

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION



50th Annual Awards Banquet

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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:

Scott Andal
Jason Bohl

Ronette Costain
Dan Hughes
Kari Jung

Chris Koletzky
Audra Rew
Marla Tegethoff

Valerie Ewing
Shelbie Budmayr

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2020-2021 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



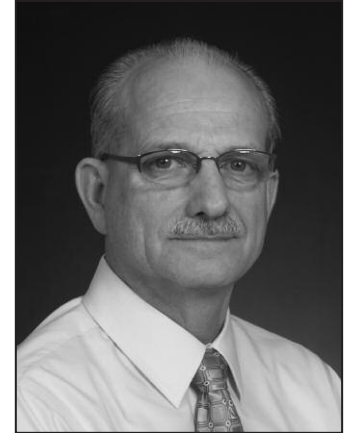
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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM

Masters of Ceremonies.....Bruce Kleinsasser, Past President
WelcomeJason Olson, President
Introduction of Special Guests..... Jason Olson, 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

Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year

Boys' Soccer 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

Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year

Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year

Girls' Golf Coach of the Year

Boys' Golf Coach of the Year

Tennis 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

"Jerry P. Miller" Distinguished Service Award

Max Hawk Award

Power of Influence Award

Special Olympics South Dakota AwardsDaryl Nordquist, Director
David Tanner, Special Olympics Rapid City Athlete

SDHSCA Hall of Fame

Closing Remarks & Passing of the GavelJason Olson, President
"Wayne Carney" Past President Award.....Kent VanOvershelde, President Elect



2020 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Stephanie McCord** Kimball/White Lake

Stephanie McCord took over as head coach of the Kimball/ White Lake Cross Country program in the fall of 2017 after volunteering as an assistant for the three years prior. In addition to coaching the boys' and girls' cross country teams, she has been an assistant track & field

coach for the past five years, served as athletic director for two years, and has been the preschool teacher for the Kimball School District since 2013. McCord helped coach the girls' cross country teams to 5th place finishes in 2017 and 2018, and a 9th place finish in 2019 before capturing the Class B Girls State Cross Country Title in 2020. In addition, the KWL boys finished in 6th place in the 2020 Class B State Meet, which culminated in a Combined Boys/Girls Cross Country Team Title. "It is an incredible honor to receive the Coach of the Year Award for cross country," stated McCord. "My passion for this sport stems from my own years of running cross country in high school and the positive experiences I had with my teammates and coaches back then. The student-athletes and the families that make-up our teams here at Kimball/White Lake are the reasons for our success; each runner and family brings a level of dedication, determination, support, and love to our team that is unsurmountable. I humbly accept this award on behalf of all of them, my own family, past and present cross country coaches, and our communities." McCord has been married to James for 20 years and had the pleasure of coaching all four of their daughters, Sidney, Josie, Rylee, and Alli, on the cross country team this year.

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 Sutera - 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
- 2018-19 Don Ray - Deubrook Area
- 2019-20 Karol Patterson - Wall

Other Nominees: Joey Noyes-Hill City, Aaron Strand-O'Gorman, Tony Thoreson-Brandon Valley



2020 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Brad Burkhalter** Bison

Brad Burkhalter started coaching Bison High School athletics in 2003 when he took the assistant varsity boys' position. He served as a basketball coach on and off for several years, including one year as the girls' varsity coach. In 2007, Larry Aaker, the head track &

field coach, approached Burkhalter about being his assistant. He served as assistant track & field coach from 2007-2009. In 2010, he became the head track & field coach and has served in that capacity since. Coach Burkhalter started the Bison Cross Country program in 2008 and is the only coach the program has had. He has won several conference titles along with two regional titles in track & field and has won several conference and two regional titles in cross country. Burkhalter was fortunate enough to win the State Track & Field title in 2016 and another state title in cross country in 2020. Under Coach Burkhalter's leadership, the Bison track & field and cross country programs have had a fair amount of success. Burkhalter said, "that this success is not because of me but because of dedicated athletes who wanted to win and coaches who have given their time to help in countless ways. I have been the beneficiary of great athletes and supportive coaches." Burkhalter has been married to his wife Jennifer, for 29 years and they have 13 children. One of the great pleasures of coaching over the years has been the joy of coaching his own children.

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 Skonhvd - 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 - Wess. 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
- 2018-19 Jeff Larson - Warner
- 2019-20 Chris Riley - Belle Fourche

Other Nominees: Jesse Coy-Rapid City Stevens, Luke Jelen-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Luke VanderLeest-Sioux Falls Christian



2020 Cheer Coach of the Year **Eden White** Wolsey-Wessington

Eden White began coaching competitive cheer when the Wolsey-Wessington program was created two years ago. She has many years of experience coaching high school sideline cheer in both Wolsey and in Huron. Although the competitive program is new to Wolsey-

Wessington, White has spent several years coaching and assisting in competitive club cheer which gave her the confidence to start a competitive program at Wolsey-Wessington school. Wolsey-Wessington competitive cheer placed 2nd in the Small Squad division their first year at the state tournament in 2019 and placed 1st in the Small Squad division in 2020. They received the runner-up title for the overall Class A division in 2020. Nine of the 13 team members also played volleyball, and one ran in cross country, so coaches had to get creative in making practices and competitions work for everyone. White stated, "I'm grateful to the coaches we share athletes with. The school and community support were always visible and constant, and a huge part of our success were the supportive parents who trusted our process and the execution of our routine." "I'm so honored and humbled to receive this honor", said White. "I wish dearly that I could take credit for this honor but like many programs, I feel like we had the perfect combination of squad members, administration support, parent support and an awesome community to propel our program to success. I co-coach with Brandee Kelsey and know we would not have had the year we had without her. Our athletes were a special group of individuals who gave everything they had to be the best they could be."

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
2018-19	Valerie Ewing - Winner
2019-20	Marla Tegethoff - Platte-Geddes

Other Nominees: Casie King-Sioux Valley, Eve Langerock-Harrisburg, Diedra Nissen-Sioux Falls Roosevelt



2020 Dance Coach of the Year **Stacy Ryken** Yankton

Previous Winners	
2016-17	Melissa Strong - Dakota Valley
2017-18	Cyndy Demers - Winner
2018-19	Tracy Kuhn - Brandon Valley
2019-20	Megan Smith - Huron

Stacy Ryken started coaching the Yankton High School Dance Team in 2018. During her three years as the coach the YHS Dance Team has achieved two 3rd place finishes at the ESD Conference meet. In 2018 the team earned a 3rd place finish in the jazz category at the state meet. In 2019 the team won

the kick category at the State meet. This past season in 2020 the team placed 3rd in the pom category. Overall, the YHS Dance Team has placed 5th at the 2018, 2019, and 2020 State Tournaments during her coaching career. Ryken stated "I would like to thank the South Dakota High School Coaches Association for this honor. It is very humbling to receive this honor. This award would not be possible without the dedication of the dancers, support of their families and the Yankton community. I like to especially thank the staff of the Yankton School District for all their support. Finally, I want to thank my family. They have allowed me to spend time away from home coaching and they give me constant support. Being the recipient of this award during such a unique year is something I will always remember. I am very humbled and honored to be the 2020 South Dakota Dance Coach of the Year." Ryken was born and raised in Yankton. She has been a 7th grade math teacher for 21 years; 17 years at Yankton Middle School and four years at Dakota Valley Middle School. Ryken has been married for almost 20 years to her husband Jerold. They have one daughter, Madison.

Other Nominees: Melissa Fikse-Harrisburg, Amanda Stoesser-Pierre, Amber Thomas Watertown

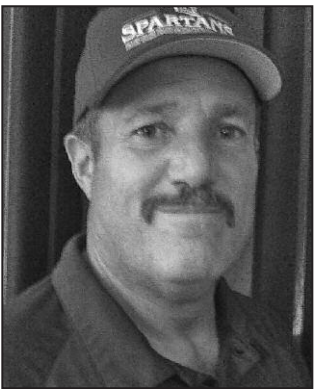


2020 Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year **Greg Anderson** West Central

Previous Winners	
2016-17	Steve Cogley - Aberdeen Central
2017-18	Zach Jurgens - Tea Area
2018-19	Sidney Zanin - Pierre
2019-20	Tyler Schuring - Yankton

Greg Anderson began coaching soccer in the fall of 2000, with a little persuasion from his wife, when his oldest daughter was in kindergarten. He continued to coach her team until she was able to play for the West Central club team. Anderson also spent time coaching his son's soccer team and his youngest daughter's soccer team. He coached the West Central club team from 2007 until 2013. During that time, his teams won three state championships. In 2014, West Central sanctioned soccer as a school sport. From 2014-2020, West Central has appeared in the championship game five times and has won four state championships. Anderson stated, "I am honored to have been selected as the 2020 Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year. The success that West Central soccer has experienced comes from the supportive administration, the dedication of my assistant coaches, and the countless hours of hard work and effort from our student athletes over many years. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many great people."

