

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION



47th Annual Awards Banquet

Sunday, September 16, 2018

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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:

Angela Bernard
Karol Patterson

Jim Dahl
Byron Pudwill

John King
Loree Schlichtemeier

Kent Kolsrud

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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 47TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM

Master of CeremoniesBrittney Eide
Welcome.....Dan Mitchell, President
Introduction of Special GuestsTravis Carpenter, Past President
InvocationGeorgia Adolph, Past President

Luncheon

Awards:

Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year
Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year
Cheer Coach of the Year
Dance 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
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
"40 Under 40" Award
Distinguished Service Awards
Max Hawk Award
Spirit of Influence Award
(Biographies written by Bruce Conley, Sioux Falls)

Special Olympics South Dakota AwardsDaryl Nordquist, Director

NHSACA National Coach of the Year Finalists
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Closing Remarks & Passing of the Gavel.....Dan Mitchell, President
Past President AwardBruce Kleinsasser, President Elect

2017 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Joe Noyes** Hill City

Previous Winners

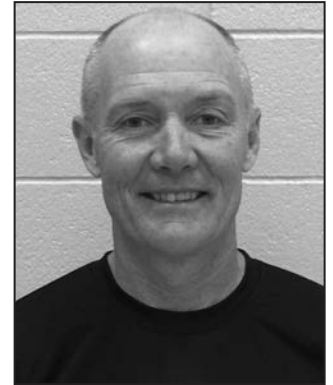
1977-78	Gene Breemes - Rapid City
1978-79	Lowell Gilbertson - Arlington
1979-80	Jim Gemar - Lennox
1980-81	Fran Esser - Redfield
1981-82	Dave Scott - Hot Springs
1982-83	Russ Strande - Brookings
1983-84	Don Greenfield - Hoven
1984-85	Dick Wherry - Milbank
1985-86	Roger Loecker - Huron
1986-87	Dennis 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
2016-17	Karen Karim - Custer

Other Nominees: Larry Beesley, Brandon Valley Kyle Sanderson, Newell

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
2014-15	Jason Bohl - Garretson
2015-16	Tom Brantner - James Valley Christian
2016-17	Eric Pooley - Sioux Falls Lincoln

2017 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Todd Thorson** Ipswich



Since re-starting the Ipswich cross country program in 2000, Todd Thorson has generated successful results. During his tenure, his boys' and girls' cross country teams have won 138 team championships, 28 conference titles, 10 team state championships, 4 runner up team finishes, and 7 combined team titles. "The 2017 boys' team placing 1st and the girls' team placing 2nd at the state meet is a testament to this group's character and hard work," Thorson said. "They all showed up every day with a great attitude and made memories that will last a lifetime. These past 18 years have been a lot of fun and I couldn't imagine doing anything else. The best part about coaching cross country is teaching these athletes to work hard to achieve in life and the family atmosphere that surrounds the sport. Relationships with these athletes, the parents and other coaches truly makes coaching a blessing." Receiving Coach of the Year is a huge honor and Thorson feels truly blessed to be chosen by his peers. "I couldn't accept this award without thanking the individuals who taught me the most about coaching - Bob Salmi, Gene Brownell, and Jim Fuller. I would also like to thank all the coaches in the state for voting for me because there are so many other great coaches in South Dakota."

Other Nominees: Kendra Benedetto, West Central Karen Karim, Custer Shane Reilly, Sioux Falls Washington



2017 Cheer Coach of the Year Angela Bernard Dakota Valley

Angela Bernard, a native of California, has been coaching sideline cheer at Dakota Valley for seven years and competitive cheer for five years. She guided her team to state Class A cheer runner-up finishes in 2016 and 2017. Her coaching

philosophy includes promoting unity, pride and lifelong values and skills. During her tenure, the Dakota Valley team has become a family where everyone is a vital part of teaching and learning from each other. "There are so many wonderful coaches throughout the state and I am honored to receive this award," Bernard said. "This award represents so much more than being the coach; this is truly a team win. Without those who support me, including the cheer parents and the cheerleaders that work so hard, this award wouldn't be possible." Bernard lived in California for 39 years before moving to South Dakota. She is the mother of two girls, Tara, 25, and Hanah, 17. "Being able to share this journey with my youngest daughter makes coaching so much fun."

Previous Winners

1996-97	Rita Berg - Baltic
1997-98	Dawn Williams - Alexandria
1998-99	Patsy Hendricks - Brookings
1999-2000	Michele Koch - Stickney
2000-01	Lynn Senftner - Timber Lake
2001-02	Cindy Kopecky - Faulkton
2002-03	Bruce Kleinsasser Aberdeen Central
2003-04	Patsy Hendricks - Brookings
2004-05	Brittney Eide - Corsica
2005-06	Deb Esser - Redfield
2006-07	Bruce Kleinsasser Aberdeen Central
2007-08	Diane Gilbertz - Brandon Valley
2008-09	Cindy Kopecky - Faulkton
2009-10	Dawn Stluka - Pierre
2010-11	Krista Dailey - Watertown
2011-12	Marla Tegethoff - Platte-Geddes
2012-13	Cami Bacon - Dell Rapids St. Mary's
2013-14	Sheri Keck - Rapid City Stevens
2014-15	Holly Morgan - Northwestern
2015-16	Kaye VanderVorst - Herreid-Selby
2016-17	Casie King - Sioux Valley

Other Nominees: Krista Dailey, Watertown Bruce Kleinsasser, Aberdeen Central Marla Tegethoff, Platte Geddes

Previous Winners

2016-17 Melissa Strong - Dakota Valley

2017 Dance Coach of the Year Cyndy Demers Winner



Cyndy DeMers has been coaching a performance dance team for high school events at Winner since 2002. With DeMers at the helm, Winner began competing in Class A dance competitions in 2012. In the last six years, her teams earned two state runner-up, two third-place, and two fourth-place finishes. In addition, the Lady Warriors have claimed one hip hop and two large kick state titles. Winner's Abby Marts and Macy Olson were named to the inaugural all-state dance team. DeMers served on the original SDHSAA committee for dance and is currently serving her second consecutive term on the dance advisory committee. She started the South Dakota Dance Coaches Association and is presently serving as president. She has taught technology and language arts at Winner for 34 years. "I am so honored to receive this award because I respect the sport, the coaches, and the competitors. I am also grateful for all the support from athletes, coaches, administration and community members who have helped make this support a success, not just at the local level, but at the state level as well."

