

SASKATCHEWAN HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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70 YEARS OF SCHOOL SPORT



“MERIT AWARD” to honour people who have given outstanding leadership and service to the SHSAA and to the promotion of high school athletics in the Province of Saskatchewan. A person who has made outstanding contributions to the **TOTAL PROGRAM** of the SHSAA over a period of time.

THE SIXTIES

Stanley Gutheridge (1960)

Hub, as he was called, had been recognized over the years by many accolades, the naming of Gutheridge Field on the Riverview Collegiate school grounds, his National Basketball Builder Award, and being in the first group to receive SHSAA's Merit Award in 1960. Hub died in Moose Jaw in 1990.

E.W. (Wally) Stinson (1960)

Executive Director of the Association from 1948 to 1959. Credited with designing the original districts, using a Wheat Pool map and a ruler dividing the province into districts with equal numbers of high school students.

Joe Griffiths (1960)

Joe took a position in 1919 with the University of Saskatchewan as its first Physical Education Director. He remained there until his retirement in 1951. In 1960, he received the SHSAA Merit Award for his influence in high school athletics. The most obvious honour bestowed upon this legendary man was the dedication to him of Griffiths Stadium on the university campus.

Clarence Garvie (1960)

Garvie filled several roles during the years he was involved with SHSAA. He was its first Secretary, and later was President and editor of the first SHSAA yearbook. A member of both the Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame, Garvie retired in 1972.

George Anderson (1960)

George was always supportive of sports, coaching many high school teams during his teaching career. This support was recognized in 1960 when he was presented with a Merit Award from SHSAA for his outstanding service to high school athletics.

Miss M. Ives (1960)

Marguerite Ives was the Recording Secretary of the SHSAA.

Tom Currie (1961)

His involvement with SHSAA dated back to the 1948 meeting in Saskatoon. He was later elected President in 1952. Tom was noted for his vigorous support of the Regina High Schools Athletic Association and of Regina Central's athletics.

John Farthing (1961)

Joining the Saskatchewan Recreation Movement in 1948, John was instrumental for more than a decade in helping communities and schools develop solid recreation and physical education programs. He served as President of Caswell Hill Recreation Association and sat on the board of Saskatoon Figure Skating Club.

Lorne Daverne (1961)

After a run at the Teacher's College in Regina, he returned to the University of New York to complete his Masters Degree in PE. He taught at Balfour Collegiate and stayed in education until his retirement in 1969.

Bob Adams (1962)

He participated in the 1952 Olympics as an athlete, 1964 Olympics as a coach, and 1976 Olympics as an official. His experience as an athlete, coach and administrator served the SHSAA well. He became the first coordinator of Physical Education and High School Athletics for the City of Saskatoon in 1967 and held the position until his retirement in 1983. One of the SHSAA's original members, Bob served on the executive council in several capacities including President in 1954.

Dr. James Kirkpatrick (1962)

Kirk is generally considered to be responsible for the philosophical foundation of the SHSAA. His deep belief that a physical education program needs to be "education through the physical, not just of the physical" was the message that the early Saskatchewan Recreation Movement reps espoused as they spread throughout the province providing clinics to teachers on physical education.

Al Warkentin (1963)

Involved with development of the SHSAA as a teacher in Watrous in 1948 until his retirement from the teaching profession in Moose Jaw in 1980. Al had a keen interest in Track and was a participant in the early coaches' meetings called by Joe Griffiths that led to the ultimate formation of the SHSAA. He served the Association as an Executive member in 1951, edited three yearbooks, served as President in 1959, and as Public Relations Officer in 1962.

Jack Wilkie (1963)

Jack Wilkie did commendable work in fostering the aims of the SHSAA at all levels of the school program. He was instrumental in organizing the South East District. He was appointed Fitness and Recreation Director in 1963. Both of these organizations have generously supplied the executive-secretary of the SHSAA over the years.

Fred Green (1963)

Fred was active on the executive of the athletic association in the Melfort District when the SHSAA organizational meeting was held in 1948. At the provincial level, he served as Vice-President of the SHSAA and later as President until 1961.

Howard Birnie (1964)

A student – athlete who won the 1948 Provincial Pole Vault championship with a pole he made from a shaved down 2x2. Under the tutelage of Jack Wilkie, he developed an interest in track and teaching. He went on to teach in Watrous, in 1954, where he became district President and responsible to organize and run the district track meet. From there he moved to the Saskatoon Public School system and then to the U of S. Served as an executive member, acting as the treasurer from 1958 to 1965.

Stan Green (1964)

Born and raised in Regina where he was an enthusiastic athlete who went on to University so that he could continue his involvement in athletics. Became involved with the Fitness and Recreation Division and was assigned to East Central District where he was involved in the development of 6-man football. Later moves took him to Saskatoon and the West Central District. From 1960 to 1964 he was the Executive Director of the SHSAA while he was employed as a supervisor with the Fitness and Recreation Division.

Ron Perkins (1965)

A high school athlete in football, basketball, badminton, curling and track. These interests took him to University and teaching positions in Star City, Meadow Lake, Sturgis and Saskatoon. While at Aden Bowman he established an inter-house system, which became a model for many Saskatchewan schools. He served the SHSAA as an executive member, vice-president, and as President.

PJ Worobetz (1965)

As president of the North Central District for five years and a faithful official for almost two decades, PJ was committed to high school athletics and was the first superintendent to be honoured with a Merit Award, the SHSAA's highest honour.

PA Hodgson (1965)

He was an athletic representative, working hard to promote track & field and team games both in Oxbow and the South East District.

JE Adair (1966)

As a result of his valuable contributions, Red was elected Vice-President and served actively on several special committees.

Father Ben Hermann (1967)

Upon completion of his high school education at Champion College, he entered the Seminary and was ordained as a priest in 1948. Father Ben taught at St. Thomas College in North Battleford his entire teaching career. He was the sports director for the college and was actively involved in coaching volleyball, track and basketball. Served as president of the North West District and on the SHSAA executive.

Dr. Arlene McGinn (1967)

An outstanding athlete, through sports Arlene had the opportunity to learn about leadership, assertiveness and teamwork, something that not many women in the 50's had the opportunity to learn. In addition to being a role model for girls, she saw herself as being an advocate for girls' sports.

Orville Armstrong (1967)

He was one of the original members in the formation of the NESSAC District. He worked hard during his eleven years of office as secretary treasurer of NESSAC.

Father Francis O'Brien (1968)

Father O'Brien was active in Regina High Schools Athletic Association and served in various capacities on their executive as well as acting as basketball and football commissioner.

Wilma Downing (1969)

Began her teaching career at Bedford Road, following three years, she accepted a position at Notre Dame. From there she moved to Sheldon Williams Collegiate in Regina where she was physical education director and guidance counsellor until her retirement in 1990. She coached all girls' sports, but her main loves were basketball and track. For 36 years her teams competed at a high level and continually challenged for city and provincial championships. The gymnasium at Sheldon was named in her honor upon her retirement, it was noted at the time "No one will spend as much time in there as you did." It was because she did that so many athletes and coaches respect her contributions to high school sport in Saskatchewan.

