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Clar Lilevjen	1961	Jim McGlone.....	1993
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Rich Greeno.....	1964	Georgia Adolph	1996
Wendell Handley.....	1965	John Nyhaug	1997
Bob Brooks	1966	Daryl Fletcher	1998
Marlyn Goldhammer	1967	Jim Dorman	1999
Max Hawk	1968	Jim Drake.....	2000
Jerry Applebee	1969	Marv McCune.....	2001
Jack Doyle.....	1970	Marc Murren	2002
Jack Schuver	1971	Carmen Robinson	2003
Dale McElhany.....	1972	Marv Bohnet.....	2004
Mike Stadem	1973	Jerome Garry	2005
Bob Dubs.....	1974	Connie Nyhaug	2006
Harvey Naasz.....	1975	Ken Bruckner	2007
Jerry Miller	1976	Rod Garrison.....	2008
Lyle Claussen	1977		

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SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION 38TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies.....Brittney Eide
Passing of the Gavel.....Rod Garrison, President
WelcomeDeb Thill, President Elect
Introduction of Special Guests.....Ken Bruckner, Past President
InvocationGeorgia Adolph, Past President

Luncheon

Awards:

Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year
Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year
Football Coach of the Year
Volleyball Coach of the Year
Wrestling Coach of the Year
Gymnastics Coach of the Year
Girls Basketball Coach of the Year
Boys Basketball Coach of the Year
Girls Tennis Coach of the Year
Boys Tennis Coach of the Year
Girls Golf Coach of the Year
Boys Golf Coach of the Year
Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year
Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year
Spirit Coach of the Year
Assistant Coach of the Year in Jr. High/Middle School
Assistant Coach of the Year in Girls Sports
Assistant Coach of the Year in Boys Sports
Athletic Director of the Year
Official of the Year
Sportswriter of the Year
Distinguished Service Awards
Max Hawk Award

(Biographies written by Bruce Conley, News Information Director, Augustana College)

Roll of Champions – State Championship Coaches

Special Olympics South Dakota Awards.....Carol Husby, Director

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NHSACA National Coach of the Year
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Closing Remarks.....Rod Garrison, President



2008 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Bill Martens** Aberdeen Central

To hear Bill Martens tell it, coaching the 2008 Aberdeen Central Girls cross country team was just plain fun. "For me, the big reward is getting to coach such a great group of athletes. We had an enjoyable season; no doubt about it." Depth

was among the Golden Eagles' strength, with 42 competitors ranging in age from seventh to twelfth grades. With one senior on the state meet roster, the Golden Eagles secured runner-up honors in the Class AA showdown. Martens, a native of De Smet and a graduate of Northern State University, coached cross country for 10 years at Aberdeen Roncalli. He has been at Central for seven years and shares the accomplishment of his team with assistant coaches Diane Kost and Tanya Dargatz, athletic director Gene Brownell, and office assistant Renae Wensmann. "It was a team effort. It was a team of athletes, coaches, administrators, and parents," Martens said.

Other Nominees:

James Benning, Estelline

Harry Weller, Kadoka

Jason Wagoner, Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Garry Winter, Chamberlain

Previous Winners

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

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 Skonhovid - Wakonda
2005-06	Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2006-07	Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2007-08	James Benning - Estelline

2008 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year **Shannon Jewett** Cheyenne-Eagle Butte

When it came to choosing a profession, Shannon Jewett did not hesitate. Coaching is something he wanted to do while competing at Haskell Indian Nations University. His motivation is working with kids and watching them succeed. He graduated from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte in 1981, and in the fall of 2008 coached the C-EB boys cross country team for the first time. "The cross country team had been going in the right direction for a few years, and I was pretty sure we had a good group of kids coming back," Jewett said. Kiko Mendoza was at the top of the list and his run to the individual title paced C-EB to the state Class A team championship. "Coaches don't take the kids to state, kids take the coaches to state. We try to put them in positions to be successful," Jewett said. He is quick to laud assistant coach Trina Lends His Horse for helping prepare the team for the title chase.



Other Nominees: Becky Bell-Krueger, Wessington Springs

James Benning, Estelline

Tim Franz, Redfield

Chi Tran, Flandreau Indians



2008 Football Coach of the Year Aaron Beavers

Sioux Falls Lincoln

The 2008 season was truly a breakout year for Sioux Falls Lincoln football. In September, Coach Aaron Beavers' Patriots were ranked No. 1 among South Dakota's Class AA teams. It had

been 30 years since Lincoln had earned such lofty recognition among the state's largest schools. Two months later Lincoln defeated cross-town rival Washington, 27-20, for the school's first state football championship since the playoff system was established in 1981. It was the second state championship for Beavers, who guided Gregory to the Class 11-B crown 10 years earlier. Beavers, who has compiled a 71-37 record as a head coach, was named Greater Dakota Conference Football Coach of the Year in 2008. A graduate of the University of Sioux Falls, Beavers began his coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater.

Other Nominees: Tom Culver, Avon
Steve Hansen, Dell Rapids
Jim Haskamp, Hanson

Brad McDonald, Tri-Valley
Scott Meyer, Marion/Hurley

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 Boied - Pierre
1979-80 Glenn Sellevoid - Brandon Valley
1980-81 Harvey Naasz - Winner
1981-82 Harvey Naasz - Winner
1982-83 Bob Garry - Lennox
1983-84 Rick Swenson - Belle Fourche
1984-85 Dan Thelen - Montrose
1985-86 Steve Entringer - Tripp
1986-87 Burdell Coplan - Canton
1987-88 Harvey Naasz - Winner
1988-89 Steve Kueter - SF O'Gorman
1989-90 Mike Klinedinst - Brandon Valley
1990-91 Clarence Kooistra - Garretson
1991-92 Arlin Likness - Hamlin
1992-93 Frank Podraza/Kim Johnson
Hitchcock/Tulare
1993-94 Keith Huber - Harrisburg
1994-95 Max Hawk - Yankton
1995-96 Russ Morrell - Bon Homme
1996-97 Doug Schooley - Watertown
1997-98 Mark Kool - Spearfish
1998-99 Gary Maffett - Brookings
1999-2000 Arlin Likness - Yankton
2000-01 John Nyhaug - Viborg
2001-02 Doug Schooley - Watertown
2002-03 Arlin Likness - Yankton
2003-04 Gary Hoffman - Spearfish
2004-05 Steve Gilbertson - Arlington
2005-06 Terry Dosch - Aberdeen Roncalli
2006-07 Terry Dosch - Aberdeen Roncalli
2007-08 Jeff VanLeur - Emery/Ethan

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 Volleyball Coach of the Year Amy Tyler

Wagner

Commitment and dedication were key to Wagner's state Class A volleyball championship season in 2008. "The girls made a commitment about midway through the off-season that they were going to set and achieve high goals," said Wagner Coach Amy Tyler. "I worked harder at reaching my coaching goals for the season and I think the fact that everyone set goals and worked to achieve them, we all were able to be on the same page. The bottom line is, I have wonderful athletes that respect me and one another, and I have the best assistant coach out there." Wagner won all but one of its 34 matches on the march to the state title. Tyler is a graduate of Natrona County High School in Casper, WY, and Dakota Wesleyan University, where she played volleyball from 1993-1996.



