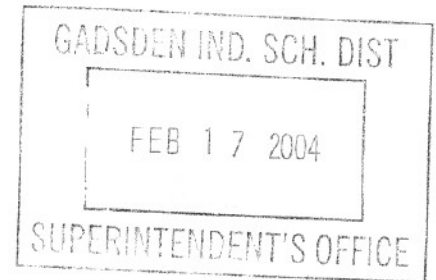




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BILL RICHARDSON
Governor

February 9, 2004

Ms. Nancy Kathryn Ackerman
2004 N.M. Teacher of the Year
P.O. Box 1174
Santa Teresa, New Mexico 88008

Dear Ms. Ackerman:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to you as the 2004 New Mexico Teacher of the Year! This recognition states that you are the "best of the best" to your students, their parents, your colleagues, your community, and the entire State of New Mexico. We are all extremely proud of you and all you have done to achieve this recognition. It is because of teachers like you that we know our students are receiving a quality education.

I wish you the very best as you continue your journey through this wonderful field of education. You make me proud to be a fellow educator.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Veronica C. Garcia".

Dr. Veronica C. García
Secretary of Education

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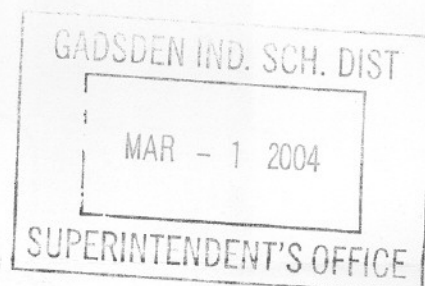
cc: Mr. Ronald Haugen, Superintendent, Gadsden Independent Schools ✓
Pat Minharez, Principal, La Union Elementary School



NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

February 18, 2004

Mr. Ron Haugen
Superintendent
Gadsden I.S.D.
100 Laura Ct.
Santa Teresa, NM 88008



Re: Carlos H. Lowenberg

Dear Mr. Haugen:

On Tuesday, December 16, 2003, Carlos H. Lowenberg, your Athletic Director at Gadsden High School, successfully completed the process to claim the title of "*Certified Athletic Administrator*." The CAA program, which is administered by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, identifies those directors *nationally* who demonstrate a certifiable level of both experience and expertise in the administration of interscholastic athletics.

The final phase of this voluntary certification process is to sit for a rigorous written examination. I am pleased to let you know that Carlos passed the exam with flying colors and is now entitled to use the designation "CAA" following his name on business cards and all forms of correspondence. Carlos has joined an elite group of interscholastic athletic directors nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

As the chairperson of the NIAAA Certification Committee I am proud of Carlos. I think he is an outstanding athletic administrator who is committed to your students and their education. I hope you will find an opportunity to report this accomplishment to your Board of Education and to congratulate Carlos for completing this national certification. It is a notable professional accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Berseth, CMAA
Chairperson, NIAAA Certification Committee