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Master of Ceremonies.....Wayne Carney, Past President
Passing of the GavelKen Bruckner, President
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Introduction of Special Guests.....Connie Nyhaug, 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
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Girls Basketball Coach of the Year
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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
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Executive Director Emeritus
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Closing RemarksKen Bruckner, President



2007 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year

Gary Pepper

Scotland

Improving a fourth place finish at the 2006 state cross country meet was the goal of Gary Pepper's Scotland team in 2007. The Highlander girls achieved their objective and more. After winning all nine regular

season meets, Scotland took the Region 3B crown and runner-up honors at state. The effort was among the highlights of Pepper's 36 years of coaching and teaching at Scotland. "We went undefeated in the regular season, and that's almost unheard of in Class B," Pepper said. In addition to cross country, Pepper has coached boys and girls track and field for more than 30 years.

Other Nominees:

Dan Fitzsimmons, Yankton
Karen Karim, Custer

Harry Weller, Kadoka

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

Previous Winners

1977-78	Lyle Claussen - Brandon
1978-79	Jim Gemar - Lennox
1979-80	Rich Greeno - SF Lincoln
1980-81	Dave Archambault - Kyle
1981-82	Gene Breemes - RC Stevens
1982-83	Rick Evans - Marty
1983-84	Keith Christensen - Mitchell
1984-85	Jerry McElroy - Watertown
1985-86	John Houska - RC Central
1986-87	Dan Bohl - Hoven
1987-88	Dan Bohl - Hoven
1988-89	Kurt Schultz - Baltic
1989-90	Connie Nyhaug - Viborg
1990-91	John Houska - RC Central
1991-92	Gene Bormann - Yankton
1992-93	Neil Goter - Marty
1993-94	Gene Danielson - Salem
1994-95	Dave Scott - Hot Springs
1995-96	Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
1996-97	Bill Martens - Aberdeen Roncalli
1997-98	Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
1998-99	Don Ray - Deubrook
1999-2000	Forrest Flaagen - RC Stevens
2000-01	Kurt Schultz - Baltic
2001-02	Kurt Schultz - Baltic
2002-03	Tom McGough - Miller
2003-04	Bob Salmi - Aberdeen Central
2004-05	Tony Skonhovd - Wakonda
2005-06	Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton
2006-07	Dan Fitzsimmons - Yankton

2007 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year

James Benning

Estelline

In 2007, for the second straight year, the Estelline boys finished second at the state Class B cross country meet. Coach James Benning's Redmen added their first Region 1B crown and their second straight Dakota Valley Conference championship to an outstanding season. Benning has taught in Estelline for nine years and served as boys and girls cross country coach the past five years. He is a graduate of Iroquois High School and South Dakota State University. "Our kids had a great season and because of their accomplishments, cross country has received a lot of recognition here the past few seasons," Benning said.



Other Nominees:

Dan Asheim, Hill City
Becky Bell Krueger, Wessington Springs

Dan Fitzsimmons, Yankton
Bruce Venner, Pierre



2007 Football Coach of the Year **Jeff VanLear** Emery/Ethan

In his 28 years as head football coach at Emery/Ethan, Jeff VanLear has compiled a 166-93 record. His Seahawks claimed state nine-man championships in 2001, 2003, and 2007. The 2007 edition of the Seahawks won all 12 games, including the

9AA title showdown with Gregory. It was a remarkable turnaround from a year earlier when a young Emery/Ethan team suffered a rash of injuries and won just twice in eight outings.

The perfect run in 2007 included a 27-26 close call against DeSmet/Iroquois. The Seahawks scored 27 points in 17 minutes to earn a trip to the finals. "Good athletes go out there and earn it and we made some big plays and got a win," said VanLear.

VanLear is a native of Woonsocket and a graduate of the University of Sioux Falls.