Clarence Proctor (1969)

Clarence had success as a teacher and coach everywhere he taught, from Pleasant Point and Evansdale schools to Biggar where he spent 29 years. It was his extensive involvement in many aspects of the SHSAA program that earned him the admiration of his peers. He represented the Biggar School Division at all West Central meetings and was president of the West Central District for over a decade. He is credited with forming the district official's commission as well as junior high school district competitions.



THE SEVENTIES

L. H. (Verne) Morrison (1970)

Following one year of Normal School, Verne began his teaching career in Poplar Creek. The war was on, so he joined the Royal Air Force and became a bomber pilot. Upon his return, he taught at Kayville and in 1947 became Principal at Riceton. It was during this time that he met Jack Wilkie and became interested in high school athletics, as the SHSAA was being formed. Further moves took him to Yellow Grass, to Melfort, to Superintendent of Schools in Wilkie and he finished his career as principal in Star City in 1978. Verne was very involved in track throughout his career and is credited with starting the Legion track camps at Dundurn.

Marilyn Szakacs (1970)

Marilyn began her teaching career in Swift Current in 1959 following high school and university involvement in athletics. She played most sports and learned to appreciate and value the benefits to be had from athletics. Marilyn transferred this appreciation onto many student athletes and coaching peers over her years of involvement. Marilyn never considers the games or titles won as her best memories of being involved in high school sport, she says "it was the people we've met and the friends we've made through sport that I remember most fondly."

Frank Chisholm (1971)

His major contribution to SHSAA was in the sport of badminton. He served as Northern and Provincial SHSAA Commissioner for badminton for many years.

Ken Moir (1971)

Ken made a major contribution to high school athletics in curling during his lengthy career and for his efforts received several major awards. He also served as curling commissioner for the SHSAA in the 1950's.

Don Szakacs (1972)

Don was born and educated in Regina. He took his first teaching position in Kamsack in 1960, then on to Swift Current in 1963 where he embarked on a very successful career. Don has a unique coaching record; each decade he took on the challenge of a new activity and created very competitive programs which have remained active to this day at Swift Current Comprehensive. He was noted for his basketball and track teams in the 60's, his football program in the 70's and his wrestling teams in the 80's.

Jack Funk (1972)

His leadership, primarily at the West Central District level, saw the development of an Official's Association in-service training for coaches, the raising of competitive standards and a marked increase in student participation in activities.

Don Beattie (1973)

In community sports, Don played and coached senior basketball for about 16 years and was active in both golf and curling. He held executive positions in these organizations and on the local recreation board over the years.

Joy Treleaven (1973)

Joy's most direct contribution to the SHSAA was to serve on the executive during the very trying years of 1969 and 1970. Joy served for three years as treasurer of the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate, and in that capacity was intimately involved in hosting SHSAA playdowns in several sports.

Lew Hobson (1973)

From the age of 14, Lew was known throughout the province as a ball player. The left-handed pitcher turned semi-pro at age 17 which led to a scholarship to play ball at the University of Arkansas. Following university Lew accepted what he thought would be a temporary teaching position in Prince Albert. Thirty years later he retired from teaching having spent the last sixteen years as Vice-Principal of Carlton Comprehensive. Lew also served on the Carlton School Board. Lew served on the executive of the SHSAA and was President when reorganization of the Association was a critical issue.

Dr. Gord Mundle (1974)

An athlete of note himself, Gord, played baseball in the minor leagues for the Dodgers, ran track while at UBC and took part in hockey, football, golf and curling. Gord taught in BC but came to Saskatchewan to work for the Fitness and Recreation Division of the government. In 1968 he served two years as the volunteer Executive Director of the SHSAA, he then became the Association's first paid employee when it became independent of any government department. Gord guided the Association through troubled times and financial restraint. The formation of relevant, contemporary policies and procedures, and the establishment of a general professional nature of the organization are credited to Gord.

Albert Sullivan (1974)

Albert taught in Shaunavon from 1958 to 1968. While in the South West he was the commissioner of virtually every activity at some point and served the district as vice-president and President. Albert finished his teaching career in Saskatoon in 1981.

Mervyn Houghton (1974)

As a physical education teacher and later as an administrator, Merv was active as a coach during his career and was successful in coaching two provincial championship teams and three championship football teams.

Roy Thiessen (1975)

Roy began his career teaching in Beechy from 1954-56. He is probably best known in the coaching field for his work in curling, as Thiessen-coached teams were very prominent in high school and junior playdowns since 1960. Roy was instrumental in successfully negotiating the return of the SHSAA to the Department of Education.

Edith McDonald (1975)

At Bedford, Edith taught Physical Education and English, as well as serving as a counsellor and athletic coach. Her long and dedicated career in physical education served as a model for her colleagues.

Vern Pachal (1976)

Born and raised in Yorkton, Vern, played eight years of pro hockey in the AHL and later taught at Yorkton Composite and Yorkton Regional for 30 years. Vern's mission was to see that physical education was taught to each student, to see that a good intramural program existed and to offer his abilities, so students could take advantage of the benefits of a strong inter-school athletic program. Vern served the East Central District in many capacities and was President of the SHSAA.

Lorne Aston (1977)

Lorne joined the staff of Sheldon-Williams Collegiate in 1957. From that day on the school would become legendary for its success in basketball, track and cross-country, due in large part to Lorne's ability as a coach, physical educator and administrator. Lorne was appointed the first Commissioner of Athletics for Regina in 1980, but he also served in numerous executive capacities for the Regina Association, the SHSAA, and the Canadian School Sport Federation.

Elmer Miller (1977)

Elmer coached basketball, cross country, and track and field for over fifteen years, and football for over twelve years. He showed leadership ability at the district level, often making worthwhile suggestions which have become concrete policies.

Paul Skopyk (1977)

Paul has always been interested in high school athletics and he served as North Central District Secretary for four years. He was also very active in community work and community recreation.

Bill Hawryluk (1978)

Bill's involvement with the SHSAA has included three years as President of the RHSAA, and several more years as an executive member of that group. In 1978, he received a Merit Award from the SHSAA for his commitment to high school athletics.

Gerry Elmslie (1979)

Gerry was born and raised in Moosomin, began his teaching career in Shaunavon from 1956 to 1958. He returned to the South West two years later where he was convinced to take a position at Gull Lake that lasted 28 years. Gerry's coaching record as a coach of the Gull Lake Lions 9-man football program is legendary. Teams coached by Gerry won 18 league titles and five provincial championships. Gerry served eleven years as the President of the South West District and was football commissioner for thirteen years.

Doug Lyon (1979)

Doug began his teaching career in Gull Lake in 1960. He revived the football program and coached track. When he left in 1965 the school and community honoured him by naming the team the Lions. Doug became involved with the SHSAA while in Gull Lake, he took the position as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association which he continued following his move to Melfort.

**THE EIGHTIES****Bernie Einhorn (1980)**

Despite his heavy involvement as a coach and official, Bernie still found time to serve as president of the Central District for six years as well as to serve as chairman of the official's group.

