

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION



46TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

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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:

Georgia Adolph
Doc Michel

Ryan Beier
Doug Rinken

Ervin Gebhart
Mark Senftner

Nora Groft
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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 46TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies.....Brittney Eide
Welcome.....Travis Carpenter, President
Introduction of Special GuestsSheri Keck, 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
Soccer 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
Cheer Coach of the Year
Dance 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
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.....Travis Carpenter, President
Past President Award.....Dan Mitchell, President Elect



2016 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year Karen Karim Custer

Karen Karim learned her craft from an expert. She was schooled in track and cross country by her father, Ken Linstrom, long-time coach at Rapid City Stevens. At Stevens, she ran with state championship teams in cross country and track her senior year. She launched her career as an assistant track coach at Edgemont, where she started a cross country team in 1994. In the fall of 1996 she moved to Custer as Eldon Knudson's assistant. She became head cross country coach in 2007 when Knudson retired. The Custer girls won the state title that season. She has served as the head boys and girls' cross country coach the past 10 years with her teams combining for 11 region titles (seven boys and four girls), eight Black Hills Conference titles (four boys and four girls), three state championships and two state runner-up finishes for the girls and two state runners-up for the boys. The Wildcats won Class A combined team titles in 2015 and 2016. She also coaches the distance runners for the track team. "I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity be a part of some successful teams and to learn from quality coaches such as my dad, Ken Linstrom, and Eldon Knudson. I learned early on that a cross country team is a family. I get to work with the best, hardest working kids in our school year after year and I have fantastic assistant coaches, who buy in to the family concept and help in many ways to make our program successful. Being selected for this award is an honor, not only for me, but for our entire program."

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
2014-15	Robert Cordts - Madison
2015-16	Ralph Kroetch - Phillip

Other Nominees: Bill Martens, Aberdeen Central

Eric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln

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 Skonhoid - 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
2014-15	Jason Bohl - Garretson
2015-16	Tom Brantner - James Valley Christian

2016 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year Eric Pooley Sioux Falls Lincoln

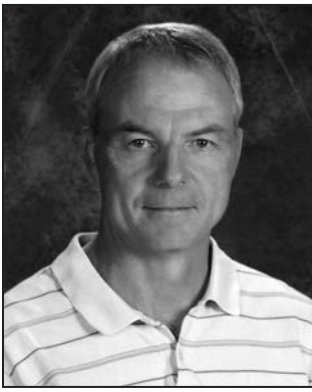


Sioux Falls Lincoln's cross country teams have flourished since Eric Pooley took the reins in 2008. Under Pooley, a native of Bismarck, N.D., the boys team earned a state cross country championship for the first time in 28 years and now has won four titles in the last five years. In 2015 and 2016, the girls brought home state cross country crowns for the first time in school history. Together, the boys and girls team have earned three combined titles at state meet competition. On the track side, Pooley serves as a varsity assistant and has helped coach the boys' team to four state championships and the girls to a pair of titles. Since taking over the cross country program, Pooley has guided the Patriots to 83 team wins. He has coached 53 All-State runners and 10 All-Americans. "It is an honor to be recognized by my peers and coaching colleagues for this award," said Pooley. "There is no greater award than one given by coaches who understand the time, energy, and commitment it takes towards building and maintaining a program."

Other Nominees: Kendra Benedetto, West Central

Tom Brantner, James Valley Christian

Luke VanderLeest, Sioux Falls Christian



2017 Wrestling Coach of the Year Matt Donnelly Kadoka Area/Philip/Wall

Matt Donnelly coached for two years at Dickinson State University in North Dakota before moving to South Dakota and Philip High School in 1994. He has been coaching and teaching at Philip ever since.

Philip Area finished third in the team standings at the 2017 state Class B championships. Seven of its athletes finished in the top eight, including three runner-up placers.

His teams have won several district and regional championships, and posted several top eight finishes at state, including runner-up honors in three of the last five years. Individually, Philip has crowned numerous state champions and place winners.

Matt has compiled a 154-17 dual record during his tenure at Philip.

"It is a surprise and honor to be a recipient of this award," he said. "Thanks to my fellow coaches and wrestling parents for their support."

Matt and his wife, Linette, are the parents of Nick and Cody.

Previous Winners

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
2014-15	Mark Stoebner - Bon Homme
2015-16	Shawn Lewis - Pierre Riggs

Other Nominees:

Mike Abell, Sturgis
Nathan Ford, Mobridge-Pollock

Shawn Lewis, Pierre
Tyler Sorenson, Beresford

Previous Winners

1976-77	Dawn Wilber - Doland
1977-78	Charlene Johnson - Mitchell
1978-79	Jackie Hanson - Croton
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
2014-15	Angela Grupe - Britton-Hecla
2015-16	Maridee Dossett - Madison

2017 Gymnastics Coach of the Year Justin Olson Yankton

Justin Olson's coaching career began at Sioux Falls O'Gorman, where his duties included football and track.

The Knights have been successful in many athletic pursuits and in 1997 Olson became involved in O'G's gymnastics program. He immediately contributed to three of the Knights' four consecutive state championship runs. He continued to gain coaching experience at O'Gorman and various Clubs in the area until resigning following the Knights' 2004 season. Olson stepped away from gymnastics at the time and did not return until 2010 when he moved to Yankton and began coaching at River City Gymnastics. In 2011 he began coaching the Yankton Gazelles and took the role of head coach five years later. In addition to gymnastics, Olson also coaches varsity football and track at Yankton. "I am very humbled by this award," he said. "There are a lot of deserving coaches for this award and I am truly blessed that I can accept this award amongst such a great group of coaches. I would like to thank God for giving me the tools to do what I do. I want to thank my wife for letting me put in crazy hours away from family. Thank you to the gymnasts for being such hard workers, my assistant coaches, my administration team, and the parents for supporting the Gazelle Gymnastics Program.



