

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION



48th Annual Awards Banquet

Sunday, July 7, 2019

1:00 p.m. – Mitchell Highland Conference Center

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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 website.

This year's recipients are:

Bill Weber
Dan Aaker

Eric Denning
Jeff VanLeur
Rob Wilson

Kent Hansen
Jeff Ganschow

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2018-2019 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



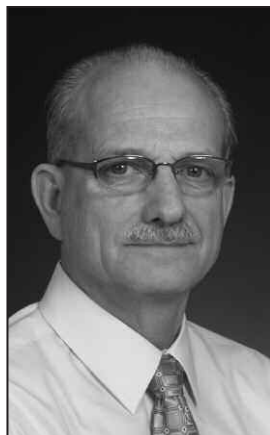
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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 48TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM

Masters of Ceremonies.....Wayne Carney & Jim Dorman
WelcomeBruce Kleinsasser, President
Introduction of Special GuestsDan Mitchell, 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
NHSACA National Coach of the Year
NHSACA National Hall of Fame
SDHSCA Hall of Fame

Closing Remarks & Passing of the GavelBruce Kleinsasser, President
Past President Award.....Mike Flakus, President Elect



2018 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Don Ray** Deubrook Area

Don Ray started his coaching career at Polo High School in 1975. During his nine-year tenure at Polo, he coached football, junior high girls' basketball, junior high boys' basketball and girls' track & field. In 1984 he accepted the position of 7-12 Principal and Athletic Director at

Deubrook Area Schools. Ray became the head girls' and boys' cross country coach in 1993. His boys' cross country teams have won three conference championships, were region champions in 1999 and State "B" Champions in both 1998 and 1999. His girls' cross country teams have won six conference championships, were region runner-up in 2016 and region champions in 2017 and 2018. They placed sixth at state meet in 2016, third in 2017 and State "B" Champions in 2018. In 1998 Ray was honored as South Dakota High School Coaches Association Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year, Area 2 Cross Country Coach of the year in 1999 and Area 1 "B" Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2017. He was inducted into the SDIAA Hall of Fame in 2016 and in the fall of 2018 was selected as South Dakota's USTFCCCA Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year. Ray would like to thank the members of the SDHSCA for honoring him with this award. "There were so many outstanding coaches that were nominated and to be the one selected is very humbling. As everyone knows, you do not receive awards like this without the dedication and accomplishments from those that you coach," Ray stated.

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 Ortmann - 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 Suter - 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
2017-18	Joe Noyes - Hill City

Other Nominees: Karen Karim-Custer, Eric Pooley-Sioux Falls Lincoln, 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
2017-18	Todd Thorson - Ipswich

2018 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Jeff Larson** Warner



Jeff Larson was a three-sport athlete (cross country, wrestling, track & field) at Aberdeen Central High School. That's where he began his coaching career as an assistant wrestling coach (1992-1995). In 1995 he became a wrestling official and worked matches until 2003. In 2006 he started a wrestling program in Warner where he was a co-head coach. He changed lanes in 2010 and began as an assistant track & field coach working with distance runners. He continued working in wrestling and track & field until 2015 when he focused on coaching cross country and track & field. He was named head cross country coach in 2017 and guided Warner to its first regional title, fourth place at the State Class B meet placing two runners in the top 10. In 2018 Warner finished second at the state meet. Cody Larson was the individual champion (Warner's first) and Michael Wirth finished fifth. "I am truly honored to win this award," said Larson. "I consider myself very lucky to be able to work with great student-athletes and have some tremendous coaches and administrators that surrounded me in Warner. I also want to thank the area coaches who have been willing to share information that lead to their success along the way. It has been greatly appreciated."

Other Nominees: Tom Brantner-James Valley Christian, Karen Karim-Custer, Eric Pooley-Sioux Falls Lincoln



2018 Cheer Coach of the Year Valerie Ewing Winner

Valerie Ewing has been coaching cheerleading since 2001 when she became a sideline coach for the Winner Warriors. When the school added competitive cheer to its athletic lineup, Ewing “jumped” at the opportunity to be the head coach.

In her eight seasons at the helm, Winner has placed in the top 10 at state seven times. Her coaching philosophy is driven by promoting teamwork, dedication, and pride for oneself, their team and school. Ewing currently serves as the president for the South Dakota Cheer Coaches Association as well as the Academic All-State coordinator for cheer. This year she was also part of the SDHSAA Competitive Cheer/Sideline Cheer Advisory Committee. Ewing stated: “This award means the world to me, but not because I earned it alone. This is a team award, and a reflection of all the girls I have had the pleasure of coaching these past 17 years. It is an honor to represent the cheerleaders that have gotten me here. I have had the pleasure of not only watching this sport grow and advance, but my girls grow and advance. Cheer has taught us all life-long lessons on communication, teamwork, dedication, and pride. It has made us a family and I love nothing more than seeing my team come together. This award is a symbol of all their hard work and faith in me as a coach and I cannot express that enough.” In addition to coaching, Ewing is the high school/middle school counselor at Winner. She and her husband, Wade, are the parents of two children, Wyatt, 20, and Kara, 17.

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 Daily - 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
2017-18	Angela Bernard - Dakota Valley

Other Nominees: Tina Barnett-Sioux Falls O’Gorman, Bruce Kleinsasser-Aberdeen Central, Diedra Nissen-Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Previous Winners

2016-17	Melissa Strong - Dakota Valley
2017-18	Cyndy Demers - Winner

2018 Dance Coach of the Year Tracy Kuhn Brandon Valley



Tracy Kuhn has been the head coach of the Brandon Valley High School dance team for 16 years. She has taken the dance program from recreational status and built a highly competitive team in what is now a sanctioned high school sport. Under Kuhn’s direction, Brandon Valley has won seven Eastern South Dakota Conference championships, five runner-up finishes at state, and one state crown. She empowers her team to reach the best of their abilities and to continually improve not only in competition, but also in their day-to-day activities. Coach Kuhn is an advocate for implementing improvements for the sport of dancing in South Dakota. She has participated on committees to assist in revamping the dance rubrics used by judges and updating the score sheets utilized during competition. She has submitted multiple proposals to the dance advisory board since dance transitioned into a sanctioned activity and she has attended multiple board meetings in Pierre to present and support new ideas and enhancements to the sport. Kuhn and her husband, Brad, are the parents of two children, Tayler and Alissa. They live in Brandon.