Michael Butler (1980)

Mike was instrumental in beginning a badminton program in Rockglen. In his time in Saskatchewan, Mike became very involved coaching and officiating volleyball, badminton, curling, soccer, basketball and track.

Blaine Knoll (1980)

Born and raised in Yorkton, Blaine was a successful high school and university athlete in football, track and hockey. Blaine accepted a teaching position at Evan Hardy in 1966. During the 17 years at Hardy football teams coached by him competed in 15 city finals, winning eleven of them. Blaine also coached wrestling. Blaine became very active in the administration of school sport, as Saskatoon's education consultant for athletics, as an SHSAA executive member and as the SHSAA President from 1976 – 1980.

Walter Yawkiwchuk (1981)

While at Moose Jaw Central Collegiate, Walt taught physical education, health and biology, and coached football, wrestling, basketball and track and field. At a community level, he has been involved with hosting winter games and acting as treasurer of the Sask Association of Basketball Officials.

Ron Dossall (1981)

Ron was Vice-Principal at Carpenter High School in Meadow Lake and taught in Meadow Lake since the start of his teaching career in 1969. The success of interschool athletics in Meadow Lake is attributed to Ron and other coaches at the school that shared his vision, enthusiasm, and dedication. Ron attended the SHSAA AGM virtually every year since 1976. He was district president in the North West from 1976 – 1990.

Robert Patterson (1982)

A positive individual with a pleasing personality, Bob did not confine his leadership to school activities. He coached minor baseball and hockey. As an administrator, he held positions of president, vice-president, and commissioner for numerous sports, as well as SHSAA Executive Section Three Representative.

Don Gordon (1982)

Don taught in Dalmeny his first year, 1967, then moved to Delisle where he taught the rest of his career. Don coached virtually every activity at some point. Don also contributed as an official in volleyball and basketball, as a clinician and as a district commissioner and West Central executive member.

Barry Stinson (1982)

Barry was a fine athlete in high school and in university. His love of athletics would set his direction for the future. His first teaching position was in Kamsack where he was responsible for reviving the band program. He was at the same time a very active coach. Barry became involved in every aspect of interschool athletics, athlete, coach and official. But it is his work as an administrator for which he is best known. Within the East Central district, he was commissioner and president, followed by two terms as representative on the SHSAA Executive and a year as President. In 1976 he assumed the role of Executive Director. During the next 14 years Barry's professionalism and work ethic stabilized the Association and placed it in high regard amongst Saskatchewan's educational groups.

Bob Weenk (1982)

Bob taught his entire career in the Saskatoon West school division. During his time, he coached virtually every activity, but it was basketball where he left his mark, winning three 1A Girls championships. Bob also made many contributions to the West Central district as an official, official's commissioner and the district commissioner of many activities.

Robert King (1983)

Bob began his teaching career in Dinsmore, after one year he moved to Weyburn to teach Biology. His love of sport rapidly led him to a post in the physical education department. As with many physical educators Bob coached virtually every activity at some point in time. Bob was respected by his peers and his athletes because it was important for him to never allow his competitiveness to take precedence over his sense of fair play. Bob was president of the South East district for thirteen years, it was during this time that he became known as the 'Lone Ranger' at the SHSAA annual meetings as he was the sole delegate from the South East. Credit Bob with keeping the South East District informed and on the right track over the years.

Peter Sawchuk (1984)

1955 was when Peter began a distinguished teaching career at Kamsack, two years later he moved to Melville where he completed his teaching career. A career inspired by his grade eleven teacher at Sturgis, another merit award winner, Peter said "My mentor was Ron Perkins, he gave to me what I wanted to give to others. He did it without selfishness, and I set my sight on that." Peter represented the SHSAA as section representative from 1977 – 1980 and then for four years as President. Peter also fulfilled executive positions in the East Central district.

Robert Dybvig (1985)

Bob taught at Success and Dalmeny but is best known for his contributions while in Delisle. He was an active coach and official for many activities in West Central. Bob's administrative skills resulted in considerable involvement in SHSAA activities. He served the district as an executive member, vice-president, AGM delegate and commissioner. Bob spent four years on the SHSAA Executive.

Alex Johnstone (1985)

Born in Shellbrook, Alex, accepted his first teaching position at Shellbrook. He returned to university and then took a one year teaching position at Fond du Lac, a year at Hafford and then back to Shellbrook in 1971 where he completed his teaching career. While very active in division and district athletic administration it was for his interest in track and field that Alex is best known. In fact, in retirement Alex accepted the position of Executive Director of Saskatchewan Athletics.

Leroy Starks (1985)

Leroy grew up in Yellow Grass, taught one year in Gainsborough and then accepted a position in Lumsden where he became involved in high school sport which would last his entire teaching career and beyond. Leroy's success as a volleyball coach at Lumsden has made his name synonymous with the sport in Saskatchewan. He served as president of the South Central District and when districts were reorganized as president of the Qu'Appelle District. Leroy is held in high esteem for his opinions and philosophy of high school sport as evidenced by his time on the SHSAA executive.

Carol Howlett (1986)

Carol was born and educated in Regina. She began her teaching career at Mount Royal Collegiate in Saskatoon where for twenty-six years she was an active teacher-coach. In 1991 she transferred to Nutana until her retirement. Carol has been involved in so many facets of school life; athletics, outdoor education, physical education curriculum committees, graduations, gym scheduling, volleyball and basketball tournaments. Carol has truly done it all. Carol has fulfilled many administrative positions for SSSAD and spent more than a decade on the SHSAA Executive.

Lowell Lanigan (1986)

Lowell is a graduate of Scott Collegiate in Regina. Following two years with the Regina Pats and a hockey scholarship to the University of North Dakota, Lowell returned to his first and only teaching position in Strasbourg. Lowell like many Merit winners has coached every sport in the school. He has been a leader in athletic administration within his school division, district and the province. He was president of the Central district for over a decade and section representative on the SHSAA Executive for ten years.

Norman Schultz (1986)

Whether in his role of teacher or coach, Norm evidenced a deep concern for the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of his students. While in Waldheim, he was a faithful member of the Saskatchewan Valley Athletic Association, serving as secretary more than once. Also, an active member of the North Central Athletic Association he attended many SHSAA annual meetings as a delegate.

Jim Bobick (1987)

Jim grew up in Kamsack, taught for two years in Melville and the remainder of his teaching career at Swift Current. He was regarded as an outstanding coach in basketball, volleyball, cross-country and track. Jim was very active as an official and official's representative for the South West. He served on the SHSAA Executive during the difficult years before the Association joined the Department of Education.

Larry Lafrentz (1987)

Born and raised in Estevan, Larry taught in Gull Lake for fourteen years before accepting the position of Assistant Executive Director of the SHSAA in 1990. Larry's involvement with the SHSAA includes: president and official's commissioner of the South West district, two terms on the SHSAA Executive and President of the SHSAA from 1988 - 1990. He coached every high school sport, but it was football and basketball where his interests led to the continued success of Gull Lake football and ten provincial championship appearances in basketball.

