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Dave has spent his entire adult life in pursuits involving officiating, education and technology and has a passion for each. He has a broad spectrum of experiences in officiating, from over thirty years as an active high school and collegiate official, from nearly fifteen years as an officials' assignor and evaluator of major league baseball umpires, from over thirty years as a clinician at umpire schools and basketball officiating clinics, and from his work as a leader in his local officials association.

Dave is entering his 36th year of umpiring. He attended the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School in 1984 and was chosen as the school's outstanding student. Dave worked the next eleven years in professional baseball, including four years at the AAA level. He has been umpiring college baseball since 1995 and is currently on the staff for six Division I conferences. Last season he worked games in the Big Ten Conference, Big West Conference, Mid-American Conference, and PAC-12 Conference. He has worked numerous conference tournaments, NCAA Regionals and Super Regionals. Dave was chosen for and worked the Division I College World Series in 2004 and 2007. He also umpired the 2007 World Cup in Taiwan and multiple Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, including the 2008 tournament in Taiwan.

In addition to umpiring, Dave officiated college basketball for over thirty years and is an active high school basketball official. He regularly officiates deep into the Michigan High School Athletic Association basketball tournament and was selected for the 2012 Class B State Finals.

Mr. Buck has extensive experience as an instructor / clinician at baseball and basketball officiating schools, camps and clinics. He was on the staff of the Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School for eight years, has worked multiple camps and clinics for Major League Baseball, taught at NCAA Umpire Development Camps, and continues his 30+ year role as an instructor with the Doane Umpire Camps. Dave was also a long-time clinician at the Capital Area Basketball Officials Camp in East Lansing, Michigan.

In 2005, Dave began working for Major League Baseball as an Umpire Evaluator. After 14 years, he remains in that role, primarily observing games in Chicago. To-date he has evaluated umpires at over 1,200 major league games.

At the local level, Dave has been a leader in the Fruit Belt Officials Association for over thirty-five years. He developed and continues to maintain the group's data-driven website. Since 2005, he has also assigned middle school and high school basketball officials for several area schools and is

currently the assignor for the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph County West Division.

Mr. Buck was selected to receive the prestigious Vern L. Norris award by the MHSAA for 2019. The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in officials' education. It is named for Vern L. Norris, who served as executive director of the MHSAA from 1978-86 and was well-respected by officials on the state and national levels.

Mr. Buck works as an EHR Analyst with Spectrum Health Lakeland. He resides in St. Joseph, Michigan with his wife, Vicki. They have two daughters, Hannah and Olivia. The Bucks are extremely active in the fight to beat cystic fibrosis, a disease affecting Hannah. To-date they have raised over \$175,000 toward finding a cure.

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