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HISD Athletic Director Andre' Walker recognized nationally for Sports Safety

April 26, 2022 - Houston Independent School District Athletic Director André Walker has been named a *2022 Professional of the Year* by the National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security.

The award recognizes members of management who demonstrate outstanding leadership in addressing safety and security issues.

The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (**NCS⁴**) is the nation's only academic center devoted to studying and practicing sports safety and security.


In addition to the enhanced safety of HISD sports venues and events, Walker's safety contributions have set an example for others to follow.


"HISD is extremely fortunate to have Andre' Walker as our athletic director," said Superintendent Millard House II. "He's not only a great manager, but this award recognizes he and his team are national leaders in keeping our sports venues safe for players, coaches, parents and fans."

Walker will receive the 2022 Professional of the Year award June 29 at the annual **NCS⁴** conference in Orlando, Florida.


"Winning this award would not be possible without the hard work of numerous members of team HISD," Walker said. "Keeping our venues safe and secure requires input, vision, advice, and hard work of numerous people constantly focused on protecting those on the field and in the stands."

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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