Bob Hilkewich (1988)

Bob spent his entire teaching career in the Birch Hills area. He was active in many school and community sports, but it is in the field of officiating that he is best known. The founding president of the Saskatchewan Football Officials Assoc., Bob officiated high school soccer, volleyball, football and basketball. He served as official's commissioner of the North East District for seventeen years and held that same position on the SHSAA Executive for eight years.

Bryan Matheson (1988)

Bryan was born raised in Birch Hills, taught for one year at Meath Park and in 1974 moved to Wynyard where he taught for fourteen years. Bryan coached basketball, volleyball, cross-country, track, golf and badminton. His teams were known for their excellent skills and sportsmanship, the latter a reflection of the coach. He became president of the East Central District from 1977 to 1979 and was elected to the SHSAA Executive in 1980 serving for three years. In 1984 he was elected SHSAA president, serving four years. In 1987 he became the Assistant Executive Director and in 1990 the Executive Director of SHSAA.

Bill Thon (1989)

Born in Saskatoon Bill began teaching in 1962 and has taught in many areas of Saskatchewan. He has spent time in the Central, North East and North West districts. It was his contribution to high school sport while in the North West that brought him to provincial prominence. Bill served for three terms on the SHSAA Executive as the section four representative. Bill promoted the SHSAA throughout his career and was a tireless worker on behalf of the Association.



THE NINETIES

Ken Mathers (1991)

Ken began his teaching career in Bethune, two years later he moved to Loon Lake where he embraced the challenge of setting up a physical education and interschool athletic program as the school opened its new gymnasium. He later moved to Neudorf and then to Shaunavon where he completed his teaching career. Ken coached many activities, but football, track and basketball are his favorites. His teams won a football provincial in 1982 and bronze and silver medals in basketball in 1980 and 1981. He was the president of the South West for several years and represented the district many times at the SHSAA annual meeting.

Bob McDougall (1991)

Bob began teaching at Imperial in 1960, taught two years in Weyburn and then left teaching for a short time. He returned in 1968 to teach Social Studies at Hepburn. He completed his career as an educator as the Principal of Hepburn school. He served the SHSAA as a North Central delegate for many years. In the North Central district, he was known as the person to contact when in doubt about a school sport issue. Coaching was a very important part of Bob's life and he coached many different activities. It was basketball and volleyball where he gained prominence with regular appearances at provincial championships.

Bob Weber (1992)

Bob Weber has taught at McClellan School in Young his entire career. During this time, he has been an active participant in SHSAA activities as a coach, official, Central district delegate, and District President. His administrative leadership and organizational abilities have made a significant contribution to the district and the province. Bob has coached and officiated many sports, all to the same high standard. Intensity and determination are always characteristics of his teams and himself.

Lyle Culham (1993)

Lyle's teaching career started in Stoughton, then to Regina Campbell and Central Collegiate, Radville, Kindersley and finally wrapping up in Kamsack. From day one, Lyle was involved in the promotion, development, administration and coaching of interschool athletics. He won five provincial football titles while in Regina and coached or acted as a commissioner for every activity in the SHSAA program. Lyle served two terms on the SHSAA Executive representing Regina and had been a delegate to the annual meeting on behalf of every district which he has taught in.

Warren Read (1994)

Warren has represented the West Central district for many years at the AGM. After a lengthy posting as district officials' commissioner he became the officials' representative on the SHSAA Executive. In every school that Warren taught, coaching and officiating was a part of his life from his start in Maryfield, to Mille River, Maple Creek, Hawarden and Outlook. Warren has been instrumental in setting up the officials' commission in West Central and the province. He has spent many hours assisting in the recent revision of the constitution of the SHSAA.

Ken Johnson (1995)

Ken began teaching in 1967 at Saskatoon, he spent three years in Rosetown and in 1973 moved to Esterhazy where he retired. Ken served the SHSAA Executive as section two representative, vice-president and president, twelve years of direct contribution to the Association. Ken played a key role in the development of the SHSAA Codes of Ethics. As a coach of football, basketball, golf, track, volleyball and badminton he has passed on his sense of fair play and sportsmanship to many student athletes.

Wade Weseen (1995)

Wade accepted a teaching position in Lake Lenore fresh out of university. A new gym meant the need for an entire athletic program. Four words appeared on the gym wall below the school logo: "self-discipline, commitment, responsibility, and intensity." These are more than words in Lake Lenore due to the influence of Wade's teaching and coaching. Lake Lenore takes great pride in their varied program of school athletics all coached by Wade. The success in cross country, track, soccer, and particularly basketball is unmatched by a school this size. They won seven consecutive girls basketball titles starting in 1993 and innumerable other medals at provincial championships.

Ken Bradley (1996)

Ken was born in Moose Jaw but raised in Regina where he attended Luther College and developed an interest in school sport, particularly football, basketball, and track. Ken taught in Moose Jaw in 1967, moved to Tisdale in 1969 where as a coach he won his first provincial championship in girls' basketball. He returned to Moose Jaw and taught at Peacock for eleven years. In 1981, he was named physical education and health consultant for the Moose Jaw Board of Education and held that position until his retirement. Ken served the Moose Jaw district in every possible role. He served the SHSAA as an executive member and as vice-president for six years.

Bob Edwards (1997)

Bob moved to Canada in 1967 to a teaching position in Eston, three years later he moved to Buchanan and became an integral part of East Central District school athletics. Twenty-two years later they closed the school and Bob and the students transferred to Invermay. Bob was president of the East Central district for seven years. But, it was Bob's presence and concern for the philosophy of high school sport at the SHSAA annual meetings that gained him respect and recognition. Bob continues to give his time as a coach, official and organizer of school sport, now well into 30+ years of teaching.

Ralph Eliasson (1997)

Ralph began his career as a teacher in Blaine Lake, became the Principal in Gull Lake and then Kindersley. He became Director of Education in Gull Lake and then the Director of the Sask Central School Division. He has supported interschool athletics as a coach, official and educational administrator. Everywhere that Ralph has taken his career he has instilled in students and staff members the importance and benefits of a varied program of interschool athletic competition. Ralph was the president of the South West District and has been a delegate to the SHSAA annual meetings on behalf of South West, West Central and Central Districts.

Len Williams (1997)

Len has taught in Arcola and Weyburn. Weyburn has been where Len has made a reputation as an outstanding coach. Since Len moved to Weyburn, the school has won approximately 40 provincial titles, Len was actively involved in thirty-three of those championships. Len coached Weyburn basketball teams to 14 consecutive Hoopla appearances. Len served the South East District as president and as commissioner of many activities. Len served on the SHSAA Executive and brought many years of experience as delegate to the annual meeting.

Bill Simpson (1998)

Bill joined the staff of R.J. Humphrey School at Kinistino in 1976 and during his 22 year career at the school Bill built a reputation as an outstanding teacher, coach and school administrator. Throughout Bill's career he was an advocate of the benefits of interschool sport and promoted an atmosphere where both students and staff were encouraged to become involved in school programs. As a coach, Bill was extremely successful in senior boys' volleyball, senior boys' basketball, badminton, and track & field. Beyond his coaching, Bill maintained his involvement in school sport at the division, district and provincial level. Bill maintained an active roll within NESSAC and attended 22 years at the SHSAA annual general meeting.