Other Nominees:

Vicky Fisher, Watertown
Angela Grupe, Britton-Hecla

Lynn Gudmundson, Deuel
Pamela Juneke, Rapid City Stevens

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
- 2014-15 Jamie Parish - SF Washington
- 2015-16 Dawn Seiler - Aberdeen Central

2017 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year Mark Senftner Sully Buttes



Mark Senftner just completed his 12th year at the helm of the Sully Buttes Chargers girls' basketball program. His Charger teams have made state tourney appearances ten of the last twelve years, never finishing lower than fifth place.

The Chargers won back to back Class B titles in 2007 and 2008, and again in 2016 and 2017, with the 2016 team completing an undefeated season. Coach Senftner has been in education for 32 years and previously taught and coached in Roscoe, Gregory, and Timber Lake. He teaches K-8 physical education and junior high computers at Sully Buttes and is also the head football coach for the Chargers. Mark is long time member of the SDHSCA and SD Basketball Coaches Association, serving on the board of directors of both organizations.

"It is an honor to be recognized by my peers for this award. I have been blessed with incredible athletes, a supportive community, a family that loves what I do, and fellow coaches and colleagues that have made this career quite the ride. I have had an unbelievable run of kids and families throughout the years who love the game and have made all this possible" said Coach Senftner.

Other Nominees: Brandon Kandolin, St. Thomas More
Kent Kolsrud, Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Nick Mayer, Harrisburg



2017 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year Scott Schultz Bridgewater-Emery

Scott Schultz has served as the head coach at Emery High School - now Bridgewater Emery - for the past 27 years. He has an overall record of 361-227 and won district titles in 1994, 1995, 2001, 2009 and 2017. Schultz's teams placed

second in Class B in 1994, fourth in Class B in 1995, and were Class B Champions in 2017. He is a graduate of Freeman High School (1985) and the University of South Dakota (1989) with an undergraduate degree in education and a Master's in athletic administration (1994). He teaches high school social studies and also serves as the girls' and boys' golf coach. Schultz and his wife, Christena, are the parents of three children: Mackenzie (21), Sawyer (16), and Kerrigan (13). Said Schultz: "I am honored to receive this award. To be chosen from a group of highly qualified and outstanding coaches around the state is a humbling experience. I would like to thank my assistant coaches, Dan Burnham and Brad Bartscher, for all their help and coaching strategies they contribute during the year. This award would also not be possible without the hard work and dedication of all the players on the team. I am blessed as a coach to have a dedicated and hard working group of talented young men. Finally, a huge thank you to my family for their understanding and support for all the nights away while scouting and hours spent preparing the team for each game."

Other Nominees: Chris Fechner, Tea Area
Rob Grady, Tri-Valley

Michael Ricke, Madison
Derek Robey, Sioux Falls O'Gorman

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
- 2014-15 Paul Raasch - Langford Area
- 2015-16 Mike Schouten - SF Christian

2017 Cheer Coach of the Year **Casie King** Sioux Valley



Since competitive cheer became a sport recognized by the South Dakota High School Activities Association 10 years ago, Sioux Valley has won every state Class A title. Casie King began coaching at Sioux Valley as a volunteer while attending South Dakota State University. She coached dance four years and has coached cheer for 16 years. She competed for championship teams at Faulkton High School through the South Dakota Cheer Coaches Association. During her tenure at Sioux Valley she has coached cheer teams for football and boys and girls basketball.

Her boys' basketball cheerleaders won the 2008 Spirit of Six Award and she was the 2007 South Dakota All-Star assistant coach and the 2009 South Dakota All-Star head coach for cheer. "It is an honor to receive this award and to be involved in this sport as it has become a part of the SDHSAA," said King, "My focus is to teach life lessons first and cheerleading second. Having high expectations for every athlete helps me create a sense of commitment and respect, not only to their team, but most importantly to themselves." King and her husband, Scott, are the parents of three daughters, Kalista, Kiana, and Kalia.

Other Nominees: Carmen Bartells, Parkston
Angela Bernard, Dakota Valley

Bruce Kleinsasser, Aberdeen Central

Mechelle Powers, Custer



2017 Dance Coach of the Year **Melissa Strong** Dakota Valley

Melissa Strong has been a dancer, choreographer, and teacher for 30 plus years. This is also her 18th year as the head coach for the Dakota Valley High School Dance Team. She has helped the Dakota Valley Dance Team win seven State Championships. She was awarded Class A Dance Coach of the Year in 2012-13.

Strong graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa in December of 2000. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Broadcast News and a Minor in English. She now attends workshops and classes across the nation to keep current with the new dance styles and techniques.

"I am truly honored to be given this award. There are a lot of fantastic coaches in our state, and I appreciate my fellow coaches in the Class A division because they answer questions and support each other throughout the season," Strong stated. She has been active in improving the sport of Dance in South Dakota. She has helped with the development of the judging rubrics which are being used today. She is married and has two children, Gracie age 11 and Bode age 7.

Other Nominees: Cyndy DeMers,, Winner
Jessie Jeffery, Spearfish

Melissa Sherman, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Megan Smith, Huron

Marla Tegethoff, Platte-Geddes



2017 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year

Kim Zimmerman

Aberdeen Central

Kim Zimmerman just completed 20th year as the head girls' golf coach at Aberdeen Central High School. He also serves as the boys' junior varsity coach in the fall. The girls' team finished the 2017 season with a state runner-up finish.

Zimmerman is a graduate of Northern State University with a BS degree in education. This fall he will begin his 27th year of teaching in the Aberdeen School District.