Other Nominees: Merle Aske-Aberdeen Central, Eric Christensen-Harrisburg, Jacob Shoup-Brandon Valley



2020 Boys' Soccer Coach of the Year **Jim Hill** Spearfish

Previous Winners	
2016-17	Steve Cogley - Aberdeen Central
2017-18	Zach Jurgens - Tea Area
2018-19	Sidney Zanin - Pierre
2019-20	Tyler Schuring - Yankton

Jim Hill led the Spearfish Spartans' boys' soccer team to an undefeated regular season for the second time in school history. Their season record was 13 wins, one loss, and two ties during the 2020 season. They were defeated by O'Gorman, the eventual state champions, in the State AA Soccer Tournament quarterfinals by a score of 3-2. The Spartans have qualified for the state tournament 16 times, including two state titles and three runner-up finishes. Hill has been at the helm of the Spartans' soccer program for 18 years. The regular season record during that time features 205 wins, 43 losses, and 22 ties. "It takes everybody to make this work, not just a coach or a coaching staff," Hill said. "It takes the players, parents, and community support. It's very gratifying to receive this award because then I know I'm doing some of the things to teach and coach the boys."

Other Nominees: Ryan Beier-O'Gorman, Jeff Fierro-Rapid City Stevens, Kendal Velgersdyk-Sioux Falls Christian



2020 Football Coach of the Year Chad Garrow Brandon Valley

Chad Garrow has coached innovative football his whole career, leading the Brandon Valley Lynx to 136 victories over 16 years and two 11AAA state titles in 2018 and 2020, with three runners-up in 2012, 2016,

and 2019. He became defensive coordinator at Brandon Valley in 1999, then head coach in 2005. Garrow was named SDFBCA Region 5 Coach of the Year in 2008. Garrow's defenses have yielded under 3 yards/carry in many seasons. In 2012, opponents scored just over 10 points per game. In 2018, his defense allowed just 12 points per game. His players have also set numerous tackles, sacks, and interceptions records. The Lynx averaged 42 points per game in 2020. Garrow is the winningest coach in Brandon Valley's proud football history. Under Garrow, the Lynx have won 14 ESD Conference titles. Garrow's proudest accomplishments include building bonds made with his staff, many of whom have coached during his entire tenure; coaching his son, AJ, who holds the Brandon Valley receptions record; and instilling his program values into his athletes, making them better sons, fathers, and friends. Garrow has also coached track and field since 2000, leading many all-time state record holders. Football is truly family to Garrow, his wife Melissa, and their children AJ, Savannah, and Alicia.

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 Klindinst - 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
- 2018-19 Byron Pudwill - Bon Homme
- 2019-20 Steve Steele - Pierre

Other Nominees: Craig Clayberg-Tea Area, Trent Olson-Winner, Steve Steele-Pierre, James Strang-Canistota/Freeman



2020 Volleyball Coach of the Year Shelly Buddenhagen Huron

Shelly Buddenhagen started her second stint as the Huron Tiger volleyball coach in 2009, having coached previously from 1994-2000 and, along with this past season completed an additional 12-year tenure. In

these 19 seasons the Tigers qualified for the state tournament 18 times and have currently appeared in the AA tournament for 12 consecutive years. In 1998 and 1999 the Tigers won back-to-back State Championships. Most recently the Tigers won their fourth ESD Conference championship under her helm and finished as the runner-up at the State AA Tournament. Buddenhagen stated, "having been in the coaching business this long I realize what a great honor this award truly is. There are so many great coaches against whom the Tigers compete and/or whom I have watched with sincere admiration. To be recognized by this group is something for which I am extremely grateful. I am genuinely touched." Buddenhagen has been fortunate to have been surrounded by an incredible staff of assistant coaches throughout the years and has been able to work with so many young outstanding athletes with whom she has gotten to experience incredible journeys and establish life-long relationships. For the past 21 years, she has served as the Executive Director the Huron Community Center Nordby Center for Recreation. Buddenhagen has been married to Tim, a long-time coach in the Huron School District, for 32 years and has three grown children and one grandchild, Jordan (Laura) & Raiya, TyAnn (Cody), and Tenley.

Previous Winners

- 1982-83 Galen Busch - Mission
- 1983-84 Kim Weed - DeSmet
- 1984-85 Galen Busch - Mission
- 1985-86 Jim Mitchell - St. Francis
- 1986-87 Lunette Birrenkott - RC Stevens
- 1987-88 Cindy Nelson - Webster
- 1988-89 Kathy Hunt - SF O'Gorman
- 1989-90 Jill Christensen - Parker/Marion
- 1990-91 Spencer Brende - Elk Point
- 1991-92 Jonel Smith - RC Stevens
- 1992-93 Chris Schultz - Hurley
- 1993-94 Connie Nyhaug - Viborg
- 1994-95 Joyce Farrell - Madison
- 1995-96 Mike West - Philip
- 1996-97 Beth Schutt - Watertown
- 1997-98 Jeff Skatrud - Vermillion
- 1998-99 Shelly Buddenhagen - Huron
- 1999-2000 Kathy Graves - Northwestern
- 2000-01 Kelly Northrup - Hot Springs
- 2001-02 Carol Snyder - Harding County
- 2002-03 Greg Murley - Aberdeen Central
- 2003-04 Deb Thill - Mitchell
- 2004-05 Nancy Hoeke - Milbank
- 2005-06 Leasa Woodward - Yankton
- 2006-07 Nora Groft - Northwestern
- 2007-08 Kacy Kienholz - Pierre
- 2008-09 Amy Tyler - Wagner
- 2009-10 Dennis Northrup - Aberdeen Central
- 2010-11 Anita Boeck - Arlington
- 2011-12 Erika Paladino-Hazlett - SF Lincoln
- 2012-13 Kari Jung - Warner
- 2013-14 Julie Kolbeck - O'Gorman
- 2014-15 Darci Wassenaar - SF Christian
- 2015-16 Jean Benson - Chester Area
- 2016-17 Ronette Costain - Harrisburg
- 2017-18 Nora Groft - Northwestern
- 2018-19 Linda DeBoer - Miller
- 2019-20 Rosemary Bellum - Watertown

Other Nominees: Emily Byrnes-O'Gorman, Nora Groft-Northwestern, Kari Jung-Warner, Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian



2021 Wrestling Coach of the Year

Thomas Konechne

Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes

Thomas Konechne took over the Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes wrestling program in 2012. In his nine years the KWLPG wrestling program has produced 60 state qualifiers, 38 state place-winners, and four state champions. He also helped guide the program to back-to-back 3rd place finishes in the State B Dual Tournament in 2020 and 2021. Konechne was named the Region 3B wrestling coach of the year in 2018 and 2019. He was also the 2019 Assistant Football Coach of the Year while on the coaching staff for Kimball/White Lake from 2016-2019. "I am honored to receive this award," said Konechne, "but this honor is more of a reflection on our wrestling program than an individual award. We have coachable wrestlers and experienced coaches who make my job easy and enjoyable. I would also like to thank our communities and family for the support that has helped to build our program into a successful one." Konechne resides in Platte with his wife, Kristen and three children Roslyn, Elsie, and Harvey.

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 Schlekeyway - Vermillion
1979-80	Rod Moon - Moberg
1980-81	Fran Esser - Redfield
1981-82	Bill Boggess - Mitchell
1982-83	Willie Seibel - Vermillion
1983-84	Fran Esser - Redfield
1984-85	Bob Dolezal - Philip
1985-86	Bob Johnson - Kimball
1986-87	Mike Kadera - Spearfish
1987-88	Gary Wallman - Freeman
1988-89	Rich Strande - Brookings
1989-90	Bob Hirsch - Milbank
1990-91	Andy Tate - Mitchell
1991-92	Wayne Scherr - Wagner
1992-93	Bob Hirsch - Milbank
1993-94	Ken Cihak - Huron
1994-95	Rick Jensen - Pierre
1995-96	Ken Ruml - Howard
1996-97	Andy Tate - Mitchell
1997-98	Brad Kelvington - Harrisburg
1998-99	Marv Sherrill - Watertown
1999-2000	John Donovan - Harding County
2000-01	Tim Wishard - RC Stevens
2001-02	Mark Stoebner - Bon Homme
2002-03	Marv Sherrill - Watertown
2003-04	Bill Kaiser - Winner
2004-05	Steve Keszler - Sturgis
2005-06	Joe Meyer - Parker
2006-07	Wade Rausch - Ipswich
2007-08	Ernie Valentine - Wagner
2008-09	Fran Esser - Redfield
2009-10	Steve Keszler - Sturgis
2010-11	Wade Rausch - Webster Area
2011-12	Ryan Noyes - Pierre
2012-13	Jared Digmann - Parkston
2013-14	Rocky Burkett - Aberdeen Central
2014-15	Mark Stoebner - Bon Homme
2015-16	Shawn Lewis - Pierre Riggs
2016-17	Matt Donnelly - Kadoka Area/ Philip/Wall
2017-18	Jeremy Swenson - Canton
2018-19	Spencer Novotny - Winner
2019-20	John Donovan - Chamberlain

Other Nominees: Matt Donnelly-Philip Area, Shawn Lewis-Pierre, Spencer Novotny-Winner, Derek Outland-Brandon Valley, Chas Welch-Watertown



2021 Gymnastics Coach of the Year

Audra Rew

Mitchell

Audra Rew started coaching at 15 years old with the Park and Rec department in Mitchell. She had been a gymnast that had competed in Canada and after she moved, was on the Kernel gymnastics team. While in college, she continued to coach for Fargo South (ND).