Other Nominees: Anita Boeck, Arlington
Kim Bouman, Phillip

Ronette Costain, Harrisburg
Nora Groft, Northwestern

Holly Lynch, Sioux Falls Roosevelt



2009 Wrestling Coach of the Year **Fran Esser** Redfield

Sharing is a concept Fran Esser has practiced during the 38 years he has been coaching and teaching. He has guided five wrestling teams and as many cross country squads to state high school championships. This year his Redfield wrestlers came within half a point of a state title. Each time he receives attention for his coaching efforts, Esser points to his athletes. "There's no 'I' here," he says. "We help each other all the way through." Fran grew up in Redfield and graduated from Jamestown College in 1971. In 1998 Jamestown cited him as the recipient of the Rollie Greeno Award for outstanding commitment in the field of education and coaching. A mathematics teacher, Esser has received numerous coaching honors in South Dakota. In 2008 his accomplishments reached beyond the state's borders as he was named Wrestling Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

Other Nominees: Toby Bryant, Aberdeen Central Lance Pearson, Rapid City Central
Brian Moser, Rapid City Stevens Ernie Valentine, Wagner

Previous Winners

- 1971-72 Dick Bleth - Faulkton
- 1972-73 Marv Sherrill - Watertown
- 1973-74 Chuck Scheppy - Webster
- 1974-75 Al Bowar - Garretson
- 1975-76 Tom Long - Rapid City
- 1976-77 Rich Strande - Redfield
- 1977-78 Jerry Opbroek - Mitchell
- 1978-79 Gerald Schlekeway - Vermillion
- 1979-80 Rod Moon - Mobridge
- 1980-81 Fran Esser - Redfield
- 1981-82 Bill Boggess - Mitchell
- 1982-83 Willie Seibel - Vermillion
- 1983-84 Fran Esser - Redfield
- 1984-85 Bob Dolezal - Phillip
- 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 - Parkston
- 2006-07 Wade Rausch - Ipswich
- 2007-08 Ernie Valentine - Wagner

Previous Winners

- 1976-77 Dawn Wilber - Doland
- 1977-78 Charlene Johnson - Mitchell
- 1978-79 Jackie Hanson - Groton
- 1979-80 Dawn Wilber - Miller
- 1980-81 Bill Beesley - Wagner
- 1981-82 Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln
- 1982-83 Mark Upward - Vermillion
- 1983-84 Mark Upward - Vermillion
- 1984-85 Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln
- 1985-86 Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln
- 1986-87 Sandy Greenough
Miller/Wessington
- 1987-88 Patty Jorgenson - Brookings
- 1988-89 Mark Upward - Vermillion
- 1989-90 Le Anne Vette - Spearfish
- 1990-91 Lolly Forseth - SF Lincoln
- 1991-92 Cliff Jorgenson - Stanley County
- 1992-93 Mark Bellum - Watertown
- 1993-94 Sherri Olson - Mitchell
- 1994-95 Linda Collignon - Madison
- 1995-96 Randy Hagen - RC Central
- 1996-97 Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
- 1997-98 Susan Heitmann - Britton
- 1998-99 Sheri Keck - RC Stevens
- 1999-2000 Linda Collignon - Madison
- 2000-01 Linda Collignon - Madison
- 2001-02 Barb Bauder - Mitchell
- 2002-03 Lana Bauer - SF O'Gorman
- 2003-04 Maridee Wiese - Madison
- 2004-05 Shawn Bauer - SF O'Gorman
- 2005-06 Mark Bellum - Watertown
- 2006-07 Audra Rew - Mitchell
- 2007-08 Jeanne Sinclair - Milbank

2009 Gymnastics Coach of the Year **Melissa Van Gilder** Watertown



For Melissa Van Gilder, being named Gymnastics Coach of the Year is a team effort. She makes it a point to share the credit with Vicky Bull, the Arrows' co-head coach. "It's a big honor, but I couldn't have done it without my co-head coach and the team we had this year," Van Gilder said. A graduate of Britton High School, Van Gilder started coaching while an undergraduate at Presentation College in Aberdeen. She is the owner of Dakota Gold Gymnastics and Dance in Watertown and two years ago was appointed along with Bull to coach Watertown's gymnastics team. This season Watertown won the state Class AA championship for the second time in school history. In addition, the Arrows captured the Eastern South Dakota Conference title for the first time, and claimed the Region 1AA crown for the fourth consecutive year.

Other Nominees: Emmy Cotton, Sioux Falls O'Gorman Angela Grupe, Britton-Hecla Jeanne Sinclair, Milbank
Rachelle Engbrecht, Brookings Randy Hagen, Rapid City Central



2009 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year **Pat McClemons** Watertown

Pat McClemons has built a respected and successful girls basketball program in his five years as head coach of the Watertown Arrows. He guided the Arrows to a 19-7 record in 2008-2009 and a convincing 69-51 win over Brandon

Valley for the state Class AA championship. It's the second state crown in three years for the Arrows and McClemons, who has compiled a 78-40 record as the head coach. At 6-4 early in the season the Arrows did not appear to be championship caliber, but turn the tide by winning 10 of 11 down the stretch. Watertown has a 59-18 record the last three seasons with two state titles and a third place finish. "I am very appreciative of receiving this award," said McClemons. "I think people in my profession realize that I try to do things they way they are supposed to be done."