Other Nominees: Megan Smith-Huron, Melissa Strong-Dakota Valley



2018 Football Coach of the Year Byron Pudwill Bon Homme

Byron Pudwill just completed his 36th season at Bon Homme where he has spent his entire career. He started coaching the junior high football team in the fall of 1983. He followed that up with 17 years as assistant coach from 1984-2000. He has spent the last 18 years as the head football coach from 2001-2018. Pudwill has served as the SDFBCA President and region chairman. He currently serves on the SDHSAA Football Advisory Committee and the South Dakota High School Coaches Association Board of Directors. He has been inducted to the Little Missouri Valley Conference and Southeastern South Dakota Conference Halls of Fame. In 2010 he was selected as a head coach for the All-Star Football Games. Pudwill was named the South Dakota Football Coach of the Year in 2018. This past November the Cavaliers won the 2018 9AA State Championship Football Team, finishing the year with an 11-1 record. He has coached multiple All-Conference, All-State and collegiate athletes over the years. He has served as the Defensive Coordinator since 1989.

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 Sellevoid - 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
 2017-18 Brian Allmendinger - Gregory

Other Nominees: Craig Clayberg-Tea Area, Chad Garrow-Brandon Valley, Michael Schmitz-Huron, James Strang-Canistota

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 - Phillip
 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
 2017-18 Nora Groft - Northwestern

2018 Volleyball Coach of the Year Linda DeBoer Miller



Since 1991, Linda DeBoer has been associated with Miller Rustler volleyball. She was an assistant coach for two years and the head coach for the past 26 years. She also coached junior high track & field for 15 years. As head coach she has compiled a 599-217-2 record, won 15 district titles and 10 region crowns. She has coached several all-academic athletes, Big Dakota Conference and Central South Dakota Conference members and honorable mentions, all-state athletes, and several all-star athletes and collegiate players. Her teams have made 10 state tournament appearances with runner-up finishes in 2000 and 2018. DeBoer has been honored as SDVBCA Region Coach of the year 11 times, she has coached the North All-Stars team five times either as the assistant or head coach. In 2002 she was nominated for SDHSCA Coach of the Year, in 2005, 2013, and 2016. She was chosen by the SDVBCA/SDHSCA to represent Region Six as their NHSACA coach of the year nominee. In 2013 she was chosen NHSACA Region Six National High School Volleyball Coach of the Year finalist. She is the recipient of the SDHSCA 25-year

coaching award. Over the years she has served as a SDVBCA Class A representative, vice-president, president, and now past president on the executive committee. "I am extremely honored by this award mainly because it is voted on by one's peers and colleagues. It means a great deal to be recognized and to join the list of so many talented, successful coaches, who are exceptional teachers and lovers of the game of volleyball." DeBoer and her husband, Doug, have three children and live in Miller.

Other Nominees: Kari Jung-Warner, Kylie Voorhees-Rapid City Stevens, Darci Wassenaar-Sioux Falls Christian



2019 Wrestling Coach of the Year Spencer Novotny Winner

Spencer Novotny began his coaching career at Mobridge-Pollock High School in 2009. He remained in Mobridge for six years, coaching 25 state qualifiers and two state champions. Then came a move to Winner, his home town, in the spring of 2016. There he took over the Winner Area wrestling program. In his three seasons as head coach, the Warriors have compiled a 22-1 dual record. He has mentored 27 state qualifiers and five state champions. As a team, Winner won three straight Region 3B tournaments, finished fourth at state in 2017, and posted runner-up finishes in 2018 and 2019. He was named Region 3B wrestling coach of the year in 2017. "It is truly an honor to receive this award," said Novotny. "It is humbling that it was voted on by my peers. I am lucky to live and coach in a town like Winner. The success of our program has had is in part because we have great student-athletes and fantastic assistant coaches. This award is simply an echo of that. I would like to thank our administrators as well for their continued support." Novotny, who teaches middle school social studies, has also served four seasons as a middle school football coach. He and his wife, Kaela, are the parents of two children, Owen and Ivy.

Previous Winners

1971-72	Dick Bleth - Faulkton
1972-73	Mary 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	Mary Sherrill - Watertown
1999-2000	John Donovan - Harding County
2000-01	Tim Wishard - RC Stevens
2001-02	Mark Stoebner - Bon Homme
2002-03	Mary 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
2017-18	Jeremy Swenson - Canton

Other Nominees: Wade Schlotter-Redfield/Doland, Jeremy Swenson-Canton

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
2017-18	Caitlin Steffensen - Deuel

2019 Gymnastics Coach of the Year Sherri Johnson Estelline/Hendricks



In her first season at Estelline/Hendricks, Sherri Johnson had the pleasure of coaching the Redhawks in their inaugural season of high school gymnastics. Her team placed third at the State Meet, finished runner-up in Region 1, had one Region champion, six State Meet qualifiers, nine individual medalists and two all-tournament team gymnasts. Johnson has been involved in gymnastics for over 30 years. Upon graduation from USD, she was assistant gymnastics coach at Sioux Falls Washington and in 1990 she became the head gymnastics coach at Mitchell High School where she led the Kernels for ten seasons. While in Mitchell, her teams earned two runner-up state finishes, three ESD Conference championships and eight Region III titles. Johnson coached the Marshall (MN) Tiger Gymnastics Team until 2003. From 2003-2012, she officiated high school gymnastics in South Dakota and Minnesota. In 2012 with the help of her husband Gary, Johnson had the unique opportunity to start a high school gymnastics program in Hendricks. "The Barn" was built on their farm which serves as the practice and meet facility. In her six seasons with the Hendricks Grizzlies, Johnson had gymnasts qualify for the Minnesota State Meet every year. During Johnson's coaching career, she served as secretary-treasurer of the SD Gymnastics Coaches Association, was named SDGCA Coach of the Year in 1994, was the first recipient of the SD Gymnastics Judges Association Coaches Leadership Award in 1998 and was inducted into the SDGCA Hall of Fame in 2006. Johnson and her husband have three daughters Greta, Sophie and Sadie. Johnson stated, "I am honored to be given this award and thrilled to once again be coaching in South Dakota."

Other Nominees: Rachele Engelbrecht-Brookings, Audra Rew-Mitchell, Caitlin Steffensen-Deuel



2019 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year Larry Aaker Winner

Larry Aaker served as the assistant girls' basketball coach for his first two years with the Winner School District. He took the head coaching post beginning with the 2013-2014 season. In six years as head coach, he has compiled a record of 119-22 and has

guided the Lady Warriors to five Big Dakota Conference titles, four Southeastern South Dakota Conference crowns, State Class A runner-up finishes in 2014 and 2016, and the school's first-ever state championship in 2019. His state title team was undefeated. In addition to his head coaching stint with girls' basketball, Aaker served as middle school track & field coach for three years, and recently completed five years as head track & field coach. He was an assistant football coach for six years under his brother, Dan. In those six seasons the Warriors won three state crowns. He currently volunteers as an assistant football coach and is the head boys' golf coach. Said Aaker, "I am honored to receive this award and to be recognized by my peers. I am blessed to work with such hard-working and dedicated student-athletes, fortunate to serve a school district with a supportive administration, great assistant coaches, and a tremendously supportive community."