After a few years off, she was asked to be the assistant coach for the Kernels. She wanted to help grow opportunities in Mitchell for the younger kids that loved gymnastics and decided to start a club program, MEGA Gymnastics in 2003. Rew became the Kernel's gymnastics head coach in 2006. Mitchell went on to win the state title in 2007 and 2008. Rew kept developing young athletes in gymnastics and they grew to be a part of the Kernels. In 2014, Mitchell started a three-year state meet title run. Under Rew, the Kernels have been 1st or 2nd every year since 2014. She added two more state titles in 2018 and 2021. Rew has coached 22 individual state champions. She was honored with the South Dakota Gymnastics Coaches Hall of Fame in 2015, SDHSCA Coach of the Year in 2007, SDGJA Coaches Leadership Award in 2008, KORN Tom Maxwell Coach of the year five times, NHSACA COTY finalist in 2010 and NHSACA National Coach of the Year winner in 2018. Rew stated "I continue with a determination to create knowledge for gymnastics in kids and future coaches, by spreading knowledge and interest in gymnastics. I keep the sport growing to create strong capable young women that can handle anything that comes their way."

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	Sherry 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 Dosssett - Madison
2016-17	Justin Olson - Yankton
2017-18	Caitlin Steffensen - Deuel
2018-19	Sherri Johnson - Estelline/ Hendricks
2019-20	Rachelle Engbrecht - Brookings

Other Nominees: Les Coin-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Dana Nachtigall-Hot Springs, Caitlin Steffensen-Deuel



2021 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year **Derek Larson** Aberdeen Roncalli

Derek Larson is an Aberdeen native, a 2004 graduate of Aberdeen Central High School, and a 2008 graduate of Northern State University. He spent five years as an assistant coach for the Roncalli boys' basketball program while teaching sixth grade. Larson took over

the Roncalli girls' program in 2010 and is currently in his 11th year as the head girls' basketball coach. During his 11-year career, the Lady Cavaliers have won two Northeast Conference titles and finished third at the state tournament in 2013, fifth in 2018, eighth in 2019, qualified for the state tournament in 2020, and won the state championship in 2021. Larson's career record is 182-68. He is assisted by Rich Dix and Amanda Bain. Along with his basketball duties, he has been an assistant coach in high school football and track and field. "I am truly honored and humbled to be receiving this award from my peers," stated Larson. "There are so many great coaches in our state deserving of this award. Our basketball program would not be where it is today without the tremendous support of my two great assistants Rich Dix and Amanda Bain. This award reflects the dedication and commitment from our student athletes and coaching staff over the past 11 years. Coaching at Roncalli has truly been a blessing." Larson is married to his wife Abbey, and they have two sons: Braxton (7) and Baylor (5).

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 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 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 Senftner - Sully Buttes
2017-18	Leslie Tvedt - Castlewood
2018-19	Larry Aaker - Winner
2019-20	Lorisa Broughton - Corsica-Stickney

Other Nominees: Jared Bouman-White River, Jamie Parish-Sioux Falls Washington, Leslie Tvedt-Castlewood



2021 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year **Jeff Gruenhagen** DeSmet

Jeff Gruenhagen is a native of De Smet. He graduated from De Smet High School in 1987 and received his BS in accounting from NSU in 1991. He was the assistant girls' basketball coach at De Smet

from 2010 to 2015 and became the assistant boys' coach in 2016-17. Gruenhagen became the head boys' basketball coach at De Smet in 2018. This is his fourth season as the head boys' basketball coach at De Smet with a career record of 80-18. The Bulldogs finished runner-up in the State B tournament in 2018-19 and qualified for the tournament as the top seed in 2019-20 prior to the season suspension for Covid. 2020-21 saw the Bulldogs win the Class B title going 25-1 and playing 10 teams rated in the top five of class A or B during the regular season. De Smet went 8-0 in the Dakota Valley Conference for its third straight title. He was named DVC Coach of the Year in 2018-2019 and 2020-2021. "I would like to thank the SDHSCA for this honor," Gruenhagen said. "I hope to continue to coach to the best of my ability. I coach athletes today because of the many coaches, like Marv McCune, that coached me from youth to college and I would like to thank all the coaches for awarding me this honor." Gruenhagen is married to Stacie, and they have three children, daughter, Grayson, and sons, Gage, and Gannon.

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	Jim Hooten - Lennox
1991-92	Kraig Ulveling - Watertown
1992-93	Chuck Welke - Warner
1993-94	Gene Lorenz - Madison
1994-95	Mary McCune - DeSmet
1995-96	Jim Schiekeway - 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
2018-19	Brent Deckert - Brandon Valley
2019-20	Galen Schoenefeld - Viborg-Hurley

Other Nominees: Mitch Begeman-Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Jay Drake-Vermillion, Mike Schouten-Sioux Falls Christian



2021 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year **Julie Preheim** Colman-Egan

Julie Preheim has been coaching track and field for seven years at Colman-Egan. This is her 4th year as the girls' head coach. In 2018 the girls team placed 4th in the State Track Meet. They came back in 2019 and finished in 3rd place. The 2020 season was a huge

disappointment to all, as there was no meet due to Covid. The girls came out strong this year winning the State B Girls Track & Field Meet. They also tied the record for most points scored in a Class B State meet with 116 points. Preheim has been the assistant volleyball coach at Colman-Egan for 11 years. This year they made it to the state tournament for the first time in school history and came home with a 4th place finish. "I am accepting this award on behalf of my great athletes, amazing assistant coaches and the supportive parents and communities of Colman-Egan, Preheim commented. "The support of our community and parents is amazing. I know this award would not come if I did not have hard working, dedicated athletes that are always putting the time in to get better. This award is also a huge reflection on my assistant coaches, who have contributed immensely to our success. Finally, I would like to thank my family for their support for all the long hours put into coaching." Preheim is married to her husband, Mike, and they have four young children Landon, Jordan, Braxton, and Lydia.

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
2018-19	Rachelle DeBeer - Deubrook Area

Other Nominees: Blaine Bacon-Dell Rapids St. Mary, Janel Merkwon-West Central, Aaron Strand-O'Gorman



2021 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year **Tyler Payer** Hanson

Tyler Payer started his coaching career at the Hanson School District in the fall of 2015. His 2021 boys' team were state champions and his girls' team had a sixth-place finish in 2018. The Beavers also have three

region championships and four conference championships under the helm of Payer. Payer stated, "I would like to thank the South Dakota High School Coaches Association for this incredible honor. I want to thank my peers for voting on my behalf for this prestigious award. I am very honored to be selected the 2021 South Dakota Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year. I feel extremely privileged to be coaching in the Alexandria community and Hanson School District. I want to give a special thanks to my parents for instilling the love of track & field at such a young age. I also want to thank my assistant coaches. Without them, we would not have had the success we have had. Lastly, I want to thank all the athletes that have been part of the Hanson track & field program since my arrival. Without them none of this would be possible." Payer was also the assistant coach of the Hanson Girls Basketball Runner-Up finish in 2018 and their 8th place finish in 2021. He also coached the junior high football team and junior high girls' basketball team while at Hanson.

