

# **SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**



## **45TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON**

**TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016**

**6:00 P.M. – MITCHELL HIGHLAND CONFERENCE CENTER**

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# South Dakota High School Coaches Association

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# *In Memory*

## KATHERINE A. LARSON



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *This year's recipients are:*

Jill Christensen	Terry Dosch	Maridee Dossett	Forry Flaagan	
Jeff Halseth	Sheri Keck	Jason Olson	Kari Stoltenberg	Larry Toft

# SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2014-2015 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



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Cindee Evenson, Menno  
Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes  
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# SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 45TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies.....Brittney Eide  
Welcome.....Sheri Keck, President  
Introduction of Special Guests .....Bill Clements, Past President  
Invocation .....Georgia Adolph, Past President

Luncheon

Awards:

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

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

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

Closing Remarks & Passing of the Gavel.....Sheri Keck, President  
Past President Award.....Travis Carpenter, President Elect



## 2015 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year

# Ralph Kroetch

### Phillip

Each time Ralph Kroetch was preparing to step down as Philip's cross country coach, a student-athlete would ask if he would consider staying on. He eagerly accepted and 14 years later is still coaching the Scotties. In the fall of 2015, the Philip girls' team earned runner-up honors at the state Class B championships. The Scotties were led by Ellie Coyle, who finished third, and Dilyn Terklidsen, who came in seventh. Philip's showing was a high point for Kroetch, who has enjoyed coaching at some level for most of his adult life.

"I believe one step toward success is drawing on the experience of others," Kroetch said. "I have been fortunate to learn from so many great coaches, both local mentors and many friendly rivals from cross country and track & field across this great state. This recognition I am pleased to receive, was earned by many and will remain a happy memory of my life and serve to inspire both myself and the student-athletes of Philip to always strive toward reaching our potential and represent South Dakota cross-country to the very best of our ability."

<b>Other Nominees:</b>	Karen Karim, Custer	Eric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln
	Bill Martens, Aberdeen Central	Todd Thorson, Ipswich

#### Previous Winners

1977-78	Gene Breemes - Rapid City
1978-79	Lowell Gilbertson - Arlington
1979-80	Jim Gemar - Lennox
1980-81	Fran Esser - Redfield
1981-82	Dave Scott - Hot Springs
1982-83	Russ Strande - Brookings
1983-84	Don Greenfield - Hoven
1984-85	Dick Wherry - Milbank
1985-86	Roger Loecker - Huron
1986-87	Dennis Ortman - Lennox
1987-88	Michael Oltmanns - Lennox
1988-89	Allan Weier - Platte
1989-90	Terry Ulmer - Hecla
1990-91	Michael Oltmanns - Lennox
1991-92	Tom Freece - Spearfish
1992-93	Chuck Seurer - Hoven
1993-94	Vic Godfrey - Watertown
1994-95	Don Lhotak - Bonesteel/Fairfax
1995-96	Marlene Lorenz - Arlington
1996-97	Rod Neuman - Faulkton
1997-98	Jeff Sylliaasen - Garretson
1998-99	Terry Vincent - Elkton
1999-2000	Jeff Sylliaasen - Garretson
2000-01	Todd Thorson - Ipswich
2001-02	Randy Fischer - McCook Central
2002-03	Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
2003-04	Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2004-05	Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2005-06	Don Sutura - Sioux Valley
2006-07	Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2007-08	Gary Pepper - Scotland
2008-09	Bill Martens - Aberdeen Central
2009-10	Jason Bohl - Garretson
2010-11	Scott Peterson - Sturgis
2011-12	Todd Thorson - Ipswich
2012-13	Larry Buffington - Gayville-Volin
2013-14	Todd Thorson - Ipswich
2014-15	Robert Cordts - Madison

#### 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 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year

# Tom Brantner

### James Valley Christian



Tom Brantner has been coaching cross country at James Valley Christian for three seasons and also serves as an assistant track & field coach working with the distance runners. Last year in his second season his boys' cross country team finished as state runners-up and were excited to hang their first cross country team banner in the gymnasium. This year they moved up one spot and claimed the Class B Boys' State Cross Country Championship.

"This past season holds so many memories for me as our boys won five team titles, finished 1-2-3 at our region meet and then capped a memorable season with the school's first state cross country team title. I love the opportunity to coach this sport which teaches athletes so many valuable life lessons. It is such an honor to be chosen by my peers for this award this year and has made this season even more memorable for me" Brantner stated.

<b>Other Nominees:</b>	Karen Karim, Custer	Jason Wagoner, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
	Luke VanderLeest, Sioux Falls Christian	Rebecca Wahl, West Central



## 2015 Football Coach of the Year **Dan Aaker** Winner

Dan Aaker took over the Winner football program in the fall of 2002. In his 14 years as head coach the Warriors have compiled a 123-32 record which includes 12 semi-final appearances, 4 state

championship game appearances, 1 runner-up finish in 2008 and 3 state titles in 2009, 2012, and 2015.

Along with being head football coach, Aaker served as assistant basketball coach for two years, assistant track & field coach for three years, and head track & field coach for five years. He currently serves as Assistant HS/MS Principal and Activities Director, a role he has held for the last six years. Aaker has been named Region 8 Football Coach of the Year three times. He was also named Region Athletic Director of the Year in 2016.

Aaker is quick to comment "I am honored to receive this award and the fact it is voted on by my peers makes it extra special. I feel extremely privileged to be coaching in a community like Winner that gives such great support and encouragement to our student-athletes. I also know awards like this come from having great players and great assistant coaches and this award is certainly a reflection on them."