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 - Mellete
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 Rosevelt
1999-2000	Doug Groth - Selby
2000-01	Todd Jutting
	Waverly/South Shore
2001-02	Bob Sittig - Baltic
2002-03	Dean Leuning - Tri-Valley
2003-04	Jason Christenson
	Mount Vernon
2004-05	Brad Noem - Hamlin
2005-06	Jeff Dvorak - Dell Rapids
2006-07	Mark Sentfner - Sully Buttes
2007-08	Nate Malchow - SF Washington
2008-09	Pat McClemons - Watertown
2009-10	Steve Kruase - Elkton-Lake Benton
2010-11	Mark Stadem - Brandon Valley
2011-12	Rob Van Laecken - Parkston
2012-13	Stewart Bohle - Warner
2013-14	Nate Malchow - SF Washington
2014-15	Jamie Parish - SF Washington
2015-16	Dawn Seiler - Aberdeen Central
2016-17	Mark Sentfner - Sully Buttes
2017-18	Leslie Tvedt - Castlewood

Other Nominees: Dawn Seiler-Aberdeen Central, Mark Stadem-Brandon Valley

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
2017-18	Chris Haynes - Yankton

2019 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year Brent Deckert Brandon Valley

Coach Brent Deckert just finished his 19th year at Brandon Valley. His boys' basketball teams at Brandon Valley High School have 224 AA victory's, seven state tournament appearances, three district championships, three region championships and one ESD Conference title. His boys' basketball teams have participated in the state

semifinals five times with three state final appearances including one state championship. Deckert served as vice president and president of the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association. "To be voted the coach of year by your peers is a very humbling experience", Deckert stated. "Just to be mentioned with the same names that have received this award is a tribute to everything that is great about Brandon Valley." Deckert attributes his success because of the great players who were eager to sweat and sacrifice daily for the good of an entire community. He is most excited and pleased for his coaching staff who constantly attempt to teach and motivate players and make personal investments for which all coaches can pay dearly. Deckert stated "It's very important they understand that is award is just as much for them. I'm fortunate to have them as friends and for them befriending me in so many ways." Deckert is most grateful and thankful for the unwavering support of his wife, Jill. They are the proud parents to Caden (19), Jaksen (16), and Kennedi (13).



Other Nominees: Chris Fechner, Tea Area, Paul McVey, Lennox, Galen Schoenfeld, Viborg-Hurley



2018 Soccer Coach of the Year Sidney Zanin Pierre

Previous Winners

2016-17 Steve Cogley - Aberdeen Central
2017-18 Zach Jurgens - Tea Area

Sidney Zanin was born in Beltrao, Parana-Brazil in 1962. He was raised to play soccer and at a young age (16) was recruited to play for his home team (Clube Esportivo Uniao), a professional division II team. He also played for three division I teams before moving to the United States in 1986. He played professionally in Brooklyn and Newark. In 1991 he moved to Seattle, where he was a player-coach-manager for the Red Eagles (SPSL/Mexican League of Seattle). From the Hibernian Saints in Seattle (PCSL/SPSL) he was recruited to play for the Seattle Sounders from 1995-1997. He retired from competition and began preparing for a coaching career. He arrived in Pierre in June 2002 to coach the Turf Rats boys' team for two summers. He took over the high school girls' program in Pierre in 2003. His girls' teams have qualified for state tournament play every year and captured state championships in 2017 and 2018.

Other Nominees: Dave Dancler-Sioux Falls Washington, Tyler Schuring-Yankton, Luis Usera-Rapid City Stevens, Kendall Velgersdyk-Sioux Falls Christian

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
2017-18 Kerry Dilley - T.F. Riggs, Pierre

2019 Tennis Coach of the Year Mike Zerr Brandon Valley



Mike Zerr has been the head tennis coach at Brandon Valley for the last six years after serving one year as an assistant coach and one year as the head coach at Aberdeen Roncalli. During his six-year tenure at Brandon Valley, the Lynx finished in the Top 8 in the state tournament five times. In 2019 they finished fifth at the state tournament, their first team podium appearance in 35 years. He has led the Lynx to three runner-up finishes in the ESD Conference tournament and this past year, the first ESD team conference championship in school history. Over Zerr's career, the Brandon Valley tennis team compiled a 70-45 dual record making him the all-time leader in winning percentage as a coach in Brandon Valley tennis history. He is stepping away from tennis after this season to focus on his family, while continuing his roles teaching high school science, coaching varsity football and as the head girls' basketball coach. Zerr stated "I would like to thank the SDHSCA and the coaches for this incredibly humbling award. This award is a testament to the great players I have had the opportunity to coach. This year was truly a special group of young men, who are great tennis players and better people. They made tennis into a team sport, and really played the game the right way, for each other. I would not have been able to operate our program without the help of our assistant coach Adam Rothenberger."

Other Nominees: Tom Krueger-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Jason Olson-Rapid City Stevens, Steve Steele-Pierre, John Vogel-Aberdeen Central, Ryan Zink-Watertown



2019 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year Billie Jo Indahl Burke

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 Buseth - Deubrook Area
2015-16	Brett Sime - Yankton
2016-17	Kim Zimmerman - Aberdeen Central
2017-18	Clark Gusso - Belle Fourche

Billie Jo Indahl has been part of Burke's successful girls' golf program both as a player and coach. She won medalist honors at the 1996 State Class B tournament and competed on state championship teams in 1994 and 1996. She began coaching in 2008 and her teams have won nine region championships and were runners-up twice. Burke placed in the team standings at state 10 out of 11 years and has two golfers win medalist honors. In three seasons (2012, 2018, 2019), Burke claimed state titles and lost only once over the three campaigns. She has been honored as region coach of the year 10 times and SDHSCA girls' golf coach of the year twice. Indahl's 2019 team won all but one meet, placing second at a Class A/AA gathering. "It was definitely a fun and memorable season," said Indahl. "The girls really worked hard and wanted a repeat of last season and they knew they had the team to do it. "I am so humbled to be able to share the back-to-back championships with my two daughters on the team receiving first and seventh places individually this year, and two seniors (19th and 27th), whom we will dearly miss next season." She also coaches Burke's boys' golf team, teaches second grade, is the C-Club Advisor, head volleyball coach and coaches softball in the summer. She and her husband, David, are the parents of four children - Taylee, Adisyn, Brody, and Bryson. "I am very proud and honored to receive this award. I feel this is not only an award for me, but also for my players, my school, my community, my family, and especially for my assistant coaches - Deb Indahl (mother-in-law) and my husband. I am extremely grateful to be working with such amazing athletes and staff. Together we will strive to continue the tradition of a successful program through hard work and perseverance."