Other Nominees:	Mark Amdahl, Summit	Steve Krause, Elkton/Lake Benton
	Dusty LeBeaux, Pine Ridge	Brad Poppe, Avon
	Jeff Dvorak, Dell Rapids	

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 - Mellette
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

Previous Winners

1971-72	Bob Dockter - Miller
1972-73	John Bruce - Britton
1973-74	Gayle Hoover - Parker
1974-75	Ron Bennett - Freeman
1975-76	Pierre Du Charme - Aberdeen
1976-77	Jim Thorson - Webster
1977-78	Roger Schaffer - Elk Point
1978-79	Roger Pries - Pierre
1979-80	Dan Moran - Stickney
1980-81	Dan Moran - Stickney
1981-82	Bob Judson - Pierre
1982-83	Wayne Carney - Hamlin
1983-84	Bob White - Wakonda
1984-85	Gary Munsen - Mitchell
1985-86	Larry Hessing New Holland Dakota Christian
1986-87	Jesse Mendoza - Pine Ridge
1987-88	Terry Small - Aberdeen Central
1988-89	Jay Hennies - Vermillion
1989-90	Jim Trett - Northwestern
1990-91	Tim Hooten - Lennox
1991-92	Kraig Ulveling - Watertown
1992-93	Chuck Welke - Warner
1993-94	Gene Lorenz - Madison
1994-95	Marv McCune - DeSmet
1995-96	Jim Schlekeway - Mobridge
1996-97	Rick Weber - Flandreau
1997-98	Brad Thorson - Brandon Valley
1998-99	Galen Swenson - Castlewood
1999-2000	Dan Sabers - Tripp/Delmont
2000-01	Galen Swenson - Castlewood
2001-02	Dan Martin - Spearfish
2002-03	Jeff Larson - Lennox
2003-04	Tim Buddenhagen - Huron
2004-05	Ervin Gebhart - Elkton
2005-06	Mike Parry - Arlington
2006-07	Derek Robey - SF O'Gorman
2007-08	Frank Cutler - Platte-Geddes

2009 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year **Robin Burgard** Sioux Falls Lincoln

They were bold, brash and perfect. The perpetual motion Lincoln Patriots were not built around any one player, preferring instead to attack in swarms and from every direction. The withering defense they unleashed left opponents confused, fatigued, and below their scoring average. Coach Robin Burgard was the chief architect of the team that posted the first perfect season in South Dakota Class AA basketball history. Included in the Patriots' 25-0 record was the Greater Dakota Conference championship and GDC Coach of the Year honors for Burgard. Throughout the season, Lincoln's defense forced an average of 21 turnovers a game. In the state tournament, the Patriots grudgingly yielded just 37.3 points a game. The state basketball championship was Lincoln's first since 1995. Burgard, a native of Redfield, SD, and a Northern State University graduate, was named Lincoln's head coach in 2004.



Other Nominees:	Frank Cutler, Platte-Geddes	Eldon Marshall, White River
	Mike Lodmel, Sully Buttes	Michael Ricke, Madison



2008 Girls' Tennis Coach of the Year

Jim Dahl

Milbank

Jim Dahl has the tennis program at Milbank on the right track. The passion he has for the game has been infused in his players, who battle long odds on the court with outstanding

attitude and sportsmanship. Milbank is one of a few Class A schools in the state to field a team and must compete against larger Class AA schools with established programs at the state tournament. But Coach Dahl and his players would have it no other way since it wasn't long ago talk of eliminating the program swirled around the community. Dahl has coached the Milbank girls since 2001. He also coaches the boys tennis team and the varsity girls basketball team. He is a native of Selby, a graduate of Northern State University, and has been coaching and teaching since 1979.

Other Nominees: Doug Dexheimer, Spearfish
Jesse Gladis, Brandon Valley

Terry Grove, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Tim Mulhair, Yankton

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

Boys

2005-06	Doug Sims - Madison
2006-07	Judy Rezzatto - Aberdeen Roncalli
2007-08	Jeff Schlekeway - Pierre

Girls

2005-06	Colette Qualm Aberdeen Roncalli
2006-07	Scott Ewald - Watertown
2007-08	Lisa Link - Aberdeen Central

2009 Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year

Mark Schlekeway

Brandon Valley

A family tradition of teaching/coaching excellence continues with Brandon Valley's Mark Schlekeway. His brother, Jeff, was named Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year in 2008. Their dad, Gerald, was the 1979 Wrestling Coach of the Year. The brothers battled each other on the court and now, having completed six years as Brandon Valley's head coach, Mark says the Lynx are on the move. "Not only as a program, but as a community, we're moving (tennis) in the right direction. With the facilities we have, I know we're trying to advance the game of tennis here." Mark played tennis at Pierre High School and says his coach, the late Phil Trautner, provided the incentive for him to coach the sport. "I look at him as the biggest reason I am coaching. He taught me a ton, not only on the court, but he showed me that you can make a difference."



Other Nominees: Don Barnes
Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Tom Krueger
Sioux Falls Lincoln

Scott Ewald
Watertown

Tim Mulhair
Yankton



2009 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year

Eric Norden

Parkston High School

In his third season as head coach, Eric Norden coordinated Parkston's successful drive to the state Class A girls' golf championship. The Trojans won with depth and balance. "Being as balanced like we are helps a lot," Norden said. "We have three girls that can hit in the 80s and three more that can hit in the 90s. To win a state title in golf, you have to have a third and fourth golfer." It was a young Trojan squad that edged Milbank by one stroke for the title, 714-715, at Central Valley Golf Club in Hartford. Parkston eighth-graders Logan Wagner and Jordan Borman showed the way. Wagner finished seventh, while Borman earned a tie for eighth place. Junior Samantha Mogck was 13th. In addition to the girls golf team, Norden also coaches football at Parkston.

Other Nominees:	John Brown, Clark/Willow Lake	Kirk Hogen, Vermillion	Billie Jo Indahl, South Central
	Rod Garrison, Sioux Falls O'Gorman	Phil Hunt, Rapid City Stevens	Joan Rachetto, Lead/Deadwood

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 Schlinggen - Plankinton
1996-97	Joe Schlinggen - 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
Girls	
2005-06	John Brown - Clark
2006-07	Joan Rachetto - Lead/Deadwood
2007-08	Todd Schlinggen - Colman-Egan

2009 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year

Ryan Mors

Freeman High School



No matter which hat he is wearing, Ryan Mors' coaching career has been marked by success. With only three athletes qualified, he guided Freeman's boys' golf team to runner-up honors at the state Class B tournament. Senior Austin Korn returned with the Flyers' first-ever individual title, while eighth-grader Arron Lickteig was the runner-up. "I have to give credit to the kids," Mors said. "If you have a good group of kids, who are willing to work hard, it makes your chances for success a lot better." Last spring he earned the Region 3B Coach of the Year award with the girls golf team. This past fall he guided the girls basketball team to its first appearance at the state level. "Really, it has been a good overall year for both the community of Freeman and myself. The entire community can take ownership in these successes."

