



Annual Youth Hockey Awards Presented

The annual Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Awards end of the year events and banquets were held recently. Each of the 633 players in the program were recognized. Special recognition was given to players achieving hat tricks, shut outs, and playmakers. Awards were also given to individuals and businesses for their support of hockey in Sioux Falls. The WILLETTE AWARD, given in memory of Bill Willette, is presented to a business or company who has supported Sioux Falls Youth Hockey. **First PREMIER Bank & PREMIER Bankcard** received this honor. The NEBY AWARD is given to a person who does not have a child in the program but has supported the program in many ways. This year's award was presented to **Joe Zueger**. The PRESIDENT'S AWARD is given to a person who has given many hours of support for Sioux Falls Youth Hockey. Receiving the President's Award this year was **John Sievert** for his commitment to hockey. In memory of Kyle Westburg, the SEVENTH MAN AWARD was given to **Trey Ponto** as the varsity player who has always shown good sportsmanship and been loyal to the sport of hockey. GOLDEN GOAL AWARDS were presented to Seniors **Brianna Corcoran, Nathan Fanning, Braden Jorgenson, Mason Karpen, Grant Koerner, Dylan Ohling, Trey Ponto, Payton Stahnke, Dylan Waxdahl and Jordan Rink** for 12 or more years of participation with Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association. Senior players recognized as SOUTH DAKOTA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TOSHIBA ALL STATE ACADEMIC AWARD winners were **Sarah Knutson, Cole Teigen, Grant Koerner, Nathan Fanning, Gabe Murphy and Mason Karpen**. Academic award winners have participated in hockey for at least 3 years and maintained a 3.3 GPA at the end of the first semester of their senior year. **Grant Koerner and Sarah Knutson** were also recognized as a Hobey Baker Award winners thru SDAHA. FUNDRAISER FEE grand prize winners, **Harbaugh family and Ethan Eller**, were also recognized for raising the most funds for the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association annual fundraiser.