Other Nominees: Tom Jansa-Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Previous Winners	
1978-79	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
1979-80	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
1980-81	Joyce Farrell - Madison
1981-82	Bruce Olson - Webster
1982-83	Clarence Zacher - Custer
1983-84	Jim McGlone - Flandreau
1984-85	Norman West - Yankton
1985-86	Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
1986-87	Rich Halverson - Clear Lake
1987-88	Bill Scholten - Brookings
1988-89	Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
1989-90	Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
1990-91	Marv Bohnet - Hamlin
1991-92	Jim McGlone - Flandreau
1992-93	Susan Heitmann - Britton
1993-94	Phil Hunt - Rapid City Stevens
1994-95	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
1995-96	Joe Schlimgen - Plankinton
1996-97	Joe Schlimgen - Plankinton
1997-98	Jim McGlone - Flandreau
1998-99	Bill Scholten - Brookings
1999-2000	Rod Garrison - SF O'Gorman
2000-01	Mick Hoglund - Dell Rapids
2001-02	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
2002-03	Bill Scholten - Brookings
2003-04	Phil Hunt - Rapid City Stevens
2004-05	John Brown - Clark
Boys	
2005-06	Mike Schouten - SF Christian
2006-07	Tim DeJong - Dell Rapids St. Mary's
2007-08	Jay Weber - Avon
2008-09	Ryan Mors - Freeman
2009-10	Brett Sime - Yankton
2010-11	Gale Lundberg - Deuel
2011-12	Mick Hoglund - Dell Rapids
2012-13	Kari Stoltenberg - Dell Rapids
2013-14	Mick Hoglund - Dell Rapids
2014-15	Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes
2015-16	Tim Koisti - Hamlin
2016-17	Matt Pollock - Ipswich
2017-18	Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes

2019 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year Joey Liesinger Madison



Over a span of 31 years, Joey Liesinger has been privileged to coach a brother, sister, son, and daughter. Liesinger began coaching golf at West Central in 1989, guiding both boys' and girls' teams for 20 years. Following a 21-year career in the Army, he returned to Dakota State University and graduated with honors with a degree in education. In 2008, he accepted a technology position at Madison High School and began coaching the boys' golf team. He took over the girls' golf program the following year. His teams have competed in three conferences and won 11 straight Central Valley Conference crowns. He has been named the South Dakota High School Golf Coaches Association region coach of the year a dozen times and four of his squads were runners-up in state meet competition. Liesinger has served six years on the South Dakota High School Activities Association golf advisory board. He has served eight years with the board of directors for the South Dakota High School Coaches Association as sports secretary for golf, and 11 years as director of the SDHSGCA. He and his wife, Tara, are the parents of two children, Mike and Laura, and have four grandchildren.

Other Nominees: Frank Cutler-Platte-Geddes, Jeff Halseth-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Jim Person-Sisseton, Nick Rotella-Rapid City Stevens



2019 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year **Rachelle DeBeer** Deubrook Area

Rachelle DeBeer is in her 23rd year of coaching volleyball and 22nd year of coaching track & field. She is a 1997 graduate of Dakota State University. She began her coaching career as the assistant volleyball coach at Sioux Valley in 1996-97. The following year

became the head volleyball coach and assistant girls' track & field coach. She taught and coached volleyball and track & field for 13 years at Sioux Valley. In 2010, she began coaching track & field and volleyball at Deubrook Area Schools. While coaching track & field at Deubrook, her teams and athletes have garnered numerous medals in both Class A and Class B State meets. In 2016, the Dolphins girls' track & field team were Class B runners-up. In 2019 they captured their third state championship in a row. DeBeer and her husband, Brad, are the parents of Shaylee who will attend Dakota State this fall to double major in elementary and special education. "I am truly humbled and honored to receive this award from the SDHSCA and my peers," she said. "I have been blessed to work with many amazing fellow coaches and athletes thru the years. Track & field has always been a passion of mine, and I am grateful to the athletes that I have coached who have shared this passion with me. I also want to thank my family for their support as I have pursued this passion of coaching and teaching."

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
2017-18	Bill Abell - Belle Fourche

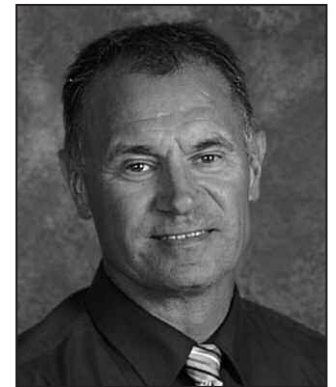
Other Nominees: Jim Jarovski-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Cliff Johnson-Andes Central, Byron Pudwill-Bon Homme

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 Lounsbery - Centerville
1976-77	Rod Knutson - Elk Point
1977-78	Buzz Stevenson - Huron
1978-79	Don Diede - Freeman
1979-80	Dick Brook - SF Washington
1980-81	Jerry McElroy - Watertown
1981-82	Jim Cordts - Madison
1982-83	Jim Egeberg - Groton
1983-84	Bryan Brace - Volga
1984-85	Lyle Claussen - Brandon Valley
1985-86	Vern Miller - Pierre
1986-87	Tom Main - Chester
1987-88	Ken Linstrom - Rapid City Stevens
1988-89	Ed Evenson - Beresford
1989-90	Jim Sattler - Menno
1990-91	Jerry Kippes - Marion
1991-92	Jim Miner - Yankton
1992-93	Jerome Garry - Madison
1993-94	Jerome Garry - Madison
1994-95	Jim Sattler - Menno
1995-96	Jim Miner - Yankton
1996-97	John Houska - Rapid City Central
1997-98	Vic Godfrey - Watertown
1998-99	Duane Tordoff - Spearfish
1999-2000	Scott Muckey - Corsica
2000-01	Phil Moore - White Lake
2001-02	Allen Weier - Platte
2002-03	Richard Luther - Lennox
2003-04	Bob Billotto - Eureka
2004-05	Brad Olson - Milbank
2005-06	Geoff Gross - Pierre
2006-07	Gary Pepper - Scotland
2007-08	Brock Rops - SF Christian
2008-09	Larry Buffington - Gayville-Volin
2009-10	Jerry Rhodes - Philip
2010-11	Everett Gebhart - SF Washington
2011-12	John Nyhaug - Viborg/Hurley
2012-13	Craig Black - Custer
2013-14	Jim Jarovski - Sioux Falls Lincoln
2014-15	Scott Benson - St. Thomas More
2015-16	Chad Rohde - Watertown
2016-17	Jeff Larsen - Colman-Egan
2017-18	Rory Hermesen - Freeman Public

2019 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year **Bill Hansen** Viborg-Hurley

In 2019 Coach Bill Hansen's Viborg-Hurley Boys Track & field Team were the Champions in Class B with an impressive 76 points claiming three relay titles along with one individual title. The boys track & field program has been very competitive at the State level being Runner Up in 2013 and 2018. VHHS has won the Region Meet for four years running along with winning four straight conference titles. He began his track & field and field coaching career in Hurley coaching both boys' and girls' teams from 1994 until 2010. After the consolidation of Viborg and Hurley schools, he spent one year as assistant under Hall of Famer John Nyhaug in 2012 when they won the Class B Boys State Championship. Hansen stated, "The achievements of our program have been because of the proud tradition built on great kids with a desire to compete at a high level. Over the past few years we have had a great number of athletes out for track & field which has also attributed to our success. Our staff is outstanding with a lot of coaching experience, and we look forward to success in the future." Hansen, a native of Orient, South Dakota, graduated from Faulkton High School and received his bachelor's degree from Northern State University. He currently teaches Business and Computers in the Viborg-Hurley District as well as coaching cross country and the girls' track & field team.