Other Nominees:	Brad Andera, Aberdeen Central	Brett Sime, Yankton
	Kirk Hogen, Vermillion	Brent Wookey, Watertown
	Mike Schouten, Sioux Falls Christian	



2009 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year **David Dolan** Rapid City Central

Rapid City Stevens' 13-year reign as state Class AA girls' track and field champion came to an end in 2009 when Coach Dave Dolan guided cross-town rival Rapid City Central to the crown.

"For us to win the state title was such a great thing for Rapid City Central, the student body, athletes, and coaches," Dolan said. "It's something that we haven't had for a while around here and I'm just happy to be a part of it. I am hardly the reason for it – all of the coaches, athletes, and support from the administration went into winning a state title." The Cobblers won five state titles from 1990-1994 but Stevens dominated the scene beginning in 1996. Dolan has been the Cobblers' head coach for the past seven years, but has coached at Central for almost 20 seasons. His boys' teams earned runner-up honors at state from 2005-2008.

Other Nominees:

Kim DeRouchey, Hanson
Diana LeClair, Rosholt

Jim Rieger, Estelline
Shelby Vickers, St. Thomas More

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

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

2009 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year **Larry Buffington** Gayville-Volin



In 1975, Larry Buffington won the discus and finished third in the shot put to help Gayville-Volin win a state track championship. In the spring of 2009, Gayville-Volin returned to the top of the state Class B ranks, this time with Buffington as the head coach. "I want to make it clear that the title was a total team effort and everyone pushed each other, including all of the coaches," Buffington said. "In my humble opinion, Coach (Tom) Rice is the best throws coach in the state, and coach (Jeremiah) Dibley's research and insight on how to train the kids made it possible for us to win the title." A graduate of Northern State University, Buffington served as an assistant coach at Iowa State University and was the head football and track and field coach at Dakota Wesleyan University before returning to his home town to coach track and field.

Other Nominees:

Doug Fiedler, Dell Rapids
Everett Gebhart, Sioux Falls Washington

Paul Hendry, Rapid City Stevens
Jerry Rhodes, Phillip



2009 Spirit Coach of the Year

Cindy Kopecky

Faulkton High School

The South Dakota High School Activities Association added competitive cheer and dance to its championships sports two years ago and Faulkton has had exclusive rights to the state Class B crown. A small school with a ton of spirit is the best way to describe Coach Cindy Kopecky's winning teams. "It's fun working with the girls," she

said. "Anything we've accomplished is due to their hard work. Once you do well, success breeds success. We have good teams and want to continue to do well." Since most team members are involved in other activities, Kopecky is grateful for the cooperation that exists in the school and community. "Faulkton's squad continues to be successful because of the dedicated athletes that have set high standards for themselves. The cooperation of the athletes, other coaches and advisors, and the support from the parents and community really help to balance the schedules of the athletes involved."

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

Other Nominees: Brittney Eide, Corsica Lacey Fryberger, Huron Dawn Stulka, Pierre

2009 Junior High/Middle School Assistant Coach of the Year

Ron Wackel

Dakota Middle School – Rapid City



Previous Winners

1993-94	Nick Kranz - Watertown
1994-95	Kenn Anderson - Sioux Falls
1995-96	Lucy Lindskov - Sioux Falls
1996-97	Duane Donat - Aberdeen
1997-98	Pamela Jo Hoiland - Sioux Falls
1998-99	Mike Merkwan - Yankton
1999-2000	Annette Johnson - Spearfish
2000-01	Virg Polak - Watertown
2001-02	Bruce Maxwell - Parkston
2002-03	Ron VanLaecken - Watertown
2003-04	Bob Billotto - Eureka/Bowdle
2004-05	Alan Hamre - Willow Lake
2005-06	Kevin DeCurtins - Madison
2006-07	Tom Oster - Avon
2007-08	Connie Deibert - Aberdeen

Students choosing to participate in athletics at Dakota Middle School in Rapid City are likely to be mentored by Ron Wackel. He teaches physical education and coaches basketball, wrestling, and track. He also

coached the Rapid City Central sophomore football team. He has served his entire 38-year teaching/coaching career at Dakota Middle School, where his top priority is teaching kids about the game and seeing them grow from student/athletes to good citizens. Dave Dolan, who has coached with Ron for 18 years, says "I have had the opportunity to observe his many strengths and outstanding qualities first hand. "He works diligently to provide all athletes with the proper direction, motivation, sportsmanship, and skills they will need to be successful in athletic competition. Most of all, he has fun coaching."



**2009 Assistant Coach
of the Year – Girls Sports**

**Brett
Schlekeway**

Sioux Falls Washington

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

Bearing one of the most recognizable names in South Dakota athletics, coaching is a natural for Brett Schlekeway. A graduate of South Dakota State University and the University of Sioux Falls, Schlekeway was the girls' head softball coach and girls' basketball assistant coach in Columbus, Neb., before joining the staff at Sioux Falls Washington. He was the assistant coach for the Warriors' varsity boys' basketball team for three years before switching to the varsity girls' team. "I really enjoy working with an incredible group of young ladies," he said. "They all have worked extremely hard and it is good to see it pay off with their great success." The Warriors won the 2008 state Class AA championship. Schlekeway was drawn to coaching by his father (Jim), who coached high school basketball for more than 30 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	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

**2009 Assistant Coach
of the Year – Boys Sports**

**Ken
Schaefer**

Yankton



Ken Schaefer finds the labors of an assistant coach has its own rewards. "Being an assistant coach enabled me to try to develop the skills necessary for younger kids to play at the varsity level," he said. "It was fun and rewarding to follow them as they grew." Schaefer coaches

freshman football and freshman/sophomore wrestling. He has also taught at the middle school and high school levels for the past 35 years, all in Yankton. Schaefer has not always worked in the shadows of varsity sports. He was Yankton's head wrestling coach for 19 years and in 1986 guided the Bucks to the program's only state championship. "The thing about Ken is that his heart is always in the right place," said Yankton's head football coach, Arlin Likness. "He's great with kids. And frankly, he's long overdue for some recognition."



2009 Athletic Director of the Year

Steve Berseth

Brookings

Steve Berseth has spent his entire professional career of 37 years in the Brookings School District as a teacher, coach, and administrator. But his service also extends to the community,

where he has been a member of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and a joint-use liaison to both the City Recreation Department and South Dakota State University's Athletic Department. When it comes to interscholastic athletics, his primary influence has been advocacy and leadership for personal and professional development programs for athletes, coaches, and athletic administrators from his positions in state and national organizations. He has served on the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Executive Committee for the past 15 years, and continues to act as the SDIAAA Coordinator for both the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Certification and Leadership Training Programs.

