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In Memory

KATHERINE A. LARSON



Kathie graduated from Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, SD in 1974. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College in 1978 with a major in physical education along with her coaching certificate. Kathie began her teaching career with the Sioux Falls Public Schools as an elementary physical education teacher, as well as being the assistant gymnastics coach for Lincoln High School from 1975-79.

In 1980, Kathie was the head gymnastics coach for the University of North Dakota while completing her graduate work in physical education with an emphasis on counseling and guidance. During her time at UND, her team placed first at the Division II Regional Tournament and qualified two in the all-around competition for Nationals. This was the first time in history a UND gymnastics team qualified for nationals.

Kathie moved back to Sioux Falls after one year at UND to begin a long and successful career as an educational assistant in biology and gymnastic coach. As the assistant gymnastics coach for Lincoln High School from 1980-1991, along with head coach Lolly Forseth, Lincoln won nine regional championships, three runner-up state titles, and four state championships. Kathie won the "Assistant Gymnastics Coach of the Year" award by the South Dakota Gymnastics Coaches Association three times; 1988, 1989 and 1990. Kathie took over as the head gymnastics coach at Lincoln High School from 1991-1996.

Kathie believed strongly in professional growth and involvement in the state and national sports associations. Some of Kathie's professional affiliations were:

- South Dakota High School Coaches Association – 20 years
- South Dakota High School Coaches Association Board of Directors – 8 years
- South Dakota Gymnastics Judges Association – 20 years
- South Dakota Gymnastics Coaches Association – 20 years
- National High School Athletic Coaches Association – 16 years

Kathie attended eleven National High School Athletic Coaches Association clinics. The SDHSCA held a special place in Kathie's heart. She cherished the friendships that she developed amongst her peers throughout the state and nation.

"Kathie will be remembered for her sincerity and loyalty toward the people that she inspired throughout her lifetime and her spirit will live in our hearts forever." – Lolly Forseth (Lincoln Gymnastic Coach)

In 2010 Kathie Larson's sister, Linda Larson, started the Kathie Larson Coaches' Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to members of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association to attend national coaching/athletic clinics, conferences or seminars. One grant must be awarded to a female, one awarded to a gymnastics coach and the remainder can be head or assistant athletic coaches or athletic directors. If no female or gymnastics coaches apply those grants may be awarded to other applicants. An individual must be a member of the SDHSCA and can only receive this grant once every five years. For further information go to the association web site.

This year's recipients are:

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| Tiffany Beste | Mark Ernster | Tim McCain | |
| Craig Nowotny | Adolph Sheperdson | Chad Stadem | Sheri Keck |

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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 44TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies.....Brittney Eide
Welcome.....Bill Clements, President
Introduction of Special GuestsArlin Likness, Past President
InvocationGeorgia Adolph, Past President

Luncheon

Awards:

Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year
Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year
Football Coach of the Year
Volleyball Coach of the Year
Wrestling Coach of the Year
Gymnastics Coach of the Year
Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year
Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year
Spirit Coach of the Year
Tennis Coach of the Year
Girls' Golf Coach of the Year
Boys' Golf Coach of the Year
Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year
Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year
Assistant Coach of the Year in Middle School/Junior High
Assistant Coach of the Year in Boys' Sports
Assistant Coach of the Year in Girls' Sports
Athletic Director of the Year
Official of the Year
Sportscaster of the Year
Distinguished Service Awards
Max Hawk Award
(Biographies written by Bruce Conley, Sioux Falls)
Roll of Champions – State Championship Coaches

Special Olympics South Dakota Awards.....Daryl Nordquist, Director

NHSACA National Coach of the Year Finalists
NHSACA National Coach of the Year
NHSACA National Hall of Fame
SDHSCA Hall of Fame

Closing Remarks & Passing of the Gavel.....Bill Clements, President
Past President Award.....Sheri Keck, President Elect



2014 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Robert Cordts** Madison High School

During the 2014 cross country season, the Madison High School girls won nine meets, including conference and region championships. The team

capped the season with a state meet runner-up finish. Senior Emily Hawkes posted a perfect season and recorded the fastest time at state for all classes. She was honored as Gatorade Runner of the Year. Hailey and Cami Streff also had great state meets by placing second and seventh. As to his Coach of the Year Award, Cordts said he was shocked. "There are a lot of other coaches who are very deserving of this award. I am humbled by this award. This is a great honor and I know that my dad would be very proud of me. This season brought a lot of joy to a lot of people including my father who was in his final stages in his battle with cancer. The fact that the girls dedicated the season to him speaks volumes about them and their selflessness. My father was their biggest fan and supporter and he hung on long enough to see this season to its end. I will happily accept this honor on behalf of my girls and my father. I will always have fond memories of this season."

Other Nominees: Larry Buffington, Gayville-Volin Todd Thorson, Ipswich
Jesse Coy, Rapid City Stevens Royce Wuertzer, St. Thomas More

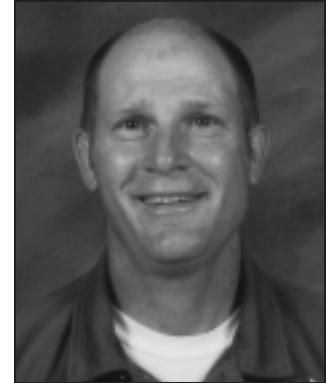
Previous Winners

1977-78 Gene Breemes - Rapid City
1978-79 Lowell Gilbertson - Arlington
1979-80 Jim Gemar - Lennox
1980-81 Fran Esser - Redfield
1981-82 Dave Scott - Hot Springs
1982-83 Russ Strande - Brookings
1983-84 Don Greenfield - Hoven
1984-85 Dick Wherry - Milbank
1985-86 Roger Loecker - Huron
1986-87 Dennis Ortman - Lennox
1987-88 Michael Oltmanns - Lennox
1988-89 Allan Weier - Platte
1989-90 Terry Ulmer - Hecla
1990-91 Michael Oltmanns - Lennox
1991-92 Tom Freece - Spearfish
1992-93 Chuck Seurer - Hoven
1993-94 Vic Godfrey - Watertown
1994-95 Don Lhotak - Bonesteel/Fairfax
1995-96 Marlene Lorenz - Arlington
1996-97 Rod Neuman - Faulkton
1997-98 Jeff Sylliaasen - Garretson
1998-99 Terry Vincent - Elkton
1999-2000 Jeff Sylliaasen - Garretson
2000-01 Todd Thorson - Ipswich
2001-02 Randy Fischer - McCook Central
2002-03 Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
2003-04 Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2004-05 Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2005-06 Don Sutura - Sioux Valley
2006-07 Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2007-08 Gary Pepper - Scotland
2008-09 Bill Martens - Aberdeen Central
2009-10 Jason Bohl - Garretson
2010-11 Scott Peterson - Sturgis
2011-12 Todd Thorson - Ipswich
2012-13 Larry Buffington - Gayville-Volin
2013-14 Todd Thorson - Ipswich

Previous Winners

1977-78 Lyle Claussen - Brandon
1978-79 Jim Gemar - Lennox
1979-80 Rich Greeno - SF Lincoln
1980-81 Dave Archambault - Kyle
1981-82 Gene Breemes - RC Stevens
1982-83 Rick Evans - Marty
1983-84 Keith Christensen - Mitchell
1984-85 Jerry McElroy - Watertown
1985-86 John Houska - RC Central
1986-87 Dan Bohl - Hoven
1987-88 Dan Bohl - Hoven
1988-89 Kurt Schultz - Baltic
1989-90 Connie Nyhaug - Viborg
1990-91 John Houska - RC Central
1991-92 Gene Bormann - Yankton
1992-93 Neil Goter - Marty
1993-94 Gene Danielson - Salem
1994-95 Dave Scott - Hot Springs
1995-96 Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
1996-97 Bill Martens - Aberdeen Roncalli
1997-98 Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
1998-99 Don Ray - Deubrook
1999-2000 Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
2000-01 Kurt Schultz - Baltic
2001-02 Kurt Schultz - Baltic
2002-03 Tom McGough - Miller
2003-04 Bob Salmi - Aberdeen Central
2004-05 Tony Skonhovd - Wakonda
2005-06 Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2006-07 Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2007-08 James Benning - Estelline
2008-09 Shannon Jewett - Cheyenne/Eagle Butte
2009-10 Becky Bell-Krueger - Wessington Springs
2010-11 Tim Franz - Redfield/Doland
2011-12 Phil Bjorneberg - Parker
2012-13 Robert Cordts - Madison
2013-14 Ervin Gebhart - Elkton

2014 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Jason Bohl** Garretson High School



Jason Bohl has coached cross country, track & field and wrestling at Garretson for the past 22 years.

This year's boys' team finished 2nd overall which is the highest placing of any boys' team in Garretson history. Along with the girls' team they won the state combined team championship award for the second consecutive year.

"I feel very fortunate to have coached so many good athletes over the years and was able to make life-long friends in the process. To be voted coach of the year by your peers is indeed an honor."

Other Nominees: Ralph Kroetch, Phillip Rebecca Wahl, West Central
Eric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln



2014 Football Coach of the Year Arlin Likness Yankton High School

Arlin Likness started his coaching career at Hamlin High School in the fall of 1979. He spent 15 years at Hamlin and now will begin his 21st year at Yankton High School. During that time he has been a head coach for 30 years in football, 1 year in basketball, and 6 years in track & field.

Likness has been a Region Director for the SD Football Coaches Association and served as its president. He served on the Football Advisory Committee for the SDHSAA for 6 years and was a football director for the SD High School Coaches Association. He was elected as the SDHSCA President in 2013. He has been a Region Football Coach of the Year 5 times and SDHSCA Football Coach of the Year 4 times. He has also been an Assistant Coach of the Year in basketball 3 times. He has been a national finalist for Football Coach of the year twice.

Likness has coached in 12 football championship games winning 8 of them. He has been married for 35 years to Kris and has 4 grown children: Jordan, Kara, Kalli & Jase. "It is because of the great work ethic and dedication of the players, parents and coaches that I receive this award. I accept this award on behalf of the Yankton community, the players, and coaches that have worked so hard to become the best that we can be."