"I am very honored and grateful to receive this award", said Zimmerman. "In order to have a successful season there are a number of people and organizations that play an important role in the success of the team. I want to thank Mr. Brownell and the athletic department, my assistant coach Kurt Drube, the golf courses in Aberdeen, and the girls' team for making this a memorable season. I would also like to thank my fellow colleagues that I have interacted with and learned from throughout the years."

Other Nominees: Mike Buseth, Deubrook Area Billie Jo Indahl, Burke/South Central	Tom Jansa, Sioux Falls O'Gorman Jeff Keyman, Canton	Angela Zirpel, Lennox
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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 Hoglund - 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 Hoglund - Dell Rapids
- 2012-13 Kari Stoltenberg - Dell Rapids
- 2013-14 Mick Hoglund - Dell Rapids
- 2014-15 Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes
- 2015-16 Tim Koisti - Hamlin

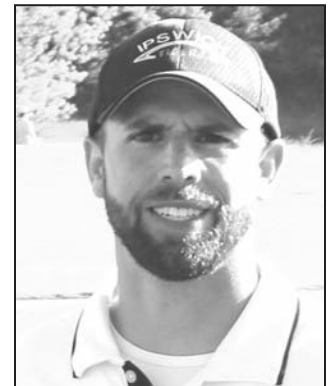
Girls

- 2005-06 John Brown - Clark
- 2006-07 Joan Rchetto - 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
- 2014-15 Mike Buseth - Deubrook Area
- 2015-16 Brett Sime - Yankton

2017 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year

Matt Pollock

Ipswich



Matt Pollock has been the Ipswich head boys' and girls' golf coach since 2014. In that time, he has had the privilege of helping qualify one girls' team and three boys' teams for state competition. The team of Cody Peterson, Riley Gilbert, Tanner Moore and Dylan Northrop were the first boys golf team in Ipswich history to place as a team at state. In 2015, the same group of boys placed fourth. Then in 2017 the team of Riley Gilbert, Cody Peterson, Dylan Northrop and Luke Peterson were the runner-up team to an outstanding Aberdeen Christian squad. Over his tenure as head golf coach, Ipswich has had six state place winners, two golfers earn all-tournament honors and three teams place 7th, 4th and 2nd.

"I am extremely honored to be recognized as Coach of the Year for boys' golf. This award would not have been possible without all the parents, teachers, community members, area coaches and our golfers from the last four years. Their support to our program has made a positive impact on our students and community" said Pollock.

Other Nominees: Jeff Halseth, Sioux Falls Lincoln Doug Rincken, Sioux Falls Washington	Andy Shaw, St. Thomas More
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2017 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year Rachelle DeBeer Deubrook Area

Rachelle DeBeer is in her 21st year of coaching volleyball and 20th year of coaching track & field. She is a 1997 graduate of Dakota State University. She began her coaching career as the assistant volleyball coach at Sioux Valley in 1996-97. The following year became the head

volleyball coach and assistant girls' track & field coach. She taught and coached volleyball and track & field for 13 years at Sioux Valley. While at Sioux Valley, DeBeer was also privileged to coach some individual state "A" individual champions and relay champions. In 2010, she began coaching track & field and volleyball at Deubrook Area Schools. While coaching track & field at Deubrook, her teams and athletes have garnered numerous medals in both Class A and Class B State meets. In 2016, the Dolphins were Class B runners-up at the state track & field meet, and in 2017, they amassed 78 points to win the Class B girls' title. She and her husband, Brad, are the parents of Shaylee.

"I am truly humbled and honored to receive this award from the SDHSCA and my peers," she said. "I have been blessed to work with many amazing fellow coaches and athletes thru the years. Track & field has always been a passion of mine, and I am grateful to the athletes that I have coached who have shared this passion with me. I also want to thank my family for their support as I have pursued this passion of coaching and teaching.

Other Nominees: Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Misty Larson, Chester Area
Maxine Unterbrunner, Madison

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 DeRouchey - 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
2014-15 Troy Sturgeon - Brandon Valley
2015-16 Misty Larson - Chester Area

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
2014-15 Scott Benson - St. Thomas More
2015-16 Chad Rohde, Watertown

2017 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year Jeff Larsen Colman-Egan

Jeff Larsen guided Colman-Egan's boys' track team to a runner-up finish at the 2017 state Class B track meet. Walker Olivier had an outstanding meet for Colman-Egan by winning the 300-meter hurdles, 110-meter hurdles, and running the second leg with the championship 1,600-meter relay team. He was fourth in the 200-meter dash. Chester edged Colman-Egan in the title chase by four points. Larsen graduated from Howard High School in 2009 and from Mount Marty College in 2013 with a degree in elementary education. In 2017 he received a degree in educational administration from Dordt College. He has coached basketball and football at Lennox (2013-2015), women's basketball at Dordt College (2015-2016), and is currently a 6-8th grade teacher and the boys' basketball and track & field Coach at Colman-Egan. "This is a very humbling award to receive especially with it being voted on by my peers and mentor coaches. This is truly a team award all the way from student-athletes, coaches, administration, student assistant coaches, community members, etc. I am very proud of the kids for all the time they put in to become the best student-athletes possible."



Other Nominees: Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Misty Larson, Chester Area
Luke Vander Leest, Sioux Falls Christian

2016 Soccer Coach of the Year Steve Cogley Aberdeen Central



Coach Steve Cogley's Aberdeen Golden Eagles capped the 2016 soccer season with an unblemished 15-0 record. During the campaign Aberdeen yielded just two goals while scoring 80 and claimed both the state Class AA and Eastern South Dakota Conference championships. Cogley is a pioneer in the development of high school soccer in South Dakota and at age 24 became the first coach of the newly organized boy's program in Aberdeen. Starting from scratch, Cogley has built a highly competitive program with just one losing season. The Golden Eagles have won two state championships, appeared in five title showdowns and reached the semifinals six times. He helped transition the program from a club sport to a school-sponsored competition and later to a sanctioned sport by the South Dakota High School Activities Association. During his 16 years as head coach, Cogley's teams have played 229 games, posted wins or ties in 159, and lost 70. "Thank you for this wonderful recognition," said Cogley. "By honoring me, you honor my fellow coaches, my coaching staff, and my players. I accept this award in their names."