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

Other Nominees: Bill Clements, Dakota Valley
Jim Dorman, Sioux Falls Lincoln

Randy Marso, Brandon Valley
Darren Paulson, Rapid City Central

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

2009 Official of the Year

Keith Kusler

Aberdeen

To stay involved in the games he loved to play, Keith Kusler swapped his uniforms for referee stripes. He was a three-sport participant at Aberdeen Central and played basketball at Northern State University. When his playing days were over, he heeded a suggestion to try officiating. "It was a way to stay involved with the game," he said. "I felt



somewhat obligated and wanted to give something back to the sport that was good to me." Now, after 30 years of officiating some 3,000 games, Kusler has put away his whistle. He will continue as a starter for track and field meets. His many achievements include working 18 state high school basketball tournaments and being named high school official of the year for the first time in 1999. "I did develop a relationship with some of the coaches and that's why I thought the award was really special because it came from the coaches."

Other Nominees: Bill Allen, Rapid City, Gymnastics
Gene Gillen, Hermosa, Volleyball
Brad Kuhnert, Sioux Falls, Girls Basketball

Judy McFarland, Rapid City, Spirit
Randy Oldenkamp, Mitchell, Football

Gale Patterson, Wall, Track & Field
Cory Slykhuis, Tea, Wrestling



2009 Sportscaster of the Year

Mike Henriksen

Dell Rapids

Mike Henriksen of Dell Rapids is the owner and host of Sportsmax Radio, which produces sports radio interview programs for stations across the state. He does play-by-play for Backyard Broadcasting radio stations out of Sioux Falls. He also does play-by-play for South Dakota

Public Television during their state tournament coverage, and hosts a monthly sports show on SDPB Television. "This award really touches my heart. I am so appreciative to the coaches from across South Dakota, not just for this award, but for the great help they have given me and for the wonderful friends so many of them have become! The best thing about my job is it allows me to be a part of the great sport's fraternity, and what a wonderful group it is. I can't thank them enough!"

Other Nominees: Dellas Cole, Brookings
Mark Ovendon, Sioux Falls

Rod Pattison, Mitchell
Tim Smith, Mitchell

Previous Winners

1975-76	Don Lindner - Rapid City
1976-77	Danny Olson - Sioux Falls
1977-78	Roger Toland - Rapid City
1978-79	Norm Hilson - Yankton
1979-80	(None chosen)
1980-81	Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
1981-82	Ron Feickert - Aberdeen
1982-83	Tom Maxwell - Sioux Falls
1983-84	Greg Hansen - Mitchell
1984-85	Jim Burt - Sioux Falls
1985-86	Bruce Conley - Sioux Falls
1986-87	Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
1987-88	J.T. Fey - Watertown
1988-89	Dellas Cole - Brookings
1989-90	Eileen Breisch - Aberdeen
1990-91	Todd Enderson - Watertown
1991-92	Ron Wood - Rapid City
1992-93	Jeff Anderson - Madison
1993-94	J.T. Fey - Watertown
1994-95	Scott Kooistra - Yankton
1995-96	Don Lindner - Rapid City
1996-97	Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
1997-98	Roger Toland - Rapid City
1998-99	Tom Nieman - Sioux Falls
1999-2000	Roger Merriam - Watertown
2000-01	Mark Ovenden - Sioux Falls
2001-02	Dave Vilhauer - Aberdeen
2002-03	Tim Smith - Mitchell
2003-04	Korrie Wenzel - Mitchell
2004-05	Joe VanGoor - Vermillion
2005-06	Roger Toland - Rapid City
2006-07	Erik Thorstenson - Sioux Falls
2007-08	Jim Cimburek - Yankton

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

2008	Vern Uhler, Kadoka	1997	Jerry Miller, Sioux Falls Vernon Bechen, Flandreau	1984	Jim Prosser, Vermillion
2007	Judy Busch, Sioux Falls Lolly Forseth, Sioux Falls	1996	Gale Rohr, Watertown	1983	Charles Hoover, Onida
2006	Tom Allen, Spearfish Ruth Rehn, Pierre Gene Struck, Montrose	1995	Ron Babb, Wakonda	1982	Warren Williamson, Brookings
2005	John Cornette, Yankton Bob Tiff, Redfield	1994	Bernie Stocking, Pierre	1981	Forrest Lothrop, Strandburg
2004	Virg Polak, Watertown	1993	Harve Johnston, Mitchell	1979	Fred Claudon, Sioux Falls
2003	Dick Hunhoff, Yankton Marlyn Goldhammer, Pierre	1992	Ken Kessinger, Sioux Falls Jack Dorman, Castlewood	1978	Keith Fitzpatrick, Mitchell
2002	William (Bill) Jones, Spearfish	1991	Don Ahrend, Sioux Falls Dodie Bemis, Watertown	1977	Howard Nielsen, Yankton
2001	Dennis Kokesh (deceased) Virgil Wolthoff, Canton	1990	Dale McElhany, Watertown	1976	Dr. C.C. Pascale, Centerville
2000	Charles Schad, Spearfish	1989	Sarah Trish, Sioux Falls	1975	Foster Green, Hot Springs
1999	Wayne Carney, Sioux Falls	1988	Howard Connors, Vermillion	1974	Bill Treadway, Huron
1998	Richard Michel, Rapid City Judean Schwinger, Watertown	1987	Max Hawk, Yankton	1973	Elmer Hansen, Sioux Falls Philip McKeoun, Webster
		1986	William Timmins, Mitchell	1972	Dr. Merritt Auld, Yankton
		1985	Tom Walsh, Sioux Falls		

2009 Distinguished Service Award Winners

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

Jerry Bussler Rapid City

For 36 years, Jerry Bussler had devoted his professional life to teaching and coaching. In addition, he has officiated middle school and AAU wrestling tournaments, and for more than 20 years has been involved in Special Olympics basketball and track.

Bussler holds degrees from Saint Cloud State University and South Dakota State University. He began teaching in 1973 at Douglas Middle School, and since 1978 has been teaching and coaching at South Middle School in Rapid City. He has coached middle school track for 25 years, football for 12 years, and wrestling for 10 years. In the fall of 2009 he will start his 25th year as an assistant football coach at Rapid City Central High School. In addition, he has served as the Building Coordinator at South for 29 years.

He is a member of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association, South Dakota Football Coaches Association, and the National Federation of High School Officials Association.

Bussler is the recipient of 25-year awards in coaching and officiating, along with the Distinguished Service Award as a contest official.