Previous Winners

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| 1971-72 | Burdell Coplan - Canton |
| 1972-73 | Ron Struck - Colome |
| 1973-74 | Dale McElhane - Watertown |
| 1974-75 | Harvey Naasz - Winner |
| 1975-76 | Max Hawk - Yankton |
| 1976-77 | Bill Witte - Onida |
| 1977-78 | Russ Morrell - Burke |
| 1978-79 | Bob Bozied - Pierre |
| 1979-80 | Glenn Sellevold - Brandon Valley |
| 1980-81 | Harvey Naasz - Winner |
| 1981-82 | Harvey Naasz - Winner |
| 1982-83 | Bob Garry - Lennox |
| 1983-84 | Rick Swenson - Belle Fourche |
| 1984-85 | Dan Thelen - Montrose |
| 1985-86 | Steve Entringer - Tripp |
| 1986-87 | Burdell Coplan - Canton |
| 1987-88 | Harvey Naasz - Winner |
| 1988-89 | Steve Kueter - SF O'Gorman |
| 1989-90 | Mike Klinedinst - Brandon Valley |
| 1990-91 | Clarence Kooistra - Garretson |
| 1991-92 | Arlin Likness - Hamlin |
| 1992-93 | Frank Podraza/Kim Johnson Hitchcock/Tulare |
| 1993-94 | Keith Huber - Harrisburg |
| 1994-95 | Max Hawk - Yankton |
| 1995-96 | Russ Morrell - Bon Homme |
| 1996-97 | Doug Schooley - Watertown |
| 1997-98 | Mark Kool - Spearfish |
| 1998-99 | Gary Maffett - Brookings |
| 1999-2000 | Arlin Likness - Yankton |
| 2000-01 | John Nyhaug - Viborg |
| 2001-02 | Doug Schooley - Watertown |
| 2002-03 | Arlin Likness - Yankton |
| 2003-04 | Gary Hoffman - Spearfish |
| 2004-05 | Steve Gilbertson - Arlington |
| 2005-06 | Terry Dosch - Aberdeen Roncalli |
| 2006-07 | Terry Dosch - Aberdeen Roncalli |
| 2007-08 | Jeff VanLeur - Emery/Ethan |
| 2008-09 | Aaron Beavers - SF Lincoln |
| 2009-10 | Mike Flakus - Aberdeen Central |
| 2010-11 | Brian Hermanson - SF Washington |
| 2011-12 | Kim Nelson - SF Roosevelt |
| 2012-13 | Steve Hansen - Dell Rapids |
| 2013-14 | Vern Smith - Gettysburg |

Other Nominees: Brian Allmendinger, Gregory
Aaron Beavers, Sioux Falls Lincoln

Steve Hansen, Dell Rapids
Pat Ruml, Howard

Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin

Previous Winners

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|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1982-83 | Galen Busch - Mission |
| 1983-84 | Kim Weed - DeSmet |
| 1984-85 | Galen Busch - Mission |
| 1985-86 | Jim Mitchell - St. Francis |
| 1986-87 | Lunette Birrenkott - RC Stevens |
| 1987-88 | Cindy Nelson - Webster |
| 1988-89 | Kathy Hunt - SF O'Gorman |
| 1989-90 | Jill Christensen - Parker/Marion |
| 1990-91 | Spencer Brende - Elk Point |
| 1991-92 | Jonel Smith - RC Stevens |
| 1992-93 | Chris Schultz - Hurley |
| 1993-94 | Connie Nyhaug - Viborg |
| 1994-95 | Joyce Farrell - Madison |
| 1995-96 | Mike West - Philip |
| 1996-97 | Beth Schutt - Watertown |
| 1997-98 | Jeff Skatrud - Vermillion |
| 1998-99 | Shelly Buddenhagen - Huron |
| 1999-2000 | Kathy Graves - Northwestern |
| 2000-01 | Kelly Northrup - Hot Springs |
| 2001-02 | Carol Snyder - Harding County |
| 2002-03 | Greg Murley - Aberdeen Central |
| 2003-04 | Deb Thill - Mitchell |
| 2004-05 | Nancy Hoeke - Milbank |
| 2005-06 | Leasa Woodward - Yankton |
| 2006-07 | Nora Groft - Northwestern |
| 2007-08 | Kacy Kienholz - Pierre |
| 2008-09 | Amy Tyler - Wagner |
| 2009-10 | Dennis Northrup - Aberdeen Central |
| 2010-11 | Anita Boeck - Arlington |
| 2011-12 | Erika Paladino-Hazlett - SF Lincoln |
| 2012-13 | Kari Jung - Warner |
| 2013-14 | Julie Kolbeck - O'Gorman |

2014 Volleyball Coach of the Year Darci Wassenaar Sioux Falls Christian



Darci Wassenaar has been the head volleyball coach at Sioux Falls Christian since 2002. Along with her coaching responsibilities she enjoys teaching Bible at Sioux Falls Christian. During her tenure she has led 11 teams to the state tournament, won 5 state championships (2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014) and 2 runners-up finishes (2002, 2003).

"I am very humbled and honored to receive this award. I have worked with many wonderful young ladies who make my job very enjoyable. I have been blessed to have many talented assistant coaches over the years, a supportive Athletic Director, Superintendent, Principal and parents."

She is married to Brian Wassenaar and they have been blessed with 4 boys, Bennett, Brant, Brice and Beckett, and 1 daughter, Brittany Vollmer.

Other Nominees: Jean Benson, Chester Area

Kari Jung, Warner

Jill Christensen, Parker

Julie Kobeck, Sioux Falls O'Gorman



2015 Wrestling Coach of the Year Mark Stoebner

Bon Homme

Mark Stoebner was an assistant wrestling coach at Bon Homme from 1991-1996 before accepting the head coaching assignment in 1996. During his

tenure, Bon Homme won two state championships and was the runners-up three times.

Bon Homme won state titles in 1995 and again in 2002. Stoebner stepped down from coaching following Bon Homme/Scotland's state Class B runner-up finish in 2015.

"I am very honored to receive this award. I have been fortunate over the last twenty-one years to have worked with talented, coachable athletes, who worked hard. That combination of talent and hard work is what every coach desires, and it led to several successful wrestling seasons and many individual state champions."

Among his talented and coachable athletes is Josh Ranek, who was named to South Dakota State University's Coughlin-Alumni Stadium All-Time football team.

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| Other Nominees: James Boehmer, Parkston Rocky Burkett, Aberdeen Central | Darrell Kortan, Sioux Falls Roosevelt Shawn Lewis, Pierre |
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Previous Winners

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|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 1971-72 | Dick Bleth - Faulkton |
| 1972-73 | Marv Sherrill - Watertown |
| 1973-74 | Chuck Scheppy - Webster |
| 1974-75 | Al Bowar - Garretson |
| 1975-76 | Tom Long - Rapid City |
| 1976-77 | Rich Strande - Redfield |
| 1977-78 | Jerry Opbroek - Mitchell |
| 1978-79 | Gerald Schlekeway - Vermillion |
| 1979-80 | Rod Moon - Mobridge |
| 1980-81 | Fran Esser - Redfield |
| 1981-82 | Bill Boggess - Mitchell |
| 1982-83 | Willie Seibel - Vermillion |
| 1983-84 | Fran Esser - Redfield |
| 1984-85 | Bob Dolezal - Philip |
| 1985-86 | Bob Johnson - Kimball |
| 1986-87 | Mike Kadera - Spearfish |
| 1987-88 | Gary Wallman - Freeman |
| 1988-89 | Rich Strande - Brookings |
| 1989-90 | Bob Hirsch - Milbank |
| 1990-91 | Andy Tate - Mitchell |
| 1991-92 | Wayne Scherr - Wagner |
| 1992-93 | Bob Hirsch - Milbank |
| 1993-94 | Ken Cihak - Huron |
| 1994-95 | Rick Jensen - Pierre |
| 1995-96 | Ken Ruml - Howard |
| 1996-97 | Andy Tate - Mitchell |
| 1997-98 | Brad Kelvington - Harrisburg |
| 1998-99 | Marv Sherrill - Watertown |
| 1999-2000 | John Donovan - Harding County |
| 2000-01 | Tim Wishard - RC Stevens |
| 2001-02 | Mark Stoebner - Bon Homme |
| 2002-03 | Marv Sherrill - Watertown |
| 2003-04 | Bill Kaiser - Winner |
| 2004-05 | Steve Keszler - Sturgis |
| 2005-06 | Joe Meyer - Parker |
| 2006-07 | Wade Rausch - Ipswich |
| 2007-08 | Ernie Valentine - Wagner |
| 2008-09 | Fran Esser - Redfield |
| 2009-10 | Steve Keszler - Sturgis |
| 2010-11 | Wade Rausch - Webster Area |
| 2011-12 | Ryan Noyes - Pierre |
| 2012-13 | Jared Digmann - Parkston |
| 2013-14 | Rocky Burkett - Aberdeen Central |

Previous Winners

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|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1976-77 | Dawn Wilber - Doland |
| 1977-78 | Charlene Johnson - Mitchell |
| 1978-79 | Jackie Hanson - Groton |
| 1979-80 | Dawn Wilber - Miller |
| 1980-81 | Bill Beesley - Wagner |
| 1981-82 | Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln |
| 1982-83 | Mark Upward - Vermillion |
| 1983-84 | Mark Upward - Vermillion |
| 1984-85 | Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln |
| 1985-86 | Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln |
| 1986-87 | Sandy Greenough Miller/Wessington |
| 1987-88 | Patty Jorgenson - Brookings |
| 1988-89 | Mark Upward - Vermillion |
| 1989-90 | Le Anne Vette - Spearfish |
| 1990-91 | Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln |
| 1991-92 | Cliff Jorgenson - Stanley County |
| 1992-93 | Mark Bellum - Watertown |
| 1993-94 | Sherri Olson - Mitchell |
| 1994-95 | Linda Collignon - Madison |
| 1995-96 | Randy Hagen - RC Central |
| 1996-97 | Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton |
| 1997-98 | Susan Heitmann - Britton |
| 1998-99 | Sheri Keck - RC Stevens |
| 1999-2000 | Linda Collignon - Madison |
| 2000-01 | Linda Collignon - Madison |
| 2001-02 | Barb Bauder - Mitchell |
| 2002-03 | Lana Bauer - SF O'Gorman |
| 2003-04 | Maridee Wiese - Madison |
| 2004-05 | Shawn Bauer - SF O'Gorman |
| 2005-06 | Mark Bellum - Watertown |
| 2006-07 | Audra Rew - Mitchell |
| 2007-08 | Jeanne Sinclair - Milbank |
| 2008-09 | Melissa Van Gilder - Watertown |
| 2009-10 | Lynn Gudmundson - Deuel |
| 2010-11 | Lynn Gudmundson - Deuel |
| 2011-12 | Vicky Fisher - Watertown |
| 2012-13 | Mark Upward - Vermillion |
| 2013-14 | Sherri Knippling - Chamberlain |

2015 Gymnastics Coach of the Year Angela Grupe

Britton-Hecla



Angela Grupe fell in love with the sport of gymnastics as a young child. As an elementary student she attended camps and clinics anytime she could and went on to compete for the Britton High School gymnastics team.

She was part of three runner-up team titles. While in college she realized she wanted to get involved with the sport again. She became certified as a judge in 2001. She truly enjoyed the officiating side of gymnastics. After four seasons, she decided to enter the coaching world and became the assistant coach for the Britton-Hecla High School program under Susan Heitmann. After two years as the assistant coach Grupe became the head coach and has now completed eight seasons as head coach. In her eight years of coaching she has coached one individual champion, one team state runner-up finish and placed third as a team at three state meets.

Grupe has served as secretary of the SDGCA for four years, vice president for two years and is currently the president of the organization. In 2008 she was selected to work the head table for the U.S. Olympic Trials in Philadelphia.