Other Nominees: Melissa Sherman, Sioux Falls Roosevelt Megan Smith, Huron Melissa Strong, Dakota Valley



2017 Football Coach of the Year Brian Allmendinger Gregory

Since he was named Gregory's head football coach in 2008, Brian Allmendinger has compiled a 75-28 record. Under Allmendinger, the Gorillas have claimed three state 9AA championships,

including back-to-back titles in 2016 and 2017. Over the past two seasons, Gregory has won 24 straight games. Five of his players were chosen to the 2017 9AA all-state team and two were named to the Elite 45 squad. "It is a great honor to be recognized with this award," he said. "The award would certainly not be possible without my two exceptional assistant coaches, Mike Murray and John King. Both have worked tirelessly for the program. I have also been fortunate in having players come through the program with not only great talent, but character as well." From 1998-99 Allmendinger was a grad assistant under Ken Huepel at Northern State University. He coached middle school football at Gregory from 1999-2007.

Previous Winners

- 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
- 2014-15 Arlin Likness - Yankton
- 2015-16 Dan Aaker - Winner
- 2016-17 Kent Van Overschelde - Mitchell

Other Nominees: Max Hodgen, Madison Jake Pettengil, Sioux Falls Christian
Patrick Renner, Britton-Hecla Jeff VanLeur, Bridgewater-Emery
Chad Williamson, Colman-Egan

Previous Winners

- 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
- 2014-15 Darci Wassenaar - SF Christian
- 2015-16 Jean Benson - Chester Area
- 2016-17 Ronette Costain - Harrisburg

2017 Volleyball Coach of the Year Nora Groft Northwestern



During her 16 years as Northwestern's head volleyball coach, Nora Groft's Wildcats have won seven state championships. In her 22 seasons with the program, she has posted a 474-66 record. She was the South Dakota Volleyball Coach of the Year in 2017 and 2006, and in 2017 was named the South Dakota Sportswriters Association girls' prep Coach of the Year. The Aberdeen American News named her volleyball Coach of the Year in 2016. She is a seven-time winner of the Region I Coach of the Year award. Groft is a past-president of the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association and served two terms as the Class B representative on the South Dakota High School Activities Association's Volleyball Advisory Committee. She played on the first Northwestern volleyball team to advance to the state tournament and earned first-team all-state honors in 1992. In addition to coaching, Groft teaches English at Northwestern. "I have deep respect

and admiration for coaches and thank them for honoring our team with this award. Our success this season was truly a group effort by our players, assistant coaches, student managers, parents, teaching staff, and community members. I feel blessed to be a part of the Northwestern community."

Other Nominees: Ronette Costain, Harrisburg Kari Jung, Warner Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian



2018 Wrestling Coach of the Year Jeremy Swenson Canton

Jeremy Swenson's Canton wrestling teams have won state B championships in 2016 and 2018, and were runners-up in 2017. In its 2018 run, Canton set a record for most points by a winning team (165). Eight of Canton's 12 state qualifiers placed in the top five. Five

wrestlers advanced to the finals, and three were state champions. In addition, the C-Hawks posted the first perfect season in program history by winning nine tournaments and finishing 17-0 in duals. During Swenson's tenure as the head coach and assistant coach, Canton has claimed six straight region titles and 11 overall since 2006. His teams have won 11 conference championships since 2006 and over the past five years have crowned 10 individual state champions and have had 38 state place winners. In the past five years the C-Hawks have compiled a dual record of 102-7 and are working on a 60-dual win streak. Swenson has been the head coach since 2014. He served as assistant coach from 2002-2006, and 2008. "I really can't believe what co-head coach Jeremy Ask and our coaching staff, parents, fans and especially our wrestlers have done over the past 18 years. I am so thankful to have been a part of this amazing dynasty. Without all of these people and the wrestler's relentless passion to be the best, none of this would have been possible. Thanks to all the coaches who nominated me for this award. I am truly humbled."

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
2016-17	Matt Donnelly - Kadoka Area/ Philip/Wall

Other Nominees: John Donovan, Chamberlain Travis King, Rapid City Stevens
Shawn Lewis, Pierre Corbin Surat, Howard

Previous Winners

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
2014-15	Angela Grupe - Britton-Hecla
2015-16	Maridee Dossett - Madison
2016-17	Justin Olson - Yankton

2018 Gymnastics Coach of the Year Caitlin Steffensen Deuel

In her first season as head coach, Caitlin Steffensen guided the Deuel Cardinals to the state Class A championship. While she was new to the role of a high school head coach, Steffensen was very familiar with her student-athletes. For the last three years she worked with the girls at Country Twisters Gymnastics, a club in Clear Lake. "The kids have put in a lot of hard work to get to where they are today; success in this sport does not come easy," she said. "This helped them to accomplish their goal of standing at the top of the podium at state." Steffensen was a high school and club gymnast. She celebrated team and individual state titles and in club competition became a level 10 competitor, earning the Sarah Nitz Award. In her sophomore year in high school she took up pole vaulting and earned a scholarship to NDSU. "I will give credit for this award to my coaches who guided me to become a better athlete and lifted me up when I was down. The true essence of developing great athletes is working through their hardest times, so they can shine through their greatest times. This was the story of our season this year. It was a bumpy road to get there but they shined and performed with confidence, which in turn earned them the state title."



Other Nominees: Rachele Engelbrecht, Brookings Vicky Fisher, Watertown Justin Olson, Yankton Audra Rew, Mitchell



2018 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year Leslie Tvedt Castlewood

Four times during her 16 years at the helm, Coach Leslie Tvedt has guided Castlewood to the state Class B girls basketball tournament. The Warriors have won two state championships (2018 and 2010), were runners-up in 2007, and eighth in

2008. The 2018 title run was noteworthy since the Warriors played just five girls in all three games and outlasted Hanson in the title showdown. Senior Regan Benike, the Warriors' inspirational leader, was named winner of the Spirit of Su Award. Castlewood is Tvedt's home town and it's where she has spent the bulk of her career. She is the network administrator, teaches pre-calculus and computer, and coaches track. For all 16 years she has been assisted by her husband, Austin. They have two boys, Lane and Larz. "I am truly honored to be recognized by my peers," she said. "This award is not possible without the help of my husband. Castlewood has been blessed with great athletes, families, and a supportive community. This award is a reflection of the dedication and success of the athletes I have had the pleasure of coaching."

