

## **LCA HONORS TITLE IX 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On June 23, 1972, 37 words were passed into law that changed education and athletics within education forever. “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

Even though the law does not specifically address girls high school sports, the impact cannot be denied. Before 1972, there were under 300,000 girls participating in high school sports and today there are more than 3.5 million. Almost 60% of girls in high schools participate in athletics at some point during their four years. Today, 44% of all NCAA collegiate athletes are women.

While Title IX does not require schools to offer the same number or type of sports for boys and girls, it does require schools to provide equal opportunities for male and female students to become interscholastic athletes. For more information, please visit [nfhs.org](http://nfhs.org).