Grupe feels honored to be receiving this award. She is thankful for the guidance she has received from fellow coaches and judges in her years in gymnastics. She would also like to thank her current and past gymnasts for continually reminding her why she loves this sport.

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| Other Nominees: Vicky Fisher, Watertown Pam Juneke, Rapid City Central | Audra Rew, Mitchell |
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Previous Winners

- 1976-77 Gale Lundberg - Clear Lake
- 1977-78 Bob Winter - Yankton
- 1978-79 Fred Tibbetts - Jefferson
- 1979-80 Gale Lundberg - Clear Lake
- 1980-81 Joe Lockwood - SF Washington
- 1981-82 Joe Lockwood - SF Washington
- 1982-83 Don Shields - Pierre
- 1983-84 Jerry Altenburg - Armour
- 1984-85 Jim Holwerda - Brookings
- 1985-86 Charlie Sizer - Miller
- 1986-87 Bob Hopkins - Bennett County
- 1987-88 Gordon Berquist - Milbank
- 1988-89 Ron Flynn - Wakonda
- 1989-90 Byron Utter - Langford
- 1990-91 Cheryl Jenner - Sisseton
- 1991-92 Wade Rozell - Mellele
- 1992-93 Sheila Huth - Hurley
- 1993-94 Randi Faeth - Newell
- 1994-95 Tim Pflanz - Wakonda
- 1995-96 Bob Sittig - Baltic
- 1996-97 Doug Pesicka - Yankton
- 1997-98 Neil Goter - Wagner
- 1998-99 Fred Tibbetts - SF Roosevelt
- 1999-2000 Doug Groth - Selby
- 2000-01 Todd Jutting
Waverly/South Shore
- 2001-02 Bob Sittig - Baltic
- 2002-03 Dean Leuning - Tri-Valley
- 2003-04 Jason Christenson
Mount Vernon
- 2004-05 Brad Noem - Hamlin
- 2005-06 Jeff Dvorak - Dell Rapids
- 2006-07 Mark Senftner - Sully Buttes
- 2007-08 Nate Malchow - SF Washington
- 2008-09 Pat McClemans - Watertown
- 2009-10 Steve Kruase - Elkton-Lake Benton
- 2010-11 Mark Stadem - Brandon Valley
- 2011-12 Rob Van Laecken - Parkston
- 2012-13 Stewart Bohle - Warner
- 2013-14 Nate Malchow - SF Washington

2015 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year Jamie Parish Sioux Falls Washington



Jamie Parish recently completed his first year as the head girls' basketball coach at Sioux Falls Washington. The Warriors proudly clenched the 2015 championship title. Prior to his time at Washington, Parish spent three seasons as the head girls coach and athletic director in Centerville, SD. The Centerville girls qualified for the 2011 State B Tournament, which was only their second state tournament appearance in school history. For seven seasons, Parish served as the head girls coach in Vermillion, SD. His Tanagers won the State A Championship in 2007. Other coaching stops include the University of South Dakota under Coach Chad Lavin, Mount Marty College under Coach Chuck Iverson, and Hot Springs, SD under Coach Kraig Blomme.

"I am very honored to receive this award. None of the accolades would be possible without great kids. I have been fortunate to coach many great kids this year and in all of my previous years. My assistant coaches have been top notch over the years. The staff that I was blessed to work with during the 2015 season incredibly combined to win 22 state championships in their careers."

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| Other Nominees: | Brandon Kandolin, St. Thomas More | Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes |
| | Kent Kolsrud, Sioux Falls O'Gorman | Tom Young, Ethan |
| | Gary Nebelsick, Elk Point-Jefferson | |

2015 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year Paul Raasch Langford Area



Paul Raasch is a 1986 graduate of South Dakota State University. He began his coaching career in the fall of that year and has been a head basketball coach for 29 years, the last nine in Langford.

Raasch has coached seven teams to the State "B" Boys Basketball Tournament, with Runner-up finishes in 2008 and also this past season. The Lions made their fourth consecutive appearance in the "B" Tourney this year, and sixth in the past nine years. Over his career Raasch has been named Region Boys Basketball Coach of the Year six times. He was also a finalist for SD Boys Basketball Coach of the Year in both 2008 and 2012. In the past nine seasons at Langford his teams have compiled a record of 189-35, and his overall career record currently stands at 453-192. That puts Paul eleventh on the all-time career wins list for boys' basketball in South Dakota, and he is currently the leader among active coaches.

"I am humbled to be selected for this award. It is a reflection of the quality of all the players I have coached at Langford over the last several years. To be chosen as coach of the year by my peers is truly an honor."

Previous Winners

- 1971-72 Bob Dockter - Miller
- 1972-73 John Bruce - Britton
- 1973-74 Gayle Hoover - Parker
- 1974-75 Ron Bennett - Freeman
- 1975-76 Pierre Du Charme - Aberdeen
- 1976-77 Jim Thorson - Webster
- 1977-78 Roger Schaffer - Elk Point
- 1978-79 Roger Pries - Pierre
- 1979-80 Dan Moran - Stickney
- 1980-81 Dan Moran - Stickney
- 1981-82 Bob Judson - Pierre
- 1982-83 Wayne Carney - Hamlin
- 1983-84 Bob White - Wakonda
- 1984-85 Gary Munsen - Mitchell
- 1985-86 Larry Hessing
New Holland Dakota Christian
- 1986-87 Jesse Mendoza - Pine Ridge
- 1987-88 Terry Small - Aberdeen Central
- 1988-89 Jay Hennies - Vermillion
- 1989-90 Jim Trett - Northwestern
- 1990-91 Tim Hooten - Lennox
- 1991-92 Kraig Ulveling - Watertown
- 1992-93 Chuck Welke - Warner
- 1993-94 Gene Lorenz - Madison
- 1994-95 Marv McCune - DeSmet
- 1995-96 Jim Schlekeway - Mobridge
- 1996-97 Rick Weber - Flandreau
- 1997-98 Brad Thorson - Brandon Valley
- 1998-99 Galen Swenson - Castlewood
- 1999-2000 Dan Sabers - Tripp/Delmont
- 2000-01 Galen Swenson - Castlewood
- 2001-02 Dan Martin - Spearfish
- 2002-03 Jeff Larson - Lennox
- 2003-04 Tim Buddenhagen - Huron
- 2004-05 Ervin Gebhart - Elkton
- 2005-06 Mike Parry - Arlington
- 2006-07 Derek Robey - SF O'Gorman
- 2007-08 Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes
- 2008-09 Robin Burgard - SF Lincoln
- 2009-10 Eldon Marshall - White River
- 2010-11 Mike Tuschen - Corsica/Stickney
- 2011-12 Derek Robey - SF O'Gorman
- 2012-13 Terry Becker - Pierre
- 2013-14 Michael Ricke - Madison

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Other Nominees: | Jason Fersdahl, Dell Rapids | Jeff Halseth, SF Lincoln | Craig Nelson, SF Washington | Todd Neuendorf, Aberdeen Roncalli |
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2015 Spirit Coach of the Year Holly Morgan Northwestern



Holly Morgan began her coaching experience at her hometown high school of Northwestern in Mellette, SD as an assistant to Roxanne Olsen and then to Nancy Taylor. In 2006, Holly became the head coach for the sideline cheer teams for football and boys basketball. A highlight of the 2007 season was taking her football sideline cheer team to the Dome to cheer on their school in the state football championship. In 2010, Holly became the head coach of the newly implemented competitive cheer program and competed in the Stunting/Non-Tumbling division in the sport. This team has evolved into a

Stunting/Tumbling team. In 2013, Northwestern added the competitive dance program to their activities with Holly as head coach first competing in the Jazz and Pom divisions. In 2014, the Northwestern competitive dance team added the Hip Hop division to their team and received their first state title with a 3rd place overall win at the State Cheer and Dance Meet. "I was amazed that I was being recognized by my fellow coaches with such an honor. This journey has been so rewarding and I am thankful for all the support given to me by my school and the South Dakota coaching community."

Other Nominees: Krista Dailey, Watertown Bruce Kleinsasser, Aberdeen Central Katee Lane, Brandon Valley

2015 Tennis Coach of the Year Tom Krueger Sioux Falls Lincoln



Tom Krueger has coached the Sioux Falls Lincoln boys' tennis team to state championships in 2014 and 2015. In two stints as the Lincoln girls' coach, his Patriots won five state crowns. Twice – 1996 and 2002 – the girls were state

runners-up. He has coached five Greater Dakota Conference title teams and the boys were Metro Conference champs in 2015. Krueger began coaching at Lincoln in 1991 and has compiled a 251-88 dual record with the girls and a 150-44 mark with the boys. He has coached 32 state singles champions and 15 runners-up (all flights) along with 18 state doubles champions and seven runners-up (all flights). Krueger is the recipient of the Ole Odney Award from Augustana (Alumni Coach of the Year), was named Lincoln's head coach of the year for 1999, and has been named Greater Dakota Conference Coach of the Year five times. "I am deeply honored to receive the coach of the year award for tennis. To have this award come from the voting of other coaches across the state who know what it takes to coach high school athletics is a truly humbling experience. In reality, I know that I wouldn't be considered for this award if I didn't have such an amazing and successful group of players to coach. I am extremely lucky to be able to coach such a high class group of kids. There are many coaches across the state who also put the hours and expertise into their programs, the same as I do, and who would be just as deserving of this award. To be chosen from this group of people is something I will always remember. Thank you!"

Previous Winners

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|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1983-84 | Phil Trautner - Pierre |
| 1984-85 | Sherwood Hatch - Brookings |
| 1985-86 | Phil Trautner - Pierre |
| 1986-87 | Hank Hulst - Huron |
| 1987-88 | Gregg Talcott - SF O'Gorman |
| 1988-89 | Chris Dummermuth - SF Lincoln |
| 1989-90 | Phil Trautner - Pierre |
| 1990-91 | Chris Dummermuth - SF Lincoln |
| 1991-92 | Kraig Ulveling - Watertown |
| 1992-93 | Mike Begeman - SF O'Gorman |
| 1993-94 | Mike Begeman - SF O'Gorman |
| 1994-95 | Gayle Klein - Mitchell |
| 1995-96 | Chris Dummermuth - SF Lincoln |
| 1996-97 | Chris Dummermuth - SF Lincoln |
| 1997-98 | Chris Dummermuth - SF Lincoln |
| 1998-99 | Lana Bauer - SF O'Gorman |
| 1999-2000 | Matt Johnson - SF Washington |
| 2000-01 | Matt Johnson - SF Washington |
| 2001-02 | Tim Mulhair - Yankton |
| 2002-03 | Don Barnes - SF O'Gorman |
| 2003-04 | Chris Dummermuth - SF Lincoln |
| 2004-05 | Don Barnes - SF O'Gorman |
| 2005-06 | Doug Sims - Madison |
| 2005-06 | Colette Qualm Aberdeen Roncalli |
| 2006-07 | Judy Rezzatto - Aberdeen Roncalli |
| 2006-07 | Scott Ewald - Watertown |
| 2007-08 | Jeff Schlekeway - Pierre |
| 2007-08 | Lisa Link - Aberdeen Central |
| 2008-09 | Mark Schlekeway - Brandon Valley |
| 2008-09 | Jim Dahl - Milbank |
| 2009-10 | Jason Olson - RC Stevens |
| 2009-10 | Don Barnes - SF O'Gorman |
| 2010-11 | Jason Olson - RC Stevens |
| 2010-11 | Jeff Schlekeway - Pierre |
| 2011-12 | Braden Bradfield - SF Washington |
| 2012-13 | Scott Ewald - Watertown |
| 2013-14 | Pat Moller - Mitchell |

Other Nominees: Don Barnes, Sioux Falls O'Gorman Jason Olson, Rapid City Stevens Pat Moller, Mitchell
Lisa Link, Aberdeen Central Keiz Shultz, St. Thomas More Chris Dummermuth, Brandon Valley



2015 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year

Mike Buseth

Deubrook Area

Mike Buseth has guided the Deubrook girls to an incredible showing in the last six state Class B golf competitions. The Lady Dolphins began the string in 2010 with a state title and repeated in 2011. Following a fifth-place finish in 2012 and runner-up honors in 2013, Debrook came back to post back-to-back state championships in 2014 and 2015.