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-Lake
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 McClemons - Watertown
2009-10	Steve Kruse - 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
2016-17	Mark Senftner - Sully Buttes

Other Nominees: Jim Bridge, Hanson Brandon Kandolin, St. Thomas More Dawn Seiler, Aberdeen Central

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
2016-17	Scott Schultz - Bridgewater-Emery

2018 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year Chris Haynes Yankton

Chris Hayes is a graduate of Winner High School, Dakota Wesleyan University (history and secondary education) and earned his master's degree in educational administration at the University of South Dakota. For the past seven years he has been the head boys' basketball coach at Yankton. He guided the Bucks to a sixth-place finish in the 2014 state Class AA tournament and in 2018 took Yankton to its first state championships in 40 years. Matthew Mors, a 6-foot-7 freshman, paced the Bucks throughout the season and was named the Argus Leader's Player of the Year. He is the youngest player to receive the top First Five honor. "Matthew doesn't let anything bother him or get to him," Hayes told the Argus Leader. "He just continues to amaze us both on and off the floor with how he handles himself and how he conducts himself." Yankton was awarded Team of the Year honors. Haynes said winning SDHSCA coach of the year for boys' basketball is a distinct honor. "To know it was one's peers who voted for them is extremely humbling. Looking at past winners as well as this year's nominees I can't help but doubt that I belong with such company. A coach of the year award is not won without a great team full of great players and coaches. We view this sward as a team and program award. Thanks to the association for providing us a fraternity of coaches. There is no better profession in the world!" Haynes and his wife, Ashley, have three children: Cooper, Connor, and Ally.



Other Nominees: Scott Langerock, Harrisburg Jerome Nesheim, Clark/Willow Lake Michael Ricke, Madison
Brian White, Sully Buttes

2017 Soccer Coach of the Year **Zach Jurgens** Tea Area

Previous Winners

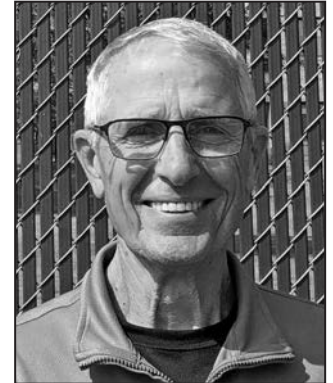
2016-17 Steve Cogley - Aberdeen Central

Other Nominees: Ryan Beier, Sioux Falls O’Gorman Jacob Shoup, Brandon Valley Sidney Zanin, Pierre

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
 2016-17 Matt Termansen - Harrisburg

2018 Tennis Coach of the Year **Kerry Dilley** T.F. Riggs - Pierre



Kerry Dilley, a self-taught tennis player, graduated from T.F. Riggs High School in 1960. Without ever have taken a lesson or attended a camp, he honed his game to the point where he was winning his division in South Dakota’s closed and open tennis tournaments. After learning the game, Dilley offered to be a volunteer coach for Phil Trautner, Pierre’s Legendary tennis coach. He began in 1979-80 coaching the junior varsity team and in 2016 was hired to coach the Lady Govs. He intended to retire after the 2016-17 school year but decided to stay on to help the younger girls he had recruited for the varsity learn the basics of the sport. “Receiving the Tennis Coach of the Year Award is an honor for me without comparison,” Dilley said. “Because of my passion for tennis, and the number of years I have been involved in the sport, this is the greatest honor I have received in my life. I want to sincerely thank all the state’s tennis coaches and SDHSCA for bestowing this honor on me.”

Other Nominees: JD Carrels, Aberdeen Roncalli Scott Ewald, Watertown Terry Grove, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
 Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln Pat Moller, Mitchell



2018 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year **Clark Gusso** Belle Fourche

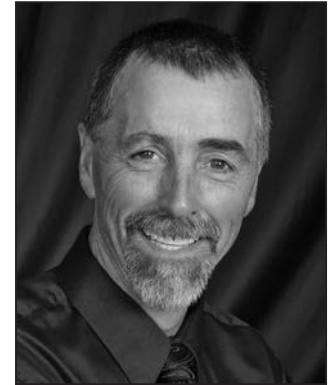
Previous Winners	
2005-06	John Brown - Clark
2006-07	Joan Rachetto - Lead/Deadwood
2007-08	Todd Schlimgen - Colman-Egan
2008-09	Eric Norden - Parkston
2009-10	Rod Garrison - SF O'Gorman
2010-11	Dave Fuller - Parker
2011-12	John Knox - Pierre
2012-13	Tyler Hockett - Parkston
2013-14	BillieJo Indahl - Burke
2014-15	Mike Busetth - Deubrook Area
2015-16	Brett Sime - Yankton
2016-17	Kim Zimmerman - Aberdeen Central

Clark Gusso began his coaching career while attending Black Hills State University – one year at Deadwood and one year at Spearfish. Born in Florence, Gusso coached basketball, golf, and track at Timberlake from 1980-84. He moved to Belle Fourche in 1984 and has been on the staff ever since. Since arriving at Belle Fourche he has coached football (1984), girls' and boys' basketball (1984-2001), track (1985-1989), boys' golf (1998-2017), and girls' golf (2002-2018). His boys' golf team won a conference championship (2001) and a region championship (2008). His teams qualified for state eight times and finished sixth or lower four times. One of his golfers, Wayne Anderson-Meier, was the state medalist in 2005. His girls' teams won conference titles in 2013 and 2018 and capped the 2018 season with a state championship. His teams went to state 15 of 17 years, while Payson Birkeland was the state medalist in 2018. A total of five Belle Fourche golfers, both boys and girls, went on to play college golf. Gusso and his wife, Valorie, have been married 41 years. They have four children – Kirby, Kaitlyn, Karlee, Kemper. "I am very surprised to be receiving this award," Gusso said. "I owe so much to Val without her support I couldn't have done this job for all these years. I would really like to thank my fellow coaches who have become friends and mentors especially Joan Rachetto - Lead, Phil Hunt - RC Stevens, Dave Merrill and Brian Tais - Hot Springs. And, of course, to the wonderful student athletes that I have had the privilege of coaching over the years."