Roger Nelson Brookings



For more than 50 years, Roger Nelson officiated football, boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball, wrestling, track, baseball, and softball. An outstanding athlete and coach, he was recently inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. He began officiating while a student at the University of South Dakota. He has refereed the state high school football, basketball, and volleyball tournaments. His extensive officiating resume includes three state football finals and one state boys' basketball championship game. His hall of fame memberships include USD, Brookings High School, the State Amateur Basketball Association, and the South Dakota Seniors Olympics. During his distinguished career, Nelson taught mathematics and physics, and also served as a high school principal.

Jim Robinson Yankton

Working with the Yankton High School "chain gang" for more than 35 years is among the many contributions Jim Robinson makes to the Yankton community. He is a founding member of the Mount Marty College Booster Club and continues to serve as an officer. He has held membership in the Yankton Quarterback Club for 39 years and is a past president. He has coached and umpired for Little League Baseball and coached Junior Leader Football for seven years. He served on the Yankton Sertoma Club board that founded Yankton Sertoma Babe Ruth Baseball in 1972 and continues to serve as treasurer and fund raising co-chair. He is a past-president of the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Yankton Amateur Baseball Association. "Robbie" has been a co-chair of the Hillcrest Pro-Am Golf Tournament for 13 years.





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.



2009 Max Hawk Award **Mark Murren** Sioux Falls

Marc Murren was coaching football and wrestling at Yankton High School when Max Hawk introduced him to the South Dakota High School Coaches Association. It was Jerry Miller who invited Murren to run for the board as a representative of wrestling. Murren followed up on the invitations and is not only a past president of the SDHSCA, but has served on the board for more than 20 years. He also serves on the board of the South Dakota Coaches Foundation.

Murren is a graduate of Sioux Falls Lincoln High School and Northern State University. He received his master's degree from the University of South Dakota. He has coached football, wrestling, and track & field at Aberdeen Roncalli, Yankton, and Canton. He is currently the head wrestling coach at Sioux Falls Washington.

In 2009 he was National Coach of the Year finalist in the sport of wrestling. In 2002 he received the 25-Year Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association. In 1986 he was named Sioux Empire Coach of the Year as his Canton C-Hawks won the Big Eight Conference wrestling championship. He is a three-time Sioux Interstate Conference coach of the year recipient.

"The people that I associate with in the coaching profession are the reason I love this organization (SDHSCA). The professionals that are my mentors, friends, and colleagues keep me involved and dedicated to the SDHSCA."

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TENNIS

- Girls** Kate Barnes, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys Don Barnes, Sioux Falls O’Gorman

GOLF

- Class Girls**
AA Bill Scholten, Brookings
A Eric Norden, Parkston
B John Brown, Clark/Willow Lake
- Class Boys**
AA Eric Smith, Sioux Falls Washington
A Mike Schouten, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
B Jared Ahlberg, Platte-Geddes

CROSS COUNTRY

- Class Girls**
AA Jason Wagoner, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
A Garry Winter, Chamberlain
B Harry Weller, Kadoka Area
- Class Boys**
AA Dave Dannebring, Yankton
A Shannon Jewett, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte
B Becky Bell-Krueger, Wessington Springs

VOLLEYBALL

- Class Girls**
AA Holly Lynch, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
A Amy Tyler, Wagner
B Kim Bouman, Philip

CHEER

- Class Girls**
AA Roxie Truax, Sioux Falls Washington
A Casie King, Sioux Valley
B Cindy Kopecky, Faulkton

DANCE

- Class Girls**
AA Angela Nieman, Sioux Falls Washington
A Celsa Oddo, St. Thomas More

FOOTBALL

- Class Boys**
11AA Aaron Beavers, Sioux Falls Lincoln
11A Steve Hansen, Dell Rapids
11B Brad McDonald, Tri-Valley
9AA Scott Meyer, Marion/Hurley
9A Tom Culver, Avon
9B Jim Haskamp, Hanson

GYMNASTICS

- Class Girls**
AA Melissa VanGilder & Vicky Bull, Watertown
A Maridee Dossett, Madison

WRESTLING

- Class Boys**
A Steve Keszler, Sturgis
B Ernie Valentine, Wagner

BASKETBALL

- Class Girls**
AA Pat McClemons, Watertown
A Lyle “Dusty” LeBeaux, Pine Ridge
B Mark Amdahl, Summit
- Class Boys**
AA Robin Burgard, Sioux Falls Lincoln
A Michael Ricke, Madison
B Mike Lodmel, Sully Buttes

TRACK & FIELD

- Class Girls**
AA David Dolan, Rapid City Central
A Shelby Vickers, St. Thomas More
B Kim DeRouchey, Hanson
- Class Boys**
AA Paul Hendry, Rapid City Stevens
A Doug Fiedler, Dell Rapids
B Larry Buffington, Gayville-Volin



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The "Don Baker Award" is the highest award received from Special Olympics South Dakota. It is given in honor of Don Baker who was a volunteer and official starter for Special Olympics events. This award is given annually to an individual, organization, business, or institution who has given outstanding support to Special Olympics.

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The "Lyle Farrand Award" is given in honor of Lyle Farrand of Sioux Falls who was instrumental in starting the Special Olympics South Dakota program in 1968. This award is given to an individual who has made a tremendous impact on Special Olympics.



Michele Zahn
Aberdeen



Brett Spencer
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2009 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



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Back Row: Marc Murren, Sioux Falls Washington, Wrestling; Paul Hendry, Rapid City Stevens, Girls Track & Field; Kurt Schultz, Baltic, Boys Cross Country (Not Pictured: Randy Hagen, Rapid City Central/Stevens, Gymnastics)

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2009 SDHSCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Caitlin Way, Mitchell

Tyler Fuller, Aberdeen

Alex Styer, Wessington

Tate Bruckner, Menno

Kallie Likness, Yankton

Mitchell Hoellein, Eureka

Student Manager/Trainer Scholarship: Heidi DeBoer, Huron

Dave Prohl Scholarship: Stephanie Honomichl, Tea

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- 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 Hammrich, 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, Buella Woodle
- 1976 Don Baker, Euclid Cobb, Ken Greeno, Joe Quintal, Howard Wood

SPECIAL AWARDS

(Selected by members of the SDHSCA)

2008 Cross Country Individual Champions

Class	Girls	Boys
B	Mindy Kraft, Wessington Springs	Jeffrey Mettler, Eureka/Bowdle
A	Lottie Grimshaw, Todd County	Kiko Mendoza, Cheyene-Eagle Butte
AA	Megan Hilson, Yankton	Josh Heitkamp, Sioux Falls Washington