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| Other Nominees: | Rod Garrison, Sioux Falls O'Gorman Tyler Hockett, Parkston | Phil Hunt, Rapid City Billie Jo Indahl, Burke/South Central | John Knox, Pierre Bill Scholten, Brookings |
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Previous Winners

- 1978-79 Jim Sorensen - Beresford
- 1979-80 Jim Sorensen - Beresford
- 1980-81 Joyce Farrell - Madison
- 1981-82 Bruce Olson - Webster
- 1982-83 Clarence Zacher - Custer
- 1983-84 Jim McGlone - Flandreau
- 1984-85 Norman West - Yankton
- 1985-86 Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
- 1986-87 Rich Halverson - Clear Lake
- 1987-88 Bill Scholten - Brookings
- 1988-89 Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
- 1989-90 Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
- 1990-91 Marv Bohnet - Hamlin
- 1991-92 Jim McGlone - Flandreau
- 1992-93 Susan Heitmann - Britton
- 1993-94 Phil Hunt - Rapid City Stevens
- 1994-95 Jim Sorensen - Beresford
- 1995-96 Joe Schlimgen - Plankinton
- 1996-97 Joe Schlimgen - Plankinton
- 1997-98 Jim McGlone - Flandreau
- 1998-99 Bill Scholten - Brookings
- 1999-2000 Rod Garrison - SF O'Gorman
- 2000-01 Mick Hogle - Dell Rapids
- 2001-02 Jim Sorensen - Beresford
- 2002-03 Bill Scholten - Brookings
- 2003-04 Phil Hunt - Rapid City Stevens
- 2004-05 John Brown - Clark

Boys

- 2005-06 Mike Schouten - SF Christian
- 2006-07 Tim DeJong
Dell Rapids St. Mary's
- 2007-08 Jay Weber - Avon
- 2008-09 Ryan Mors - Freeman
- 2009-10 Brett Sime - Yankton
- 2010-11 Gale Lundberg - Deuel
- 2011-12 Mick Hogle - Dell Rapids
- 2012-13 Kari Stoltenberg - Dell Rapids
- 2013-14 Mick Hogle - Dell Rapids

Girls

- 2005-06 John Brown - Clark
- 2006-07 Joan Rachetto - Lead/Deadwood
- 2007-08 Todd Schlimgen - Colman-Egan
- 2008-09 Eric Norden - Parkston
- 2009-10 Rod Garrison - SF O'Gorman
- 2010-11 Dave Fuller - Parker
- 2011-12 John Knox - Pierre
- 2012-13 Tyler Hockett - Parkston
- 2013-14 Billiejo Indahl - Burke

2015 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year

Frank Cutler

Platte-Geddes



Frank Cutler is a Claremont, South Dakota native and graduate of Langford High School and South Dakota State University. He just finished his third year as Head Boys' and Girls' Golf Coach at Platte-Geddes High School. In those three years the Platte-Geddes boys have won Region 4B all three years, finishing in 6th place at the State B Golf Meet in 2014 and State B Runner-Up in 2015. The Platte-Geddes girls also placed 8th as a team in 2014. This continues a strong tradition for the boys' golf program as Platte-Geddes finished 4th in Class B in 2010, won a State B Championship in 2009 and was Runner-Up in 2001. The Platte-Geddes boys have been champions or runner-up in the region the last 7 years.

Cutler has also coached boys' basketball and junior high football in Platte, Platte-Geddes and Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian for the last 26 years. "I am honored to be recognized as Boys' Golf Coach of the Year for 2015 with all the fine coaches that are involved with this sport. Of course these awards are a reflection on how our golfers performed and they performed very well this past season."

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| Other Nominees: | Scott Carroll, Brandon Valley Mick Hogle, Dell Rapids | Lyle Pearson, Sioux Falls Lincoln |
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2015 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year Troy Sturgeon Brandon Valley

Before 2014, the Brandon girls had never won a conference title or stood on the award stand as a team at the state meet. In 2014 and 2015, the girls' team won both the ESD and METRO Conference team titles.

At the state track meet in 2014, the girls placed fifth, and in 2015, the girls' team claimed the runner-up title. "The 2015 state track meet was an incredible meet for our girls," said Sturgeon. "Our success was partly due to the ideals that coach Jim Cordts instilled in me. I stress "team" and ask the girls to do whatever they can to help contribute to the "team's" success. This year's group of girls truly believed this as they won not only two conference team championships and a runner-up finish at the state track meet but also broke 10 individual and relay school records. I feel so blessed to have coached such a wonderful group of hard working young girls. I feel truly humbled and honored to have received this very special award voted on by my peers. This award would not be possible without my incredibly dedicated assistant coaches, our administration, track booster parents, outstanding athletes, and, most of all, the support of my wife, Diane." Sturgeon ran for Cordts at Madison and later competed for Dakota State. He has been coaching for 24 years.

Other Nominees: Scott Benson, St. Thomas More
Paul Hendry, Rapid City Stevens

Misty Larson, Chester Area
Todd Thorson, Ipswich

Previous Winners

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1974-75 | Merline Doyle - Wall |
| 1975-76 | Laverne Diede - Freeman |
| 1976-77 | Marv Sherrill - Watertown |
| 1977-78 | Russ Strande - Brookings |
| 1978-79 | Jim Miner - Yankton |
| 1979-80 | Jack Rasmussen - Salem |
| 1980-81 | Cal Corey - Sturgis |
| 1981-82 | Larry Lundeen - Pierre |
| 1982-83 | Randy Hermansen - Eureka |
| 1983-84 | Eldon Knudson - Custer |
| 1984-85 | John Huth - Aberdeen Central |
| 1985-86 | John Huth - Aberdeen Central |
| 1986-87 | Judy Busch - Sioux Falls Lincoln |
| 1987-88 | John Nyhaug - Viborg |
| 1988-89 | Larry Guischer - Bridgewater |
| 1989-90 | Klark Thompsen - Lake Preston |
| 1990-91 | Klark Thompsen - Lake Preston |
| 1991-92 | John Houska - Rapid City Central |
| 1992-93 | Duane Tordoff - Spearfish |
| 1993-94 | Norm Stethem - Hoven |
| 1994-95 | Gene Brownell - Aberdeen Central |
| 1995-96 | Gene Brownell - Aberdeen Central |
| 1996-97 | Dave Scott - Hot Springs |
| 1997-98 | Norb Reuer - Faulkton |
| 1998-99 | Richard Luther - Lennox |
| 1999-2000 | Curtis Sage - Marion |
| 2000-01 | Lemoine Trout - Rapid City Stevens |
| 2001-02 | Ken Bruckner - Menno |
| 2002-03 | Ray Slaba - Bonesteel/Fairfax |
| 2003-04 | Paul Hendry - Rapid City Stevens |
| 2004-05 | Kristi Rieger - Sioux Falls Roosevelt |
| 2005-06 | Jim McGuire - Vermillion |
| 2006-07 | Allyson Hiedeman - Colman/Egan |
| 2007-08 | Kim DeRouche - Hanson |
| 2008-09 | David Dolan - Rapid City Central |
| 2009-10 | Paul Hendry - Rapid City Stevens |
| 2010-11 | Joan Peters - West Central |
| 2011-12 | Todd Thorson - Ipswich |
| 2012-13 | Jim Appl - Aberdeen Central |
| 2013-14 | Bob Garry - Sioux Falls Christian |

Previous Winners

| | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1971-72 | David Vogelgesang - Willow Lake |
| 1972-73 | Rich Greeno - Sioux Falls Lincoln |
| 1973-74 | Jake Schlicht - Yankton |
| 1974-75 | Eldon Barnes - Flandreau |
| 1975-76 | Ron Lounsbury - Centerville |
| 1976-77 | Rod Knutson - Elk Point |
| 1977-78 | Buzz Stevenson - Huron |
| 1978-79 | Don Diede - Freeman |
| 1979-80 | Dick Brook - SF Washington |
| 1980-81 | Jerry McElroy - Watertown |
| 1981-82 | Jim Cordts - Madison |
| 1982-83 | Jim Egeberg - Groton |
| 1983-84 | Bryan Brace - Volga |
| 1984-85 | Lyle Claussen - Brandon Valley |
| 1985-86 | Vern Miller - Pierre |
| 1986-87 | Tom Main - Chester |
| 1987-88 | Ken Linstrom - Rapid City Stevens |
| 1988-89 | Ed Evenson - Beresford |
| 1989-90 | Jim Sattler - Menno |
| 1990-91 | Jerry Kippes - Marion |
| 1991-92 | Jim Miner - Yankton |
| 1992-93 | Jerome Garry - Madison |
| 1993-94 | Jerome Garry - Madison |
| 1994-95 | Jim Sattler - Menno |
| 1995-96 | Jim Miner - Yankton |
| 1996-97 | John Houska - Rapid City Central |
| 1997-98 | Vic Godfrey - Watertown |
| 1998-99 | Duane Tordoff - Spearfish |
| 1999-2000 | Scott Muckey - Corsica |
| 2000-01 | Phil Moore - White Lake |
| 2001-02 | Allen Weier - Platte |
| 2002-03 | Richard Luther - Lennox |
| 2003-04 | Bob Billotto - Eureka |
| 2004-05 | Brad Olson - Milbank |
| 2005-06 | Geoff Gross - Pierre |
| 2006-07 | Gary Pepper - Scotland |
| 2007-08 | Brock Rops - SF Christian |
| 2008-09 | Larry Buffington - Gayville-Volin |
| 2009-10 | Jerry Rhodes - Philip |
| 2010-11 | Everett Gebhart - SF Washington |
| 2011-12 | John Nyhaug - Viborg/Hurley |
| 2012-13 | Craig Black - Custer |
| 2013-14 | Jim Jarovski - Sioux Falls Lincoln |

2015 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year Scott Benson St. Thomas More

Scott Benson guided the St. Thomas More Cavaliers to both the state Class A boys' and girls' track and field championships in 2015. The girls also won the state crown in 2013 and were runners-up in 2014. The boys were state meet runners-up in 2013. Benson's girls' teams claimed Black Hills Conference titles in 2013 and 2015. The Cavalier boys and girls won back-to-back Region Eight crowns in 2014 and 2015. Benson has coached nine individual state champions and eight state championship relay teams. In his four years as head coach the boys have established 15 school record and the girls 13.