Other Nominees: Ryan Beier, Sioux Falls O'Gorman Jacob Shoup, Brandon Valley Sidney Zanin, Pierre

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
2014-15	Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes
2015-16	Tim Koisti - Hamlin
2016-17	Matt Pollock - Ipswich

2018 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year **Frank Cutler** Platte-Geddes



Frank Cutler is a native of Claremont, a graduate of Langford High School and South Dakota State University. He has completed six years as the head boys' and girls' golf coach at Platte-Geddes High School. During the run the boys have won five Region Class B championships. They finished sixth at state in 2014, were state runners-up in 2015, took fifth in 2016, fourth in 2017 and repeated as runners-up in 2018. The string adds to a strong tradition for the program as Platte-Geddes finished fourth at state in 2010, won the title in 2009, and claimed second in 2001. In addition to golf, Cutler has also coached boys' basketball and junior high football in Platte, Platte-Geddes, and Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian for the last 29 years. He was named Boys' Golf Coach of the Year in 2015, Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year in 2008, and was a nominee for Boys National Coach of the Year in 2017. "I am honored to be recognized as Boys Golf Coach of the Year for 2018 with all the fine coaches that are involved with this sport," Cutler said. "Of course, these awards are a reflection of how our golfers performed and they performed well this past season."

Other Nominees: Tom Jansa, Sioux Falls O'Gorman Nick Rotella, Rapid City Stevens



2018 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year **Bill Abell** Belle Fourche

Bill Abell's coaching career has spanned 11 years. He served six years at Newell and spent the last five years at Belle Fourche. At Belle Fourche he has had the privilege of coaching Shayla Howell, the most decorated student/athlete in school history. Howell

has won a dozen state Class A titles in her storied career, including three gold medals at the 2018 meet. She took the 100-meter dash in 12:03 seconds, the 200 in 25:18, and the long jump at 19-feet, 3¼ inches. "This year the girls really stepped up and performed above and beyond our expectations," said Abell. He describes his coaching staff of Josh "Slice" Schleusner, Chris Riley, Kyle Haxton, and Jeremy Elson as "exceptional." He said Athletic Director Clay Anderson is a phenomenal mentor and that he has been blessed with hardworking student/athletes. "I am extremely humbled and honored to be selected by my fellow coaches and administrators for this prestigious award," said Abell. "A head coach is only as good as their support network. Without my wife, Mary, none of this would be possible."

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
2016-17	Rachelle DeBeer - Deubrook Area

Other Nominees: Scott Benson, St. Thomas More Rachelle DeBeer, Deubrook Area Troy Sturgeon, Brandon Valley

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-Voin
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
2016-17	Jeff Larsen - Colman-Egan

2018 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year **Rory Hermesen** Freeman Public

Rory Hermesen has been coaching and teaching since 1984. He coached boys' and girls' basketball and girls' track & field at Letcher High School from 1984-1987. He has been mentoring a variety of sports at Freeman since 1987. In 1998 and 2015 he was chosen Region Track & Field Coach of the Year. In 2006 he was honored as Region Cross Country Coach of the Year. In 2018 he was selected the US Track & Field and Cross Country Boys Coach of the Year for South Dakota. Hermesen is retiring after 35 years of service to South Dakota youth. "First, I would like to thank the South Dakota track & field coaches for this incredible honor," he said. "It has been a pleasure to coach young student-athletes over the past 35 years. I would also like to thank the dedicated assistant coaches who have contributed to the success of the Freeman Public track program. Finally, I want to thank my family for their support of the long hours spent away from home coaching. I am very honored to be selected the 2018 South Dakota Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year." Hermesen was involved in Freeman winning the state Class B Boys' Track & Field Championship in 1998, the girls winning the 2006 state Class B cross country title, the boys and girls winning the combined state Class B track & field title in 2015, and the boys claiming the 2018 state Class B track & field crown. During his tenure, Freeman won six boys' basketball conference championships; 14 conference and 11 region crowns in girls' track & field; 14 top five finishes in state track & field meet competition, and three top five state cross country meet finishes.



Other Nominees: Scott Benson, St. Thomas More Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln Luke Vander Leest, Sioux Falls Christian



2018 Assistant Coach of the Year Middle School/Junior High **Bob Boehler** Rapid City Middle Schools

Bob Boehler's distinguished teaching/coaching career includes stints at the middle school, high school, and university levels. From 1982-85 he coached basketball and track at Isabel High School. From 1985-86 he was a graduate assistant with the men's basketball team at South Dakota State University. In 1996 he returned to the Black Hills to coach basketball and track at Newell Middle School for four years. In 1990-91 he coached basketball and track at West Middle School in Rapid City. Boehler coached sophomore basketball at Rapid City Stevens from 1991-2000 while continuing to coach track at West Middle School. He also coached middle school basketball during the early to middle 1090s at West. From 2000-2010 he served as the assistant boys basketball coach at Stevens and from 2002-2010 coached track at West. In 2010 he began his duties as building activities coordinator at West and continued to coach track. In addition, he has coached volleyball, basketball, and cross country at West since 2010. Said Boehler, "I am certainly honored to have been selected Middle School Coach of the Year by the SDHSCA. I also realize there are countless middle school coaches throughout the state in towns big and small that are every bit as deserving if not more than myself to have been selected. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend the last 36 years in the teaching and coaching profession."

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
2016-17	Sheri Keck - Rapid City

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
2016-17	Tom Rice - Gayville-Volin

2018 Assistant Coach of the Year Boys' Sports **Jason Olson** Rapid City Stevens



Jason Olson is beginning his 25th year teaching English at North Middle School in Rapid City. Coach Olson was born and raised in Rapid City, graduated from Stevens High School, and received his college degree from the University of Nebraska. He is married to Teresa Olson who is also a teacher. They have four children ages 18 to 25. Olson has coached basketball for 25 years in the Rapid City Area School District. The last twenty years he has been an assistant coach for the Rapid City Stevens boys' basketball program. He coaches the sophomore teams and assists the JV and Varsity teams along with coordinating all fundraising events and travel arrangements. He also coaches girls' and boys' tennis at Stevens as well as 8th grade girls' basketball at North Middle School.

Olson runs countless youth basketball and tennis tournaments in the area. In the summer he teaches tennis for the Rapid City Recreation Department, runs the Black Hill Area Summer Boys' Basketball League, sponsors three baseball teams, plays Amateur baseball, and helps run a 3 on 3 basketball league downtown for kids. He also takes a group of students on an educational trip every summer. Working with kids is Olson's passion and he has coached just about every sport imaginable. He started coaching a Little League Pee Wee baseball team when he was only ten years old. When he was fourteen he ran his first tennis tournament. Olson feels there is no better way to impact young adults than coaching and teaching children.