2008 All-Tournament Volleyball Team

Class "B"

Kaycee Nelson, Harding County
Sarah Vermeulen, Mount Vernon
Jada Blasius, Kimball
Kelsey Backus, Chester
Whitney Jencks, Arlington
Allison Boeck, Arlington
Sierra Hook, Philip
Taylor Holman, Philip
Kayla O'Connell, Philip

Class "A"

Kelsey Bekaert, St. Thomas More
Leah Anderson, Milbank
Megan Nedved, Milbank
Suzy Ledeboer, Sioux Falls Christian
Morgan Stern, Sioux Falls Christian
Kae Lingscheit, Miller
Marisa Blackwell, Miller
Allison Vos, Harrisburg
Shelby Buam, Harrisburg
Keaya Weber, Wagner
Mary Kocer, Wagner
Jilanne Doom, Wagner

Class "AA"

Kasey Meeker, Sioux Falls Washington
Caitlin Templeton, Rapid City Central
Marcelina Glab, Watertown
Sara Kohler, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Abby Taffe, Aberdeen Central
Kelly Herrmann, Rapid City Stevens
Nikki Gleich, Rapid City Stevens
Steph Kroeze, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Kelsey Lindquist, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Heather Goering, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Steph Paluch, Pierre
Amanda Stout, Pierre

2008-09 Outstanding Football Players

Class	Lineman	Backs
9B	Craig Henglefelt, Hanson	Matt McManus, Hanson
9A	Kole Wynia, Avon	Earv Archambeau, Avon
9AA	Derek Handwerk, Marion/Hurley	Brad Tunge, Marion/Hurley
11B	Dan Whipple, Tri-Valley	Nate Kirby, Tri-Valley
11A	Taylor Shellum, Dell Rapids	Tate Bunkers, Dell Rapids
11AA	Kody Wildfeuer, Sioux Falls Lincoln	Gannon Moore, Sioux Falls Lincoln

2009 All-Tournament Gymnasts

Class "A"

Sam Wiekamp, Deuel
Lexi Fink, Madison
Laura Blom, Madison
Shannon Winthers, Madison
Skye Lindquist, Kadoka
Jessica Koupal, Wagner
Carlie Weiss, Hot Springs
Mariah Nikeson, Britton-Hecla
Ramy Hagen, Britton-Hecla
Mary Lenards, Milbank

Class "AA"

Courtney Krishnan, Brookings
Lynne Hanten, Watertown
Caitlin Mack, Watertown
Josie Heisel, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Hannah Statz, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Alexa Robertson, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Adrienne Skaggs, Aberdeen Central/Roncalli
Brandee Roach, Rapid City Central
Amelia Rew, Mitchell
Jenna Middleden, Sioux Falls Roosevelt

2009 All-Tournament Girls Basketball Team

Class "B"

Kela Cihak, Avon
Kylee Lamb, Sully Buttes
Elizabeth Lamb, Sully Buttes
Marissa Mann, Phillip
Morgan May, Colman-Egan
Dayna Peterson, Freeman
Joey Painter, Harding County
Brittany Hills, Summit
Alex Kneeland, Summit
Cassidy Gebhart, Elkton/Lake Benton
Megan Krogman, Elkton/Lake Benton
Rachel Krogman, Elkton/Lake Benton

Class "A"

Jessica Keckler, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte
Cassie Loe, Lennox
Devan Brekke, Wagner
Jilanne Doom, Wagner
Taylor Olson, Sioux Valley
Larissa Knutson, Sioux Valley
Monica Deighton, Newell
Jordan Trohkimoinen, Newell
Christian Janis, Pine Ridge
Lacy Weston, Pine Ridge
Taylor Richter, Dell Rapids
Trish Ollerich, Dell Rapids

Class "AA"

Ashley Eide, Sioux Falls Washington
Rachel Walters, Sioux Falls Washington
Steph Paluch, Pierre
Katie Lingle, Pierre
Brittany Hirschhorn, Huron
Alison Kusler, Aberdeen Central
Tara Heiser, Watertown
Kali Gottsleben, Watertown
Jordan Peterson, Brandon Valley
Kelli Hoff, Brandon Valley
Paige Beck, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Kattie Ranta, Rapid City Central

2009 All-Tournament Boys Basketball Team

Class "B"

Jake Krogman, White River
Matt Bartlett, White River
Tate Bruckner, Menno
Macon Oplinger, Menno
Ryan Yackley, Sully Buttes
Zach Merwin, Sully Buttes
Tanner Foth, Sully Buttes
Zach Trautman, Elkton/Lake Benton
Brandon DeVries, Viborg
Cory Jacobsen, Viborg
Matt Dykstra, Avon
Kyle Weisbeck, Herried

Class "A"

David Maxwell, Parkston
Austin Harms, Lennox
Austin Eichacker, Lennox
Dustin Lotzer, Sisseton
Trey Frederick, Sisseton
Carl Swallow, Red Cloud
Julian Defender, McLaughlin
Tony Fiegen, Madison
Chad White, Madison
Jordan Johnson, Platte-Geddes
Keith Cutler, Platte-Geddes
Ben Miller, Sioux Valley

Class "AA"

Curry Kuehl, Pierre
Kyle Cichos, Pierre
Levi Smith, Sioux Falls Washington
Dustin Tetzlaff, Watertown
Terell Newton, Huron
Riley Hoistad, Huron
Almir Krdzalic, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Anthony Muilenburg, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Brett Anderson, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Bretton Young, Mitchell
Will Powell, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Danny Hughes, Sioux Falls O'Gorman

2009 Outstanding Wrestlers

Class "B"

Alex Kocer, Wagner

Class "A"

Jeremiah Peterson, Canton

2008-09 All-Tournament Tennis Players

Girls

Theresa Petrasko, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Joey Bosch, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Hannah Vandemark, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Erin Hoffmann, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Meg Townsend, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Hannah Gebauer, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Sarah Hamre, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Chandler Nielson, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Katie Schweback, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Vanessa Rockne, Yankton
Lauren Schultz, Rapid City Stevens

Boys

Billy Paluch, Rapid City Stevens
Jack Hamburg, Rapid City Stevens
Elliot Czarnecki, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Anthony Rauschenbach, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Kevin Rance, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Tommy Entwistle, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Kyle Lambetz, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Mitch Barr, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Mike Margolies, Aberdeen Central
Brian Billion Sioux Falls O'Gorman

2008-09 Boys All-Tournament Golf Team

Class "B"