"I am honored to receive this award and would like to thank all the coaches who voted," says Benson. "I am very blessed that after almost 20 years I had the opportunity to return to the sport that gave me so much as a high jumper for Rapid City Stevens and Iowa State University. I believe any success that I have had in my professional life can be attributed to the life lessons I learned as a track and field athlete. I am very thankful to have been given the chance to pass on many of these life lessons to the student/athletes at St. Thomas More. To be recognized for doing something I am very passionate about is truly humbling."

Other Nominees: Rory Hermsen, Freeman
Byron Pudwill, Bon Homme

Brian Voss, West Central
Jason Wagoner, Sioux Falls Roosevelt





**2015 Assistant
Coach of the Year
Middle School/Junior High
Keith Scott
Potter County**

Seven years head football coach, junior high basketball coach, and head track coach at Bison, SD. Twenty-three years junior high and assistant football coach, and assistant track coach at Gettysburg, SD (now Potter County, last three years). "I learned a lot from my high school football coach at Timber Lake SD, Ben Ehly and Bill Witte, head coach of Gettysburg when I started there." Graduated from Timber Lake High School 1979 and SDSU 1984. Has taught High School Government, History and Geography for 30 years. Also teaches Drivers Education and drives a school bus in addition to serving as the technical coordinator for the Gettysburg Schools. Scott and his wife, Marilyn, and have two children, Brett and Valerie. "I have worked in two great school systems and have had some very good students and athletes to work with. I have always felt that working with kids in the classroom and on the field has kept me young at heart, if not body. I would like to thank everyone I have worked with over the last 30 years, both students and adults, for all you have done for me. I would also like to thank the SDHSCA for this award it is an honor and very humbling."

| Previous Winners | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1988-89 | Jim Miner - Yankton |
| 1989-90 | Virg Polak - Watertown |
| 1990-91 | Vern Miller - Pierre |
| 1991-92 | Ken Knapp - Rapid City Central |
| 1992-93 | Gary Satter - Yankton |
| 1993-94 | Tim Raabe - Lennox |
| 1994-95 | Mary Ellen Luikens - Scotland |
| 1995-96 | Terry Engelland - SF Lincoln |
| 1996-97 | Doug Schooley - Watertown |
| 1997-98 | Cheryl Huddleston - Hot Springs |
| 1998-99 | Roger Loecker - Huron |
| 1999-2000 | Diane Braskamp - Madison |
| 2000-01 | Doc Michel - Rapid City |
| 2001-02 | Bob DeBoer - Huron |
| 2002-03 | Carmen Robinson - Yankton |
| 2003-04 | Georgia Adolph - Flandreau |
| 2004-05 | Ken Bruckner - Menno |
| 2005-06 | Dave Scott - Lennox |
| 2006-07 | Tricia Neugebauer - Mitchell |
| 2007-08 | Todd Jorgenson - Brookings |
| 2008-09 | Brett Schlekeway - SF Washington |
| 2009-10 | Carmen Robinson - Yankton |
| 2010-11 | Larry Toft - SF Washington |
| 2011-12 | Jeff Walder - Andes Central |
| 2012-13 | Bob Tiff - Redfield |
| 2013-14 | Craig Connell - Eureka-bowdle |

| Previous Winners | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1988-89 | Jim Miner - Yankton |
| 1989-90 | Virg Polak - Watertown |
| 1990-91 | Vern Miller - Pierre |
| 1991-92 | Ken Knapp - Rapid City Central |
| 1992-93 | Gary Satter - Yankton |
| 1993-94 | Jerry Miller - Sioux Falls Roosevelt |
| 1994-95 | Ray Kooistra - Yankton |
| 1995-96 | Ray Boetel - Rapid City Stevens |
| 1996-97 | Harry Himmerich Edmunds Central |
| 1997-98 | Bob Judson - Pierre |
| 1998-99 | Allen Weier - Platte |
| 1999-2000 | Larry Holland - Howard |
| 2000-01 | Roger Heirigs - Vermillion |
| 2001-02 | Don Campbell - Yankton |
| 2002-03 | Ken Bruckner - Menno |
| 2003-04 | Mel Fathke - Avon |
| 2004-05 | Dick Tschetter - Spearfish |
| 2005-06 | Allen Weier - Platte |
| 2006-07 | Tom Osterberg - Madison |
| 2007-08 | Andrew TerWee - Garretson |
| 2008-09 | Ken Schaefer - Yankton |
| 2009-10 | Tom Starr - Mitchell |
| 2010-11 | John Gilman - Parkston |
| 2011-12 | Randy Gross - Yankton |
| 2012-13 | Scott Embry - Sioux Falls Lincoln |
| 2013-14 | Dan Mitchell - Yankton |

**2015 Assistant
Coach of the Year
Boys' Sports
Vince Spease
Rapid City Central**



Vince Spease's coaching and teaching career spans 29 years. He has served as the head boys basketball coach, girls head basketball coach, and head boys track coach at Tripp, SD, and was an assistant coach in football, basketball, and track at Salem, SD. He coached junior high school football, track, and basketball in Rapid City prior to joining the staff at Central High School. He has been an assistant coach with Cobbler track teams for 18 years, in addition to 18 years as a football assistant, and 12 years as a basketball assistant. He coached one year at Stevens High School and has been Central's head boys basketball coach for two years.



2015 Assistant Coach of the Year Girls' Sports **Nancy Paulson** Milbank

Nancy Paulson began coaching at Milbank High School in 1996. She served as freshman coach under head coach Brad Olson from 1993 to 2001. In 2001 she took over the junior varsity team when Nancy Hoeke became the head coach. Paulson has been involved with the Milbank volleyball program for 20 years and served as the assistant coach for 10 state tournament teams. Milbank earned seven consecutive state tournament berths from 2003-2009. She was named assistant coach of the year for Class A girls in 2004 and 2006. Students competing on Milbank state championship teams in 2004 and 2006 included Paulson's daughter, Kelsey, and nieces, Stephanie and Sami Nygaard. "I am very honored to receive this award knowing there are many wonderful assistant coaches in our volleyball family across the state."

Previous Winners

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| 1993-94 | Nick Kranz - Watertown |
| 1994-95 | Kenn Anderson - Sioux Falls |
| 1995-96 | Lucy Lindskov - Sioux Falls |
| 1996-97 | Duane Donat - Aberdeen |
| 1997-98 | Pamela Jo Hoiland - Sioux Falls |
| 1998-99 | Mike Merkwan - Yankton |
| 1999-2000 | Annette Johnson - Spearfish |
| 2000-01 | Virg Polak - Watertown |
| 2001-02 | Bruce Maxwell - Parkston |
| 2002-03 | Ron VanLaecken - Watertown |
| 2003-04 | Bob Billotto - Eureka/Bowdle |
| 2004-05 | Alan Hamre - Willow Lake |
| 2005-06 | Kevin DeCurtins - Madison |
| 2006-07 | Tom Oster - Avon |
| 2007-08 | Connie Deibert - Aberdeen |
| 2008-09 | Ron Wackel - Dakota Middle School |
| 2009-10 | Sue Gapp - Aberdeen |
| 2010-11 | Tim Boeck - Arlington |
| 2011-12 | Becky Jensen - Chamberlain |
| 2012-13 | Skip Kurth - Pierre |
| 2013-14 | Cindee Evenson - Menno |

Previous Winners

| | |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1979-80 | Pete Baker - Scotland |
| 1980-81 | Jack Richardson - Yankton |
| 1981-82 | Don Reshetar - Aberdeen |
| 1982-83 | Harvey Hammrich - Watertown |
| 1983-84 | Jim Holwerda - Brookings |
| 1984-85 | Lloyd Dobratz - Sioux Falls |
| 1985-86 | Barry Huitema - Huron |
| 1986-87 | Wayne Carney - Hamlin |
| 1987-88 | Howard Naasz - RC Central |
| 1988-89 | Jim Haar - Aberdeen Central |
| 1989-90 | Jerry Hunter - Miller |
| 1990-91 | Ken Keck - Clark |
| 1991-92 | Jerry McPartland - Castlewood |
| 1992-93 | Wayne Carney - Hamlin |
| 1993-94 | Robert Lowery - Vermillion |
| 1994-95 | Lowell Gilbertson - Arlington |
| 1995-96 | Bob Peterson - Sturgis |
| 1996-97 | Rob VanLaecken - Parkston |
| 1997-98 | Jim Haar - Rapid City Central |
| 1998-99 | Jerry Miller - Sioux Falls Roosevelt |
| 1999-2000 | Butch Bachman - Tri-Valley |
| 2000-01 | Dusty Kracht - Pierre |
| 2001-02 | Harvey Hammrich - Watertown |
| 2002-03 | Jim Dorman - Madison |
| 2003-04 | Gene Brownell - Aberdeen Central |
| 2004-05 | Terry Stulken - Colman/Egan |
| 2005-06 | Rick Weber - Flandreau |
| 2006-07 | Mark Wendelgass - Huron |
| 2007-08 | Doug Schooley - Watertown |
| 2008-09 | Steve Berseth - Brookings |
| 2009-10 | Darren Paulson - Rapid City Central |
| 2010-11 | Gene Brownell - Aberdeen Central |
| 2011-12 | Jim Dorman - SF Lincoln |
| 2012-13 | Tom Murphy - Aberdeen Roncalli |
| 2013-14 | Mark Meile - SF School District |

2015 Athletic Director of the Year **Dan Whalen** Pierre



Dan has been a coach and or athletic director for 30 years, the last 7 of those years he has served as the Athletic Director in Pierre. Dan has had the pleasure of being the Athletic Director during some very successful years at Pierre. In those years the Gops and Lady Gops have won 15 ESD championships and 6 State championships. The two ESD All Sport Championships are the most satisfying as it shows the health of the overall athletic program which is always the number one goal.

Dan feels very fortunate to have been able to be a part of such a great and storied conference and will greatly miss his colleagues as they are tremendous professionals that care deeply about the student athletes that they serve. "I am quite humbled by being selected as the Athletic Director of the year. I know so many great AD's that do such a great job of running not only their schools activities but also our state events and to me that is a great challenge. To have the SDHSCA membership feel that we at Pierre did a job worth noticing is a compliment that I value greatly. I would like to simply tip my hat to all of the AD's that work tirelessly and give so much of their time to make the activities of

this state work so smoothly. The comradery that exists between the AD's of the state is truly one of the great experiences of my career."