Previous Winners

1971-72	David Vogelgesang - Willow Lake
1972-73	Rich Greeno - Sioux Falls Lincoln
1973-74	Jake Schlicht - Yankton
1974-75	Eldon Barnes - Flandreau
1975-76	Ron Lounsbury - Centerville
1976-77	Rod Knutson - Elk Point
1977-78	Buzz Stevenson - Huron
1978-79	Don Diede - Freeman
1979-80	Dick Brook - SF Washington
1980-81	Jerry McElroy - Watertown
1981-82	Jim Cordts - Madison
1982-83	Jim Egeberg - Groton
1983-84	Bryan Brace - Volga
1984-85	Lyle Claussen - Brandon Valley
1985-86	Vern Miller - Pierre
1986-87	Tom Main - Chester
1987-88	Ken Linstrom - Rapid City Stevens
1988-89	Ed Evenson - Beresford
1989-90	Jim Sattler - Menno
1990-91	Jerry Kippes - Marion
1991-92	Jim Miner - Yankton
1992-93	Jerome Garry - Madison
1993-94	Jerome Garry - Madison
1994-95	Jim Sattler - Menno
1995-96	Jim Miner - Yankton
1996-97	John Houska - Rapid City Central
1997-98	Vic Godfrey - Watertown
1998-99	Duane Tordoff - Spearfish
1999-2000	Scott Muckey - Corsica
2000-01	Phil Moore - White Lake
2001-02	Allen Weier - Platte
2002-03	Richard Luther - Lennox
2003-04	Bob Billotto - Eureka
2004-05	Brad Olson - Milbank
2005-06	Geoff Gross - Pierre
2006-07	Gary Pepper - Scotland
2007-08	Brock Rops - SF Christian
2008-09	Larry Buffington - Gayville-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
2018-19	Bill Hansen - Viborg-Hurley

Other Nominees: Jim Jarovski-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Luke Vander Leest-Sioux Falls Christian, Jason Wagoner-Sioux Falls Roosevelt



2021 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year **Jeffrey Johnson** Bison

Ever since Bison started the golf program Jeffrey Johnson has been part of it every year, whether as a student athlete or coach. In the spring of 2010, he began coaching for Bison. Since then, Johnson has taken six teams to the state

tournament, won five region titles, six conference championships, and a state runner-up trophy just this year. Johnson stated, "I would like to thank all the coaches who recognized me for this honor. This would not be possible without all the talented student athletes and assistant coaches I have been able to work with over the years. Thanks to all the parents and community members for their support. Last a big thank you to the Bison school for giving me the opportunity to be the head golf coach."

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
2018-19	Billie Jo Indahl - Burke

Other Nominees: Mike Buseth-Deubrook Area, Eric Heath-Sisseton, Tom Jansa-Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Tyler Morgan-Sioux Falls Christian, Kim Zimmerman-Aberdeen Central



2021 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year **Frank Cutler** Platte-Geddes

This is Frank Cutler's third Boys' Golf Coach of the Year Award. He was selected in 2015, 2018 and this year. He was selected as Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year in 2008. This year he is receiving the Assistant Coach of the Year in Middle School/Junior

High Award. Cutler just finished his 32nd year of coaching in the Platte and Platte-Geddes School Districts. During that time, he has been the junior high football coach for Platte, Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian and now Platte-Geddes School. Cutler has been the head girls' and boys' golf coach since 2013. His boys' teams have finished runner-up in Class B four times, in 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2021. He has been the head boys' basketball coach at Platte and Platte-Geddes the last 32 years. He has also served as the Platte-Geddes Athletic Director since 2014. "I am honored to be recognized by the South Dakota Golf Coaches and South Dakota High School Coaches Association," said Cutler, "and its dedicated coaches and athletes. It is a group that I have been happy to be part of the last 38 years."

Previous Winners

1978-79	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
1979-80	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
1980-81	Joyce Farrell - Madison
1981-82	Bruce Olson - Webster
1982-83	Clarence Zacher - Custer
1983-84	Jim McGlone - Flandreau
1984-85	Norman West - Yankton
1985-86	Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
1986-87	Rich Halverson - Clear Lake
1987-88	Bill Scholten - Brookings
1988-89	Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
1989-90	Daryl Fletcher - Elk Point
1990-91	Marv Bohnet - Hamlin
1991-92	Jim McGlone - Flandreau
1992-93	Susan Heitmann - Britton
1993-94	Phil Hunt - Rapid City Stevens
1994-95	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
1995-96	Joe Schlimgen - Plankinton
1996-97	Joe Schlimgen - Plankinton
1997-98	Jim McGlone - Flandreau
1998-99	Bill Scholten - Brookings
1999-2000	Rod Garrison - SF O'Gorman
2000-01	Mick Hogle - Dell Rapids
2001-02	Jim Sorensen - Beresford
2002-03	Bill Scholten - Brookings
2003-04	Phil Hunt - Rapid City Stevens
2004-05	John Brown - Clark

Boys

2005-06	Mike Schouten - SF Christian
2006-07	Tim DeJong - Dell Rapids St. Mary's
2007-08	Jay Weber - Avon
2008-09	Ryan Mors - Freeman
2009-10	Brett Sime - Yankton
2010-11	Gale Lundberg - Deuel
2011-12	Mick Hogle - Dell Rapids
2012-13	Kari Stoltenberg - Dell Rapids
2013-14	Mick Hogle - Dell Rapids
2014-15	Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes
2015-16	Tim Koisti - Hamlin
2016-17	Matt Pollock - Ipswich
2017-18	Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes
2018-19	Joey Liesinger - Madison
2019-20	Rob Mendoza - Little Wound

Other Nominees: Chris Caldwell-Chamberlain, Jeff Halseth-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Brooke McDonald-Chester Area, Corey Neale-Watertown, Ivan Voss-Sioux Falls Christian



2021 Tennis Coach of the Year Kevin Plank Lennox

Kevin Plank started coaching high school tennis in 1999 in Omaha, NE where he coached at Duchene Academy, Omaha Gross Catholic High School, and Omaha Skutt Catholic High School. After moving to Lennox in 2006 he became the assistant tennis coach at Lincoln High

School in 2009. He then became the girls' head tennis coach at Washington High School in the fall of 2010 where he coached for the next three years. Plank then spent the 2015 boys' season at Sioux Falls Christian where he helped start up their program. Then in the fall of 2018 he spearheaded the start of the boy's and girl's tennis programs in Lennox. Over the years, Plank has coached many teams and players to a top four finish at the state tournament including a handful of individual state champions. He was also on the SDHSAA committee to help form the new two-class system. "I am honored to receive this award and would like to thank all the coaches for their votes" stated Plank. "I would also like to thank my family, the players, parents and fans. All of them have contributed to our success on and off the court." Plank has been married to his wife Kristen for 20 years and has four boys.

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 - St. Thomas More
2016-17	Matt Termansen - Harrisburg
2017-18	Kerry Dilley - T.F. Riggs, Pierre
2018-19	Mike Zerr - Brandon Valley
2019-20	John Vogel - Aberdeen Central

Other Nominees: Tim Hedblom-Huron, Tom Krueger-Sioux Falls Lincoln, Matt Termansen-Harrisburg



2021 Assistant Coach of the Year Middle School/Junior High Frank Cutler Platte-Geddes

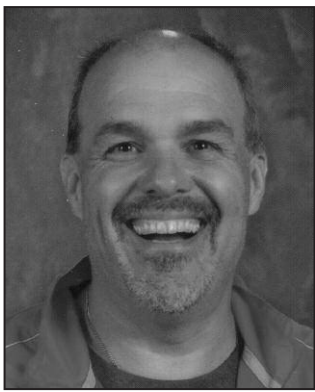
Frank Cutler started his coaching career in the Watertown School District in the fall of 1983 and spent six years in the district as an assistant coach for

football and basketball, and two years as an assistant coach for track and field. Cutler just finished his 32nd year of coaching in the Platte and Platte-Geddes School Districts. During that time, he has been the junior high football coach for Platte, Platte-Geddes-Dakota Christian and now Platte-Geddes School. He has been the head boys' basketball coach at Platte and Platte-Geddes the last 32 years. He has compiled a 489-233 record and one state championship in the 2008 Class A tournament. The Black Panthers also finished runner-up in 2009 and 2014 in Class B. Cutler has had 13 teams advance to state tournaments. Cutler has also been the head girls' and boys' golf coach since 2013. His boys' teams have finished runner-up in Class B three times, in 2015, 2018, and 2019. He has also served as the Platte-Geddes Athletic Director since 2014. "I am honored to be recognized by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association," said Cutler, "and its dedicated coaches and athletes. It is a group that I have been happy to be part of the last 38 years."

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
2018-19	Doug Haar - Yankton
2019-20	Glenda Bohlmann - Menno

Other Nominees: Doug Duncan-Northwestern, Stephanie Wallace-Hanson



2021 Assistant Coach of the Year Boys' Sports Jody Grubb Rapid City Central

Jody Grubb started his teaching and coaching career in 1989. He has coached at the middle school and high school levels as an assistant coach and head coach. He was an assistant football coach, assistant boys' basketball coach, and assistant middle school track & field coach in Winner from 1989-91. From 1991-98 he was an assistant football coach, assistant basketball coach, middle school basketball coach, and assistant girl's and boy's track & field coach in Sturgis. Grubb taught and coached in Belle Fourche from 1998-2008. During that tenure, he served in various capacities: assistant football coach, head middle school girl's and boy's track & field coach, assistant varsity girl's and boy's track & field coach and, head football coach. In 2005 Grubb was selected as the SDFBCA Class A Assistant Coach of the Year. Since 2010 he has been an assistant girl's and boy's track & field coach at Rapid City Central High School. In addition to coaching track & field at Rapid City Central, he was also an assistant football coach from 2008-2013. "I am very honored to receive this award. It has been an amazing journey that I have had the joy and privilege to have shared with so many great athletes and coaches," Grubb stated.