### Previous Winners

- 1971-72 Burdell Coplan - Canton
- 1972-73 Ron Struck - Colome
- 1973-74 Dale McElhane - Watertown
- 1974-75 Harvey Naasz - Winner
- 1975-76 Max Hawk - Yankton
- 1976-77 Bill Witte - Onida
- 1977-78 Russ Morrell - Burke
- 1978-79 Bob Bozied - Pierre
- 1979-80 Glenn Sellevold - Brandon Valley
- 1980-81 Harvey Naasz - Winner
- 1981-82 Harvey Naasz - Winner
- 1982-83 Bob Garry - Lennox
- 1983-84 Rick Swenson - Belle Fourche
- 1984-85 Dan Thelen - Montrose
- 1985-86 Steve Entringer - Tripp
- 1986-87 Burdell Coplan - Canton
- 1987-88 Harvey Naasz - Winner
- 1988-89 Steve Kueter - SF O'Gorman
- 1989-90 Mike Klinedinst - Brandon Valley
- 1990-91 Clarence Kooistra - Garretson
- 1991-92 Arlin Likness - Hamlin
- 1992-93 Frank Podraza/Kim Johnson  
Hitchcock/Tulare
- 1993-94 Keith Huber - Harrisburg
- 1994-95 Max Hawk - Yankton
- 1995-96 Russ Morrell - Bon Homme
- 1996-97 Doug Schooley - Watertown
- 1997-98 Mark Kool - Spearfish
- 1998-99 Gary Maffett - Brookings
- 1999-2000 Arlin Likness - Yankton
- 2000-01 John Nyhaug - Viborg
- 2001-02 Doug Schooley - Watertown
- 2002-03 Arlin Likness - Yankton
- 2003-04 Gary Hoffman - Spearfish
- 2004-05 Steve Gilbertson - Arlington
- 2005-06 Terry Dosch - Aberdeen Roncalli
- 2006-07 Terry Dosch - Aberdeen Roncalli
- 2007-08 Jeff VanLeur - Emery/Ethan
- 2008-09 Aaron Beavers - SF Lincoln
- 2009-10 Mike Flakus - Aberdeen Central
- 2010-11 Brian Hermanson - SF Washington
- 2011-12 Kim Nelson - SF Roosevelt
- 2012-13 Steve Hansen - Dell Rapids
- 2013-14 Vern Smith - Gettysburg
- 2014-15 Arlin Likness - Yankton

**Other Nominees:** Max Hodgen, Madison  
Paul Raasch, Langford Area

Chad Stadem, Sioux Falls Washington  
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 - Philip
- 1996-97 Beth Schutt - Watertown
- 1997-98 Jeff Skatrud - Vermillion
- 1998-99 Shelly Buddenhagen - Huron
- 1999-2000 Kathy Graves - Northwestern
- 2000-01 Kelly Northrup - Hot Springs
- 2001-02 Carol Snyder - Harding County
- 2002-03 Greg Murley - Aberdeen Central
- 2003-04 Deb Thill - Mitchell
- 2004-05 Nancy Hoeke - Milbank
- 2005-06 Leasa Woodward - Yankton
- 2006-07 Nora Groft - Northwestern
- 2007-08 Kacy Kienholz - Pierre
- 2008-09 Amy Tyler - Wagner
- 2009-10 Dennis Northrup - Aberdeen Central
- 2010-11 Anita Boeck - Arlington
- 2011-12 Erika Paladino-Hazlett - SF Lincoln
- 2012-13 Kari Jung - Warner
- 2013-14 Julie Kolbeck - O'Gorman
- 2014-15 Darci Wassenaar - SF Christian

## 2015 Volleyball Coach of the Year **Jean Benson** Chester Area



During the 2015 season, the Chester Lady Flyers went 30-2, including their 3rd straight win of the Big East Conference tournament championship & the Big East Conference regular season championship. They capped their season with a Class "B" State Volleyball Championship. The Lady Flyers had finished as State Runner-up the previous two seasons. The Lady Flyers captured the school's first ever volleyball championship and senior Jenna Reiff was named the SD Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year and also received the SDVBCA Class "B" Miss Volleyball honors.

Benson has been the head volleyball coach at Chester since 2002. During her 15 years as head coach her teams have won nine District championships, five Region championships, and placed 4th, 3rd, 2013 and 2014 State Runner-up and were the 2015 State Champions.

"This is a great honor and I am humbled by this award. I will happily accept this award on behalf of all the young ladies who have contributed to the success of volleyball in Chester and who have called themselves "Lady Flyers". I am proud to be their coach – and I am honored to be receiving this award in dedication to all of them."

**Other Nominees:** Jill Christensen, Parker  
Darcy Deinert, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton

Kari Jung, Warner  
Dennis Northrup, Aberdeen Central

Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian



# 2016 Wrestling Coach of the Year Shawn Lewis Pierre Riggs

Since Shawn Lewis took the reins of Pierre Riggs High School's wrestling program the Governors have been on a roll. Under Lewis, Pierre has won the Eastern South Dakota Conference championship in 2014 and 2016, was state

Class A tournament runners-ups in 2014, and has claimed state crowns in 2015 and 2016. A graduate of Northern State University, Lewis coached at Elk Point-Jefferson and Aberdeen Central before joining the Pierre staff. He served as a middle school football coach and assistant varsity wrestling coach before accepting an appointment as varsity assistant football coach and head wrestling coach. Pierre entered the 2016 state championship with qualifiers in every weight class and won titles at 106, 113, 120, and 132 pounds.

"Receiving this award is an honor," said Lewis. "Being recognized by your fellow coaches from around the state means a lot to me. Almost all of them have helped in some way, shape, or form, both personally and professionally. This is an individual award but one that comes as a direct reflection of the hard work put forth by many, not just myself. The parents, administration, youth program, athletes, and entire coaching staff deserve a piece of this award because without their efforts and support, this year for the Pierre Governor Wrestling team would not have been possible."