Other Nominees: Bill Clements, Dakota Valley

Randy Marso, Brandon Valley

Joey Struwe, Harrisburg

Previous Winners

1992-93 Colin Kapitan - Yankton
Marge Evjen - Sturgis
1993-94 Gary Reed - Sioux Falls
1994-95 Al Sime - Britton
1995-96 Richard Rockafellow - Geddes
1996-97 Jim Johnson - Mitchell
1997-98 Buck Timmins - Mitchell
1998-99 Dan Barker - Madison
1999-2000 Keith Kusler - Aberdeen
2000-01 Curt Ehresmann - Watertown
2001-02 Kelley Devine - Sioux Falls
2002-03 Jeff Sylliaasen - Garretson
2003-04 Dave Tate - Fort Pierre
2004-05 Keith McVay - Marion
2005-06 Dana Nelson - Yankton
2006-07 Jim Ricketts, Sr. - Sioux Falls
2007-08 Gene Bjorklund - Volga
2008-09 Keith Kusler - Aberdeen
2009-10 Lee Johnson - Wessington Springs
2010-11 Terry Nebelsick - Huron
2011-12 Dan Sudbeck - Dimock
2012-13 Jerry Beers - Brookings
2013-14 Don Kayser - Alexandria

2015 Official of the Year

Moe Ruesink

Volga



Moe Ruesink grew up in Castlewood, SD and graduated from Castlewood High School in 1993. He attended SDSU where he played football for five years and graduated in 1998. He is currently the Activities Director and Dean of Students at the Sioux Valley School District in Volga, SD.

Ruesink began officiating both girls and boys basketball in 2004 with the guidance of great mentors. He has had the honor of working several district and region basketball tournaments as well as officiating in six state tournaments. He was chosen to work the championship game in the 2009 Girls Class B Tournament and the 2014 Girls Class AA Tournament.

Ruesink has formed numerous friendships through officiating and is very grateful for that. He would like to thank the many coaches, athletic directors, players and fans that have made his experiences both on and off the court memorable ones. He is humbled and honored to be receiving this award. On behalf of his wife Michelle and sons; Hayden (11), Hudsyn (9) and Holdyn (6), Ruesink would like to thank the SDHSCA for selecting him.

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| Other Nominees: Dave Cornemann, Yankton Bobby Fossum, Aberdeen | Tom Hilsendeger, Bath Todd Landsman, Sioux Falls | Fran Ruesink, Dell Rapids Bernie Schuurmans, Madison | Deb Sternhagen, Tyndall Carrie Wieman, Madison |
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2015 Broadcaster of the Year

Tom Casey

Wounded Knee

Tom Casey has been broadcasting volleyball, football, boys and girls basketball on the Pine Ridge, Cheyenne River and Rosebud Indian Reservations since January of 1986. He has also broadcast tribal council meetings and tribal cultural events and pow-wows from Pine

Ridge to Shakopee, MN to Connecticut.

In addition to managing KILI radio, Casey teaches part-time for Oglala Lakota College and writes for the Lakota Country Times. He remains active in various functions, activities and school sports on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Casey served on the Red Cloud School Board from 1998-2006 and continues to serve on the Education Committee. He received the SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award in 2003-2004 and has been honored by the Lakota Nation Invitational Board of Directors and by the Board of Directors of the Dakota Oyate Challenge.

Previous Winners

1975-76 Don Lindner - Rapid City
1976-77 Danny Olson - Sioux Falls
1977-78 Roger Toland - Rapid City
1978-79 Norm Hilson - Yankton
1979-80 (None chosen)
1980-81 Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
1981-82 Ron Feickert - Aberdeen
1982-83 Tom Maxwell - Sioux Falls
1983-84 Greg Hansen - Mitchell
1984-85 Jim Burt - Sioux Falls
1985-86 Bruce Conley - Sioux Falls
1986-87 Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
1987-88 J.T. Fey - Watertown
1988-89 Dellas Cole - Brookings
1989-90 Eileen Breisch - Aberdeen
1990-91 Todd Enderson - Watertown
1991-92 Ron Wood - Rapid City
1992-93 Jeff Anderson - Madison
1993-94 J.T. Fey - Watertown
1994-95 Scott Kooistra - Yankton
1995-96 Don Lindner - Rapid City
1996-97 Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
1997-98 Roger Toland - Rapid City
1998-99 Tom Nieman - Sioux Falls
1999-2000 Roger Merriam - Watertown
2000-01 Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
2001-02 Dave Vilhauer - Aberdeen
2002-03 Tim Smith - Mitchell
2003-04 Korrie Wenzel - Mitchell
2004-05 Joe VanGoor - Vermillion
2005-06 Roger Toland - Rapid City
2006-07 Erik Thorstenson - Sioux Falls
2007-08 James Cimburek - Yankton
2008-09 Mike Henriksen - Dell Rapids
2009-10 Deb Smith - Aberdeen
2010-11 Steve Morgan - Mitchell
2011-12 Padraic Duffy - RC Journal
2012-13 Pat Morrison - Mobridge
2013-14 Wade LaRoche - Pierre

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

The Distinguished Service Award is given for outstanding contributions and dedication to high school athletics.

| | | | |
|------|--|------|---|
| 2014 | Linda Larson, Sioux Falls | 1996 | Gale Rohr, Watertown |
| 2013 | Tom Boltjes, Platte Mark Stanforth, Colorado Springs, CO Mona Smith, Aberdeen | 1995 | Ron Babb, Wakonda |
| 2012 | Dana Dykhouse, Sioux Falls Joel Harris, Carroll, Iowa Bob Lowery, Pierre | 1994 | Bernie Stocking, Pierre |
| 2011 | Charlie Childerston, Sioux Falls Bob Denny, Sioux Falls Duane Whalen, Rapid City | 1993 | Harve Johnston, Mitchell |
| 2010 | Greg Kendall, Sioux Falls Nick Kranz, Watertown Terry Tople, Fort Pierre | 1992 | Ken Kessinger, Sioux Falls Jack Dorman, Castlewood |
| 2009 | Jerry Bussler, Rapid City Roger Nelson, Brookings Jim Robinson, Yankton | 1991 | Don Ahrend, Sioux Falls Dodie Bemis, Watertown |
| 2008 | Vern Uhlir, Kadoka | 1990 | Dale McElhany, Watertown |
| 2007 | Judy Busch, Sioux Falls Lolly Forseth, Sioux Falls | 1989 | Sarah Trish, Sioux Falls |
| 2006 | Tom Allen, Spearfish Ruth Rehn, Pierre Gene Struck, Montrose | 1988 | Howard Connors, Vermillion |
| 2005 | John Cornette, Yankton Bob Tiff, Redfield | 1987 | Max Hawk, Yankton |
| 2004 | Virg Polak, Watertown | 1986 | William Timmins, Mitchell |
| 2003 | Dick Hunhoff, Yankton Marlyn Goldhammer, Pierre | 1985 | Tom Walsh, Sioux Falls |
| 2002 | William (Bill) Jones, Spearfish | 1984 | Jim Prosser, Vermillion |
| 2001 | Dennis Kokesh (deceased) Virgil Wolthoff, Canton | 1983 | Charles Hoover, Onida |
| 2000 | Charles Schad, Spearfish | 1982 | Warren Williamson, Brookings |
| 1999 | Wayne Carney, Sioux Falls | 1981 | Forrest Lothrop, Strandburg |
| 1998 | Richard Michel, Rapid City Judean Schwinger, Watertown | 1979 | Fred Claudon, Sioux Falls |
| 1997 | Jerry Miller, Sioux Falls Vernon Bechen, Flandreau | 1978 | Keith Fitzpatrick, Mitchell |
| | | 1977 | Howard Nielsen, Yankton |
| | | 1976 | Dr. C.C. Pascale, Centerville |
| | | 1975 | Foster Green, Hot Springs |
| | | 1974 | Bill Treadway, Huron |
| | | 1973 | Elmer Hansen, Sioux Falls Philip McKeoun, Webster |
| | | 1972 | Dr. Merritt Auld, Yankton |

2015 Distinguished Service Award Winners

*Given for outstanding contributions to high school athletics
and dedication to the highest and best in high school athletics.*



Larry Peterson Watertown

Larry Peterson graduated from Clark High School in 1963 and Huron College in 1969 where he lettered four years in basketball and track & field.

After graduating from Huron College Peterson coached 9th grade basketball and football and was a varsity assistant track & field coach in Huron. During the next seven years he ran the chains in football and ran the clock and did the announcing for basketball at the Huron Arena which included Huron games and many state events.

In 1976 Peterson moved to Watertown and entered the insurance business. In 1986 Watertown athletic director, Harvey Hammrich, asked me to keep score for the boy' basketball games and he has been doing that for the past 30 years. Once girls' basketball started he has kept score for that sport as well. He also put in a few years on the football chain gang for Arrow football and for the past 20 years has run the scoreboard for the home football games. For over 30 years he has been a member of the Watoma Club that sponsors the Watoma Relays.

Peterson says "athletics has been and is a big part of who I am and I very much enjoy helping to promote all high school activities."

South Dakota Army National Guard



The South Dakota Army National Guard has given support to many of the South Dakota sport groups as well as the South Dakota Athletic Directors. They have allowed the football and track & field coaches to use their facilities for clinics. They work in many of the South Dakota communities with award programs in our schools. They have furnished banners, t-shirts and many other services throughout the state's schools. They have been a major sponsor of the awards program for both the SDHSCA and SDIAAA.

SDHSCA Scholarships

Mikayla Prouty, Bryant
Baylee Reif, Flandreau

Hannah Peterson, Sturgis
Landon Hoellein, Aberdeen
Dereck DeVries, Lennox

Kaylee Anderson, Sioux Falls
Katie Haigh, Phillip

Dave Prohl Scholarship

Peyton DeJong, Phillip

Coaches Against Cancer Scholarship

Paula Kowitz, Watertown
Abigail Boner, Castlewood

Rachel Gauger, Watertown
Taylor Flanery, Huron

Cylie Pastian, DeSmet
Erin Grimshaw, Mission

SD Coaches Foundation Scholarships

Tayah Huether, Wall

Carson Johnston, Elm Springs

Brandon Warnke, Gregory

Graphic Edge Scholarship

Malorie Anderson, Bryant



MAX HAWK AWARD

This award, in honor of Max Hawk, is to recognize and honor outstanding leadership, contributions and dedication of service to the South Dakota High School Coaches Association.



2015 Max Hawk Award David Dolan Rapid City

David Dolan graduated from Beresford High School . He went on to get his bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota. He has been teaching in Rapid City for the past 33 years. He has coached football and track & field the last 32 years at South Middle School and Central High School. He is starting his 14th year as Head Coach of the trak & field teams.

Dolan has served on the Board of Directors for the SDHSCA as the Girl's Track & Field representative for six years. He also served as the South Dakota Cross Country and Track & Field Coaches Association as its president. he finished out a term on the SDHSAA State Cross Country Track & Field Advisory Committee and then served six more years as the AA representative. He served as the president of the SDHSCA in 2011-2012.