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
2018-19	Lyle Pagel - Rapid City Stevens
2019-20	Bill Weber - Watertown

Other Nominees: Kent Hanson-Aberdeen Central, Jeff Lockner-Brandon Valley, Jeff Schlekeway-Pierre



2021 Assistant Coach of the Year Girls' Sports Russ Bailey Custer

Russ Bailey started his coaching career in Iroquois, SD as the head football coach and assistant volleyball coach. Since then, he has had stops at Western State College, Parkston, Mitchell, and now Custer. In this time his coaching resume includes 21 years as a head football, three years as head track & field coach, five years as an assistant football coach, 22 years as an assistant track & field coach, and 10 years as an assistant volleyball coach. He has served on the South Dakota Football Coaches Association and South Dakota High School Coaches Association Boards of Directors. "Being selected for any honor by your coaching peers is a humbling and rewarding experience," stated Bailey. "Oftentimes it takes the performance of our kids to drive recognition and I humbly accept this award thanking all the athletes I've coached and for the hours and days of hard work they have put in to achieve their goals. I couldn't tell you how many football games I've won or even how many state champion throwers I've coached, but I have a lifetime of memories of individual kids and their accomplishments."

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
2015-16	Kerry Beyer - Rapid City
2016-17	Tony Thoreson - Brandon Valley
2017-18	Scott Embry - Sioux Falls Lincoln
2018-19	Thad Caldwell - Rapid City Central
2019-20	Stacey Knebel - Wagner

Other Nominees: Darcy Deinert-Mount Vernon/Plankinton, Robert Reagan-Rapid City Stevens, Dan Sherrill-Rapid City Stevens, Christina Siemsen-Mitchell



2021 Athletic Director of the Year **Bill Clements** Dakota Valley

Bill Clements has been active at the local, state, and national level in athletics. He is the current athletic director at Dakota Valley High School, a position he has held for 27 years since the school district was formed. He has coached football, basketball, swimming, and track & field during his 37 years in education. Clements has been a member of the SDHSCA for 27 years and served as the president in 2014. He has served on four different sport advisory committees for the SDHSAA and was on the Coaches Education state faculty from 2000 to 2008 and is currently the Coaches Education State Representative. Clements is the chair of the newly formed SDHSCA Mentoring Committee. He has been a state tournament director in wrestling and golf. Clements is a member of the SD Athletic Directors Association (SDIAAAA) and holds leadership positions in that organization. He is a member of the SDIAAAA Leadership Training Academy teaching faculty. "I am humbled and honored to be recognized by the coaches and athletic administrators of South Dakota for this award," said Clements. "I have truly been blessed to work with so many great athletic administrators that are also deserving of this recognition. In addition, a supportive family, a unified administrative team, and a community passionate about all aspects of education allows me the opportunity to pursue my passion of providing educational athletic opportunities to our youth."

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
2018-19	Randy Marso - Brandon Valley
2019-20	Terry Rotert - Huron

Other Nominees: Gene Brownell-Aberdeen Central, Paul Nepodal-Deubrook Area, Joey Struwe-Sioux Falls Lincoln



2021 Official of the Year **Jerry Beers** Brookings

Jerry Beers is a 1985 graduate of Webster (SD) High School and went on to earn two Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Finance from Southwest State University in Marshall, MN in 1990. It was while in college that he began his officiating career in 1987 and has now been active in officiating for over 30 years at both the high school and collegiate (NCAA Division II and NAIA) levels for both basketball and football. Currently he is an

active official in football and basketball at the high school level and works football collegiately in the NAIA. During his time as an official, Beers has been honored to be selected by the SDHSAA to work 17 state basketball tournaments, including six state basketball championship games, as well as state football championship games seven times, and served as a Replay Official for the SDHSAA FB Championships in 2019 and 2020. Additionally, Beers was awarded the NFOA Football Official of the Year for South Dakota in 2013 and the NFOA Girls' Basketball Official of the Year for South Dakota for the 2020-21 season and he was also honored by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association as their Official of the Year for the 2012-13 season. Beers has served as the SDHSAA Basketball Officials Region 2 Coordinator since 1989. As the Region BB Coordinator, he has been active in recruiting and mentoring new officials and facilitating the training of current officials across the state. Beers currently resides in Brookings, with his wife Cara. He has three adult children Shelby (Ryan), Haley and Parker and two granddaughters. He is forever grateful to his family for their sacrifices and support that they have given him throughout his officiating career, and he is also thankful to the many officiating mentors and colleagues that have provided guidance and camaraderie over the years. "Being chosen by the SDHSCA as their 2020-21 Official of the Year is a confirmation of the commitment that I have for high school athletics. But, more than that, it is genuinely an honor to be recognized by the coaches of South Dakota as a validation of the valued relationships that I have tried to establish with them during my career."

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 - Tyndal
2016-17	Mark Wendelgass - Huron
2017-18	Andy Deinert - Mitchell
2018-19	Chad Gordon - Yankton
2019-20	Matt Clark - Huron

Other Nominees: Kris Dozark-Pierre, Angie Kinsley-Murdo, Jeff Lukens-Sioux Falls, Steve Mayer-Vermillion, Darcy Nagel-Rapid City, Paul Rozell-Aberdeen, Mike Watson-Sturgis, Maria Wengert-Tea

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2020	George Kiner, Volga Toni Meile, Hartford	2002	William (Bill) Jones, Spearfish
2019	Linda Hengeveld, Valley Springs Linda Weber, Sioux Falls	2001	Dennis Kokesh (deceased) Virgil Wolthoff, Canton
2018	Scott Ewald, Watertown David Raysby, Platte-Geddes Mickey Metcalf, Brandon Valley	2000	Charles Schad, Spearfish
2017	Brian Hansen, Sioux Falls Ken Martens, Omaha Ray Rylance, Watertown	1999	Wayne Carney, Sioux Falls
2016	Rich Hinseth, Rapid City Steve Kjellsen, Watertown Paul Richter, Rapid City	1998	Richard Michel, Rapid City Judean Schwinger, Watertown
2015	Larry Peterson, Watertown SD Army National Guard	1997	Jerry Miller, Sioux Falls Vernon Bechen, Flandreau
2014	Linda Larson, Sioux Falls	1996	Gale Rohr, Watertown
2013	Tom Boltjes, Platte Mark Stanforth, Colorado Springs, CO Mona Smith, Aberdeen	1995	Ron Babb, Wakonda
2012	Dana Dykhouse, Sioux Falls Joel Harris, Carroll, Iowa Bob Lowery, Pierre	1994	Bernie Stocking, Pierre
2011	Charlie Childerston, Sioux Falls Bob Denny, Sioux Falls Duane Whalen, Rapid City	1993	Harve Johnston, Mitchell
2010	Greg Kendall, Sioux Falls Nick Kranz, Watertown Terry Tople, Fort Pierre	1992	Ken Kessinger, Sioux Falls Jack Dorman, Castlewood
2009	Jerry Bussler, Rapid City Roger Nelson, Brookings Jim Robinson, Yankton	1991	Don Ahrend, Sioux Falls Dodie Bemis, Watertown
2008	Vern Uhlir, Kadoka	1990	Dale McElhany, Watertown
2007	Judy Busch, Sioux Falls Lolly Forseth, Sioux Falls	1989	Sarah Trish, Sioux Falls
2006	Tom Allen, Spearfish Ruth Rehn, Pierre Gene Struck, Montrose	1988	Howard Connors, Vermillion
2005	John Cornette, Yankton Bob Tiff, Redfield	1987	Max Hawk, Yankton
2004	Virg Polak, Watertown	1986	William Timmins, Mitchell
2003	Dick Hunhoff, Yankton Marlyn Goldhammer, Pierre	1985	Tom Walsh, Sioux Falls
		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



2021 “JERRY P. MILLER” DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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Joyce Farrell Hot Springs

Joyce Farrell, a native of Hot Springs, has been an athlete all her life. After earning her bachelor and master’s degrees from the University of Northern Colorado, she returned to Hot Springs. In the Fall of 1978, the girls’ basketball coach asked if she wanted to keep the scorebook. Thus began her career as a scorekeeper, clock operator, announcer, and a “whatever needs to be done person” for the high school and middle school athletic programs. Before long, boys’ basketball, football, wrestling, soccer, gymnastics, cross country, and track & field were added to her list. She travelled on the team buses with the basketball teams for 35 years, and with the volleyball teams for over 20 years. Farrell never saw an athlete enter the arena wanting to lose the game,

only to do his or her best. She observed coaches doing their best to prepare the student athlete to successfully participate, believing a coach cares deeply and encourages, instructs, and supports an athlete helping them learn life skills. Assisting with school activities is one of her most enjoyable community opportunities. She is also involved in many others, including the Chamber of Commerce, Bison Boosters, and St. Anthony’s Catholic Church. She also spent over 30 years voluntarily developing and supervising the Summer Recreation program which produced generations of athletes. Farrell has four siblings, seven nieces and nephews, and seven great nieces and nephews.