Other Nominees: Scott Benson-St. Thomas More, Jim Jarovski-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Karol Patterson-Wall



2019 Junior High/ Middle School Coach of the Year **Doug Haar** Yankton

Doug Haar has been teaching I Yankton since 1989 and started coaching junior high cross country in 1992. His many contributions to Yankton High School athletics have been invaluable. Haar has coached

distance runners for most of his two decades with the Yankton School District and has helped developed some of the school's and state's premier distance runners. He has taught and served as an assistant coach for grades seven and eight for 25 years. He has coached junior high cross country for 25 years and junior high track & field for more than 15 years. "Doug's years of coaching have been instrumental in the development of athletes in the Yankton School District," said Bucks cross country coach Luke Youmans. "His knowledge and passion for the sport set him apart in terms of his ability to lead, motivate, and effectively train athletes in a variety of events." Haar has spent countless hours

mentoring and providing counsel to troubled student-athletes and has always looked for the best in everyone and done all he can do to make everyone feel special to be a part of the track & field program. "I owe any and all success in this area to the people I have been blessed to coach with, Gene Bormann, Dan Fitzsimmons, Dave Dannenbring, Luke Youmans, Bob Winter, Ryan Mors and all of the other coaches and teachers and parents that have allowed me the privilege of sharing their kids with me," stated Haar.

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
2017-18	Bob Boehler - Rapid City

Other Nominees: Chad Jodozi-Parkston, Roger Knecht-Parker

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
2017-18	Jason Olson - Rapid City Stevens

2019 Assistant Coach of the Year Boys' Sports **Lyle Pagel** Rapid City Stevens



Lyle Pagel just completed his 45th and final year of his coaching career. He began his career in Colman (5 years) and after a short stint in Flandreau spent the last 39 years at Stevens High School in Rapid City. He was an assistant coach in football, boys' and girls' basketball and track & field for 38 of those years. He was the head boys' basketball coach at Stevens for 11 years, winning the State AA title in 1989. He has been the boys' and girls' hurdle coach for 19 seasons. His hurdlers have been on the podium 103 times during that stretch with 24 state champions and 22 runners up. Pagel is married to his wife, Jo, of 36 years. They

have two daughters, Ramsee (husband Nick) and Samee (husband Steve), and soon to be six grandchildren. Pagel said, "It is truly an honor to be recognized by your peers. I am truly humbled to receive this award when there are so many deserving coaches. The Lord has truly blessed me with such an awesome family and the talented athletes I had the opportunity to coach."

Other Nominees: Mark Anderson-Aberdeen Central



2019 Assistant Coach of the Year Girls' Sports Thad Caldwell Rapid City Central

Thad Caldwell began his coaching career in 1991 at Midland High School, where his duties included football, boys basketball, and track. After three

seasons in Midland, he spent the 1994 school year as a hall director at Northern State University, while pursuing a master's degree in Business Education. In 1995 he moved to Rapid City, where he taught for 17 years at Dakota Middle School. While there he coached middle school girls and boys basketball, volleyball, track, and cross country. He became one of Rapid City Central's assistant track coaches in 2004 and continues in that capacity. He

became Central's head cross country coach in 2012 after being an assistant for six years. During his high school coaching career his teams have seen success earning three cross country and seven state track runner-up finishes as well as one cross country and two state track championships. Caldwell's coaching philosophy is to help his athletes achieve their goals and reach their greatest potential, while at the same time becoming successful and respected young adults. "Along the way, if they win and receive other accolades...that is a bonus. I am honored to be given this award," Caldwell said. "There are a lot of deserving coaches and I am grateful to accept this recognition amongst such an incredible group of coaches. I would like to thank my wife and son for all their help and support throughout the years. Thank you as well to the hard-working dedicated athletes and fellow coaches who have provided me with insight and knowledge."

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
2017-18	Scott Embry - Sioux Falls Lincoln

Other Nominees: Glenda Bohlman-Menno, Christy Wittstruck-Mitchell

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
2017-18	Bud Postma - Madison

2019 Athletic Director of the Year Randy Marso Brandon Valley



Randy Marso coached and taught for 11 years with the Brandon Valley Schools prior to serving the past 21 years as the activities director. In addition to organizing all aspects of athletics, he also helps manage the fine arts programs for the district. He coached girls' basketball and track & field at the middle and high school levels, and coached high school boys' basketball. He is the secretary/treasurer for the Eastern South Dakota Athletic Conference and the Metro Athletic Conference, which involves 13 of South Dakota's Class AA schools. He has been involved with the SDHSAA as a member of the Cheer and Tennis Advisory Committee, the Sportsmanship Initiative and the Girls Sports Study Committees. Marso has served as the meet manager for several state events, including cheer and dance, boys and girls golf, boys and girls tennis and track and field. Marso is actively involved in the NIAAA, has served as an SDIAAAA officer for many years, including one year as president, and remains involved as past president. He and his wife, Lisa, sponsor the scholarships for the state level competition for the NIAAA essay scholarship contest. He served on the state faculty for the Leadership Training Program and is a CAA test administrator. He has also served the NIAAA as a member of the Certification Committee. "I am humbled to be recognized by the coaches and athletic administrators of South Dakota for this award," said Marso. "There are so many deserving men and women, including the other finalists, whom I am fortunate to call colleagues and friends. An award like this is only possible by having an exceptional coaching staff, who make doing what I do very easy, and athletes who strive to be the best. In addition, a supportive family, a unified Administrative team, and a community passionate about all aspects of education make doing what I love to do possible and enjoyable."

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



2019 Official of the Year

Chad Gordon

Yankton

Chad Gordon graduated from Grand Island Northwest High School in Nebraska in 1990 finding his way to Yankton and graduating from Mount Marty College in 1995. The son of a lifelong high school and college official in football, basketball and track & field, Chad's officiating career began

while in college working various levels of sub-varsity football and basketball games. Colin Kapitan and Dana Nelson quickly got Chad involved in South Dakota high school football, basketball and track & field in 1995. By 1997, his officiating career evolved to include officiating at the NCAA Division II & NAIA collegiate levels. Now, 24 years later, Gordon has worked six AA/AAA SDHSAA football championships and two AA boys basketball state championships. One of Gordon's favorite officiating highlights was working the 2006 AA SDHSAA football championship, the 2007 AA SDHSAA boys basketball championship and the 2006 NCAA Division II Football National championship game all in the same academic year. "It is a great honor to receive this award from the coaches and administration of South Dakota," Gordon said. "I would especially like to extend a huge thank you to my wife, Holly, and daughter's, Annika and Addison, for their unconditional support of my love for officiating." He would especially like to thank the administrators, coaches, and assignors that have continued to support him.