Dolan compiles the Top 10 List of Girls Track & Field Performances for South Dakota. Along with several others he helped start the Hall of Fame for Cross Country and Track & Field. He coordinates the SoDak Track & Field Clinic which is held each February. at the National Guard Armory in Sioux Falls.

Dolan has served as the National Chair for Boy's Track & Field for NHSACA for four years and is currently the second vice-president of that organization. "Without the help and guidance from many people in the SDHSCA none of this would have been possible. The one comment that always stood out was the time Max Hawk asked if I needed a ticket to the banquet and I said no I wasn't going. He simply said 'Why, are you not supporting the people in your profession for their accomplishments.' I have been going ever since."

Roll of Champions

State Championship Coaches 2014-2015

GOLF

- Girls AA** Rod Garrison, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys AA Scott Carroll, Brandon Valley
Girls A Tyler Hockett, Parkston
Boys A Mick Hogle, Dell Rapids
Girls B Mike Buseth, Deubrook
Boys B Tim Koisti, Hamlin

TENNIS

- Girls** Don Barnes, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln

SOCCER

- Girls AA** Steve Burckhalter, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Boys AA Doug Townsend, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A Kaysie Linch, Belle Fourche
Boys A Mike Becker, Groton Area

CROSS COUNTRY

- Girls AA** Jesse Coy, Rapid City Stevens
Boys AA Eric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A Royce Wuertzer, St. Thomas More
Boys A Rebecca Wahl, West Central
Girls B Todd Thorson, Ipswich
Boys B Ralph Kroetch, Philip

FOOTBALL

- 11AAA** Aaron Beavers, Sioux Falls Lincoln
11AA Arlin Likness, Yankton
11A Steve Hansen, Dell Rapids
11B Eric Norden, Parkston
9AA Brian Allmendinger, Gregory
9A Pat Ruml, Howard
9B Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin

CHEER

- Girls AA** Kayla Meyerhoff, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Deidra Nissen, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Girls A Casie King, Sioux Valley

DANCE

- Girls AA** Tracy Kuhn, Brandon Valley
Girls A Melissa Strong, Dakota Valley

VOLLEYBALL

- Girls AA** Julie Kolbeck, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Girls A Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls B Kari Jung, Warner

GYMNASTICS

- Girls AA** Audra Rew, Mitchel
Girls A Maridee Dossett, Madison

WRESTLING

- Boys A** Shawn Lewis, Pierre
Boys B James Boehmer, Parkston

BASKETBALL

- Girls AA** Jamie Parish, Sioux Falls Washington
Boys AA Jeff Halseth, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A Brandon Kandolin, St. Thomas More
Boys A Todd Neuendorf, Aberdeen Roncalli
Girls B Tom Young, Ethan
Boys B Josh Oltmanns, Hanson

TRACK & FIELD

- Girls AA** Paul Hendry, Rapid City Stevens
Boys AA Jason Wagoner, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Girls A Scott Benson, St. Thomas More
Boys A Scott Benson, St. Thomas More
Girls B Todd Thorson, Ipswich
Boys B Matt Maxon, Platte-Geddes

2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA OUTSTANDING AWARDS



Special Olympics
South Dakota

Athlete Of The Year

Presented to the Special Olympics athlete who has demonstrated the true spirit, courage, sharing and joy of Special Olympics.



Mallory Bingham
Aberdeen

NOMINEES:

- Daniel Hedstrom, Spearfish
- Megan Mills, Rapid City
- Noah Pierce, Sioux Falls

Volunteers do everything there is to do for Special Olympics and more. You are fundraisers, cheerleaders, administrators, chauffeurs, chaperones, trainers, coaches, policy makers, trash collectors, referees, food servers, score keepers and everything in-between.

You serve without salary, without recognition, without honors or awards. Special Olympics would not exist without you - your dedication, your work, and your love.

Thank you volunteers.... You represent the highest values of the human spirit and we are grateful for your service!

Don Baker Award



Brian Jacobsen
NESC

This is the highest honor presented by Special Olympics South Dakota. It is given in honor of Don Baker who was a volunteer and official starter for Special Olympics events. This award is given annually to an individual, organization,

business, or agency that has given outstanding support to Special Olympics South Dakota.

NOMINEES:

- Jody & Cathy Grubb, Belle Fourche
- Mike Hilbrands, Sioux Falls
- Judy Miller, Beresford
- Bob Weisbeck, Brookings

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

-Special Olympics athlete oath

Lyle Farrand Award Volunteer of the Year

This award is given in honor of Lyle Farrand of Sioux Falls. In 1968, Farrand was instrumental in starting Special Olympics South Dakota. This award is given to an individual who has had a positive impact on Special Olympics.

Misty Farabee Sioux Falls



NOMINEES:

- Michelle Carter, Sioux Falls
- Gage McSpadden, Spearfish
- Phyllis Pates, Volga

Family Award

This award is presented to a family who has demonstrated unique and outstanding support of Special Olympics athletes.

Mork Family Dell Rapids

NOMINEES:

- Alickson Family, Belle Fourche
- Antonsen Family, Sturgis
- Mohamed Family, Brookings
- Young Family, Belle Fourche



DJ Mertens "Champion" Award

This award is given in honor of DJ Mertens who was instrumental in establishing and growing SOSD. This award is presented to a business, organization, or media outlet which has made a major contribution to Special Olympics South Dakota.

Rapid City Central Cobbler 2 Cobbler

NOMINEES:

- Daktronics, Brookings
- Edward Jones Financial, Rapid City
- Valero Renewables, Aurora



Cobbler 2 Cobbler

Ron Stewart Award Coach of the Year

This award is given in honor of Ron Stewart of Rapid City who was a Special Olympics Coach for over 25 years. The recipient of this award has given his/her time to encourage Special Olympics athletes to achieve their fullest potential.

Alden Pendleton Lillie Pendleton Rapid City

NOMINEES:

- Leslie Antonsen, Sturgis
- Michela Meredith, Sturgis



Board of Directors

Myles Kennedy - Spearfish (Chair)
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Dawn Ruhlman - Brookings
Steve Schacht - Rapid City
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2015 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Everett Gebhart
Sioux Falls Washington
Boys' Track & Field



Bob Hirsch
Watertown
Wrestling



Becky Jensen
Beresford
*Asst. Coach of the Year
Girls' Sports*



Bruce Kleinsasser
Aberdeen Central
Cheer



Steve Kueter
Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Football



Mark Miele
Sioux Falls Schools
Athletic Director



Kurt Schultz
Baltic
Boys' Cross Country



Todd Thorson
Ipswich
Girls' Cross Country



NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR & NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

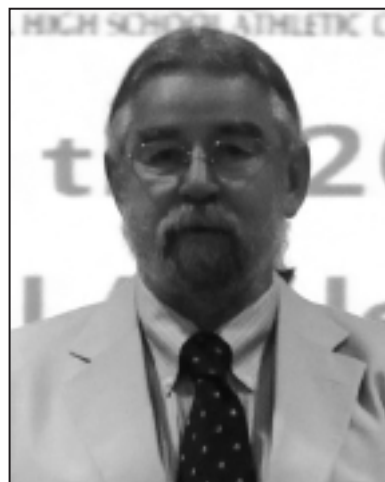
Criteria for Selection into this Distinguished Group:
Years of Service, Championship Years, Winning Percentage,
Awards and Honors, and Professional Service.

2015 National Assistant Coach of the Year Boys Sports



David Dolan
Rapid City

2015 Dwight Keith Award



Forry Flaagan
Rapid City

2015 National Hall of Fame



Fran Esser
Redfield



Sheri Keck
Rapid City

2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Mike Klinedinst
Sioux Falls



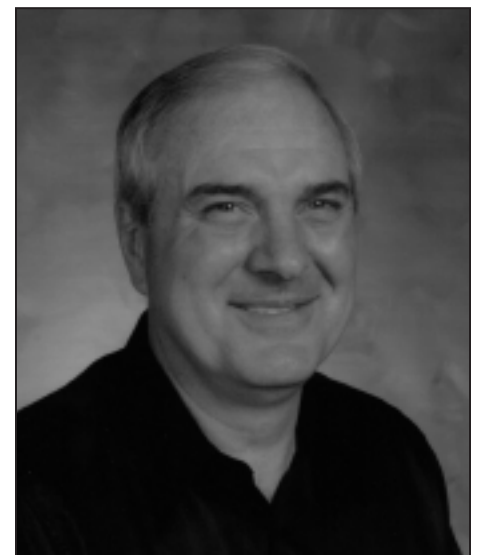
Steve Kueter
Sioux Falls



Lyle Pearson
Sioux Falls



Steve Peters
Huron



Ron Riherd
Rapid City

HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

| | |
|------|--|
| 2014 | John Bruce, Daryl Fletcher, Vic Godfrey, Donna Schmitz, Don Shields |
| 2013 | Jim Dorman, James Drake, Burnell Glanzer, John Nyhaug, Doug Schooley |
| 2012 | Georgia Adolph, Ken Bruckner, Virg Polak, Les Tlustos |
| 2011 | Steve Berseth, Fran Esser, Earl Hilton, Connie Nyhaug, Allen Weier |
| 2010 | Jim Sorenson, Rob Van Laecken, Chuck Welke, Bill Witte, Don Barnes |
| 2009 | Frank Podraza, Russell Strande, Francis Zacher |
| 2008 | Cal Corey, Sheri Keck, Roger Pries, Gary Reed, Jim Uttecht |
| 2007 | Rob Garrison, Marv McCune, Pam Johnson Murra, Gary Wallman, Tom Walsh, Sr. |
| 2006 | Tom Main, Joe Lockwood, Lemoine Trout, Terry Small |
| 2005 | Galen Busch, Gene Daniels, Bill Scholten, Dave Scott |
| 2004 | Chris Dummermuth, Jim Holwerda, Jack Theeler |
| 2003 | Linda Collignon, Jim Haar, Jerry Opbroek |
| 2002 | Forrest Flaagan, Ron Flynn, Ken Ruml, Bill Welsh |
| 2001 | Ronnie Brown, Richard Day, Richard Donovan, Jim Heeren |
| 2000 | Elwood Dietrich, Bob Judson, Tom Prendergast, Fred Tibbetts |
| 1999 | Jim Calhoon, Jim Luce, Gale Lundberg |
| 1998 | Gordon Bergquist, Lowell Gilbertson, Clarence Kooistra, John Odney |
| 1997 | Eldon Barnes, Joe Dunmire, Norman West |
| 1996 | Jim Cordts, John Houska, Dean Mann |
| 1995 | Harvey Hammrich, Jim McGlone, Jim Miner, Don Reshetar |
| 1994 | Dan Barker, Judy Busch, Gary Munsen, Rich Strande |
| 1993 | Wayne Carney, Dale McElhany, Jerry Miller |
| 1992 | Lee Dolan, Harry Prendergast, Andy Zephier |
| 1991 | Wayne Haensel, Marv Sherrill |
| 1990 | Arnie Bauer, Dan Moran, Jack Richardson |
| 1989 | George DeKlotz, Lolly Forseth |
| 1988 | Larry Luitjens, Jerry McElroy, Harvey Naasz |
| 1987 | Gayle Hoover, Phil Trautner |
| 1986 | Floyd Farrand, Dave Strain, Bob Winter |
| 1985 | Lloyd Dobratz, Glenn Draisey, Laton Greeno, Tom Long |
| 1984 | Gene Breemes, Duane Clodfelter, Bob Burns |
| 1983 | Burdell Coplan, M.J. "Moe" Shevlin |
| 1982 | Rollie Greeno, Howard Naasz, Nusier Salem |
| 1981 | Bill Amacher, Bert Dent, Lewis Papendick |
| 1980 | Allen "Pete" Baker, Don Diede, Jim Marking, Bob Schroeder |
| 1979 | Rich Greeno, Max Hawk, Clar Lilevjen, Howard Taplett |
| 1978 | Clyde Cotton, Wally Diehl, Carol Heier, Floyd Mitchell |
| 1977 | Elmer Hansen, Paul Marschalk, Mel Minton, Buella Woodle |
| 1976 | Don Baker, Euclid Cobb, Ken Greeno, Joe Quintal, Howard Wood |