Kay Heck Belle Fourche

My “athletic career” began in the early 1990s as an announcer for the annual Belle Fourche Invitational wrestling tournament. This position was relinquished in 2019. My first acquaintance with “keeping book” was in the late 50s when my Dad and I would set up the card table in our living room, listen to the Broncs on the radio and keep track of the scoring. In Junior High my girlhood dream came true when the coach asked if I would keep score for the boys’ team at the Cartwright Tournament. The first game as the official book for a boys’ basketball came in 1992 when the Custer Wildcats visited. The gym was filled to the rafters—no pressure, include official bookkeeper for boys’ and girls’ basketball and clock operator for volleyball at Belle Fourche. (Perhaps there is even a year or two left in the future?)

Announcing duties for track and field events were included for a few years until retirement in 2013. During these years, I served as school librarian for the Belle Fourche School District. At this time, my husband Dan and I live on a farm/ranch near Belle Fourche. Much of our time is spent visiting and attending the activities of our children and grandchildren—sons Dave (Jane) and Bryan and daughter Debra (Mike) and grandchildren Gabe, Payton, Benjamin, Braddock, Adalynn and Jackson. During these thirty years, it has been a privilege to be part of the activities at Belle Fourche observing the students, coaches, officials and audiences. How true the adage attributed to John Wooden, “Sports do not develop character, they reveal it.”





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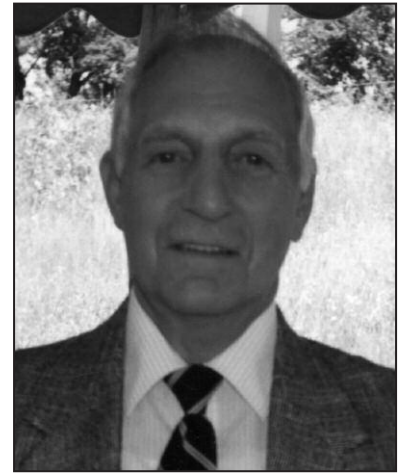
Pearl Paulson Florence

Pearl Paulson has been a dedicated member of the Florence community and school system for the last 50 years. Her work for the Florence School and the Florence Booster Club have touched the lives of all students who have attended Florence School. The resources her efforts provided have helped the Florence School to build strong programs within the school. Paulson drove bus for the Florence School District for 44 years which included a daily route and activity trips. She continues to substitute for the district in that same capacity, always bringing a pan of bars for the activity trips. She is an avid fan of all sports. She ran the clock at basketball games for 36 years and continues to keep sideline stats at football games which she has done since 1997 and timing at track & field meets since 1978.

If she is not working at an event you can count on her cheering on the athletes from the stands. Paulson launched the start of the Florence Athletic Booster Club in the late 80's that she is still Co-Chair of. The Booster Club sponsors tailgate parties and other activities to raise money to provide financial resources to the Florence School for athletic equipment and their annual athletic banquet. Florence athletic director, Matt Bastian commented, “When the Florence School wants things done, we know Pearl will be willing to help us achieve our goals. Her willingness to help when needed and lead the way for projects has kept the Florence community moving forward. Speaking as a school administrator, she is easy to work with and we appreciate her ability to put the students and community of Florence first. Without her, the development of our school programs and the community would be steps behind.” Former Florence Superintendent, Gary Leighton said, “Every school and community needs a Pearl Paulson.”

SD National Guard





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.



2021 Max Hawk Award **Jerome Garry** Madison

A Garretson native, Jerome Garry graduated from SDSU in 1979 with a degree in biology. He began his teaching and coaching career at Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School, where he was an assistant coach for football and track and field and started the Powerlifting program. Garry later moved on to Madison High School, where he served as head coach of both the football and track and field squads. His track and field teams won 12 state championships - five boys’ Class A titles and seven combined boys’ and girls’ championships. He was honored as the South Dakota High School Activities Association Track and Field Coach of the Year in both 1993 and 1994 and was named the National Federation of High Schools Track and Field Coach of the Year in 2001. Garry was the South Dakota Finalist for National Track & Field Coach of the Year in 2005. He also had the privilege of assisting the North Squad in coaching at the summer All-Star games in 1991 and 2000. After teaching and coaching in South Dakota for 28 years, Garry moved to Rochester and accepted the role of Executive Director of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. He previously served as President of both the South Dakota Football Coaches Association and the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. Garry was the 2010 recipient of South Dakota State University’s Ralph Ginn Award for Coaching Excellence. He is a member of the Madison Booster Club Hall of Fame and Madison’s Athletic Hall of Fame. In Rochester, MN, Garry served as head boys’ and girls’ track and field coach and assistant football coach at Lourdes High School. The football team compiled a 102-18 record with three State Championships and a runner-up in his ten-year stint. Garry retired from education in 2019. He and his wife, Elaine, recently celebrated their 42nd Anniversary. They have four grown children: Justin, Greg, Luke, and Rebecca and six grandchildren.



2020-2021 **25 YEAR COACHING AWARD WINNERS**

Shari Anderson, Faith



POWER 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.



2021 Power of Influence Award Charles “Chuck” Cuny Deceased

Chuck Cuny was born in Denver, CO in 1946, the son of Cecilia and Richard Cuny. He graduated from Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge and attended Black Hills State College and Chadron State College before being drafted into the Army. He served in Viet Nam from 1969-1970. Cuny had a passion for basketball both as a high school player and as Red Cloud Indian School principal. His support for basketball as a principal and parent was evident. He served not only as a principal but for a time as Athletic Director for Red Cloud. In 1976 Dave Archambault, Brian Brewer and Cuny started an eight-team reservation basketball tournament. Cuny and Brewer moved the tournament to Rapid City and the tournament eventually became the Lakota Nation Invitational. Brewer and Cuny were instrumental in the inclusion of non-Indian teams at the tournament for purpose of improving Indian - non-Indian relations in basketball. The things that Cuny did for Native basketball are many. More than once he went before the South Dakota High School Activities Association to bring to light decisions that were detrimental to Native schools and players. Although He was forced to resign from Education due to cancer, but he continued being a major part of LNI as well as his four son’s basketball careers. When the family moved to Loveland, CO he was able to be a part of the game he loved. Cuny coached his youngest son’s elementary team and was assistant coach for his second youngest son’s high school team.



2021 Power of Influence Award Larry Luitjens Sioux Falls

Larry Luitjens, a Britton, SD native spent 47 years coaching boys’ basketball. From 1967-2014, Coach Luitjens won 748 games, seven state championships and was in the title game 13 times. He began his head coaching career in DeSmet, SD where he won back-to-back state championships in 1970 and 1971. He coached one year at New England St. Mary’s (ND) and then spent the rest of his coaching years in Custer. While

at Custer his Wildcats won five more state championships winning 49 games in a row between 1990 and 1991. Custer was the first non-Indian team invited to the Lakota Nation Invitational where Luitjens and his Wildcats played in the championship game eleven times winning seven. Some of his best memories and friends come from his time in the LNI. He is the winningest basketball coach in South Dakota history and has been inducted into the SD Sports Hall of Fame, the SD Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Northern State University Hall of Fame, and the National High School Hall of Fame.