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
2017-18	Andy Deinert - Mitchell

Other Nominees: Emily Baertsch-Rapid City, Julie Bjerke-Clark, Greg Blue-Cavour, Renee Cummings-Watertown, Koln Fink-Sioux Falls, Keith Kusler-Sioux Falls, David Rogers-Spearfish, Dennis Titze-Rapid City

40 Under 40 Award

Steph Daly

Aberdeen Central



Coach and Athletic Director magazine, in partnership with the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) implemented its "40 Under 40" Award in 2018. They are a group of exemplary sports professionals nominated by their peers for the impressive accomplishments of their young careers. The Class of 2019 was honored at the NHSACA Annual Convention on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

The Class of 2019 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.

Steph Daly was South Dakota's recipient of the 40 Under 40 Award. She is in her thirteenth year at Aberdeen Central High School, where she teaches physical education, health, and sports medicine. She is an assistant coach for both girls' basketball and volleyball, which have won two state and multiple conference titles each. Daly serves on the SDHSCA Board of Directors and the SHAPE-SD Board. She has been named Region 1 Assistant Basketball Coach of the Year and High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. She received her degree from Black Hills State University.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

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

2018	Scott Ewald, Watertown David Raysby, Platte-Geddes Mickey Metcalf, Brandon Valley	2001	Dennis Kokesh (deceased) Virgil Wolthoff, Canton
2017	Brian Hansen, Sioux Falls Ken Martens, Omaha Ray Rylance, Watertown	2000	Charles Schad, Spearfish
2016	Rich Hinseth, Rapid City Steve Kjellsen, Watertown Paul Richter, Rapid City	1999	Wayne Carney, Sioux Falls
2015	Larry Peterson, Watertown SD Army National Guard	1998	Richard Michel, Rapid City Judean Schwinger, Watertown
2014	Linda Larson, Sioux Falls	1997	Jerry Miller, Sioux Falls Vernon Bechen, Flandreau
2013	Tom Boltjes, Platte Mark Stanforth, Colorado Springs, CO Mona Smith, Aberdeen	1996	Gale Rohr, Watertown
2012	Dana Dykhouse, Sioux Falls Joel Harris, Carroll, Iowa Bob Lowery, Pierre	1995	Ron Babb, Wakonda
2011	Charlie Childerston, Sioux Falls Bob Denny, Sioux Falls Duane Whalen, Rapid City	1994	Bernie Stocking, Pierre
2010	Greg Kendall, Sioux Falls Nick Kranz, Watertown Terry Tople, Fort Pierre	1993	Harve Johnston, Mitchell
2009	Jerry Bussler, Rapid City Roger Nelson, Brookings Jim Robinson, Yankton	1992	Ken Kessinger, Sioux Falls Jack Dorman, Castlewood
2008	Vern Uhlir, Kadoka	1991	Don Ahrend, Sioux Falls Dodie Bemis, Watertown
2007	Judy Busch, Sioux Falls Lolly Forseth, Sioux Falls	1990	Dale McElhany, Watertown
2006	Tom Allen, Spearfish Ruth Rehn, Pierre Gene Struck, Montrose	1989	Sarah Trish, Sioux Falls
2005	John Cornette, Yankton Bob Tiff, Redfield	1988	Howard Connors, Vermillion
2004	Virg Polak, Watertown	1987	Max Hawk, Yankton
2003	Dick Hunhoff, Yankton Marlyn Goldhammer, Pierre	1986	William Timmins, Mitchell
2002	William (Bill) Jones, Spearfish	1985	Tom Walsh, Sioux Falls
		1984	Jim Prosser, Vermillion
		1983	Charles Hoover, Onida
		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

2019 Distinguished Service Award Winners

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

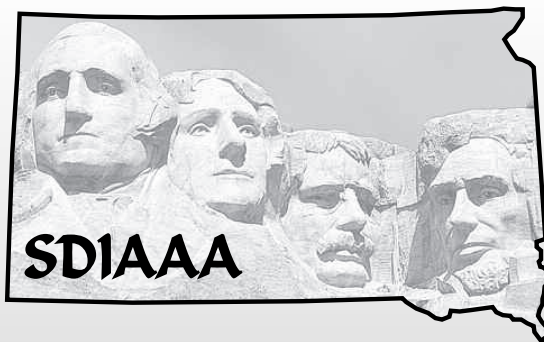


Linda Hengeveld Valley Springs

Linda Hengeveld has been involved in high school athletics since 1989. It all began at Brandon Valley High School, where she was an assistant to the principals and athletic director. She worked at Sioux Falls Washington for four years, where she covered numerous events. In 1997, Hengeveld began working in the athletic office for the Sioux Falls Schools. She assisted with numerous state events, including cross country, wrestling, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, tennis, golf, and track & field. She retired in 2013. After retirement she continues to help the Sioux Falls schools at many sporting events and volunteers countless hours of her time. Still contributing, Hengeveld is currently the secretary for the Dakota Relays Board of Directors. She is an active member of First Lutheran Church in Valley Springs and has served as an EMT for the Valley Springs Fire Department. She and her husband have retired from farming near Valley Springs. They have two children and three grandchildren - Lesley (Jack) Schoolcraft and Ella; and Derek (Lori) Hengeveld and Owen and Emmett.

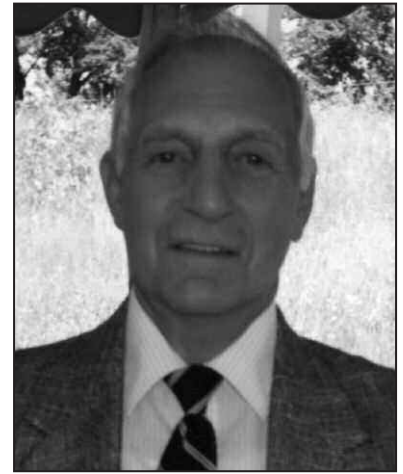
Linda Weber Sioux Falls

Linda Weber grew up on the family farm, attended country school through the 8th grade and graduated from Wagner High School. She went on to obtain a math degree at Northern State University and graduated in 1971. Weber accepted a teaching job at Tri-Valley where she remained for 18 years. Upon advice from a retired teacher she became involved and began going to school activities. This turned into keeping score for middle school basketball and later kept score for both boys' and girls' basketball. In 1989 she accepted a teaching position at Sioux Falls Lincoln High School. She was introduced to Athletic Director Floyd Farrand and started working Lincoln and the Sioux Falls School District activities. Judy Busch taught her how to score volleyball and Lolly Forseth introduced her to gymnastics scoring. For the remainder of her career, Weber could often be seen taking tickets at wrestling or football events, watching the band gate at football games, scoring volleyball and gymnastics and travelling with both the boys' and girls' basketball teams and keeping the score book. Now in retirement, Weber is a spectator at many events. Former Lincoln athletic director, Jim Dorman, stated "Linda would volunteer to work at any event she was needed at. She was the ultimate volunteer as well as an outstanding educator."