SPECIAL AWARDS

(Selected by members of the SDHSCA)

2014 Cross Country Individual Champions

| Class | Girls | Boys |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--|
| B | Macy Heinz, Ipswich | Jayden Waldner, James Valley Christian |
| A | Emily Hawkes, Madison | Hunter Paulson, Elk Point Jefferson |
| AA | Jasmyne Cooper, Sioux Falls Lincoln | Will Lauer, Sioux Falls Lincoln |

2014 All-Tournament Volleyball Team

| Class "A" | Class "AA" |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Miranda Gallagher, Lead-Deadwood | Sydney Daane, Rapid City Stevens |
| Cami Goodhart, Sisseton | Macy Denzer, Watertown |
| Amy Hurley, Sioux Falls Christian | Lexi Eckmann, Huron |
| Makaela Karst, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton | Jacey Hupp, Huron |
| Elizabeth Lammers, Dakota Valley | Taryn Kloth, Sioux Fall O'Gorman |
| Jamie Mentzer, Miller | Rylie Kooima, Sioux Falls Roosevelt |
| Kristen Peterka, Miller | Brianna Kusler, Aberdeen Central |
| Kortney Pollema, Sioux Falls Christian | Tagyn Larson, Sioux Falls Roosevelt |
| Lindsey Smith, Dakota Valley | Jessica Mieras, Sioux Fall O'Gorman |
| Cortez Standing Bear, Pine Ridge | Dalee Stene, Sioux Fall O'Gorman |
| Jamie Tebben, Redfield/Doland | Madison Tyler, Sioux Fall Roosevelt |
| Shelby Zomermaand, Sioux Falls Christian | McKenzie Werner, Watertown |

Class "B"

Kaitlyn Boesl, Warner
Garline Boni, Jones County
Sarah Heyn, Chester Area
Chloe Lamb, Sully Buttes
Josie Parry, Arlington
Jenna Reiff, Chester Area
Ashley Rozell, Warner
Allison Sanner, Parker
Jaici Schlosser, Warner
Jenny Smith, Parker
Kelli Steffen, Kimball/White Lake
Kimberly VanBockern, Arlington

2014 Outstanding Football Players

| Class | Backs | Lineman |
|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9B | Brody Grantham, Hamlin | Tristen Leiseth, Hamlin |
| 9A | Luke Loudenburg, Howard | Bailey Neises, Howard |
| 9AA | Kurt Braun, Gregory | Gavin Thomas, Gregory |
| 11B | Weslee Dvorak, Parkston | Austin Bertram, Parkston |
| 11A | Riley Schmidt, Dell Rapids | Griffin Ellison, Dell Rapids |
| 11AA | Mason Strahl, Yankton | Nick LaFave, Yankton |
| 11AAA | Braxton Large, Sioux Falls Lincoln | Derek Peters, Sioux Falls Lincoln |

2015 All-Tournament Gymnasts

| Class "A" | Class "AA" |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alyssa Anderson, West Central | Krisia Bramer, Watertown |
| Shantel Bairey, Chamberlain | Chelsey Christensen, Rapid City Central |
| Hannah Flemming, Wagner | Quinci Herll, Mitchell |
| Jenni Giles, Madison | Alaina Klapperich, Rapid City Central |
| Chelsey Hisek, Wagner | Mikkayln Konzem, Sioux Falls Roosevelt |
| Morgan Kwasniewski, Deuel | Kalli Kuebler, Brookings |
| Jada Plastow, Parkston | Emily Prill, Mitchell |
| Shania Schwebach, Madison | Hannah Riker, Rapid City Stevens |
| Brooke Skoglund, Britton | Rebecca Sadler, Mitchell |
| Kelly Wollschlager, Deuel | Shay Trimble, Rapid City Stevens |

2015 All-Tournament Girls Basketball Team

| Class "B" | Class "A" | Class "AA" |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Kelli Aughenbaugh, DeSmet | Ciara Duffy, St. Thomas More | Sydney Arrington, Sioux Falls Washington |
| Karissa Chamley, Summit | Payton Donnelly, Elk Point-Jefferson | Anna Brecht, Sioux Falls Lincoln |
| Darbi Gustafson, Ethan | MacKenzie Huber, Clark/Willow Lake | Ellie Brecht, Sioux Falls Lincoln |
| Karly Gustafson, Ethan | Makaela Karst, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton | Sarah Carr, Huron |
| Abby Hora, Viborg-Hurley | Dawnee Keckler, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte | Paiton Burckhard, Aberdeen Central |
| Chloe Lamb, Sully Buttes | McKenzie Mennenga, Elk Point-Jefferson | Anna Goodhope, Sioux Falls Washington |
| Angie Lee, Viborg-Hurley | Payleen O'Day, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton | Danni Honner, Harrisburg |
| Madison Mathews, Jones County | Mikayla Prouty, Clark/Willow Lake | Brianna Kusler, Aberdeen Central |
| Rylie Osthus, DeSmet | Myriam Rama, Red Cloud | Jessica Mieras, Sioux Falls O'Gorman |
| Kelli Steffen, Kimball/White Lake | Mikaela Stofferahn, Dell Rapids | Taylor Molstad, Rapid City Stevens |
| McKenna Vetter, McLaughlin | Alexys Swedlund, St. Thomas More | Sydney Palmer, Pierre |
| Racquel Wientjes, Sully Buttes | Lindsey Vogl, Websster | Dalee Stene, Sioux Falls O'Gorman |

2015 All-Tournament Boys Basketball Team

Class "B"

Justin Folkers, White River
Bo Fries, Langford Area
Tyler Hohenberger, Faith
Landon Leberman, Parker
Jordan Marquardt, Hanson
Taylor Nicols, Hanson
Tyler Oeschle, Hitchcock-Tulare
Zach O'Keefe, Parker
CJ Steiner, Langford
Sam Vander Stouwe, Hanson
Jade VanDerWerff, Gregory
Lorenzo Williams, Wolsey-Wessington

Class "A"

Nathaniel Brown Bull, Little Wound
Nathan Galbraith, Winner
Brandon Harter, Winner
Zach Hammerich, Aberdeen Roncalli
Jacob Hinker, Lennox
Ty Hoglund, Dell Rapids
Daniel Holmstrom, Aberdeen Roncalli
Tyson Jenkins, Clark/Willow Lake
Brayden McNeary, Aberdeen Roncalli
Cody Renken, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton
Zane Shumaker, Dell Rapids
Jack Sutter, St. Thomas More

Class "AA"

Anthony Bachmeier, Aberdeen Central
Cole Benson, Sioux Falls Washington
Davis Cowen, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Nate Davis, Watertown
Malik Dunn, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Braxton Elliot, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Deng Geu, Sioux Falls Washington
Hylan Heinz, Huron
Kaleb Johnson, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Brevin Kaiser, Pierre
Sam McCloud, Rapid City Stevens
Addison Park, Sioux Falls Lincoln

2015 Outstanding Wrestlers

Class "B": Turner Blasius, Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes

Class "A": John Frisco, Aberdeen Central

2014-15 All-Tournament Tennis Players

Girls

Morgan Brower, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Sydney Brower, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Sami Czarnecki, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Madison Fenske, St. Thomas More
Grace Goble, St. Thomas More
Abi Kosiak, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Lexi Ronning, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Rachael Townsend, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Grace Wittenberg, St. Thomas More
Mira Yousef, Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Boys

Nate Ackert, Sioux Falls Washington
Kaleb Dobbs, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Sam Dobbs, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Cade Daamgard, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Jacob Dahme, Mitchell
Elliot Hartwig, Sioux Falls Washington
Alex Hegg, Mitchell
Brenden Lehr, Mitchell
Will McDowell, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Chuck Tang, Rapid City Stevens
Billy Trevillyan, Brandon Valley

2014-15 Boys All-Tournament Golf Team

Class "B"

JJ Cooney, Andes Central/Dakota Christian
Alec Johnson, Bon Homme
Cramer Johnson, Aberdeen Christian
Jordan Maier, Eureka
Drew Seubert, Canistota
Jamie Smith, Mitchell Christian
Jayden Van Zee, Platte-Geddes

Class "A"

Carter Andre, Vermillion
Keaton Deiter, Aberdeen Roncalli
Gabe Heller, Aberdeen Roncalli
Ty Hoglund, Dell Rapids
Adam Karst, Dell Rapids
Mason Schmidt, Dell Rapids
Cooper Williams, Vermillion

Class "AA"

Riley Duncanson, Brandon Valley
Will Grevlos, Sioux Falls Washington
Alex Hamer, Brandon Valley
Sam Musch, Rapid City Stevens
Luke Rezac, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Tommy Vining, Sioux Falls Lincoln

2015 Girls All-Tournament Golf Team

Class "B"

Maggie Fischel, Scotland
Maisie Hurd, Bridgewater-Emery
Taylee Indahl, Burke/South Central
Molly Koisti, Hamlin
Kayla Ovall, Deubrook Area
Adrianna Weeldreyer, Newell

Class "A"

Sydney Bormann, Parkston
Alexa From, West Central
Mary High, Dakota Valley
Samantha Langford, Madison
Sydney Weber, Parkston
Kate Wynja, Sioux Falls Christian

Class "AA"

Katie Bartlett, Pierre
Elle Carlson, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Becky Frick, Yankton
Karissa Guthrie, Pierre
Kelsey Johnson, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Kiley Phare, Rapid City Stevens

2015 Outstanding Track & Field Athletes

Class

B (Track) Macy Heinz, Ipswich
B (Field) Sara Heyn, Chester Area
A (Track) Tori Glazier, Custer
A (Field) Makenzie Huber, Clark/Willow Lake
AA (Track) Jasmyn Cooper, Sioux Falls Lincoln
AA (Field) Emma Stewart, Yankton

Girls

Boys

Brennan Schmidt, Freeman
Zach Anderson, Parker
Wes Dvorak, Parkston
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