**Other Nominees:** Scott Andal, McCook Central/Montrose Marc Murren, Sioux Falls Washington  
Matt Donnelly, Phillip Area Jeremy Swanson, Canton

## Previous Winners

1971-72 Dick Bleth - Faulkton  
1972-73 Marv Sherrill - Watertown  
1973-74 Chuck Scheppy - Webster  
1974-75 Al Bowar - Garretson  
1975-76 Tom Long - Rapid City  
1976-77 Rich Strande - Redfield  
1977-78 Jerry Opbroek - Mitchell  
1978-79 Gerald Schlekeway - Vermillion  
1979-80 Rod Moon - Mobridge  
1980-81 Fran Esser - Redfield  
1981-82 Bill Boggess - Mitchell  
1982-83 Willie Seibel - Vermillion  
1983-84 Fran Esser - Redfield  
1984-85 Bob Dolezal - Philip  
1985-86 Bob Johnson - Kimball  
1986-87 Mike Kadera - Spearfish  
1987-88 Gary Wallman - Freeman  
1988-89 Rich Strande - Brookings  
1989-90 Bob Hirsch - Milbank  
1990-91 Andy Tate - Mitchell  
1991-92 Wayne Scherr - Wagner  
1992-93 Bob Hirsch - Milbank  
1993-94 Ken Cihak - Huron  
1994-95 Rick Jensen - Pierre  
1995-96 Ken Ruml - Howard  
1996-97 Andy Tate - Mitchell  
1997-98 Brad Kelvington - Harrisburg  
1998-99 Marv Sherrill - Watertown  
1999-2000 John Donovan - Harding County  
2000-01 Tim Wishard - RC Stevens  
2001-02 Mark Stoebner - Bon Homme  
2002-03 Marv Sherrill - Watertown  
2003-04 Bill Kaiser - Winner  
2004-05 Steve Keszler - Sturgis  
2005-06 Joe Meyer - Parker  
2006-07 Wade Rausch - Ipswich  
2007-08 Ernie Valentine - Wagner  
2008-09 Fran Esser - Redfield  
2009-10 Steve Keszler - Sturgis  
2010-11 Wade Rausch - Webster Area  
2011-12 Ryan Noyes - Pierre  
2012-13 Jared Digmann - Parkston  
2013-14 Rocky Burkett - Aberdeen Central  
2014-15 Mark Stoebner - Bon Homme

## 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

# 2016 Gymnastics Coach of the Year Maridee Dossett Madison



In the winter of 2016, Maridee Dossett guided Madison to its 19th state gymnastics championship. Jenni Giles paced the Bulldogs' title run by winning the vault, bars, beam, and floor exercise. "I've coached a lot of great athletes, she's right up there with the best of the best," said Dossett, who competed for Madison and helped the Bulldogs to their first state title.

Dossett was named Madison's head coach in 2002. "I'm honored and humbled to receive this award," Dossett said. "I'm also mindful that a successful program doesn't happen overnight and is a reflection of the dedicated athletes and coaches, supportive administration and community members involved. The beginning success of MHS gymnastics can be attributed to the vision that John and Linda Collignon had, part of which was giving Madison gymnasts an opportunity to build on their athletic ability through a practice facility. Our gymnastics center was built by many community members who donated their time, energy and money, and allowed us to spend less time on the road driving to classes, and more time focused on building skills and confidence in our own gym." Dossett said her role as a coach is to help guide and shape confident athletes and encourage them to exhibit good character.

**Other Nominees:** Audra Rew, Mitchell Luke Youmans, Yankton  
Lori Warne, Sioux Falls Roosevelt

### Previous Winners

- 1976-77 Gale Lundberg - Clear Lake
- 1977-78 Bob Winter - Yankton
- 1978-79 Fred Tibbetts - Jefferson
- 1979-80 Gale Lundberg - Clear Lake
- 1980-81 Joe Lockwood - SF Washington
- 1981-82 Joe Lockwood - SF Washington
- 1982-83 Don Shields - Pierre
- 1983-84 Jerry Altenburg - Armour
- 1984-85 Jim Holwerda - Brookings
- 1985-86 Charlie Sizer - Miller
- 1986-87 Bob Hopkins - Bennett County
- 1987-88 Gordon Berquist - Milbank
- 1988-89 Ron Flynn - Wakonda
- 1989-90 Byron Utter - Langford
- 1990-91 Cheryl Jenner - Sisseton
- 1991-92 Wade Rozell - Mellele
- 1992-93 Sheila Huth - Hurley
- 1993-94 Randi Faeth - Newell
- 1994-95 Tim Pflanz - Wakonda
- 1995-96 Bob Sittig - Baltic
- 1996-97 Doug Pesicka - Yankton
- 1997-98 Neil Goter - Wagner
- 1998-99 Fred Tibbetts - SF Roosevelt
- 1999-2000 Doug Groth - Selby
- 2000-01 Todd Jutting  
Waverly/South Shore
- 2001-02 Bob Sittig - Baltic
- 2002-03 Dean Leuning - Tri-Valley
- 2003-04 Jason Christenson  
Mount Vernon
- 2004-05 Brad Noem - Hamlin
- 2005-06 Jeff Dvorak - Dell Rapids
- 2006-07 Mark Senftner - Sully Buttes
- 2007-08 Nate Malchow - SF Washington
- 2008-09 Pat McClemans - Watertown
- 2009-10 Steve Kruase - Elkton-Lake Benton
- 2010-11 Mark Stadem - Brandon Valley
- 2011-12 Rob Van Laecken - Parkston
- 2012-13 Stewart Bohle - Warner
- 2013-14 Nate Malchow - SF Washington
- 2014-15 Jamie Parish - SF Washington

## 2016 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year Dawn Seiler Aberdeen Central



Dawn Seiler began coaching in McIntosh as head girls' basketball coach and assistant boys' basketball coach in 1983. The Tigers qualified for the state tournament seven times during her 15 year tenure. In 1998 she accepted the head girls' basketball position at Aberdeen Central High School where she has coached for the last 18 years. The Golden Eagles have qualified for the state tournament 16 times with Seiler as the head coach. This year she guided Aberdeen Central to their first ever state girls' basketball title which netted her coach of the year recognition.

"It's an honor to receive this award because I have so much respect for the individuals in this profession. I have been fortunate to work with many great colleagues and compete against coaches that bring out the best in the teams that I have coached."

**Other Nominees:** Larry Aaker, Winner  
Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes  
Brandon Kandler, St. Thomas More

## 2016 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year Mike Schouten Sioux Falls Christian



Mike Schouten began coaching basketball at Lake Worth Christian High School in Lantana, FL. After four years he moved to Manhattan Christian High School in Manhattan, MT and four years later he moved to Sioux Falls Christian where he is currently coaching. Schouten spent his first 11

years at Christian as an assistant boys' basketball coach and he just completed his 11th year as head coach.