2018 Assistant Coach of the Year Girls' Sports **Scott Embry** Sioux Falls Lincoln

In the early years of his professional career, Scott Embry served as a volunteer coach at Spearfish High School. From 1989-1991 he was the head coach for boys' and girls' track at Geddes High School, headed up the middle school boys' basketball program, and assisted with varsity boys' hoops. He had coaching stints at Douglas and Iroquois before moving to Sioux Falls in 1995 as the seventh-grade girls' basketball coach at Memorial Middle School. From 1995 to 2004 he coached freshman boys' basketball at Lincoln High School and in 1996 was a volunteer track coach. In 1997 he coached freshman boys' golf at Sioux Falls Washington. Since 1997 he has coached track at Lincoln and since 2004 has assisted with the Patriots' boys' varsity basketball program. "It is a great honor to be recognized by your peers and I truly appreciate this award. Thanks to the many coaches I have crossed paths with across the state for their insights, support and laughs. Thanks to the coaches of Lincoln High School; it truly is a family in all senses of the word."

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
2016-17	Tony Thoreson - Brandon Valley

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
2016-17	Clay Anderson - Belle Fourche

2018 Athletic Director of the Year **Bud Postma** Madison



Bud Postma has taught, coached, and served as activities director at Madison High School for the past 32 years. He taught agriculture for the first 19 years and served as assistant wrestling coach and head coach for 13 years. Bulldog wrestlers had six state champions, 10 state runners-up, and an additional 32 top-eight finishers during Postma's tenure. Madison finished fourth at state in 1999 with three individual champions and a runner-up. Postma assumed command of the boys' and girls' golf teams in 1999. His teams won three state championships, were runners-up twice, and registered a trio of third-place finishes. Individually, he coached two state champs, five runners-up, and five third-place finishers. In 2005, Postma assumed the duties of activities director and assistant principal. During a span of 13 years he was instrumental in the construction of the Bulldogs' new athletic facility while the boys' and girls' teams won 23 state championships, 18 state runners-up, and 25 top 8 finishes. Madison students also earned four Spirit of Six trophies. During the past three years he served on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and chaired the board during the 2017-18 school years. "Winning this award is very special and humbling," said Postma. "I am going to miss so much of this job - the relationships, the conference meetings, hosting events both state and local, and most of all the wonderful people I will call friends forever. None of us have ever done this job or any other job to win awards such as this, but it is very gratifying when it does happen. Thank you very much; I am humbled and honored to join this very prestigious list of

individuals." Bud and his wife, Kelly, have three daughters: Brittany (Paul) Green, Brooke (Brock) Edgar, and Brianna. They have six grandchildren: Jace, Gage, Nora, Shae, Palmer and Kade. Postma is retired at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

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



2018 Official of the Year

Andy Deinert

Mitchell

Andy Deinert graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 2000 and began officiating junior high and sub-varsity football and basketball games while attending Dakota State University. He has officiated football as a

registered official with the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) since 2009. Over the years, Deinert has worked several SDHSAA sub-state playoff games in both 11-man and 9-man divisions. This year will be his second state championship game and he is honored with the opportunity. He finds officiating football especially satisfying for the comradery with crew members as well as mentoring new officials. He also enjoys working with the many athletic directors and coaches he has met over the years. Deinert gives back to the officiating community by serving on the SDHSAA football advisory board and as a region coordinator for basketball. He and his wife, Dana, live in Mitchell with their children, Brody and Allison.

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
2016-17	Mark Wendelgass - Huron

Other Nominees:

Jeremy Grady, Salem

Eddie Heisinger, Piedmont

Nicole Hovdestad, Sioux Falls

Terry Jastram, Sioux Falls

Timberly Lunde, Watertown

Carla Snedeker, Mitchell

Randy Thomas, Rapid City

40 Under 40 Award

Casey Meile

Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Coach and Athletic Director magazine, in partnership with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) implemented its inaugural "40 Under 40" Class of 2018 - a group of exemplary sports professionals nominated by their peers for the impressive accomplishments of their young careers. The Class of 2018 was honored at the NHSACA Annual Convention on Monday, June 25, 2018.



Launched this year, the Class of 2018 represents a broad spectrum of sports professionals, from coaches and athletic directors, to sports news reporters and athletic suppliers. These young professionals are making substantial strides for their individual athletic programs. They represent the next generation of sport leaders. They possess natural leadership, motivation and desire to make a difference in the lives of young athletes.

Casey Meile was South Dakota's recipient of the 40 Under 40 Award. He completed his fourth year as activities director at Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School. On July 1 he transitioned to the district office as Coordinator of Athletics and Physical Education for Sioux Falls Public Schools. Prior to Roosevelt High School, Meile spent 11 years as a college football coach. He and his wife, Laura, have three children: Ella, Peyton and Faye.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

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

2017	Brian Hansen, Sioux Falls Ken Martens, Omaha Ray Rylance, Watertown	1999	Wayne Carney, Sioux Falls
2016	Rich Hinseth, Rapid City Steve Kjellsen, Watertown Paul Richter, Rapid City	1998	Richard Michel, Rapid City Judean Schwinger, Watertown
2015	Larry Peterson, Watertown SD Army National Guard	1997	Jerry Miller, Sioux Falls Vernon Bechen, Flandreau
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
		1981	Forrest Lothrop, Strandburg
		1979	Fred Claudon, Sioux Falls
		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

2018 Distinguished Service Award Winners

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



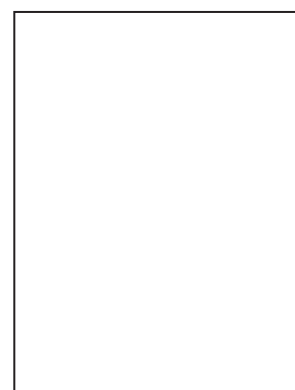
Scott Ewald

Scott Ewald's 40-year teaching career included coaching boys and girls basketball and boys and girls tennis for many years at Watertown High School. A member of the SDHSCA for 38 years, he served on the advisory committee and was also a member of the organization's Advisory Committee for tennis. He served as the announcer for several sports over 36 years. He worked Arrows' boys' basketball (36 years), football (10), girls' basketball (15) and wrestling (36). He would have announced girls' basketball longer but stepped aside for a few years while serving as head coach. For more than 30 years he announced state tournaments hosted by Watertown. Included were wrestling, gymnastics, and girls' basketball events. "My goal was always to make the players feel special in

the events in which they were playing," said Ewald. He was best known for his catch phrase, "And now it's Arrow Time," at boys' basketball games. Ewald retired at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