Ron Pettigrew (1999)

Ron began teaching and coaching in 1971 at Champion High School, he stayed there until it closed in February 1976 when he transferred to Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School until June 1994. After this time he was appointed Commissioner of Athletics for the RHSAA. During his tenure at Champion and LeBoldus, Ron coached a variety of sports, including football, volleyball, cross-country and track. However, it is for his involvement in high school basketball that Ron is most justifiably well known, having created a premier program. Ron as LIT'S honored guest states, "I told the kids that the final score is only a small part of the whole game. All the things that come beforehand when you're preparing for the game are building blocks and character builders. Win or lose, the positive aspects derived from the whole experience stay with you."

**THE 2000's****Bob Simpson (2000)**

Bob began his teaching career in Ituna in 1974. Bob built the six-man football program into a perennial provincial contender. In 1979, the Ituna Trojans football team earned "Simps" his first of two gold medals. He also coached the Senior girls' volleyball team, and both the senior girls and boys' basketball teams. Bob's dedication to high school athletics continued in Melville in 1983, assuming roles of head coach for football and basketball. Bob's passion for high school athletics continued in the East Central District, as commissioner of many events, treasurer and president. Bob had also been the Section II representative on the SHSAA provincial council from 1990 to 1993.

Fred Jerred (2001)

Fred has sat at the provincial board table, officiated at provincial championships, coached at provincial championships and most importantly has been an avid supporter of sports at the high school level. Fred taught in Mankota for 2 years, Moose Jaw for 1 and has been in Wapella since 1976. Upon his arrival in the Qu'Appelle Valley District he sat on the QVDA executive from 1976-1984 before assuming the role of President. Fred was on the SHSAA Executive from 1988-1998 in the roles of official's representative, President and Past President. Teams coached by Fred included, the 1977 bronze medal boys' basketball team, a silver medalist girls basketball team in 1980, and a Mixed Doubles Badminton team captured gold in 1990. Fred is extremely committed and dedicated to High School Athletics at all levels.

Jerry (O.J.) Kozey (2001)

O.J. Kozey's service and professionalism as both official and coach should serve as a role model to all who have had the good fortune to work with him, for him or under him. O.J. knows he is teaching life-long skills, but that he is also shaping young citizens into valued adults and possibly future coaches. Not only did he officiate, he trained young officials who learned by watching this man in action. O.J. worked hard to build East Central into the third largest group of registered officials in the province. He continued to coach volleyball, track, basketball, badminton and cross country. Lots of coaches teach basic skills; coaches like O.J. teach young people to grow and to love sport with all its ups, downs, victories, defeats and challenges.

Dick Stark (2001)

Mr. Stark is a well known and respected member of the athletic community because of his support of athletics in this province over the past 30 years. At Luther College, he coached football, basketball, track and field, baseball and volleyball. High standards of behavior and performance both in the classroom and on the playing field, have earned him a special place in the hearts of his students. To Mr. Stark, many valuable things are learned by being both a coach and a player. He tells his players that to have success as a player, one must be successful as a person. He is the embodiment of all those tenets of coaching that our Association holds dear.

Mary Linnell (2002)

Mary spent four years at Borden School and twenty two years at Hafford Central School. She has coached senior girls' volleyball, senior track and field, senior badminton, cross country, senior boys' basketball, junior boys' volleyball and junior girls' volleyball. Outside of the coaching arena, Mary has been involved in the North Central District Executive and served as SHSAA Executive Section 4 Representative. Mary Linnell has certainly gone above and beyond the call of duty for her community, her school and her province. Her seemingly tireless commitment to athletics in her school and community as well as her volunteer work within her community make Mary an admirable choice for the Merit Award.

Clayton Sjoberg (2002)

Clayton began coaching and officiating the day he became a teacher. He has coached volleyball, badminton, basketball, and track for most of his 30 teaching years. As an official, Clayton has been involved as a basketball and volleyball referee for over 30 years. Clayton started refereeing basketball while still in high school. Clayton is always the first MJHSAD member to volunteer his time, wisdom and tireless efforts to whatever committee is looking for volunteers. He has been treasurer, commissioner, officials' assigner and president. He is always willing to go the extra mile for students and young coaches looking for advice.

Mike O'Donnell (2003)

Mike has had a longstanding relationship with the RHSAA, the SHSAA and sports in general within the city of Regina. Mike began his teaching career at O'Neill in 1973, he was transferred to Miller in 1983. He was RHSAA Commissioner of Athletics starting in 1990 for 4 years, returned to Miller and again back to the RHSAA Commissioner role where he retired in June of 2003. He further served on the Regina Executive as vice president and president. During his years at O'Neill and at Miller, Mike coached a variety of sports, including football, basketball, volleyball and track. Mike O'Donnell has, through the course of a life lived in absolute accord with a strong ethical sense founded in faith, built within a framework of basic decency, and burnished with the unshakable belief in the fundamental worth of the individual within society. He is a true champion of sportsmanship and fair play.

Bob Coffin (2004)

Bob began his teaching and coaching career in 1975 at Mount Royal Collegiate. He then taught at City Park Collegiate where he was head of the physical education department, head football, wrestling and track coach. Bob was a true believer in the benefits of participation, high sportsmanship expectations and student athletes having fun. Aside from his extensive coaching and teaching duties, Bob found time to be very involved at the administrative and organizational level. He was extremely active on the executive of SSSAD, Phys. Ed. Curriculum and could always be counted on to volunteer with any activity that involved students. Bob also taught at Marion Graham, Aden Bowman and finished in the North Central District as vice principal at Carlton Collegiate. His overall vision of doing what is best for students and his passion for fairness allowed Bob to quickly become a leader at the SHSAA executive table.

Gerry Thompson (2004)

Gerry is best known as a respected offensive football coach. During his 27 years as a teacher he has also coached basketball and track. Gerry's contributions to athletics extend well beyond those of a coach. He has been a builder of sport within the RHSAA. He has served as secretary, treasurer and president. From 1994-1998 he acted as the Regina representative to the SHSAA executive council. His belief in the motto of "Education Through Sport" is steadfast and unwavering. His belief in sport as a vehicle to good citizenship, dedication and sportsmanship is evident in his coaching and in the way he lives his life. Gerry is known for his fierce support and adherence to the guidelines set out by the SHSAA.

Ned Andreoni (2005)

"Coach A", as known to thousands of Vanier graduates, has become synonymous with athletics and Vanier Collegiate. From 1972 to the present time he has been actively involved with the classroom teaching of physical education and the coaching domain of athletics. He has coached football, basketball, track & field, badminton and golf. Throughout his coaching career, he led Vanier teams to first ever city championships in basketball, football and golf. As a physical educator and coach, Ned Andreoni has encountered and influenced many young lives. His enthusiasm, integrity and dedication are contagious.

Jim Nichols (2005)

Jim spent his entire teaching career at Yorkton Regional teaching mainly Physical Education and Math. Jim's passion in high school athletics has been senior boys' basketball, Jim has been the ECDAA district basketball commissioner for 28 years, the Raiders' head coach for 29 years, and the boys' tournament chairman for 29 years. "No single word could describe Jim's contribution to his students, his school and community. Over the past 30 years he has come to epitomize our profession through his dedication to numerous sports teams he has coached and directed."

