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**The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, the Oklahoma Coaches Association and the Oklahoma Officials Association jointly announce the establishment of the Cecil Devine Family Scholarship to assist coaches in Oklahoma secondary schools to begin a second career as a sports official. Devine, a former OSSAA Director of Officials, and a member of OCA's Hall of Fame, passed in January of 2021. His wife of seventy years, Delma, passed in January of 2023. To honor the passion that Devine had for the coaching profession and sports officiating, the Devine Family has endowed this scholarship to assist coaches with the purchase of officiating equipment, to provide registration with the OSSAA as an official, to provide registration with OCA for the annual summer clinic and assign an officiating mentor for the first three years the coach works as an official. Applications are available on the OSSAA website through the OFFICIALS tab. More information on the scholarship application and on making personal contributions to the scholarship fund can be obtained by contacting the OSSAA's Director of Officials Grant Gower at 405-840-1116.**