Schouten stated, "During my 30 years of coaching, I have been blessed to have coached some excellent basketball players who are also outstanding people. I would like to thank the South Dakota High School Coaches Association and my peers for this honor. It is very humbling to receive this award from among so many great coaches across our state. This award is truly a reflection of the quality group of basketball players we had at Sioux Falls Christian this past season."

**Other Nominees:** Jeff Halseth, SF Lincoln  
Derek Hoellein, Warner  
Mike King, Irene-Wakonda

### 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

# 2016 Spirit Coach of the Year Kaye VanderVorst Herreid-Selby Area



After filling the role of dedicated coach's wife for 21 years, Kaye VanderVorst applied to fill the open cheer coach position for the Herreid-Selby Area Wolverines. "As a fan in the stands, it's easy to pick out what you would want to see in a successful cheerleader", says VanderVorst, "But, it's a whole other thing to make that happen." Armed with newly obtained coaching certifications and lots of online research, VanderVorst launched her first Wolverine sideline cheer team last summer. "I was fortunate to have the guidance of other local cheer coaches Bruce Kleinsasser of Aberdeen Central and Lynn Senftner of Sully Buttes", added VanderVorst. "They were so helpful in getting me started on building this program."

"It is a huge honor to be selected as the 2015 Spirit Coach of the Year by the SD Coaches Association. I am humbled to be included in a group of such successful coaches with so much more experience. As I told my team all season, hard work and dedication pay off and I'm thrilled to share this award with my team."

VanderVorst is a native of Linton (ND) and a 1995 graduate of Northern State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree with majors in Accounting and Management and is currently employed by Valley Telecommunications based in Herreid, SD as the Marketing/Cellular Coordinator. VanderVorst is married to Lance VanderVorst, a teacher/coach in the Herreid School System. They are the parents to three children: Brady (20), Karson (16), and Ashlyn (14).

**Other Nominees:** Krista Dailey, Watertown      Bruce Kleinsasser, Aberdeen Central      Sheri Keck, Rapid City Stevens

# 2016 Tennis Coach of the Year Keiz Shultz St. Thomas More



Keiz Shultz was instrumental in helping launch the school's tennis program in 1996 and coached for the next four years before stepping down. In 2012 St. Thomas More's tennis program was in jeopardy of being cut due to difficulty in

securing coaches. Shultz stepped up and took the reins because, "Being passionate about the game of tennis, I could not let this happen." The teams not only survived, but began to thrive. Then, in the fall of 2015, St. Thomas More claimed its first ever state girls' tennis championship. Said Shultz, "It has been a pleasure to watch interest in tennis grow over the years and see our athletes meet their team goals as well as excel individually. Coaching young adults in life experiences as well as the sport of tennis has been a very gratifying experience for me." St. Thomas More opened in 1995, and that September Shultz was asked to temporarily fill in for Brother Anthony Stromberg, teaching advanced math while he recovered from a health illness. It was supposed to have been a three-week tenure.

## 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

**Other Nominees:** Don Barnes, Sioux Falls O'Gorman      Trent Kurtz, Aberdeen Central      Jason Olson, Rapid City Stevens  
Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln      Pat Moller, Mitchell



# 2016 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year

## Brett Sime

### Yankton

Brett Sime began coaching Yankton Gazelles' golf in the spring of 1999. During Sime's tenure as the Gazelles' golf coach, the team has been in the top five for the past nine years and this spring won the State AA Girls' Championship, the first in Yankton High School history. The team has also won two Eastern South Dakota Conference Championships

during this time. Sime has also had the pleasure of coaching many successful individual golfers including one state medalist and two runners-up.

"I am very humbled and honored to receive this award. I would like to thank all the past and present golfers I've coached, their parents, my family, Yankton High School, and all my coaching colleagues. Without them, this wouldn't be possible."

Coach Sime also received the Boys' Golf Coach of the Year in 2010. He is a graduate of Britton High School (1990) and South Dakota State University (1995). He and his wife Evie have two sons, Blake (4) and Keegan (1 1/2).

**Other Nominees:** Mike Buseth, Deubrook Area      Billie Jo Indahl, Burke/South Central      Jeff Keyman, Canton  
 Tyler Hockett, Parkston      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

#### Girls

- 2005-06 John Brown - Clark
- 2006-07 Joan Rachetto - Lead/Deadwood
- 2007-08 Todd Schlimgen - Colman-Egan
- 2008-09 Eric Norden - Parkston
- 2009-10 Rod Garrison - SF O'Gorman
- 2010-11 Dave Fuller - Parker
- 2011-12 John Knox - Pierre
- 2012-13 Tyler Hockett - Parkston
- 2013-14 Billiejo Indahl - Burke
- 2014-15 Mike Buseth - Deubrook Area

# 2016 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year

## Tim Koisti

### Hamlin



Tim Koisti has been the Hamlin golf coach for the past ten years. His girls' team won the Lake Central Conference Championship in 2014 and 2016, and Northeast Conference Championship in 2014 and 2015. His greater accomplishments were won by his boys' teams. They won the Lake Central Conference Championship in 2014, 2015 and 2016 as well as the Northeast Conference Championship in 2014, 2015, 2016. Koisti coached his team to a Boys State Runner-Up finish in 2014 and with all of the team members returning for the next season they set their sights on a state title. In 2015 the Hamlin Boys Golf Team won the State Championship at Fox Run in Yankton and in 2016 recorded another successful season finishing State-Runner Up at the State Tournament.

Koisti graduated from South Dakota State University and has been with the Hamlin School District as the Director of Technology, girls' basketball coach and golf coach. He is and his wife, Alyssa, have three children, Ben, Molly, and Taylor.

**Other Nominees:** Tyler Hockett, Parkston      Joey Liesinger, Madison  
 John Knox, Pierre      Brett Sime, Yankton



## 2016 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year Misty Larson Chester Area

Misty Larson is a graduate of Huron High School and Northern State University. She started her teaching and coaching career in 1996 at Brookings High School coaching basketball, volleyball, and track & field. After

nine years in Brookings, she moved to Pierre and was an assistant track & field coach and in 2008 was named head boys' and girls' track & field coach, a position she held for five seasons. While in Pierre she was fortunate to work with three South Dakota High School Gatorade Track & Field Athletes of the Year: Quincy Christie, Matt Tetzlaff, and Cortney Dowling.