Other Nominees: Greg Anderson, West Central
Ryan Beier, Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Steve Burkhalter, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Mark Morgan, Rapid City Central



2017 Tennis Coach of the Year Matt Termansen Harrisburg

In 2015, Matthew Termansen accepted the challenge of organizing a tennis program at Harrisburg High School. He started from the ground up. His first girls' team had

six players, went winless in 18 matches, and finished 20th at the state tournament. The next year his squad grew to 18, posted a 13-10 record and finished ninth at state. The Tigers' boys' team scored two points in their first state tournament appearance and notched 57 on their second trip. Termansen is a graduate of Yankton High School. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 2006 with a degree in science education. He taught at Montbello High School in Denver for three years. In 2010 he returned to South Dakota. He taught at Tripp-Delmont for two years and coached boys and girls golf. In 2012 he took a position at Yankton High School and started coaching boys and girls tennis in 2013. He coached for two years at Yankton with the Bucks finishing seventh at the state tennis tournament in his final season. "I want to thank everyone that has made this award possible. Thank you to the South Dakota High School Coaches Association and all the coaches who have helped me as I was starting out. I am fortunate to work with fantastic assistant coaches, athletic director, and parents who are supportive and enthusiastic about our tennis program. I am extremely honored to be chosen for this award by my peers, who I enjoy having the opportunity to coach with."

Other Nominees: JD Carrels, Aberdeen Roncalli
Kerry Dille, Pierre

Scott Ewald, Watertown
Jillian Hurley, Sioux Falls Washington

Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Matt Zerr, Brandon Valley

Previous Winners

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
2014-15	Tom Krueger - SF Lincoln
2015-16	Keiz Shultz



2017 Assistant Coach of the Year Middle School/Junior High **Sheri Keck** Rapid City Middle Schools

Keck began her coaching career in 1979 at South Junior High School In Rapid City, where she coached the gymnastics team to a city championship. In the spring of 1979 her family moved from Rapid City to Spearfish, where she began coaching high school cross-country, gymnastics and track. In 1988 her family moved back to Rapid City and once again she became involved with junior high/middle school track, cross country and gymnastics. In 1989 she was named track coach at Dakota Middle School and also worked as an assistant cross-country coach and head gymnastics coach at Stevens High School. She coached track at Southwest Middle School for 17 years beginning in 1995 and currently coaches at West Middle School. Keck has coached middle school track for a combined 23 years. "I have been able to coach the last 38 years because I have the support of my husband, Jim, and my children Jamie, Lindsey and Bryan. They believed in me and understood my passion for coaching," says Keck. "It has been a privilege to have worked with so many great kids, parents and coaches. Coaching was never about the winning but the quest to have each athlete reach their potential and give their best effort to make those around them better as they did it."

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
2014-15	Keith Scott - Potter County
2015-16	Kris McCafferty - Aberdeen

Other Nominees: Roger Knecht, Parker

Austin Koch, Bon Homme

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
2014-15	Vince Spease - Rapid City Central
2015-16	Dan DeVries - Lennox

2017 Assistant Coach of the Year Boys' Sports **Tom Rice** Gayville-Volin

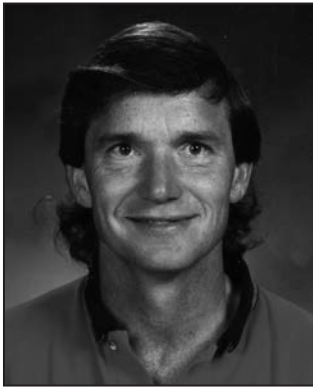


After coaching for more than 25 years, Tom Rice says he retains the fire for teaching athletes the skills needed to be successful. "One product of coaching all these years has been the wonderful relationships made with coaches, athletes, and others involved in sports." He has coached track for 25 years at Gayville-Volin, Beresford, Sioux Falls Washington, and Whittier Middle School in Sioux Falls. He is a member of the South Dakota Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association and has been involved with the Circle of Champions Throws Camp since 2003. He has served as a Howard Wood Dakota Relays volunteer since 1992 and has been a volunteer official for meets at South Dakota State University and the University of South Dakota. Four times he has been chosen Region Four assistant coach of the year (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017). Rice's

football coaching experience spans 28 years. He served as president of the South Dakota Football Coaches Association from 2008-2010. He has been a volunteer coach at Gayville-Volin for the past six years. He also serves as principal of Gayville-Volin High School and Junior High. Rice and his wife, Jenny, are the parents of Meghan, Grant, and Grayson.

Other Nominees: Ross Huska, Madison

Tim Hawkins, Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan



2017 Assistant Coach of the Year Girls' Sports Tony Thoreson Brandon Valley

Tony Thoreson graduate from Brandon Valley High School in 1974. He ran track and cross country all four years. He ran for an awesome coach named Ralph Cook through his junior year and finished his senior year with Lyle Claussen.

Thoreson has worked for the Brandon Valley School District since 1986 as the Director of Custodial Services. He has enjoyed being an assistant cross country coach to Larry Beesley since 1991 and has benefited greatly from his mentoring and friendship. He began coaching middle school track & field in 1994 and in 1999 became the head girls' coach at the high school. In 2003 he started coaching 400 and 800 runners as an assistant to Chad Garrow. From 2009 to present he coaches the distance runners as an assistant to Troy Sturgeon.