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MAX HAWK AWARD

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



2019 Max Hawk Award Ken Bruckner

Ken Bruckner is a 1975 graduate of Conde High School. He attended Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, graduating in 1979 with a double major in Physical Education/ Health and Social Science. Bruckner has taught in Bonesteel, Todd County, Conde, Greeley, Nebraska and the past 29 years in Menno. Bruckner was President of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association in 2007 and has been president of both the Basketball Coaches Association and Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. He has been a member of the SDHSCA since 1979 and has served on the Board of Directors for the SDHSCA for many years. Bruckner has served in many capacities and presently serves on the Coaches Foundation Board of Directors and the SDHSCA Scholarship Committee. At the national level he

serves on the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Board of Directors and is the Sport Chair for Assistant Boys. Bruckner has won South Dakota Coach of the Year honors in Girls Track & Field (2002), Assistant in Boys' Sports (2003) and Assistant in Junior High/Middle School (2005). Bruckner was named National High School Assistant Coach of the Year in Boys' Sports in 2010 and was a National Finalist for Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year in 2017. He was inducted into the SDHSCA Hall of Fame in 2012.



2018-2019 25 YEAR COACHING AWARD WINNERS

- Bill Barrie - Tulare
- Mark Birkel - DeSmet
- Marty Erickson - Lyman
- Dean Jacobsen - Viborg/Hurley
- Jerry Kippes - Marion

- Joel Milton - Lyman
- Keven Morehart - Winner
- Brian Schuring - Groton
- Kari Stoltenberg - Garretson
- David Tuch - West Central



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.



2019 Spirit of Influence Award Chuck Wilson

Chuck Wilson has been the Activities Director at Todd County High School for 15 years. Prior to becoming the AD at Todd County, he was the girls' basketball coach. The Lady Falcons made 1 appearance in the state tournament in 2005. He also served as the Elementary AD for Todd County and coached at the elementary level. Wilson has served on the Lakota Nation Board of Directors for the past 10 years and is the President of Lakota Nation Invitational. He has also served on the SDHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee and Native American Advisory Committee. He is currently on the SDHSAA State Basketball Tournament official's selection committee and the Finance Advisory Committee. He is a member of the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Executive Committee. Wilson was selected the 2003-2004 Region 8 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year, Region 7 Athletic Director of the Year in 2009-2010 and received the Distinguished Service Award from the SDHSAA as an Administrator. He has also been a registered Track official for 10 years.

2019 SDHSCA Scholarships

Sutton Carpenter, Mitchell
Seth Martens, Aberdeen

Shaylee DeBeer, Hendricks
Jonathan Ricke, Madison
Bridget Thill, Mitchell

Mya Hendry, Rapid City
Eisley Sayler, Menno

Dave Prohl Scholarship

Logan Klaudt, Menno

Coaches Against Cancer Scholarships

Trevor Olson, Volga

Gia Renteria, Flandreau

Jaicee Williams, Wall

Graphic Edge Scholarship

Pierre Lear, Watertown

2019 SD Coaches Foundation Scholarships

Ashtyn Bertram, Flandreau
Trey Bohlmann, Menno
Adam DeJong, Watertown
Jarret Haven, Brentford
Madeline Hursey, Flandreau
Mackenzie McClemons, Watertown
Jaedyn Oplinger, Olivet

Madison Birkel, DeSmet
Cade Clayberg, Tea
Kaylee Eisenbraun, Kadoka
Levi Heckenlaible, Menno
Rylee Iott, Flandreau
Jett McGirr, Huron

Cade Birkel, DeSmet
Sidney Clayberg, Tea
Jasmine Ferguson, Philip
Karst Hunter, Miller
Logan Klaudt, Menno
Madison Moody, Letcher
Tess Oplinger, Olivet

Roll of Champions

State Championship Coaches 2018-2019

GOLF

Girls AATom Jansa, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
 Boys AA.....Jeff Halseth, Sioux Falls Lincoln
 Girls ATony Lanham, West Central
 Boys AJason Sudenga, Tea Area
 Girls BBillie Jo Indahl, Burke
 Boys B.....Phelan Stahl, James Valley Christian

TENNIS

Girls.....Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln
 BoysTom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln

SOCCER

Girls AASidney Zanin, Pierre
 Boys AA..Dave Dancler, Sioux Falls Washington
 Girls A.....Greg Anderson, West Central
 Boys AZach Jurgens, Tea Area

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls AAEric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln
 Boys AAEric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln
 Girls A.....Karen Karim, Custer
 Boys AKaren Karim, Custer
 Girls BTom Brantner, James Valley Christian
 Boys B.....Brad DeBeer, Deubrook Area

FOOTBALL

11AAAChad Garrow, Brandon Valley
 11AASteve Steele, Pierre
 11ACraig Clayberg, Tea Area
 11B.....Jake Pettengill, Sioux Falls Christian
 9AAByron Pudwill, Bon Homme
 9A.....James Strang, Canistota/Freeman
 9B.....Ben Connot, Colome

CHEER

Girls AA.....Tina Barnett, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
 Girls ACasie King, Sioux Valley

DANCE

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

VOLLEYBALL

Girls AA.....Kylie Voorhees, Rapid City Stevens
 Girls ADarci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian
 Girls B.....Kari Jung, Warner

GYMNASTICS

Girls AAVicky Fisher, Watertown
 Girls ACaitlin Steffensen, Deuel

WRESTLING

Boys A.....Travis King, Rapid City Stevnes
 Boys BJeremy Swenson, Canton

BASKETBALL

Girls AAMark Stadem, Brandon Valley
 Boys AABrent Deckert, Brandon Valley
 Girls A.....Larry Aaker, Winner
 Boys AChris Fechner, Tea Area
 Girls B.....Doug Osthus, DeSmet
 Boys B.....Jerome Nesheim, Clark/Willow Lake

TRACK & FIELD

Girls AA.....Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln
 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 BBill Hansen, Viborg-Hurley

2019 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 Wesleyan
University
Mitchell**

NOMINEE:
• AGROPUR, Lake Norden



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.

**Kent Mulholland
Spearfish Peaks**



NOMINEES:
• Garet Alickson, Spearfish Peaks
• Chelsea Popham, Watertown
• Shana Bierber, BHSSC-Sturgis

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.

**Leslie Antonsen
Pierre**



NOMINEES:
• Becky Egerstrom, Watertown
• Peggy Heckel, Spearfish Peaks
• Missy Hill, Aberdeen Area Hub City Express
• Jason "Bull" Smith, Rapid City Storm

*"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.