David Raysby

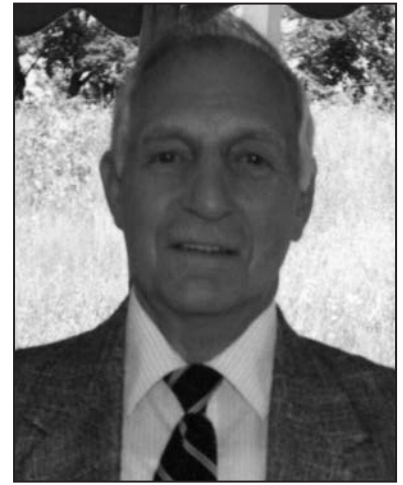
In addition to employment as a farmer, mailman, and business owner, David Raysby has supported athletics for the last 29 years in the communities of Platte, Geddes, and Dakota Christian. He has served as a line judge in volleyball; announcer for football, and boys and girls basketball; score keeper, and summer baseball volunteer. He was the impetus behind the construction of the summer baseball field in Geddes. When Dakota Christian's search for an athletic director stalled, Raysby stepped up and filled the position. Below are the communities and years of service Raysby has contributed to each. Platte/Geddes, 2007-2018. • Geddes, 1989-2007. • Geddes-Dakota Christian, 1998-2007. • Dakota Christian, 2007-2018.



Mickey Metcalf

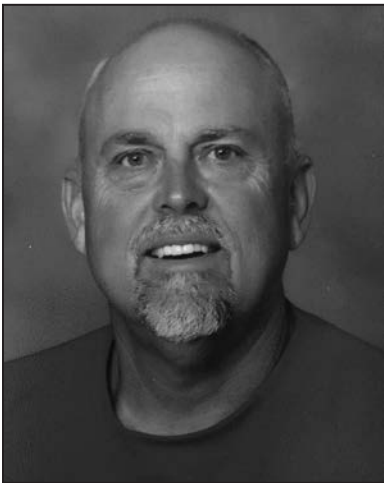
Mickey Metcalf has been a Howard Wood Dakota Relays volunteer for 32 years. A member of the Board of Directors, she serves on three committees - Novelty and Sales, Special Feature, and Ticket Sales. She is the head judge for the high school boys' and girls' and university-college men's and women's high jump. She also volunteers at the state high school track meet and local university meets. Since 2015 she has donated coach of the year plaques to the SDCCTFCA. The owner of MD Engraving, she is on the Dakota Relays Board of Directors. Her business specializes in athletes and scholars and she has been a nominee for Sioux Falls Business Woman of the Year. An outstanding sprinter

at Brandon Valley High School and Augustana University, she was inducted into the Wood Relays Hall of Fame in 2005. Metcalf graduated from Brandon Valley and Augustana University. She landed a spot on the BV varsity track team as a seventh-grader and was a member of relay teams that placed in region and state meets. She went on to win 24 individual conference, region, and state competition. She helped BV relay teams to four titles at conference and region meets. She set school and conference records in the 100-, 200-, and 400-meter events. At Augustana University she set three school records. She was inducted into the Brandon Valley Hall of Fame in 1992.



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.



2018 Max Hawk Award **John Nyhaug** **Viborg**

John Nyhaug graduated from Baltic High School in 1973 and attended Dakota State College in Madison. He graduated from there 1978 with a double major in Biology and Physical Education. He accepted a teaching job at Viborg Public School and remained in that school system teaching and coaching until he retired in 2012. John has been a member of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association since 1978 to the present. He served as their president in 1997 and has served on the Board of Directors as an active member for many years.

John has also served on the advisory board for the Football Coaches Association. He is a member of the Hall of Fame of the SDFBCA and the SDHSCA.



2017-2018 25 YEAR COACHING AWARD WINNERS

Scott Andal
McCook
Central/Montrose

Bob Bennett
Garretson

Jason Bohl
Garretson

Roxie Geerdes
Brandon Valley

Todd Geerdes
Brandon Valley

Paul Hendry
Rapid City Stevens

Dean Jacobsen
Viborg/Hurley

Nellie Long
Pine Ridge

Dan McCarty
Huron

Rusty Roland
Groton



SPIRIT OF INFLUENCE AWARD

This award, in honor of Bryan Brewer, is to recognize and honor the positive influence, vision, leadership and dedication to promoting athletics, academics, and the arts among South Dakota students of all races. It represents the innovation, belief, and expectation that all are created equal.

Bryan Brewer **Oglala Lakota County**

Bryan Brewer was born in Pine Ridge, SD, on Feb. 4, 1947. He is the son of Vincent and Alvina Brewer. He was given the name, Ohiyaku, which means returns victoriously in the Lakota language. He is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and graduated from Oglala Community School in 1965.

Brewer proudly served as a United States Navy Seabee during the Vietnam War. He served two tours, is a combat veteran, and was honorably discharged. He married Carla Redfish in 1969 and they had four children: Bryan, Brent, Kellee and Sky. He has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brewer attended Black Hills State University and graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. He has served as a teacher, coach, principal, athletic director and dean of students. In his 33-year career as an educator, he has worked at both Pine Ridge and Red Cloud high schools, the Shannon County School District and the Rocky Boy Tribal High School in Rocky Boy, MT.

Brewer is the original founder and currently serves as the director of the Lakota Nation Invitational. The LNI is one of the most prestigious and anticipated events in South Dakota. He has been the driving force in overseeing the growth for the annual event now in its 42nd year. It has grown from an eight-team basketball tournament, to include athletic, academic, fine art and cultural activities in the spirit of promoting racial reconciliation within the state. The LNI also pays a yearly tribute to our men and women in uniform, who have served, and are currently serving, in the United States Armed Services. The LNI was named the premier event in South Dakota by Sports Illustrated magazine. Over the span of 42 years, the LNI has brought together and united the people and tribes of the Oceti Sakowin, unlike any other organization. In setting the largest stage of its kind, the invitational continues to showcase the many talents of its students and student-athletes alike. The LNI continues to ignite a flame that has empowered the youth of South Dakota for over four decades, in producing a history of champions.

In addition to the LNI, Brewer served as a member of the Board of Directors for the South Dakota High School Activities Association from 2004-2009. He is the first Native American to hold a position on this board. During his term on the board, he brought to light many of the issues that plague Native American students in South Dakota. As a result of his commitment to bringing about positive change, a new awareness and perspective into the rich culture of South Dakota's Native Americans has been brought to the forefront.