Thoreson stated "I am honored to receive this award. I have had the pleasure of working with and against many great coaches and many amazing athletes." He has had the opportunity to share his passion for running with athletes at Brandon Valley. "I would like to thank my wife, Maywin, and my children, Aaron, Lindsey, Sarah and Ben, for their support enabling me to pursue running and coaching all these years," said Thoreson.

Other Nominees: Jeni Bird, Madison Stacey Knebel, Wagner Amy Long, Yankton Ryan Zink, Watertown.

Previous Winners	
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
2014-15	Nancy Paulson - Milbank
2015-16	Kerry Beyer - Rapid City

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
2014-15	Dan Whalen - Pierre
2015-16	Bill Sawinsky - Webster Area

2017 Athletic Director of the Year Clay Anderson, CAA Belle Fourche



Clay Anderson learned the art of multi-tasking early in his career. It all began in 1983 when he joined the staff at McIntosh, where he coached football, girls and boys' basketball and track. He also agreed to serve as athletic director. Ten years later he moved to Belle Fourche and has served as the school's activities director for the past 25 years. In 1989, Anderson was elected to a six-year term on the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) board of directors and served as chairman in 1995. He is a past president of the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, continues to serve on the organization's executive committee, and remains actively involved in leadership training. He is the recipient of the 1996 SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award, 2006 NIAAA State Award of Merit, and a three-time region athletic director of the year. "This award is a reflection of the outstanding students, coaches, teachers, and administrators that I've worked alongside, not just locally, but across the entire State of South Dakota," says Anderson. "There are so many people who have helped me along the way, and I'm forever grateful." Anderson and his wife, Melanie, who have been married for 39 years, are the parents of three adult children and have three grandkids.

Other Nominees: Bill Clements, Dakota Valley Randy Marso, Brandon Valley Terry Rotert, Huron. Joey Struwe, Sioux Falls Lincoln



2017 Official of the Year

Mark Wendelgass

Huron

"I consider this a tremendous honor as it comes from the coaches of South Dakota." This is the second time Mark has been honored by the SDHSCA as they selected him as Athletic Director of the Year in 2007. Mark Wendelgass spent his entire 35 year career with the Huron Public Schools. He taught at the Junior High

and High school level for 17 years and for 18 years was the Athletic/Activities Director for Huron. He coached track for 30 years and was the Head Boys and Girls Track Coach for 15 years (1988-2003). During that time his Tiger track teams had 4 runner-up finishes in the State AA track meet and five 3rd place finishes. His teams captured 4 ESD Conference titles. As assistant cross-country coach he helped coach the Tigers to 4 State AA Championships and 4 runner-up finishes and 7 ESD Conference Championships. Mark has been inducted into the South Dakota Athletic Directors Hall of Fame, South Dakota Track and Cross-Country Coaches Hall of Fame, and the Huron High School Hall of Fame. The Huron Invitational track meet was re-named the Wendelgass Relays by the Huron School Board when he retired in 2008.

Mark has officiated in the state cross-country meet and the state track meet for many years. Mark says, my great friend, Steve Charron, got me started in officiating many years ago and we have been partners ever since in track and cross-country officiating. I truly love officiating track and field and cross-country as it keeps me involved with all the wonderful student/athletes, coaches, administrators, and workers of South Dakota. Mark and his wife Patty have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

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
2014-15	Moe Ruesink - Volga
2015-16	Mike Mudder - Tyndall

Other Nominees: Bret Buck, Bryant
Todd Dvoracek, Yankton

Brandy Gangle, Lake City
Steve Hilton, Piedmont

Mike Kirkeby, Rapid City
Brian Kringen, Rapid City

Greg Stone, Rapid City
Rebecca Uhrig, Pierre



2016-2017

25 YEAR COACHING AWARD WINNERS

Julie Barber
Dell Rapids

Steve Hansen
Dell Rapids

Mike O'Connell
Chester

Al Bierschbach
Madison

Tim Hawkins
Ethan

Kristi Phillips
Chester

Jeff Dvorak
Dell Rapids

Steve Hegge
Dell Rapids

Jason Schlichtemeier
Sturgis

Doug Fiedler
Dell Rapids

Kerwin Hoellein
Holgate

Wayne Sullivan
St. Thomas More

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

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

2016	Rich Hinseth, Rapid City Steve Kjellsen, Watertown Paul Richter, Rapid City	1997	Jerry Miller, Sioux Falls Vernon Bechen, Flandreau
2015	Larry Peterson, Watertown SD Army National Guard	1996	Gale Rohr, Watertown
2014	Linda Larson, Sioux Falls	1995	Ron Babb, Wakonda
2013	Tom Boltjes, Platte Mark Stanforth, Colorado Springs, CO Mona Smith, Aberdeen	1994	Bernie Stocking, Pierre
2012	Dana Dykhouse, Sioux Falls Joel Harris, Carroll, Iowa Bob Lowery, Pierre	1993	Harve Johnston, Mitchell
2011	Charlie Childerston, Sioux Falls Bob Denny, Sioux Falls Duane Whalen, Rapid City	1992	Ken Kessinger, Sioux Falls Jack Dorman, Castlewood
2010	Greg Kendall, Sioux Falls Nick Kranz, Watertown Terry Tople, Fort Pierre	1991	Don Ahrend, Sioux Falls Dodie Bemis, Watertown
2009	Jerry Bussler, Rapid City Roger Nelson, Brookings Jim Robinson, Yankton	1990	Dale McElhany, Watertown
2008	Vern Uhler, Kadoka	1989	Sarah Trish, Sioux Falls
2007	Judy Busch, Sioux Falls Lolly Forseth, Sioux Falls	1988	Howard Connors, Vermillion
2006	Tom Allen, Spearfish Ruth Rehn, Pierre Gene Struck, Montrose	1987	Max Hawk, Yankton
2005	John Cornette, Yankton Bob Tiff, Redfield	1986	William Timmins, Mitchell
2004	Virg Polak, Watertown	1985	Tom Walsh, Sioux Falls
2003	Dick Hunhoff, Yankton Marlyn Goldhammer, Pierre	1984	Jim Prosser, Vermillion
2002	William (Bill) Jones, Spearfish	1983	Charles Hoover, Onida
2001	Dennis Kokesh (deceased) Virgil Wolthoff, Canton	1982	Warren Williamson, Brookings
2000	Charles Schad, Spearfish	1981	Forrest Lothrop, Strandburg
1999	Wayne Carney, Sioux Falls	1979	Fred Claudon, Sioux Falls
1998	Richard Michel, Rapid City Judean Schwinger, Watertown	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