Tracey Steinbach Spearfish



NOMINEES:

- Phil Collins, Mitchell
- Brandyn Crawford, Rapid City
- Jolyn Hofer, Redfield
- Maynard Konechne, Kimball

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.



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NOMINEES:

- Fallon Budmayr, Belle Fourche
- Castlewood Unified Champion School
- Breeann Friesen, Huron
- Mikey Kocer, Sioux Falls
- Spearfish Spartans Unified Champion School

DJ Mertens "Champion" Award

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

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NOMINEES:

- Culver's, Spearfish
- Dakota Provisions, Huron

Family Award

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



Toni & Joe Sabrowski Family Rapid City

NOMINEES:

- Lori & Patrick Couser Family, Brookings
- Linda & Scott Rutledge Family, Huron
- Laura & DJ Young Family, Belle Fourche

Board of Directors

- Duane Popham - Watertown (Chair)
- Jim Boadwine - Sioux Falls (Vice Chair)
- Maynard Konechne - Kimball (Sec)
- Nick Kortan - Sioux Falls (Treas)
- Wendy Addington - Spearfish

- Thomas Brude - Sioux Falls
- Bill Clucas - Rapid City
- Jon Cole - Vermillion
- Philip Collins - Mitchell
- Sherry Grismer - Black Hawk
- Bo Ivers - Brookings
- Curt Jacobs - Spearfish

- Tim Jensen - Sioux Falls
- Myles Kennedy - Spearfish
- Tim McCarthy - Coleman
- Rich Mulholland - Spearfish
- Dawn Ruhlman - Brookings
- Kia Smith - Rapid City
- Deb Voight - Sioux Falls

2019 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



Dawn Seiler
Aberdeen Central
Girls Basketball



Eric Pooley
Sioux Falls Lincoln
Boys Cross Country



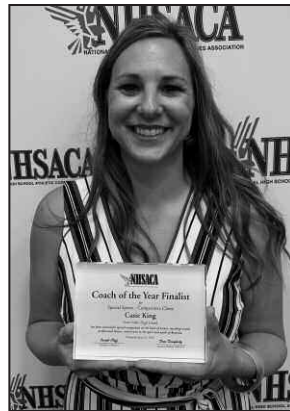
Jeff VanLeur
Bridgewater-Emery
Football



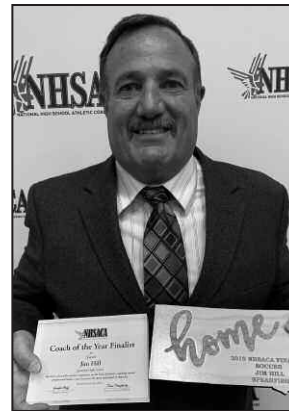
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Troy Sturgeon
Brandon Valley
Girls Track & Field



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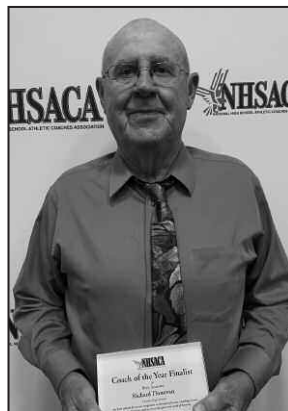
Jim Hill
Spearfish
Soccer



Shawn Lewis
Pierre
Wrestling



Bill Clements
Dakota Valley
Athletic Director



Rich Donovan
Groton
Assistant, Boys' Sports



Cindee Mutchelknaus
Menno
Assistant, Girls' Sports



2019 NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

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



Vic Godfrey
Watertown



Georgia Adolph
Flandreau

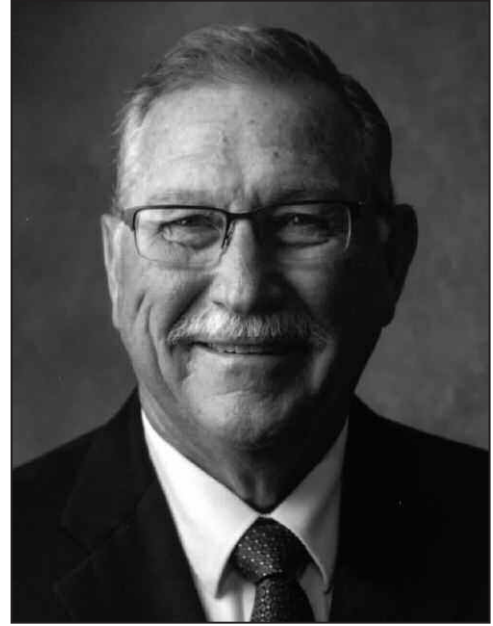
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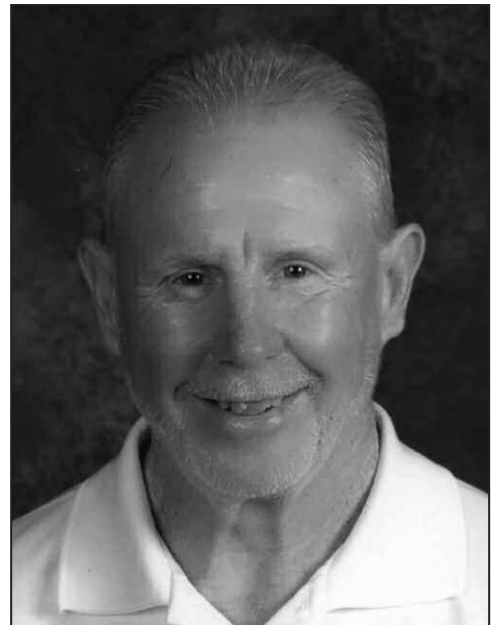
Mary Ellen Luikens
Scotland



Tom McGough
Miller



Dan Thelen
Huron



Jim Trett
Sioux Falls

HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

2018	Jim Aisenbrey, David Dolan, Steve Keszler, Ervin Ptak, Carmen Robinson
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
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1989	George DeKlotz, Lolly Forseth
1988	Larry Luitjens, Jerry McElroy, Harvey Naasz
1987	Gayle Hoover, Phil Trautner
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Floyd Mitchell.....	1953
Jim Marking	1954
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Bill Mitchell.....	1956
H.W. Hadorn.....	1957
Don Allan.....	1958
Tom Prendergast.....	1959
Bob Schroeder.....	1960
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Burdell Coplan.....	1963
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Bob Brooks.....	1966
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Judy Busch	1992
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John Huth.....	1994
Mick Wysuph.....	1995
Georgia Adolph	1996
John Nyhaug	1997
Daryl Fletcher	1998
Jim Dorman	1999
Jim Drake	2000
Marv McCune.....	2001
Marc Murren.....	2002
Carmen Robinson.....	2003
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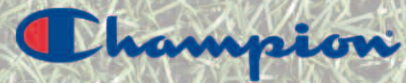
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