In 2012, Brewer was elected president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. While serving in office, he brought about a new and notable face as an environmentalist for his people, in opposing the KXL Pipeline and for his activism in permanently shutting down liquor sales in White Clay, NE. Currently, Brewer is serving as school board president for the Oglala Lakota County School District. As board president, he has worked to bring two new CTE High Schools to the Pine Ridge Reservation. The first Technical High School of its kind, on any tribal reservation in the United States, broke ground in May 2018. Its construction, which is now underway, will be completed in 2020. In addition to breaking ground on the first of two new high schools, Brewer also worked on an expansion project for the Wolf Creek Elementary School, which is the largest elementary school in South Dakota and a part of the Oglala Lakota County School District.

Brewer's vision, focus, professional career in education and continued community service is centered on improving and expanding opportunities for the youth, and the many generations that will follow. His efforts, dedication, and commitment are unprecedented.

Roll of Champions

State Championship Coaches 2017-2018

GOLF

Girls AAJansa, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys AATom Jansa, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Girls AClark Gusso, Belle Fourche
Boys A.....Jon Murdy, Aberdeen Roncalli
Girls BBillie Jo Indahl, Burke/South Central
Boys BTony Hansen, Great Plains Lutheran

TENNIS

GirlsTom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln
BoysTom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln

SOCCER

Girls AASidney Zanin, Pierre
Boys AADoug Townsend, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A.....Greg Anderson, West Central
Boys AZach Jurgens, Tea Area

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls AALarry Beesley, Brandon Valley
Boys AA....Sioux Falls Washington, Shane Reilly
Girls AJoe Noyes, Hill City
Boys AKendra Benedetto, West Central
Girls BKyle Sanderson, Newell
Boys BTodd Thorson, Ipswich

FOOTBALL

11AAAChad Stadem, Sioux Falls Washington
11AASteve Steele, Pierre
11AMax Hodgen, Madison
11B.....Jake Pettengill, Sioux Falls Christian
9AA.....Brian Allmendinger, Gregory
9A.....Patrick Renner, Britton-Hecla
9BChad Williamson, Colman-Egan

CHEER

Girls AAKatee Lane, Brandon Valley
Girls ACasie King, Sioux Valley

DANCE

Girls AA.....Angela Nieman, Sioux Falls Washington
Girls AMelissa Strong, Dakota Valley

VOLLEYBALL

Girls AA.....Ronette Costain, Harrisburg
Girls A ...Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls BNora Groft, Northwestern

GYMNASTICS

Girls AAAudra Rew, Mitchell
Girls ACaitlin Steffensen, Deuel

WRESTLING

Boys AShawn Lewis, Pierre
Boys BJeremy Swenson, Canton

BASKETBALL

Girls AADawn Seiler, Aberdeen Central
Boys AA.....Chris Haynes, Yankton
Girls ABrandon Kandolin, St. Thomas More
Boys AMichael Ricke, Madison
Girls BLeslie Tvedt, Castlewood
Boys B.....Brian White, Sully Buttes

TRACK & FIELD

Girls AATroy Sturgeon, Brandon Valley
Boys AAJim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A.....Scott Benson, St. Thomas More
Boys AScott Benson, St. Thomas More
Girls BRachelle DeBeer, Deubrook Area
Boys B.....Chris Maske, Freeman

2018 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, 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

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.



Dakota Beverage
Sioux Falls



NOMINEE:

- Cathy Grubb, Belle Fourche

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.

Noah Pierce
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



NOMINEES:

- Michael Foote, Spearfish Peaks
- Micah Kallhoff, Sioux Falls Fireworks
- Mike Murfield, Sioux Falls Fireworks
- JR Rowcliffe, Rapid City Flame
- Ammee Schwender, Spearfish Peaks

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.

Cort Hansen
Sioux Falls
Fireworks



NOMINEES:

- Leslie Antonsen, Pierre
- Peggy Heckel, Spearfish Peaks
- Amy Jobgen, Rapid City Storm
- Kelsey Klosterman, Brookings
- Tracey Steinbach, Spearfish Peaks

“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 South Dakota.

Jackson Bolstad Rapid City



NOMINEES:

- Bob Arnold, Sioux Falls
- Nicole & Todd Craig, Rapid City
- JD & Laura Young, Belle Fourche

Unity Award

This award is presented to a Unified partner, individual or entity that promotes inclusion for people with an intellectual disability. The nominee should actively promote acceptance and understanding for all.

TeaLayna Hill Belle Fourche



NOMINEES:

- Jill Deuter-Maliske, Brookings
- Mikey Kocer, 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.

Visit Spearfish



NOMINEES:

- Chesterman Co / Coca-Cola Bottling Co, Sioux Falls
- Colton Nickelson, Spearfish
- Culver's, Spearfish
- 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.



Jason Van Roekel Family Ethan

NOMINEES:

- Rauscher Family, Aberdeen
- Young Family, Belle Fourche

Board of Directors

- Myles Kennedy - Spearfish (Chair)
- Jeff Miller - Brookings (Vice Chair)
- Nick Kortan - Sioux Falls (Sec)
- Bob Arnold - Sioux Falls (Treas)
- Wendy Addington - Spearfish

- Jim Boadwine - Sioux Falls
- Thomas Brude - Sioux Falls
- Bill Clucas - Rapid City
- Philip Collins - Mitchell
- Sherry Grismer - Black Hawk
- Bo Ivers - Brookings
- Tim Jensen - Sioux Falls

- Maynard Konechne - Kimball
- Tim McCarthy - Coleman
- Rich Mulholland - Spearfish
- Duane Popham - Watertown
- Dawn Ruhlman - Brookings
- Steve Schacht - Rapid City
- Deb Voigt - Sioux Falls

2018 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Nora Groft
Northwestern
Volleyball



Tom McGough
Miller
Boys Cross Country



Don Barnes
Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Tennis



Steve Cogley
Aberdeen Central
Soccer



Mark Meile
Sioux Falls Schools
Athletic Director



Kim Nelson
Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Assistant, Boys' Sports



Dan Thelen (deceased)
Huron
Assistant, Girls' Sports
(Accepted by Tom Baszler)

2018 SDHSCA Scholarships

Jade Burr, Belle Fourche
Peyton Groft, Ashton

Caleb DeBoer, Miller
Madyson Morehart, Winner

Carly Granum, Volga
Tatum Olson, Rapid City

Dave Prohl Scholarship

Breanna Mehlhaf, Menno

Coaches Against Cancer Scholarship

Trent Kingsbury, Letcher

Jake Schneider, Brookings

Ashton Vaith, Menno

2018 SD Coaches Foundation Scholarships

Hailey Fergen, Menno

Dylan LeBrun, Flandreau
Amanda Ricke, Madison

Kathryn Parsley, Flandreau

Graphic Edge Scholarship

Sierra Ward, Belle Fourche



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.