2017 Distinguished Service Award Winners

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

Brian Hansen – Sioux Falls

Faith, family, football. These are important to Brian Hansen in his pursuit of a quality life and career.

Putting a lot of distance between himself and a football led to a 15-year career in the National Football League (1984-99).

He has served with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 18 years, providing student-athletes with inspiration and direction. At present Hansen is the organization's ministry coordinator.

Hansen grew up in Hawarden, Iowa, graduated from West Lyon High School and enrolled at Sioux Falls College, now the University of Sioux Falls. He was a wide receiver and tight end at SFC, but made his mark as a punter. He was an NAIA All-America first team choice as a punter in 1983. One of his efforts at SFC sailed an all-time school record 94 yards.

He was drafted in the ninth round (237th pick) by the New Orleans Saints in 1984. In his rookie season he led NFL punters with a 43.8-yard average, which was also a Saints team record. He was chosen to play in the 1985 Pro Bowl.

Hansen also played for the New England Patriots, New York Jets, Washington Redskins, and Cleveland Browns. His longest punt as a pro was a 73-yarder in 1992 with the Browns.

In his role with the FCA, Hansen runs kicking camps, hosts Huddle groups for student-athletes and coaches, and has spoke at many clinics, schools, and to service groups.

He served as the FCA state director for a number of years and leads several men's groups in the Sioux Falls area. He is a board member of Kingdom Capital, a group distributing funds to Christian efforts.

Hansen also hosted a golf tournament to support scholarships for his high school.



Ken Martens – Omaha



Ken Martens made quite an impression on coaches and players when he served as an assistant golf coach at Sioux Falls Washington.

Martens, who is battling Stage 4 Melanoma, made the trip from Omaha to watch the second round of the Sioux Falls Boys' city golf meet in October 2016. He was in for a surprise.

Washington Coach Doug Rinken and his players were wearing black ribbons, the color designated for melanoma awareness. And so were coaches and players from Sioux Falls Lincoln, O'Gorman, and Roosevelt.

Martens moved to Sioux Falls in 2002. It was Rinken who approached Martens about joining the Warriors' staff.

"My relationship with the Washington golf team began when my oldest grandson was in seventh grade. It was during this period that Coach Rinken asked if I would take the necessary tests to become an assistant coach for his team."

Martens has been involved in golf for many years and has always loved playing and competing in the sport. He enjoyed helping with keeping scores in the beginning, along with trying to teach good etiquette and sportsmanship and some rules of golf.

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Ray Rylance – Watertown

Ray Rylance's support of Watertown athletics had been varied and long term.

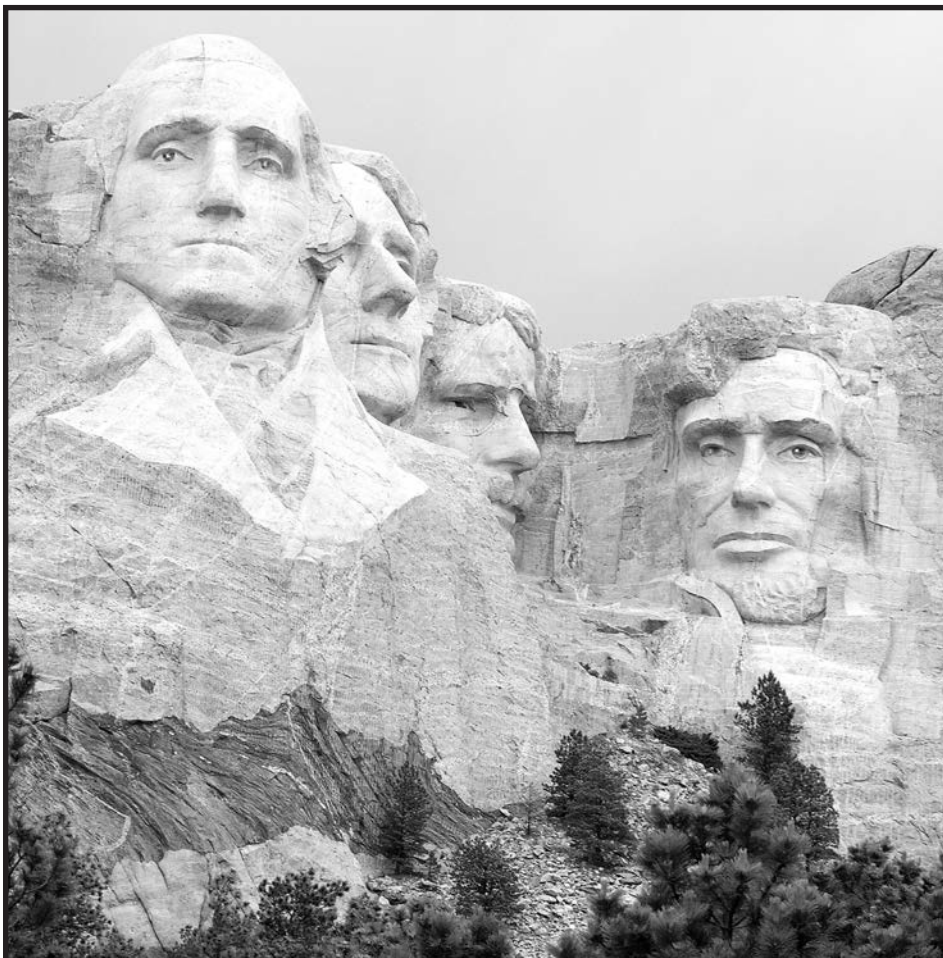
He operated the clock at Watertown High School varsity football games for more than 27 years. He has served as secretary/treasurer of the Watoma Club for 20 years. Watoma Club is an organization that supports track and field.