Josh Korn, Freeman
Arron Lickteig, Freeman
Derek Dillon, Garretson
Shay Nelson, Platte-Geddes
Zach Merwin, Sully Buttes
Carson Moore, Jones County
Chase Kristensen, White Lake/Plankinton

Class "A"

Rainey Reynolds, Sioux Falls Christian
Ben Heller, Aberdeen Roncalli
Colman Caldwell, Chamberlain
Aaron Steele, Vermillion
Sean Campbell, Madison
Johnny Couch, Custer

Class "AA"

Curry Kuehl, Pierre
Kyle Cooper, Sioux Falls Washington
Jordan Mueller, Yankton
Marc Gubbels, Yankton
Kyle Kopplin, Sturgis
Jacob Greenhagen, Pierre
Josh Pappel, Rapid City Stevens

2008-09 Girls All-Tournament Golf Team

Class "B"

Kimmy Kaufman, Clark
Kelsey Goens, Deubrook
Tiera Feller, Sully Buttes
Kelsey Bortnem, Sioux Valley
Jordan Trohkimoinen, Newell
Davee Johnson, South Central
Courtney Lickteig, Freeman

Class "A"

Tassy Rantapaa, Lead-Deadwood
Jenessa Rantapaa, Lead-Deadwood
Rachel Patnoe, Milbank
Brittany Tillma, Milbank
Logan Wagner, Parkston
Kylie Gaughenbaugh, Canton

Class "AA"

Taylor Smalley, Pierre
Morgan Fitts, Brookings
Dani Selberg, Brookings
Keni Nelson, Sioux Falls Washington
Kali Gottsleben, Watertown
Ashley Hendricks, Brookings

2009 Outstanding Track & Field Athletes

Class

B
A
AA

Girls

Carly Carper, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland
Erin Duffy, St. Thomas More
Nevada Sorenson, Sioux Falls Lincoln

Boys

Parker Erickson, Gayville-Volin & Luke Hauert, Stickney
Alex Muntefering, Ethan/Parkston
Alec Espeland, Pierre



2008-2009 25 YEAR COACHING AWARD WINNERS

Allen Benoist – Cheyenne/Eagle Butte

Mark Murphy – Aberdeen Central

Stu Elgethun – Britton/Hecla

Tom Price – O’Gorman

Brian Hermanson – Sioux Falls Washington

Jim Rieger – Estelline

Chris Jacobson – Watertown

Doug Rinken – Sioux Falls Washington

Mike Knust – Deubrook

Carol Shade – Sioux Falls Whittier

Ginger Larsen – Yankton

Lori Warne – Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Jeff Larson – Lennox

Jerry Wheeler – Rapid City

Arlin Likness – Yankton



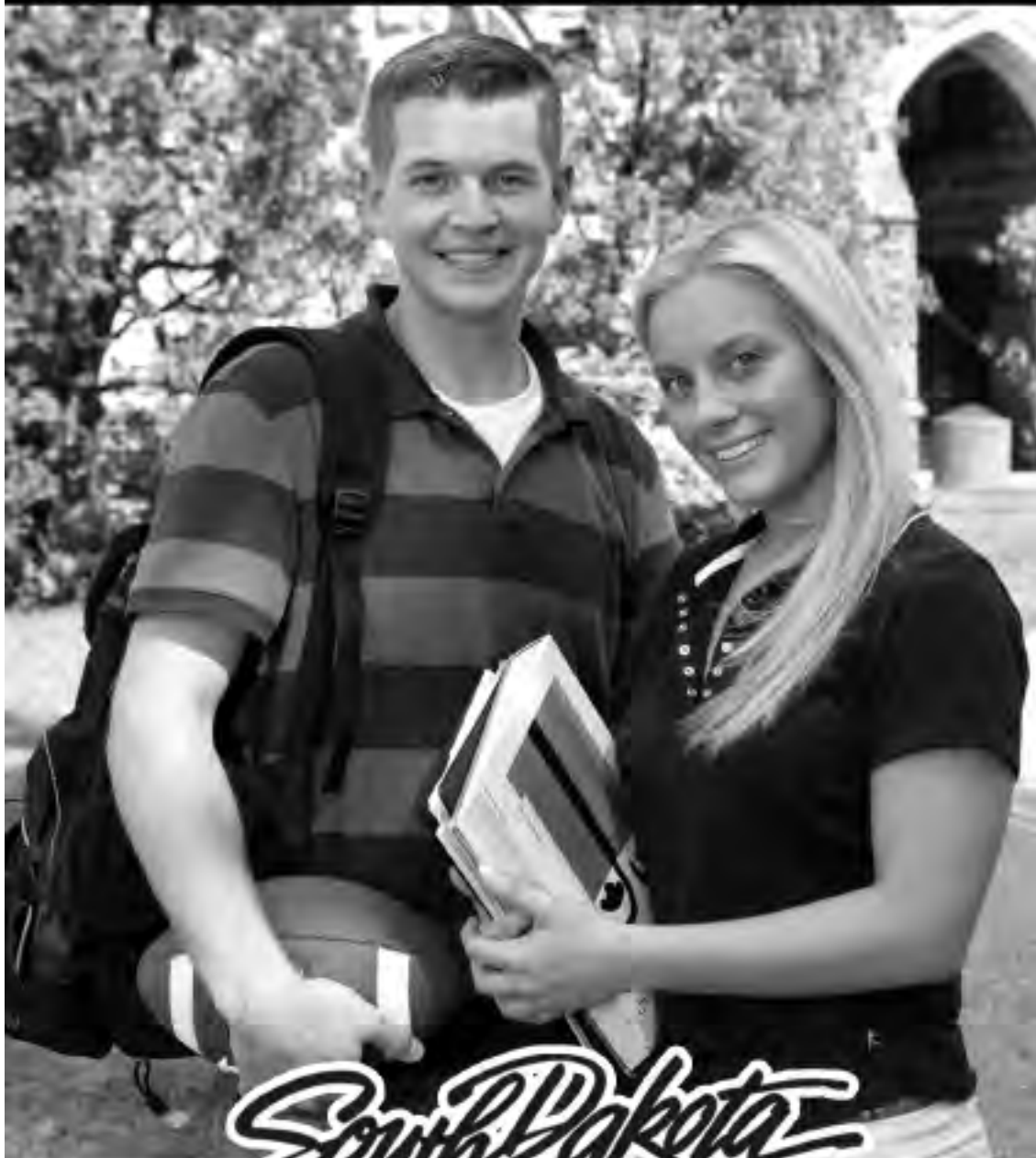
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