Larson moved to Chester in 2013. In 2015, the Chester girls finished 2nd at the State B Track & Field Meet and the boys finished 5th. This season, the Flyers broke seven school records and won six events at the state track & field meet where the Chester girls finished 3rd and boys were the state runner-up. The Flyers won their first ever Combined Team State Championship at the 2016 State Track & Field Meet. "It is humbling to receive the South Dakota Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year, especially because it is selected by my peers. I have been incredibly fortunate to work with so many outstanding athletes and coaches throughout my coaching career. This award is a reflection of collaborative effort and vision. I am honored to be recognized."

**Other Nominees:** Scott Benson, St. Thomas More  
Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln  
Troy Sturgeon, Brandon Valley  
Todd Thorson, Ipswich

### Previous Winners

1974-75 Merline Doyle - Wall  
1975-76 Laverne Diede - Freeman  
1976-77 Marv Sherrill - Watertown  
1977-78 Russ Strande - Brookings  
1978-79 Jim Miner - Yankton  
1979-80 Jack Rasmussen - Salem  
1980-81 Cal Corey - Sturgis  
1981-82 Larry Lundeen - Pierre  
1982-83 Randy Hermansen - Eureka  
1983-84 Eldon Knudson - Custer  
1984-85 John Huth - Aberdeen Central  
1985-86 John Huth - Aberdeen Central  
1986-87 Judy Busch - Sioux Falls Lincoln  
1987-88 John Nyhaug - Viborg  
1988-89 Larry Guischer - Bridgewater  
1989-90 Klark Thompsen - Lake Preston  
1990-91 Klark Thompsen - Lake Preston  
1991-92 John Houska - Rapid City Central  
1992-93 Duane Tordoff - Spearfish  
1993-94 Norm Stethem - Hoven  
1994-95 Gene Brownell - Aberdeen Central  
1995-96 Gene Brownell - Aberdeen Central  
1996-97 Dave Scott - Hot Springs  
1997-98 Norb Reuer - Faulkton  
1998-99 Richard Luther - Lennox  
1999-2000 Curtis Sage - Marion  
2000-01 Lemoine Trout - Rapid City Stevens  
2001-02 Ken Bruckner - Menno  
2002-03 Ray Slaba - Bonesteel/Fairfax  
2003-04 Paul Hendry - Rapid City Stevens  
2004-05 Kristi Rieger - Sioux Falls Roosevelt  
2005-06 Jim McGuire - Vermillion  
2006-07 Allyson Hiedeman - Colman/Egan  
2007-08 Kim DeRouche - Hanson  
2008-09 David Dolan - Rapid City Central  
2009-10 Paul Hendry - Rapid City Stevens  
2010-11 Joan Peters - West Central  
2011-12 Todd Thorson - Ipswich  
2012-13 Jim Appl - Aberdeen Central  
2013-14 Bob Garry - Sioux Falls Christian  
2014-15 Troy Sturgeon - Brandon Valley

### Previous Winners

1971-72 David Vogelgesang - Willow Lake  
1972-73 Rich Greeno - Sioux Falls Lincoln  
1973-74 Jake Schlicht - Yankton  
1974-75 Eldon Barnes - Flandreau  
1975-76 Ron 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 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year Chad Rohde Watertown

After graduating from the University of South Dakota Chad Rohde began his teaching and coaching career in Estelline. From 2002-2005 he was the head middle school track & field coach and assistant varsity track & field coach where he coached sprints, relays and the jumps. From 2005-2007 he took a break from coaching track & field and became a licensed track & field official where he was one of the Region 2A officials. In 2008 Rohde moved back to his hometown of Watertown where he began coaching track & field for the Arrows as an assistant coach from 2008-2010. In 2010 he became co-head coach and held that position from 2010-2012. In 2012 he was named the Head Boys and Girls Track & Field Coach and has held that position to this day. Rohde says "It is quite an honor to be named the South Dakota Track & Field Coach of the Year. In receiving this award I need to say 'Thank You' to my assistant coaches. Without them, our accomplishments this season and this award wouldn't be possible. Most of all I need to thank our kids, truly a special group of athletes, which make all things possible because of one thing, effort. Their hard work and dedication to what we believe in Watertown goes beyond expectations. So on behalf of all of us in Arrow Pride Country, Thank you."



**Other Nominees:** Scott Benson, St. Thomas More  
Brad Burkhalter, Bison  
Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln  
Misty Larson, Chester Area



## 2016 Assistant Coach of the Year Middle School/Junior High **Kris McCafferty** Aberdeen

Kris McCafferty started coaching middle level in 1993. All of her coaching career has been with the Aberdeen School District. She has coached middle school volleyball for 22 years and middle school track & field for 21 years. She has been very lucky to have worked for some wonderful head volleyball coaches. She has been part of building a very successful volleyball program at Aberdeen Central.

McCafferty has taught Special Education for 24 years in Aberdeen. Her husband, Roger, teaches English and theater at Central High School. They have three children: Lauren (21), Aiden (14) and Jackson (10).

McCafferty stated "I am very thankful for receiving this Middle School Coaching Award. I am honored to be on this list! After the many hours of hard work and dedication to a program, it is very nice to be honored by my coaching peers."

### 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

### 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

## 2016 Assistant Coach of the Year Boys' Sports **Dan DeVries** Lennox



Dan DeVries is a native of Corsica, South Dakota and a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University where he was an All-American Tight End for the Tigers. He has inducted into the DWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999.

DeVries began his teaching and coaching career at Graettinger, Iowa in 1988. He spent 5 years as a teacher/coach at Parker High School and has served the last 22 years at Lennox High School. He has committed 28 years to coaching young athletes. He has been assistant coach in football for 25 of the 28 years and head coach the other 3 years. He has coached high school and junior high track & field for 12 years throughout his career. He is currently in his 13th year as the head girls' basketball coach at Lennox after spending 3 years assisting Jeff Larson with the boys' program.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this award. I have had the privilege to work with some of the best coaching staffs and outstanding student-athletes over the years." said DeVries.