Rosalie Flynn (2005)

Rosalie resurrected the cross-country program in Swift Current. At various times since 1996 Rosalie lent her considerable talent for organization and her impeccable standards of excellence to the SCCHS Athletic Directors position as the school hosted their myriad of sporting events. She served as SWAC Commissioner of Cross-Country, SHSAA commissioner for regional wrestling and was part of the committee to update the SWAC constitution through the late 90's. Rosalie served on the SHSAA Executive Council as Women's Representative from 1997-2001. Rosalie Flynn has proven to be a hard working and dedicated Executive member, teacher, coach, and volunteer.

Kevin Vollet (2005)

In 1983 Kevin moved to Coronach to begin his teaching career. During his 19 year tenure he was the backbone of the athletic program by coaching various sports including track, basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer and golf. In 2002 he accepted the position of Principal in Willow Bunch where he was a part of the volleyball, golf and track programs. His leadership showed by being an outstanding coach, athletic director, colleague, division president and district president. Kevin was the president of the South Central District for 6 years and was an elected Member at Large prior to holding this position. Kevin held the position of Section 1 Representative on the Provincial Executive Council of SHSAA from 1998-2002. Although Kevin's contributions to the SHSAA on the provincial council and as the Assistant Executive Director are exemplary, his contributions at the grassroots level were no less extraordinary and noteworthy.

Bill Yeaman (2006)

Bill's first teaching assignment was in Gladmar starting in 1979. Bill then spent the next 23 years teaching mainly Physical Education and History at Birch Hills. Mr. Yeaman had many dramatic impacts on athletics in Birch Hills School and the North East District. Under the guidance of Bill, they famously won 4 back to back provincial titles from 1984 to 1987 and then followed up with two more in 1989 and 1997. Birch Hills were known as contenders in all activities because of Bill's dedication to sport. At one time or another he held every NESSAC title; president, vice-president, secretary, and referee-in-chief. He held the position of Section 3 representative on the SHSAA executive council for three terms (1992-1998). Bill is a leader in the strongest sense of the word and always wanted to get into school administration. In 2004 Bill transferred to Kinistino School in the role of Vice-Principal.

Chris Wenner (2006)

Chris graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education in 1976 and a Bachelor of Education in 1977. Except for a 1 year teaching excursion into Alberta, Chris has spent her 27 years teaching, coaching and officiating in West Central and South West Saskatchewan. Her passion and devotion to volleyball was what led the Gull Lake Lady Lions volleyball team to their first of many provincial appearances. In 1984, her interests extended to the SHSAA Executive Council where she served as the Section I representative from 1984-1986. The devotion toward promoting and developing officials across the South West Athletic Conference and the province is that one area that stands out from the rest. At the district level, she has been the SWAC Official's Commissioner for over ten years. In that time, she has worked tirelessly to promote development and certification of officials.

Bob Symenuk (2007)

Bob Symenuk has been a teacher, guidance counsellor, Vice-Principal and Principal over his 30 year teaching career. Athletics has always been a focus throughout his career. Bob began his career as a basketball and volleyball coach at Peacock Collegiate. No doubt, Bob's greatest asset to Moose Jaw and high school athletes has been his unending support of the SHSAA philosophy of education through sport. He has been a member of the MJHSAD throughout his entire career. Bob takes a lead role to ensure that high school sport remains strong, viable, fair, affordable and equitable for Moose Jaw student athletes. He played a lead role in athletic amalgamation meetings and he has been a highly supportive principal in all areas of sport.

Kelly Bowers (2007)

Kelly began his teaching career in 1973 at Churchill Elementary School in Saskatoon. Over the years, Kelly coached football, basketball, and wrestling at Mount Royal and Bedford Road. In 1994, Kelly was appointed to the position of Athletics and Outdoor Education Consultant for the Saskatoon Public School Division. After his 4 year term he returned to Bedford Road Collegiate to teach physical education. In the fall of 2002 Kelly was again appointed Athletics and Outdoor Education Consultant for a second term. During this term Kelly served as Saskatoon's rep on the SHSAA Executive. Kelly has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to young people and sport in the city of Saskatoon and the province of Saskatchewan.

Marvin Renneberg (2007)

Marvin was raised in the community of St. Benedict and came to Muenster in the fall of 1984 from Quinton School. He had been very active coaching and administering high school sport since that time. A list of his coaching experiences includes volleyball, basketball, badminton, cross country, track and field, soccer and golf. As an official, Marvin established himself as a very good soccer official and carried this ability over to other sports (basketball, track & volleyball). After several times serving as President of the Humboldt School Athletic Association, Marvin was successful in becoming the President of the new Horizon Central Athletic Association in the fall of 2006. Marvin served on the SHSAA Executive Council from 2002-2006 as the Officials' Representative.

Basil Hughton (2008)

Basil began his teaching career in Kyle, Saskatchewan. It was there he began his lengthy tenure in coaching. He coached volleyball, basketball, badminton, curling and track and field. In 1980, he accepted a position at Mount Royal Collegiate in Saskatoon, where he taught for the next 7 years. In 1987 Basil left the classroom, taking on the position of Consultant for Athletics and Out of School Education. Basil spent time at Aden Bowman, Walter Murray, and Mount Royal as an in-school administrator. Basil truly believes in the importance of athletics in a young person's education and has made it a lifelong commitment of his to be a role model for all those around him.

Bill Crossman (2008)

Bill came to Carnduff in the fall of 1980, after spending one year teaching at McNaughton High School in Moosomin. In his lifetime, Bill Crossman made an impact on countless student athletes at Carnduff High School and now Carnduff Education Complex. Bill has coached at all levels for the past twenty-eight years. Bill's true love, however, has been the sport of volleyball, and for the past fifteen years, he coached the senior boys' team in Carnduff. At one time or another he has held every SEDAA title: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Commissioner. Provincially, Bill represented Section 2 on the SHSAA executive from 1993-1997, then continued as the Officials Commissioner for two more terms. Bill is a leader in the strongest sense of the word.



Dale Regel (2009)

Dale began his teaching career in 1978 at Monsignor Boucher Junior High School. He moved to Holy Cross Junior High School in 1982, with his final transfer to St. Mary High School in 1985, where he became the Vice-Principal since 2000. Dale has coached volleyball and basketball in each year he has been teaching. He has also coached soccer, badminton, track and wrestling. The school did not have a volleyball team when he arrived at St. Mary. Dale, who is well known for accepting challenges, enthusiastically took on the task of starting this activity at the school. Dale has been a vital member of the North Central District since moving to St. Mary. Dale's desire to improve high school sport and work towards the welfare of the students across the province has been evident by his attendance to Annual meetings for nearly a dozen years.

