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## **Gwinnett athletic administrators from Norcross and Lanier named best in the state**

Two Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) athletic administrators recently earned recognition from the **Georgia Athletic Directors Association (GADA)**. **Kirk Barton, Norcross High School’s** athletic director, is the **GADA Class AAAAAAA Athletic Director of the Year** and **Matt McDonald**, the athletic director at **Lanier High School**, is the **Class AAAAAA Athletic Director of the Year**.

**Ed Shaddix**, GCPS athletics director, says the honors are well deserved. “Kirk is a veteran educator with great knowledge and experience and a wonderful ability to relate with students. In addition to leading a successful program at Norcross High, he supports all athletic directors in the school district with his leadership and through the relationships he’s developed over time in Georgia High School Association,” Shaddix said. “Matt on the other hand is a young, aggressive athletic director. He works diligently to support all the students, coaches, and programs at Lanier High School. His work ethic, focus, and desire to improve are his greatest strengths. We are lucky to have both Matt and Kirk in GCPS.”



**Kirk Barton,**  
Norcross HS Athletic Director,  
7A Athletic Director of the Year



**Matt McDonald,**  
Lanier HS Athletic Director,  
5A Athletic Director of the Year

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