## 2016 Assistant Coach of the Year Girls' Sports **Kerry Beyer** Rapid City

Kerry Beyer has been involved in coaching for 30 years.

Her coaching career began while in college at Northern State University in 1986, when she coached seventh grade girls' volleyball at Roncalli Junior High in Aberdeen. After graduating from NSU in 1990, she was hired to teach science at Whittier Junior High in Sioux Falls where she coached 8th grade girls' basketball, volleyball and track & field. In 1991 she was hired by Stevens High School in Rapid City to teach science and assist the girls' volleyball team. The next school year she became an assistant track & field coach where she coached both boys and girls in the shot put and discus throws.

Beyer took a break from coaching volleyball at Stevens in 1994 but continued to coach track & field. In 2007 she started coaching volleyball again and continues to coach both volleyball and track & field today. Currently she is the assistant JV volleyball coach and an assistant track & field coach at Stevens High School. She has been an assistant coach for two volleyball state championships, six boys' track & field team championships, seventeen girls' track & field team championships, and sixteen combined track & field team championships. In her 22 years of coaching track & field she has had the honor of coaching 58 state place winners in both boy's and girl's shot put and discus throws including eight individual state champions covering all four events.

"I have had the honor of coaching some outstanding young men and women over the years and the pleasure of working with some of the finest coaches in the state. I am extremely humbled and honored to receive this award" said Beyer.

### 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 Merkwon - 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

### 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

## 2016 Athletic Director of the Year **Bill Sawinsky** Webster Area



Bill Sawinsky began his career as an athletic director at Webster High School in the fall of 1997. He has hosted numerous sub-state events in the sports of basketball, wrestling, volleyball and also 19 consecutive years of hosting the region 1A cross country meet. For the past three years, he has been the secretary/treasurer of the Northeast Conference and is going to continue to do so, even in his retirement. During his tenure at Webster, Bill was named Region 1 Athletic Director of the Year in 2000, 2004, 2008 and in 2014. He was the region one representative on the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Executive Committee from 2001 through 2007 and is still a member of the executive committee today. Bill was the president of the SDIAAAA during the 2009-10 school year. During the 2015-16 school year he was awarded the SDIAAAA State Award of Merit. "I feel fortunate to have been in the company of many good athletic directors-at other schools-and coaches-both at Webster and other schools-during my time in Webster. To be honored by those very people with this award is especially meaningful." Bill is retiring from his academic and athletic career at Webster Area High School at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

**Other Nominees:** Bill Clements, Dakota Valley      Terry Rotert, Huron      Joey Struwe, Harrisburg

**Previous Winners**

- 1992-93 Colin Kapitan - Yankton  
Marge Evjen - Sturgis
- 1993-94 Gary Reed - Sioux Falls  
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

# 2016 Official of the Year

## Mike Mudder

### Tyndall



Mike Mudder is a native of Avon and graduated from Avon High School. He graduated from Dakota State College in 1988 and has been employed with B-Y Water District since that time. Mudder and his family currently live in Tyndall, SD.

Athletics has always been a big part of Mudder’s life; playing, coaching, and officiating. The latter started with a phone call from Colin Kapitan asking if there was any interest in officiating. He started officiating high school basketball and football, then added college sports the following year. For Mudder, there are many highlights, but the eight AA State Boys Basketball championship games and five high school football championship games will always be remembered. One college highlight that stands out is when his

NCC football crew worked the 2006 Division II National Championship game. Many of his officiating philosophies originated from the “Harve’s Van.”

“I am honored to receive this award and I would like to thank my wife, Jennifer, and sons, Easton (10), and Cooper (8), for their continued support of my officiating vocation. The friendships I developed with school administrators, coaches, media and fellow officials are the most cherished memories I will take from my officiating career.”

<b>Other Nominees:</b> Landon Arnold, McIntosh Terry Bong, Sioux Falls	Brett Distel, Box Elder Kelsey Freidel-Nelson, Sioux Falls	Michelle Johnson, Aberdeen Patrick Krause, Groton	Keith Matthiesen, Hartford Guy McNeely, Yankton
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## 2015-2016 25 YEAR COACHING AWARD WINNERS

Linda DeBoer  
*Miller*

Bill Sawinsky  
*Webster*

Darwin Hofer  
*James Valley Christian*

Troy Sturgeon  
*Brandon Valley*

Tim Homan  
*Sioux Falls*

Deb Thill  
*Mitchell*

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

# 2016 Distinguished Service Award Winners

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



## Rich Hinseth – Rapid City

Richard Hinseth graduated from Irene High School in 1972 where he lettered four years in basketball, football, and track & field. He graduated from the University of South Dakota with a degree in mathematics. During the next 9 years he coached at Viborg, Hot Springs, South Dakota State University, and Custer where he was head football coach from 1979 – 1983. He refereed boys' basketball and retired refereeing in 1988 with his last game being in the 1988 State AA tournament with legendary referee Jim "Jocko" Johnston of Mitchell.

In 1984 Hinseth moved to Rapid City and entered the insurance & security business. He currently owns the Richard O. Hinseth Agency. He has sponsored the Rich Hinseth Post 22 Baseball Tournament the past 27 years. He helped organize the Black Hills Officials Association and started the Black Hills Officials Hall of Fame.

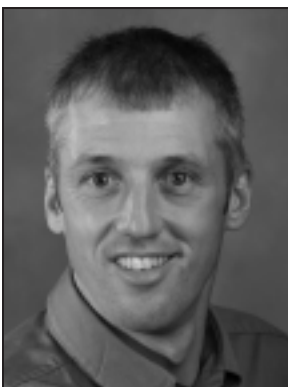
Hinseth has promoted Kids for Camps and helped any child that needed assistance with promoting high school activities. Athletics and kids, teachers, and coaches have been a big part of who he is and very much enjoys helping South Dakotans promote school activities.