Roll of Champions

State Championship Coaches 2020-2021

GOLF

Girls AATom Jansa, O’Gorman
Boys AA.....Jeff Halseth, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A.....Tyler Morgan, Sioux Falls Christian
Boys AIvan Voss, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls B.....Craig Midtaune, Estelline/Hendricks
Boys BBrooke McDonald, Chester Area

TENNIS

Girls AATom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls A.....Pat Moller, Mitchell
Boys AA.....Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Boys AJohn Williams, Sioux Falls Christian

SOCCER

Girls AAJacob Shoup, Brandon Valley
Boys AARyan Beier, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Girls A.....Greg Anderson, West Central
Boys AKendall Velgersdyk, Sioux Falls Christian

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls AA.....Aaron Strand, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys AALuke Jelen, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls AJoe Noyes, Hill City
Boys ASioux Falls Christian, Luke Vander Leest
Girls BStephanie McCord, Kimball/White Lake
Boys BBrad Burkhalter, Bison

FOOTBALL

11AAAChad Garrow, Brandon Valley
11AASteve Steele, Pierre
11ACraig Clayberg, Tea Area
11BTrent Olson, Winner
9AA.....Bruce Hanson, Platte-Geddes
9AJames Strang, Canistota/Freeman
9B.....Gordon Hooks, Wolsey-Wessington

CHEER

Girls AADiedra Nissen, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Girls ACasie King, Sioux Valley

DANCE

Girls AAAngela Nieman, Sioux Falls Washington
Girls ACarey Baczwaski, Dakota Valley

VOLLEYBALL

Girls AAEmily Byrnes, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Girls ADarci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls BNora Groft, Northwestern

GYMNASTICS

Girls AAAudra Rew, Mitchell
Girls ACaitlin Steffensen, Deuel

WRESTLING

Boys ADerek Outland, Brandon Valley
Boys BJeremy Swenson/Jeremy Ask, Canton

BASKETBALL

Girls AA.....Jamie Parish, Sioux Falls Washington
Boys AA Mitch Begeman, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Girls ADerek Larson, Aberdeen Roncalli
Boys AMike Schouten, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls BJared Bouman, White River
Boys BJeff Gruenhagen, DeSmet

TRACK & FIELD

Girls AATroy Sturgeon, Brandon Valley
Boys AAJim Jarovski, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Girls AJanel Merkwon, West Central
Boys A Luke Vander Leest, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls BJulie Preheim, Colman-Egan
Boys BTyler Payer, Hanson

SOUTH DAKOTA COACHES FOUNDATION

The South Dakota Coaches Foundation was chartered December 22, 1993. The purposes for which the foundation was organized are exclusively charitable and educational. The general purpose and plan of operation of the foundation is to receive and accept gifts and contributions from any source and to use its assets in furtherance of its charitable purposes. These gifts and contributions may take the form of cash, real or personal property, wills, insurance policies, annuities, grants, memorials, or any other form designated by the person giving. Any and all gifts received by the foundation will be treated as tax deductible. Some of the planned projects of the foundation are: educational seminars and clinics, scholarships, awards, support of several Halls of Fame, support of coaches' sports groups, support of Special Olympics, support of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and support of Make-A-Wish. You may make your tax deductible contribution to the foundation by sending the same to its Executive Director at 801 W Eagle Ridge St, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, or by contacting one of the board members.

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Kelton Vincent, Brookings

Elizabeth Hursey, Flandreau
Aubre Westwover, Pierre

Dave Prohl Scholarship

Riley Nold, Sioux Falls

Coaches Against Cancer Scholarships

Caden Fischer, Olivet
Emma Lusk, Pierre

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Lacey Wittmeier, Tyndall

2021 SD Coaches Foundation Scholarships

Megan Cap, Yankton
Ben Helleloid, Mitchell

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Hannah Schentzel, Northville

Brady Fergen, Menno
Landon Severson, Onida



SOSD has shared in the world's struggles and strife over this past year and a half. With the cancellation of events, we have no athletes, coaches, and volunteers to recognize for their outstanding contributions.

Although the past 16 months have not been typical, rest assured our good works have continued. One initiative we are particularly proud of is our Unified Champion Schools program.

Why Unified Champion Schools?

Unified Champion Schools bring youth with and without intellectual disabilities together through education, sports, and youth leadership to provide them with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to create and sustain school communities that promote acceptance, respect, and human dignity.

What are the three main components of a Unified Champion School?

- Unified Sports:** Students with and without intellectual disabilities participate in sports alongside each other.
- Inclusive Youth Leadership:** Unified Champion Schools allow young people to take leadership roles in promoting inclusion in their schools and communities. Youth both with and without intellectual disabilities can acquire lifetime leadership lessons to help them become agents of change.
- Whole-School Engagement:** When an entire school accepts and includes students and others with intellectual disabilities. Unified Champion Schools provides different activities and events to help students, staff, and faculty achieve this goal.

How can a UCS program impact your school?

Nothing breaks down barriers faster than sport.

"I love being a Unified partner because of the friendships and teamwork skills that are formed between everyone when we're all pursuing a common goal: UNITY."
-Kayla Jensen, Groton

61 Participating Schools
16 Elementary Schools
14 Middle Schools
27 High Schools
4 College/Universities

"Being a Unified partner has not only helped others, but it has also helped me grow as well. I love Unified Sports because I get to play with people that love the game, but love each other more."
-Maddy Schuelke, Groton

Students with disabilities are having the same school experiences as their non-disabled classmates.

For the first time at Lake Preston High School, Unified Sports ath-

letes and partners were honored at the online athletic banquet with athletic letters. All the students involved in Unified Sports, both athletes and partners, received a sports letters.

Our Spread The Word >> Inclusion initiative is a gamechanger for schools



"Thank you for allowing us to participate in the event yearly! I love that it helps create awareness for inclusion. Our school has participated for the last 4 years and I am proud to say it has made a huge impact on our student body!"
-Rebecca Potrament, Woonsocket



To learn more about becoming a Unified Champion School, contact Julie Briggs, VP - Outreach 605.331.4117 jbriggs@sosd.org



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INCLUSION IS BEING ASKED TO DANCE**

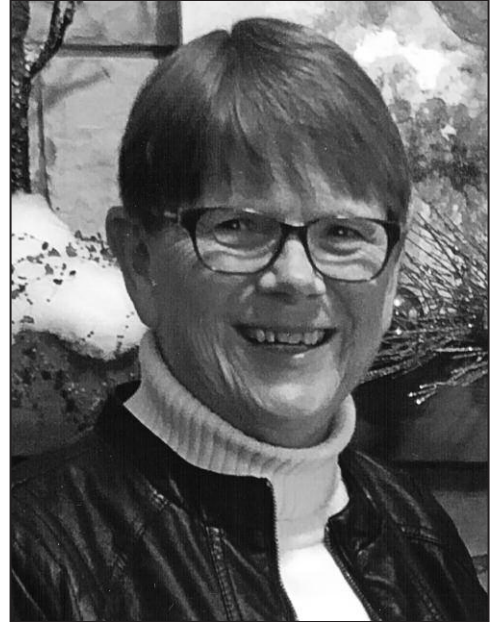
-Verna Myers

2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Hall of Fame is the highest award given by the SDHSCA. This award is designed to recognize SDHSCA members for years of coaching tenure in South Dakota high schools, for dedication to the SDHSCA and for outstanding coaching accomplishments. A coach can be either active or inactive and be eligible for the Hall of Fame.



