Tempe Union High School District. Her profession as an educator in the Tempe Union High School District includes being secondary school principal for twelve years, an assistant principal/athletic director for five years. She has taught administration, leadership, and principalship courses for universities in Arizona.

As the principal of Desert Vista High School (DVHS) in Phoenix, Arizona, DVHS has received considerable recognition as the best college-prep high school in Arizona. U.S. News and World Report honored DVHS as one of the top schools in the nation. She authored Trust and Leadership in 2010, which stresses the importance in schools' relationships among teachers, administrators, students, and parents. Additionally, she is a co-author of The Principal as Student Advocate book released September 2011.

Dr. Battle completed a bachelor of arts in the area of special education, K–12, a Master of Education in the area of Secondary Education, Reading specialist and a Doctorate of Education in Administration and Supervision from Arizona State University. She has completed a Superintendent Certification at the University of Phoenix. Dr. Battle was named Met Life NSSAP Arizona Principal of the Year in 2011, honored by the National AdvancED Council for her leadership as a secondary school principal in 2010, AIA Pursuing Victory with Honor Award 2013 and recently NAACP Education Image Awardee.

Her professional affiliations have included membership in these organizations: National Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers (Discipline), National Association of Secondary School Principals (Arizona Director), and Arizona School Administrators Association (East Valley representative), Arizona Department of Education Certification and Review Committee and Arizona State Council (member for AdvancED/North Central Association).

Dr. Anna Battle is married to Greg Battle and they are parents of 4 boys: Avory, Allante, Anders and Adonis Battle.

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