## Steve Kjellsen – Watertown

Steve Kjellsen is a 1972 graduate of Rapid City Stevens High School. While in high school he participated in various sports, lettering in football, track and cross country. Following high school, he earned his degree at the University of South Dakota.

Kjellsen began helping at Watertown football games as an alternate on the chain gang and then in the booth, filming or running the game clock. At the suggestion of Athletic Director, Harvey Hammrich, he became a registered in track & field official and has been doing that for over 25 years. He has worked at all levels of track & field from the Hershey program, middle school, high school and college. He has also started and volunteered at cross country meets. He also works as a shot clock operator for high school boys' and girls' basketball games. This has been his winter vocation since its inception in 2008.

Kjellsen is a past president of the Watertown Quarterback Club and the current president of the Watoma Club which sponsors the Watoma relays. "Athletics is certainly a big part of our family's life. Being around the student athletes keeps us all young and involved." Kjellsen and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Becky of Spirit Lake, Iowa and Alex of Chandler, Arizona.



## Paul Richter – New Underwood

Paul Richter graduated from New Underwood High School in 1989 and Northern State University in 1993. After graduating from NSU he worked for Huron Regional Medical Center for three years providing sports medicine coverage for 11 high schools in the Huron area, including Huron College.

In 1998 Richter went to work for Black Hills Orthopedic and Spine Center, in Rapid City, as the Sports Medicine Director. He has been the Head Athletic Trainer for Rapid City Stevens for 18 years as well as Rapid City Central at various times over the years. He has also provided Athletic Training coverage for soccer, baseball, softball, hockey, rodeo as well as numerous state tournaments.

Richter is an Associate Athletic Trainer with the Justin Sports Medicine Program. They provide sports Medicine for The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association throughout the country. He has been married for 15 years. He and his wife, Jodi, have four children, Breinn, Emmitt, Grace, and Liam.



## 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.*



## 2016 Max Hawk Award Dan Mitchell Yankton

Dan Mitchell has been an assistant football coach at Yankton High School for the past 31 years. For the first 10 years he had the privilege to be an assistant coach under Max Hawk. Mitchell was also an assistant wrestling coach from 1986 to 1994 and a head wrestling coach in 1995. He started the National Strength & Conditioning Association Fly Solo weight lifting program at Yankton High School in the fall of 2009 and has been training student athletes from all sports year round in the weight room to present.

Mitchell is a member of and is actively involved in National High School Athletic Coaches Association, South Dakota High School Coaches Association, South Dakota Football Coaches Association, National Strength & Conditioning Association and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Coaches Huddle. He has been managing and maintaining the SDFBCA webpage since 2001. In 2013 he also began managing and maintaining the SDHSCA webpage. He was awarded the South Dakota Assistant Football Coach of the Year in 1999, 2005 and 2013. He was also awarded the South Dakota Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1995 and the National Strength & Conditioning Coach of the Year for South Dakota in 2015. He was the SDHSCA Assistant Coach of the Year for Boys Sports and a finalist for the NHSACA Assistant Coach of the Year for Boys Sports in 2014. Mitchell received the Yankton High School Don Baker (Coaching) Award in 2006. He was inducted into the Wayne High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2014. He has been an SDFBCA Board member for the past 10 years and is the outgoing President. He is on the South Dakota Advisory Board for the NSCA and is Region 6 Director for the NHSACA. Mitchell's entire coaching career has been spent at Yankton High School.

# Roll of Champions

## State Championship Coaches 2015-2016

### GOLF

- Girls AA** Brett Sime, Yankton  
**Boys AA** Tom Jansa, Sioux Falls O’Gorman  
**Girls A** Tyler Hockett, Parkston  
**Boys A** Ryan Patnoe, Aberdeen Roncalli  
**Girls B** Mike Buseth, Deubrook Area  
**Boys B** Gary Aderhold, Aberdeen Christian

### TENNIS

- Girls** Keiz Shultz, St. Thomas More  
**Boys** Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln

### SOCCER

- Girls AA** Ryan Beier, Sioux Falls O’Gorman  
**Boys AA** Jacob Meyer, Rapid City Stevens  
**Girls A** Doug Noyes, St. Thomas More  
**Boys A** Kendall Velgersdyk, Sioux Falls Christian

### CROSS COUNTRY

- Girls AA** Eric Pooley, Sioux Falls Lincoln  
**Boys AA** Jason Wagoner, Sioux Falls Roosevelt  
**Girls A** Karen Karim, Custer  
**Boys A** Rebecca Wahl, West Central  
**Girls B** Todd Thorson, Ipswich  
**Boys B** Tom Brantner, James Valley Christian

### FOOTBALL

- 11AAA** Chad Stadem, Sioux Falls Washington  
**11AA** Arlin Likness, Yankton  
**11A** Max Hodgen, Madison  
**11B** Dan Aaker, Winner  
**9AA** Gordon Hooks, Wolsey-Wessington  
**9A** James Strang, Canistota  
**9B** Paul Raasch, Langford Area

### CHEER

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

### DANCE

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

### VOLLEYBALL

- Girls AA** Dennis Northrup Lindsey Smith  
**Girls A** Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian  
**Girls B** Jean Benson, Chester Area

### GYMNASTICS

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

### WRESTLING

- Boys A** Shawn Lewis, Pierre  
**Boys B** Jeremy Swenson, Canton

### BASKETBALL

- Girls AA** Dawn Seiler, Aberdeen Central  
**Boys AA** Jeff Halseth, Sioux Falls Lincoln  
**Girls A** Brandon Kandolin, St. Thomas More  
**Boys A** Mike Schouten, Sioux Falls Christian  
**Girls B** Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes  
**Boys B** Derek Hoellein, Warner

### TRACK & FIELD

- Girls AA** Jim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln  
**Boys AA** Jjim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln  
**Girls A** Scott Benson, St. Thomas More  
**Boys A** Scott Benson, St. Thomas More  
**Girls B** Todd Thorson, Ipswich  
**Boys B** Brad Burkhalter, Bison

# 2016 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH DAKOTA OUTSTANDING AWARDS



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South Dakota

## 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.



**Rich Riter**  
Sioux Falls

**NOMINEES:**

- Gareth Alickson, Spearfish
- Todd Fossen, Spearfish
- Mike Turner, Rapid City

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## Don Baker Award



**Myles Kennedy**  
Spearfish

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

**NOMINEES:**

- Jody & Cathy Grubb, Belle Fourche
- Mike Hilbrands, Sioux Falls
- Kouri Family, Sioux Falls

*“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.