Rylance has been in charge of the pole vault competition at the Watoma Relays for 20 years and has been recognized as the meet's honorary referee. He has been an active member of the Watertown Booster Club for 30 years.

An outstanding collegiate baseball player, he has been the president of the Parent Legion Baseball Club for two years. Outside of athletics, Rylance has been a trustee and treasurer for the Elks Club.

He graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1963 and enrolled at the University of South Dakota, where he played baseball. He graduated from the USD Business School in 1967, and from the USD School of Law in 1970. In 1984, he became the first USD baseball player to be inducted into the Coyote Sports Hall of Fame. A catcher, he was selected to the All-North Central Conference Team in 1966 and 1967. He was voted the Coyotes' Most Valuable Player in 1966 and led the team in batting with a .351 average. In 1989 he was chosen to the first 100-year South Dakota All-Time All-College baseball team.

Rylance achieved the rank of captain while serving with the Marine Corps and is a Vietnam Veteran. Ray and his wife, Roberta, are the parents of Heath, Jodi Heins, and Dayna Semchenko.



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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.



2017 Max Hawk Award

Arlin Likness

Yankton

Arlin Likness graduated from Britton High School in 1974 and attended Northern State University in Aberdeen, graduating in 1979 with a double major in Social Science and Physical Education & Health Composite. He received his Masters' in Sports Psychology from USD in 1999. He taught & coached at both Hamlin and Yankton. He has been a member of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association from 1979-present (SDHSCA) and assisted Max Hawk for several years with the duties of SDHSCA Executive

Director. Likness has served on the Board of Directors for many years and served as president in 2013-14. He is past president of South Dakota Football Coaches Association, member of the South Dakota High School Football Advisory Board and South Dakota Coaches Foundation Board of Directors. He is a member of FCA Leadership Board of Directors and huddle leader for 30 years.

Roll of Champions

State Championship Coaches 2015-2016

GOLF

- Girls AA** Tom Jansa, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys AA Doug Rincken, Sioux Falls Washington
Girls A Jeff Keyman, Canton
Boys A Jason Sudenga, Tea Area
Girls B Mike Buseth, Deubrook Area
Boys B Gary Aderhold, Aberdeen Christian

TENNIS

- Girls** Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln
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SOCCER

- Girls AA** Mark Morgan, Rapid City Central
Boys AA Steve Cogley, Aberdeen Central
Girls A Greg Anderson, West Central
Boys A Jim Hill, Spearfish

CROSS COUNTRY

- Girls AA** Eric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Boys AA Eric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A Karen Karim, Custer
Boys A Luke Vander Leest, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls B Todd Thorson, Ipswich
Boys B Tom Brantner, James Valley Christian

FOOTBALL

- 11AAA** Chad Stadem, Sioux Falls Washington
11AA Kent Van Overschelde, Mitchell
11A Max Hodgen, Madison
11B Dan Aaker, Winner
9AA Brian Allmendinger, Gregory
9A Chad Williamson, Colman-Egan
9B Dale Krumpus, Colome

CHEER

- Girls AA** Katee Lane, Brandon Valley
Girls A Casie King, Sioux Valley

DANCE

- Girls AA** Angela Nieman, Sioux Falls Washington
Girls A Melissa Strong, Dakota Valley

VOLLEYBALL

- Girls AA** Ronette Costain, Harrisburg
Girls A Rick Pruett, Dakota Valley
Girls B Nora Groft, Northwestern

GYMNASTICS

- Girls AA** Vicky Fisher, Watertown
Girls A Maridee Dossett, Madison

WRESTLING

- Boys A** Shawn Lewis, Pierre
Boys B Tyler Sorenson, Bereseford/Alcester-Hudson

BASKETBALL

- Girls AA** Kent Kolsrud, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys AA Derek Robey, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Girls A Brandon Kandolin, St. Thomas More
Boys A Chris Fechner, Tea Area
Girls B Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes
Boys B Scott Schultz, Bridgewater-Emery

TRACK & FIELD

- Girls AA** Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Boys AA Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A Scott Benson, St. Thomas More
Maxine Unterbrunner, Madison
Boys A Luke Vander Leest, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls B Rachelle DeBeer, Deubrook Area
Boys B Misty Larson, Chester Area

2017 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA OUTSTANDING AWARDS

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, scorers and everything in-between.



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Spirit of a Champion Award

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

Bruce Weeldreyer
Sioux Falls



NOMINEES:

- Kyle Duke, Yankton
- Michael Foote, Spearfish
- Logan Gauer, Aberdeen
- Bryson Geffre, Aberdeen
- Brittany Lambertz, Sioux Falls
- Mike Murfield, Sioux Falls
- Jobe Nelson, Spearfish
- Tyrel Ott, Spearfish
- Whitney Rauscher, Aberdeen
- Ammee Schwender, Spearfish
- Wade Uhrich, Aberdeen
- Carla & Marla West, Spearfish

Don Baker Award

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.