Tim Miller (2009)

Tim has been a student athlete, teacher, administrator and coach in the South West District for 36 years. Tim began his teaching career at Val Marie School in 1981, serving as Principal for two years. While there, Tim was instrumental in developing and coaching teams in volleyball, curling, badminton and track. He also began a lifelong career as an official in volleyball and basketball. In 1987, he transferred to Shaunavon High School where he also added basketball and football to his coaching resume. Tim has actively been involved on the Executive for the South West Athletic Council having served a two-year term as President and two years as past president. Tim's tireless efforts have had a very positive influence on many former students, several of whom are now colleagues in teaching and coaching.

Dan McDougall (2010)

Dan attended the University of Regina and convocated with a B.Ed. in 1982. His very successful teaching career initially took him to Windthorst High School (1982-1985), followed by a year in Australia, a year at Oungre High School, two years at Greenall and then onto Lumsden High school in 1989 where he has remained. Over 27 years, Dan has coached all the SHSAA sponsored sports, most notably, volleyball and football. Dan has been a QVDA Division Representative, Member-at-Large and Secretary. He was president of the Prairie Valley Schools Athletic Association. He also served as the SHSAA Section 2 Rep for two terms (2001-2005). More important than the many titles won, is the fact that his players and teams have consistently displayed a commitment to both sportsmanship and excellence, which reflects his coaching style and dedication to the positive aspects of student athletics.

Larry Segall (2010)

Larry began his teaching career in his hometown of Moose Jaw. He spent the first fourteen years of his career as a high school physical education teacher and coach at both A.E. Peacock Collegiate and Riverview Collegiate. While he was a full-time teacher, Larry coached high school football, track and field, badminton, basketball and volleyball. Following his classroom stint, Larry became the Athletic Commissioner/Physical Education Consultant for the Moose Jaw Public School Division and later through amalgamation, was retained as the Athletic Commissioner with the Prairie South School Division. Larry served on the SHSAA Executive Council as Section 1 Rep from 2002-2006 and then as Officials' Rep from 2006-2010. Larry's work ethic and passion for high school and community sports has enabled Moose Jaw to have one of the best high school and community sports programs in the Province.

Grant Elke (2011)

Although Grant enjoyed his time as a school administrator, he will always say that his first love was teaching and coaching young people. Volleyball and badminton were his areas of focus. During his time in Hepburn Grant's volleyball teams put together an impressive run of 6 provincial medals including four championship titles. Grant first attended AGM in the early 80's with the former Central District and has been a regular attendee ever since. Following amalgamation there was much work to be done in the newly formed Central Valley Athletic Conference. Grant took on an instrumental role in developing the organization. After retiring from teaching, Grant has gone on to serve as the Commissioner of Athletics for CVAC.

Jim Lissinna (2012)

Jim has been known as a coach and mentor of young athletes during a teaching career that has exceeded 30 years. Jim's career began in the Kerrobert School Division and then moved to the Horizon School Division. His involvement with the West Central District and the Horizon District included multiple years on District Executives and two stints on the SHSAA Executive Council. Jim served as the Section 4 rep from 1992-1996 and the Section 3 rep from 2004-2008. Back to back provincial volleyball championships while coaching girls' volleyball in Luseland is one of many coaching highlights of Jim's career.

Jody Lehmann (2012)

Jody was hired to teach in Gravelbourg in 1988 and then spent his entire career leading the school and the extra-curricular programming at the school. Jody lives for sports and the SHSAA is the primary beneficiary of his passion. If he is not organizing sports for the teams he is coaching; he is officiating sports. If he is not officiating; then he is watching sports. Jody has been a very active member of the South Central District since the day he was hired, serving on the District executive for 20 years. Jody also served as the Section 1 representative on the SHSAA Executive Council from 1995-1999.

Lyle McKellar (2012)

Lyle spent 22 years teaching at Outlook High School before accepting the Assistant Executive Director's position with SHSAA in 2008. As a coach in Outlook, Lyle coached football, basketball, volleyball, and track & field. In addition to some medal performances in each of the activities he coached, his team rosters were always large as he is a believer in the benefits of participation and sportsmanship. Lyle was active with the West Central District serving as Treasurer and President. That experience with West Central allowed Lyle to serve the SHSAA in a volunteer capacity as the Section 4 Representative from 2005-2008. His dedication to family, academics, and school sport drives his passion for the daily work he does with SHSAA.

Angela Tillier (2013)

Angela Tillier's contribution to school sport spans her entire life. She has been involved in sport as an athlete, teacher, coach, official, athletic director, and a person who cares deeply for ethics, morals, and structure of High School sport. Angela's career includes 25 years at Luther College High School in Regina as well as serving as the RHSAA Commissioner of Athletics for four years. She has served as RHSAA President, SHSAA Regina District Representative and SHSAA President. Angela has donated endless hours of volunteering to a variety of organizations, including the 2005 Canada Games, numerous HOOPLA tournaments, soccer, volleyball, cross country, and football provincial championships.

Lee Reimer (2013)

Lee has a strong passion for athletics and has dedicated herself to improving the athletic landscape in our province to ensure the most positive experiences for all students involved. Lee spent time teaching at Aden Bowman, Evan Hardy, Walter Murray, and Mount Royal. She served as SSSAD Athletic Consultant from 1998-2002. Lee also spent time on the SHSAA Executive Council as the Saskatoon Representative from 1997-2002. Although she coached many different activities her passion was Volleyball and Track & Field. Her dedication to athletics as a coach and administrator is unmatched in the Saskatoon District.

Perry Mamer (2013)

The North East District is the benefactor of a teaching career devoted to providing school sport for student-athletes. Perry has coached and officiated a variety of sports including cross country, football, basketball, curling, volleyball, badminton, fastball, and track. In addition to serving as the District Officials' Commissioner for several years, Perry was also a SHSAA Executive member from 1996-2000 as the Section 3 Representative. Perry is always willing to lend a hand, whether that be hosting tournaments and championships or mentoring coaches and officials.

Rob Moore (2014)

During Rob's teaching career he has been a strong supporter of the beliefs and objectives of SHSAA. He has coached and officiated a variety of sports including football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and track & field. Rob's teaching career took him from Naicam in 1988 to Melfort in 2001. He has served NESSAC in a variety of roles over the years including the position of Athletic Facilitator which was a position created to assist the transition of school sport following amalgamation.

David Speirs (2014)

A talented athlete in his own right, Dave has continued his dedication to sport during his teaching career at Maidstone High School. Dave has been a leader in the North West District assuming roles such as District President and District Officials Commissioner. He was awarded the Service Award in 2004. Dave has been a key contributor to host committees during the four provincial volleyball championships hosted in Maidstone. As an official, there are few more respected in the North West when it comes to volleyball, basketball, and hockey. Dave's passion for school sport rests with Track & Field; his student-athletes have always excelled whether that be in reaching personal bests or reaching the awards podium.

John Marciniuk (2014)

Johnny has been a leader in SSSAD for over 29 years. He is a passionate leader who has devoted his life to physical education and school sport. At any athletic event in Saskatoon, Johnny will be the first to arrive to ensure that everything is ready to go and will be the last to leave at the end of the event. He has always been in the forefront when Saskatoon has hosted SHSAA Provincial championships like HOOPLA and Track & Field. John served on the SHSAA Executive from 1987-1991 and represented the Saskatoon District at 29 consecutive AGM's.