### Michelle Carter Sioux Falls



#### NOMINEES:

- TeaLayna Hill, Belle Fourche
- Rachel Proffit, Rapid City
- Linda Rutledge, Huron
- Mike Streff, Spearfish

## 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.

### Brent Steinbach Spearfish



#### NOMINEES:

- Joe Burmeister, Rapid City
- Cort Hansen, Sioux Falls
- Brenda Hendricks & Jennifer Bierman, Spearfish

## 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.



### SD High School Coaches Association

#### NOMINEES:

- Black Hills Gold Swim Club, Spearfish
- 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.

#### NOMINEES:

- Duerr Family, Brandon
- Fossen Family, Spearfish
- Rutledge Family, Huron
- Young Family, Belle Fourche

### Eeten Family Sioux Falls



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# 2016 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



*Back row from left to right: Jill Christensen, Parker, Volleyball; Larry Toft, Sioux Falls Washington, Assistant Girls Sports; Tom McGough, Miller, Boys Track & Field; Kari Stoltenberg, Garretson, Golf; Maridee Dossett, Madison, Gymnastics. Front row: Jim Dorman, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Athletic Director; Jason Olson, Rapid City Stevens, Tennis; Marc Murren, Sioux Falls Washington, Assistant Boys Sports; Terry Dosch, Aberdeen Roncalli, Football. (Not pictured: Mark Amdahl, Summit, Girls Basketball)*

## SDHSCA Scholarships

Molly Koisti, Arlington  
Kaylee Granum, Volga

Madigan Moore, Waterown  
Trevor Jutting, Watetown  
Sierra Vanderzee, Watertown

Madison Birkel, DeSmet  
Scott Senftner, Onida

## Dave Prohl Scholarship

Tia Pawlowski, Gann Valley

## Coaches Against Cancer Scholarship

Tate Ketelhut, Miller  
Martee Larson, Ft. Pierre

Tamisen Ames, Miller  
Michelle Lanam, Rapid City

Bailey Moody, Letcher

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David Sykora, Wall    Josie Blasius, Wall

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## NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR & NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

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### 2016 National Coach of the Year Tennis



**Jason Olson**  
Rapid City Stevens

### 2016 National Assistant Coach of the Year Boys' Sports



**Marc Murren**  
Sioux Falls Washington

### 2016 National Hall of Fame



**John Houska**  
Rapid City



**Dan Moran**  
Madison

# 2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Jill Christensen**  
Parker



**Russell Morrell**  
Deceased



**Marc Murren**  
Sioux Falls Washington



**C. Terry Vincent**  
Elkton

# HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

- 2015 Mike Klinedinst, Steve Kueter, Lyle Pearson, Steve Peters, Ron Riherd
- 2014 John Bruce, Daryl Fletcher, Vic Godfrey, Donna Schmitz, Don Shields
- 2013 Jim Dorman, James Drake, Burnell Glanzer, John Nyhaug, Doug Schooley
- 2012 Georgia Adolph, Ken Bruckner, Virg Polak, Les Tlustos
- 2011 Steve Berseth, Fran Esser, Earl Hilton, Connie Nyhaug, Allen Weier
- 2010 Jim Sorenson, Rob Van Laecken, Chuck Welke, Bill Witte, Don Barnes
- 2009 Frank Podraza, Russell Strande, Francis Zacher
- 2008 Cal Corey, Sheri Keck, Roger Pries, Gary Reed, Jim Uttecht
- 2007 Rob Garrison, Marv McCune, Pam Johnson Murra, Gary Wallman, Tom Walsh, Sr.
- 2006 Tom Main, Joe Lockwood, Lemoine Trout, Terry Small
- 2005 Galen Busch, Gene Danielsens, Bill Scholten, Dave Scott
- 2004 Chris Dummermuth, Jim Holwerda, Jack Theeler
- 2003 Linda Collignon, Jim Haar, Jerry Opbroek
- 2002 Forrest Flaagan, Ron Flynn, Ken Ruml, Bill Welsh
- 2001 Ronnie Brown, Richard Day, Richard Donovan, Jim Heeren
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- 1994 Dan Barker, Judy Busch, Gary Munsen, Rich Strande
- 1993 Wayne Carney, Dale McElhany, Jerry Miller
- 1992 Lee Dolan, Harry Prendergast, Andy Zephier
- 1991 Wayne Haensel, Marv Sherrill
- 1990 Arnie Bauer, Dan Moran, Jack Richardson
- 1989 George DeKlotz, Lolly Forseth
- 1988 Larry Luitjens, Jerry McElroy, Harvey Naasz
- 1987 Gayle Hoover, Phil Trautner
- 1986 Floyd Farrand, Dave Strain, Bob Winter
- 1985 Lloyd Dobratz, Glenn Draisey, Laton Greeno, Tom Long
- 1984 Gene Breemes, Duane Clodfelter, Bob Burns
- 1983 Burdell Coplan, M.J. "Moe" Shevlin
- 1982 Rollie Greeno, Howard Naasz, Nusier Salem
- 1981 Bill Amacher, Bert Dent, Lewis Papendick
- 1980 Allen "Pete" Baker, Don Diede, Jim Marking, Bob Schroeder
- 1979 Rich Greeno, Max Hawk, Clar Lilevjen, Howard Taplett
- 1978 Clyde Cotton, Wally Diehl, Carold Heier, Floyd Mitchell
- 1977 Elmer Hansen, Paul Marschalk, Mel Minton, Buelle Woodle
- 1976 Don Baker, Euclid Cobb, Ken Greeno, Joe Quintal, Howard Wood

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

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(No meetings - WWII) .....	1942-1945	Rich Donovan .....	1982
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Lyle Claussen .....	1977	Bob Billotto .....	2012
Roberta Morin .....	1978	Arlin Likness .....	2013
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