2018 National Coach of the Year Special Sports - Gymnastics



Audra Rew

Mitchell

2018 National Hall of Fame



Rob VanLaecken

Parkston



Ken Ruml

Howard

2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



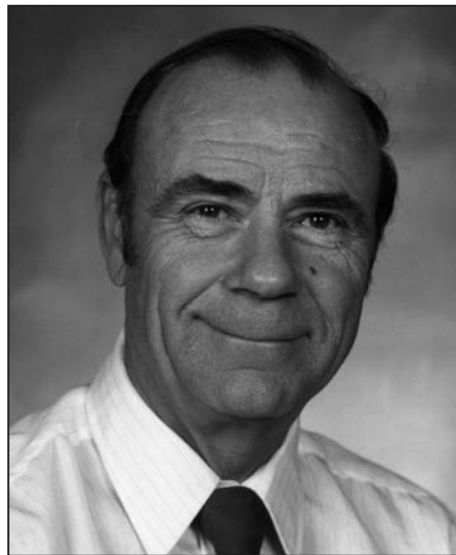
Jim Aisenbrey
Freeman



David Dolan
Rapid City Central



Steve Keszler
Sturgis



Ervin Ptak
Menno



Carmen Robinson
Yankton

HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

2017	Gene Brownell, Bob Garry, Phil Hunt, Arlin Likness, Mark C. Upward
2016	Jill Christiansen, Russell Morrell, Marc Murren, C. Terry Vincent
2015	Mike Klinedinst, Steve Kueter, Lyle Pearson, Steve Peters, Ron Riherd
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 Danielsen, 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 Hamrlich, 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, 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
Floyd Mitchell.....	1953
Jim Marking	1954
Mylo Jackson.....	1955
Bill Mitchell.....	1956
H.W. Haddorn	1957
Don Allan.....	1958
Tom Prendergast.....	1959
Bob Schroeder.....	1960
Clar Lilevjen.....	1961
Howard Naasz	1962
Burdell Coplan.....	1963
Rich Greeno.....	1964
Wendell Handley	1965
Bob Brooks.....	1966
Marlyn Goldhammer.....	1967
Max Hawk.....	1968
Jerry Applebee	1969
Jack Doyle	1970
Jack Schuver	1971
Dale McElhany	1972
Mike Stadem.....	1973
Bob Dubs.....	1974
Harvey Naasz	1975
Jerry Miller	1976
Lyle Claussen	1977
Roberta Morin.....	1978
Roger Schaffer	1979
Steve Swisher.....	1980
Fred Tibbetts	1981

President	Year
Rich Donovan.....	1982
Marv Sherrill.....	1983
Dave Scott	1984
Annette Johnson	1985
Wayne Carney.....	1986
Cal Corey.....	1987
Lolly Forseth	1988
Galen Busch.....	1989
Virg Polak.....	1990
Ron Riherd	1991
Judy Busch	1992
Jim McGlone.....	1993
John Huth.....	1994
Mick Wysuph.....	1995
Georgia Adolph	1996
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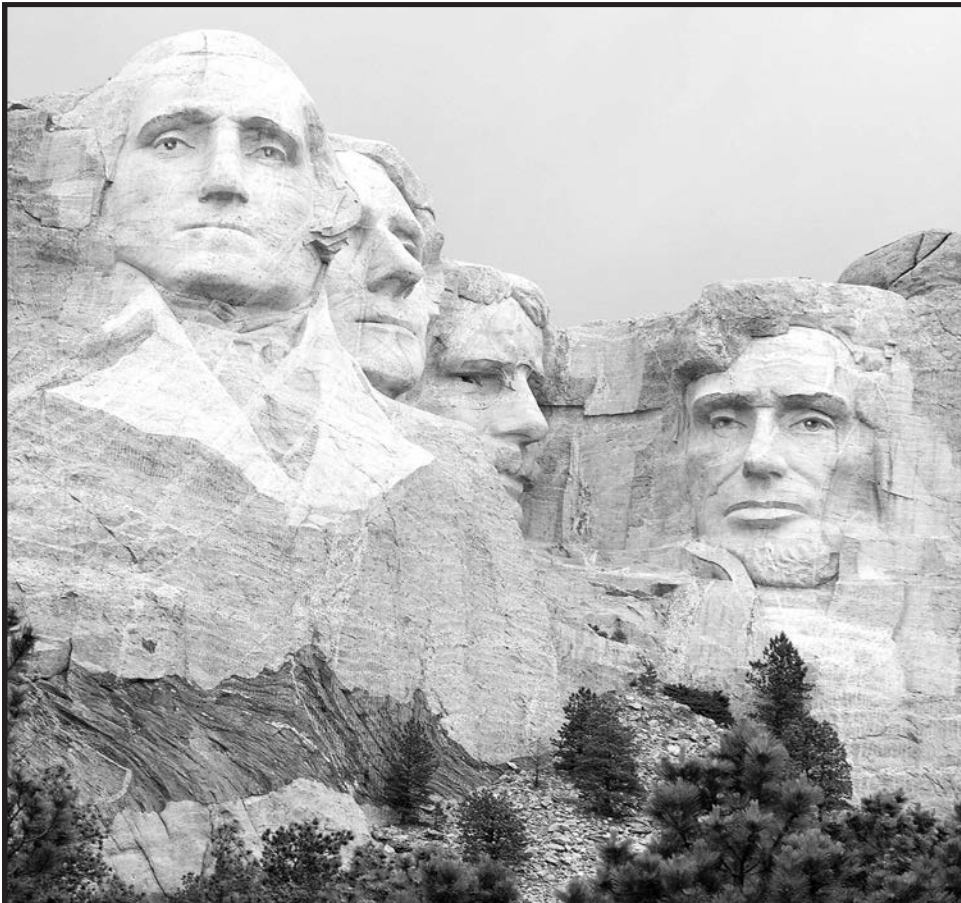
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