Garth Anderson (2015)

Garth is an individual that has impacted school sport in each school he has taught and each district he volunteered within. Stops in Frontier and Foam Lake produced high achieving teams resulting in basketball gold medal performances in 1988 with Frontier and 1994, 2005, and 2014 in Foam Lake as well as football championships in 2004 and 2006. Garth has been very involved in district sport administration serving as president of SWAC and East Central. He was a leader in establishing the Horizon Central Athletic Association. His presence at every AGM since 1981 has made Garth one of the most recognizable AGM personalities.

Greg Hatch (2015)

During a teaching career that has spanned more than 40 years, Greg has embodied the philosophy and principles of the SHSAA. He has proved time again that there is 'Education Through Sport' as his countless hours of volunteer coaching in La Loche allowed so many students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Greg has coached all sports in La Loche both in and out of the school and his teams and athletes have been very successful over the years with several championships and medal performances in basketball and volleyball. The impact Greg has had on the growth of sport and youth in the northern region of Saskatchewan is immeasurable. As was mentioned by a colleague, "when the school gym is named in your honor, you have the utmost respect from the community".

Kathy Maki (2015)

Kathy served as a leader in the Central, and then Central Valley District throughout her teaching career that included stops in Colonsay and Clavet. Kathy attended many AGM's on behalf of the District and was instrumental in developing the CVAC Coaches and AD's Handbook. Although she has been involved in many capacities including being the commissioner for provincial championships hosted in Clavet, assisting with many school activities as a volunteer, and organizer; it is basketball that Kathy is synonymous with as she proved to be a most successful and competent coach capturing 7 HOOPLA championships in 10 trips to the championship game. She was a tremendous role model for female coaches in SHSAA. In addition to her coaching success Kathy is also well known for her commitment to promoting physical education in the daily lives of her students.

Roger Morgan (2016)

Roger is a modest and humble man who has shown himself to be an excellent teacher, coach, and volunteer who holds himself to the highest of standards. Roger often tells stories of competing as a student-athlete for the Shellbrook Aardvarks which included some excellent performances in track & field. He has used those experiences to offer a career of service to the student athletes of Saskatchewan. He has coached football, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, and track & field. He has officiated every sport that needed an official. The South Central District were the beneficiaries of Roger's skills in sport administration and the SHSAA was lucky enough to have Roger serve as Section 1 Representative from 2006-2010 and President from 2011-2015.

Kelly Schneider (2016)

Kelly was born and raised in Medstead. He returned to the community as a teacher and administrator for the majority of his teaching career. Kelly was instrumental in developing the Battle West District following amalgamation in the education sector. His 300+ hours of commitment to school sport each year covers sports like volleyball, basketball, badminton, cross-country, and track & field. Kelly's teams and athletes have experienced much success at the district, conference, regional, and provincial level of competition. When he is not coaching volleyball, he is known as one of the best officials in the Saskatchewan north west. Kelly served as the Section 4 representative on SHSAA Executive Council from 2008-2014. His motto of "you are a person first, and a volleyball player second" has led to multiple Sportsmanship banners being presented to Club Med.

Miles Bennett (2016)

The contributions that Miles has made at the school, district, and provincial levels in the areas of high school athletics have been exceptional in both quantity and quality during his teaching career. His teaching career included stops in Preeceville, Rosetown, and Kenaston. He has always been involved in the District organizations including serving as an officials' commissioner, secretary, treasurer, member at large, and president. During his time on the SHSAA Executive Council from 2010-2014 as Officials' Representative he initiated many mentoring and retention programs across the province. One of Miles' most significant contributions was his foresight and persistence in the establishment of the Saskatchewan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Phyllis Longobardi (2016)

A native of Nova Scotia, Phyllis came west in 1981 to begin a lengthy teaching career in La Loche. Phyllis travelled thousands upon thousands of miles in her career to ensure that the students of La Loche had the opportunity to benefit from involvement in school sport. During those travels, Phyllis also produced some of the best volleyball teams to come out of the North West District which is demonstrated by four SHSAA medals and four Sportsmanship Awards for the school. Phyllis is also renowned as one of the top volleyball officials in the province. Phyllis is most well known for her role in the successful hosting of three provincial volleyball championships in La Loche. An enlightening moment for the entire province as student-athletes experienced the generosity and hospitality of the Dene culture.

Richard Rink (2017)

Richard is not someone you would see seeking the limelight or bragging about accomplishments, although he certainly could have based on the number of championship teams and students he has coached during his teaching career in Wishart and Wynyard. Richard has been a valuable and contributing member of the Horizon Central District. He served as Referee-in-chief for volleyball and basketball for a number of years. Richard, himself, has officiated many SHSAA playoff competitions. Beyond officiating, Richard is an excellent coach and has spent many hours mentoring the enthusiasm of young coaches ready to take the lead in coaching school sport.

Rick Haacke (2017)

Rick's experience as a student-athlete influenced his decision to become a PE teacher and promoter of school sport. He became an in-school administrator with stops in Nokomis, Porcupine Plain, Oxbow, and Melville. At each stop he was known for impacting school sport and extra-curricular involvement by his coaching, officiating, and the ability to hire people who made an immediate impact on the school sport programs. As a member of the East Central District, Rick was very involved in hosting provincial events in badminton, golf, curling, and the AGM.

Valerie Gordon (2017)

Val's teaching career has been dedicated to Eastend High School and South West Athletic Conference. She was the SWAC president for two different terms including the time of amalgamation when she led the transition of school sport into its new administrative format. Val has also been a coach of almost every activity that SHSAA sponsors. She has been an official for many activities including being recognized for her abilities as a track & field official. Val is a Service Award winner (2005) and Coach of the Year (2006). Val served the SHSAA as Section 1 Representative from 2012-2014 and as Association President from 2015-2019.

Randy Clark (2018)

Randy graduated from Weyburn Comprehensive and went on to play basketball and volleyball at the University of Regina. Randy's teaching career had stops in Weyburn, Invermay, Balcarres, and finally Wolseley. At each stop along the way, Randy promoted school sport as a valuable component to a student's complete education. He became very involved with QVDA as the officials' representative and mentored many volleyball and basketball officials along the way. One of Randy's many coaching highlights was a gold medal championship for the girls' volleyball team in 2013.

Blake Buettner (2018)

Blake has been a fixture in the MJHSAA for 30 years. His time at Peacock produced a football program that won 5 provincial championships but more importantly helped shape the lives of hundreds of student-athletes over the years; "character equals destiny". Blake was also a fixture in the South Central District Executive and at numerous track meets over the years. Always one to lend a hand, Blake assisted with the many provincial championships hosted in Moose Jaw.

Renee Verge (2018)

Renee is an extraordinary coach, volunteer, teacher, role model, and community member who has made substantial contributions to school sports in Moose Jaw and across the province. She has been involved heavily in coordinating four Moose Jaw Hoopla events and countless number of school level tournaments, provincial cross country, and provincial track & field competitions. Renee's coaching has impacted a myriad of activities and countless student-athletes. Included among the many championships achieved by her teams and students is a SHSAA Sportsmanship Award in 2013 for girls' basketball.