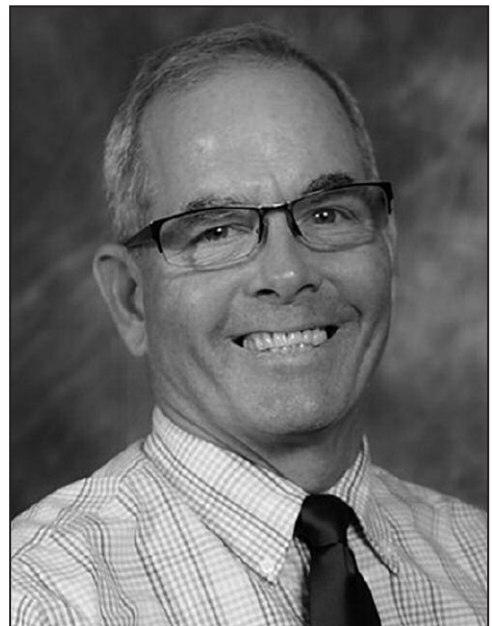
Mike Begeman
Sioux Falls



Kathy Graves
West Plains, MO



Bob Lowery
Pierre



Mark Meile
Sioux Falls

HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

2020	Jason K. Olson, Dawn Seiler, Dave Wolsky, Mick Wysuph
2019	Mary Ellen Luikens, Tom McGough, Dan Thelen, Jim Trett
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
2013	Jim Dorman, James Drake, Burnell Glanzer, John Nyhaug, Doug Schooley
2012	Georgia Adolph, Ken Bruckner, Virg Polak, Les Tlustos
2011	Steve Berseth, Fran Esser, Earl Hilton, Connie Nyhaug, Allen Weier
2010	Jim Sorenson, Rob Van Laecken, Chuck Welke, Bill Witte, Don Barnes
2009	Frank Podraza, Russell Strande, Francis Zacher
2008	Cal Corey, Sheri Keck, Roger Pries, Gary Reed, Jim Uttecht
2007	Rob Garrison, Marv McCune, Pam Johnson Murra, Gary Wallman, Tom Walsh, Sr.
2006	Tom Main, Joe Lockwood, Lemoine Trout, Terry Small
2005	Galen Busch, Gene Danielsen, Bill Scholten, Dave Scott
2004	Chris Dummermuth, Jim Holwerda, Jack Theeler
2003	Linda Collignon, Jim Haar, Jerry Opbroek
2002	Forrest Flaagan, Ron Flynn, Ken Ruml, Bill Welsh
2001	Ronnie Brown, Richard Day, Richard Donovan, Jim Heeren
2000	Elwood Dietrich, Bob Judson, Tom Prendergast, Fred Tibbetts
1999	Jim Calhoon, Jim Luce, Gale Lundberg
1998	Gordon Bergquist, Lowell Gilbertson, Clarence Kooistra, John Odney
1997	Eldon Barnes, Joe Dunmire, Norman West
1996	Jim Cordts, John Houska, Dean Mann
1995	Harvey Hamrlich, Jim McGlone, Jim Miner, Don Reshetar
1994	Dan Barker, Judy Busch, Gary Munsen, Rich Strande
1993	Wayne Carney, Dale McElhany, Jerry Miller
1992	Lee Dolan, Harry Prendergast, Andy Zephier
1991	Wayne Haensel, Marv Sherrill
1990	Arnie Bauer, Dan Moran, Jack Richardson
1989	George DeKlotz, Lolly Forseth
1988	Larry Luitjens, Jerry McElroy, Harvey Naasz
1987	Gayle Hoover, Phil Trautner
1986	Floyd Farrand, Dave Strain, Bob Winter
1985	Lloyd Dobratz, Glenn Draisey, Laton Greeno, Tom Long
1984	Gene Breemes, Duane Clodfelter, Bob Burns
1983	Burdell Coplan, M.J. "Moe" Shevlin
1982	Rollie Greeno, Howard Naasz, Nusier Salem
1981	Bill Amacher, Bert Dent, Lewis Papendick
1980	Allen "Pete" Baker, Don Diede, Jim Marking, Bob Schroeder
1979	Rich Greeno, Max Hawk, Clar Lilevjen, Howard Taplett
1978	Clyde Cotton, Wally Diehl, Carold Heier, Floyd Mitchell
1977	Elmer Hansen, Paul Marschalk, Mel Minton, Buelle Woodle
1976	Don Baker, Euclid Cobb, Ken Greeno, Joe Quintal, Howard Wood

PAST PRESIDENTS

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

President	Year
Paul Marschalk	1939-1942
(No meetings - WWII)	1942-1946
Joe Dunmire.....	1946-1947
Rube Waltman	1947-1949
Bill Hauge.....	1949-1950
Bob Burns.....	1950-1951
Duane Clodfelter	1951-1953
Floyd Mitchell.....	1953-1954
Jim Marking	1954-1955
Mylo Jackson.....	1955-1956
Bill Mitchell.....	1956-1957
H.W. Hadorn	1957-1958
Don Allen.....	1958-1959
Tom Prendergast	1959-1960
Bob Schroeder	1960-1961
Clar Lilevjen	1961-1962
Howard Naasz	1962-1963
Burdell Coplan.....	1963-1964
Rich Greeno.....	1964-1965
Wendell Handley	1965-1966
Bob Brooks.....	1966-1967
Marlyn Goldhammer.....	1967-1968
Max Hawk.....	1968-1969
Jerry Applebee	1969-1970
Jack Doyle.....	1970-1971
Jack Schuver	1971-1972
Dale McElhany.....	1972-1973
Mike Stadem.....	1973-1974
Bob Dubs	1974-1975
Harvey Naasz	1975-1976
Jerry Miller.....	1976-1977
Lyle Claussen.....	1977-1978
Roberta Morin.....	1978-1979
Roger Schaffer	1979-1980
Steve Swisher	1980-1981
Fred Tibbetts.....	1981-1982
Rich Donovan.....	1982-1983

President	Year
Marv Sherrill.....	1983-1984
Dave Scott	1984-1985
Annette Johnson	1985-1986
Wayne Carney	1986-1987
Cal Corey	1987-1988
Lolly Forseth	1988-1989
Galen Busch	1989-1990
Virg Polak.....	1990-1991
Ron Riherd	1991-1992
Judy Busch	1992-1993
Jim McGlone	1993-1994
John Huth.....	1994-1995
Mick Wysuph.....	1995-1996
Georgia Adolph.....	1996-1997
John Nyhaug	1997-1998
Daryl Fletcher	1998-1999
Jim Dorman	1999-2000
Jim Drake	2000-2001
Marv McCune	2001-2002
Marc Murren	2002-2003
Carmen Robinson	2003-2004
Marv Bohnet.....	2004-2005
Jerome Garry	2005-2006
Connie Nyhaug.....	2006-2007
Ken Bruckner	2007-2008
Rod Garrison	2008-2009
Deb Thill.....	2009-2010
Bill Weber	2010-2011
David Dolan	2011-2012
Bob Billotto.....	2012-2013
Arlin Likness.....	2013-2014
Bill Clements	2014-2015
Sheri Keck	2015-2016
Travis Carpenter.....	2016-2017
Dan Mitchell.....	2017-2018
Bruce Kleinsasser.....	2018-2019
Mike Flakus.....	2019-2020

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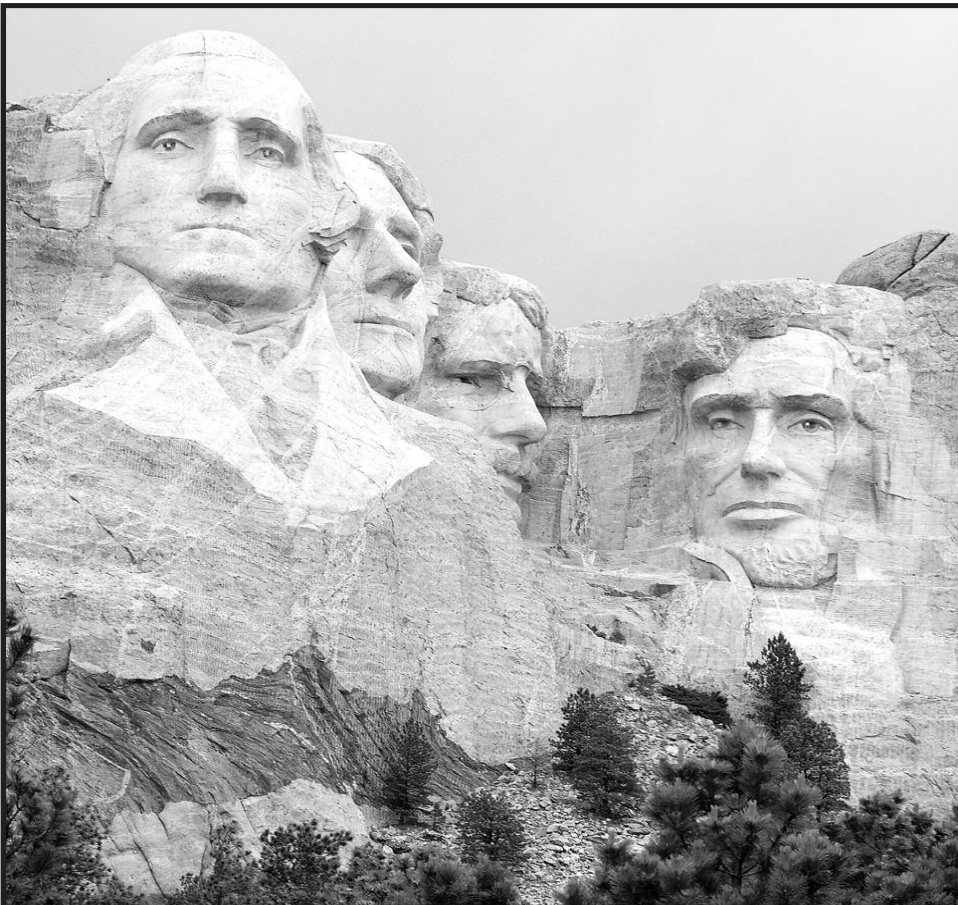


Max Hawk's life was a testament to the influence a coach can have on his/her athletes. The youngest of ten children, he was the only one who attended college and that happened because his high school coach encouraged him to do so. As a teacher and coach, Hawk guided students to think, work, dream, and create a team together.

Hawk wrote about the influence of coaches on their athletes "In the classroom, young people of South Dakota learn about man's past. In athletics they learn about themselves and their personal capabilities. Coaches recognized that the lessons learned in the athletic programs of South Dakota will benefit the future leaders of our communities, state and nation throughout their adult lives."

"These coaches have instilled in the youth of South Dakota a desire to achieve, both physically and academically, and to make the most of their educational opportunities. The distinguishing characteristics of a profession are that its members are dedicated to rendering service to humanity. Financial gain or personal reward must be of secondary consideration. In selecting the coaching profession, an individual assumes an obligation to conduct oneself in accord with its ideals."

Hawk became the foundation of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association, and it has guided thousands of coaches to aim for excellence, to mentor our young people, and to be passionate leaders. May his legacy continue.



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