Black Hills Harley Davidson
Jim & Monica Burgess
Rapid City



NOMINEES:

- Dakota Beverage, Sioux Falls
- Great Bear Recreation Park, Sioux Falls
- Jody & Cathy Grubb, Belle Fourche
- Knights of Columbus, State Wide

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

-Special Olympics athlete oath - 20 -

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 South Dakota.

Shelly Wolfe Rapid City



NOMINEES:

- Becky Brennan, Sioux Falls
- Pat Grashel, Sioux Falls
- Mary Hieb, Mitchell
- Heather Leischner, Sioux Falls
- Dylan Smunk, Watertown

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.

Lori Jerred Vermillion



NOMINEES:

- Mara Carrier, Newell
- Terry Chapin, Watertown
- Cort Hansen, Sioux Falls
- Brenda Hendricks, Spearfish
- Brian Shishnia, Aberdeen
- Maren VanLuvanee, Sioux Falls

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.

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NOMINEES:

- Jenna Aderhold, Hayti
- Black Hills Gold Swim Club, Spearfish
- Black Hills Rapids Soccer Club, Rapid City
- Century Link Communications, Spearfish
- Culver's, Spearfish
- Edward Jones Financial Group, Rapid City
- Spearfish Middle School Student Council



Family Award

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



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NOMINEES:

- Kevin Johnson Family, Aberdeen
- JD Young Family, Belle Fourche

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2017 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Back row left to right: Ervin Gebhart, Elkton, Boys' Cross Country; Ryan Beier, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Soccer; Ken Bruckner, Menno, Boys' Track & Field; Doug Rinken, Sioux Falls Washington, Golf. Front row: Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes, Girls' Basketball; Doc Michel, Rapid City Stevens, Assistant in Girls' Sports; Dan Mitchell, Yankton, Assistant in Boys' Sports; Arlin Likness, Yankton, Football.

SDHSCA Scholarships

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John Rice, Gayville

Code Carpenter, Mitchell
Amanda Ricke, Madison
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Tanner Gauer, Milbank
Jordan Thill, Mitchell

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Hailey Nold, Sioux Falls

Coaches Against Cancer Scholarship

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Lauren Green, Sioux Falls
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Porter Jones, Pierre

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Baylie Embry, Sioux Falls

Marren Buffington, Gayville
Logan Hansen, Hurley
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NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR & NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

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2017 National Coach of the Year Assistant in Girls' Sports

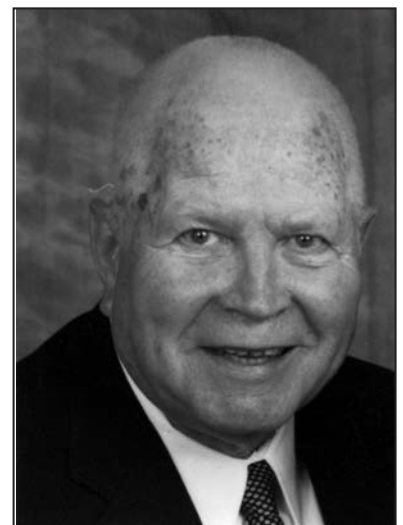


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2017 National Hall of Fame



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2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



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Aberdeen



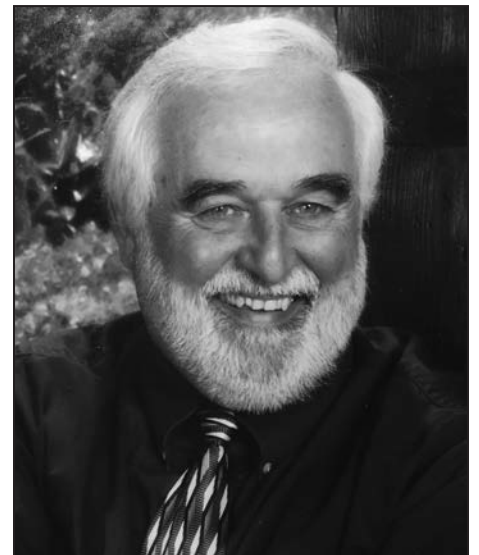
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Sioux Falls



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Rapid City



Arlin Likness
Yankton



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Vermillion

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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
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1978	Clyde Cotton, Wally Diehl, Carold Heier, Floyd Mitchell
1977	Elmer Hansen, Paul Marschalk, Mel Minton, Buelle Woodle
1976	Don Baker, Euclid Cobb, Ken Greeno, Joe Quintal, Howard Wood

PAST PRESIDENTS

This page is dedicated to those coaches who have served the South Dakota High School Coaches Association as President. May it inspire other coaches to serve their organization in some way.

President	Year
Paul Marschalk	1939-1941
(No meetings - WWII)	1942-1945
Joe Dunmire	1946
Rube Waltman	1947-1948
Bill Hauge	1949
Bob Burnse	1950
Duane Clodfelter	1951-1952
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Jim Marking	1954
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Bill Mitchell	1956
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Tom Prendergast	1959
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President	Year
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Lolly Forseth	1988
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Virg Polak	1990
Ron Riherd	1991
Judy Busch	1992
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John Huth	1994
Mick Wysuph	1995
Georgia Adolph	1996
John Nyhaug	1997
Daryl Fletcher	1998
Jim Dorman	1999
Jim Drake	2000
Marv McCune	2001
Marc Murren	2002
Carmen Robinson	2003
Marv Bohnet	2004
Jerome Garry	2005
Connie Nyhaug	2006
Ken Bruckner	2007
Rod Garrison	2008
Deb Thill	2009
Bill Weber	2010
David Dolan	2011
Bob Billotto	2012
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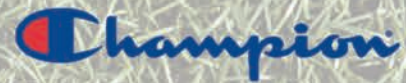
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