Other Nominees:	Brian Hermanson, Sioux Falls Washington	Scott Leitheiser, Watertown
	Troy Gauer, Grant-Deuel	Wayne Sullivan, St. Thomas More
	Jason Jund, Dakota Valley	

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

2007 Volleyball Coach of the Year **Kacy Kienholz** Pierre



After just two seasons at the helm, Kacy Kienholz took the Pierre Lady Gops to the school's first Eastern South Dakota Conference championship, an overall record of 23-1, and runner-up honors at state. The Lady Gops' only loss was an overtime thriller to Rapid City Stevens. Kienholz credited the team's success to the outstanding leadership of six seniors. She became acquainted with the athletes and realized their potential while working with them during Junior Olympics League competition.

Other Nominees:	Sarah Deffenbaugh, Kimball	Kari Jung, Warner
	Anita Boeck, Arlington	Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian
	Nancy Hoeke, Milbank	

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



2008 Wrestling Coach of the Year **Ernie Valentine** Wagner

Valentine shares his success at Wagner with kids “who are tough, dedicated, and committed.” Valentine took the Red Raiders

to their first state title since 1994 behind state champions Alex Kocer (103 pounds), Dan Koupal (135), and Robert Kokesh (145). The Red Raiders’ 150.5 points were 54 more than the second place team. Wagner also earned state titles in 1992 and 1994, and posted runner-up finishes in 2004 and 2007. Valentine credits fellow coaches Wayne Scherr, Steve Keszler, Bob Hirsch, and Ken Ruml with influencing his career. “They have long set the standard for what coaches hope to achieve,” he said.

Other Nominees:

Shayne Geditz, Faulkton

Dan Swatek, Elk Point-Jefferson

Brian Moser, Rapid City Stevens

Jay Swatek, Garretson

Previous Winners

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

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

2008 Gymnastics Coach of the Year **Jeanne Sinclair** Milbank



Jeanne Sinclair’s passion for gymnastics has not waned in 30 years. “I just love gymnastics and I love being with the girls,” she said. Despite a somewhat depleted roster, Sinclair guided Milbank to third place in the state Class A competition. The team featured two seniors, a junior, three sophomores, an eighth grader, and a pair of seventh graders. The Bulldogs’ score of 126.796 trailed only perennial Class A power Madison and Britton-Hecla. Sinclair is a graduate of Sisseton High School and the University of South Dakota.

Other Nominees:

Jennifer Deutsch, Aberdeen Central

Randy Hagen, Rapid City Central



2008 Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year **Nate Malchow** Sioux Falls Washington

In three seasons, Nate Malchow took a struggling program to a state championship. His first year at Washington produced a 3-18 record, but his young players took their lumps with the determination to learn and improve. Many of those players were instrumental in

leading the Warriors to the 2008 state Class AA championship and a 22-3 record. It was Washington's first state crown in 27 years. Washington also earned a share of the Greater Dakota Conference title in 2008.

Malchow, a native of Aberdeen, was also named the GDC Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Before arriving at Washington, he was an assistant girls basketball coach at Sioux Falls Roosevelt under Fred Tibbetts. Malchow is a graduate of Concordia College-Moorhead, where he played basketball and served as team captain his senior year.

Other Nominees:

Jim Bridge, Hanson
Sheila Huth, Beresford

Todd Schlimgen, Colman-Egan
Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes

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

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

2008 Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year **Frank Cutler** Platte-Geddes



It was a memorable season for Platte-Geddes boys' basketball. It was the first year of the consolidation of the two schools and the combination produced the first state boys basketball championship for either school.

After six years as an assistant coach at Watertown, Cutler arrived in Platte, where he has coached for the past 19 seasons. He has taken the Black Panthers to eight state tournament appearances, including third place finishes in 2002 and 2004. In 2008 his team posted a 23-3 record, including an upset of No. 1 seed Red Cloud in the semifinals of the state tournament.

Other Nominees:

Robin Burgard, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Eldon Marshall, White River

Brian Norberg, Watertown
Paul Raasch, Langford



2007 Girls' Tennis Coach of the Year **Lisa Link** Aberdeen Central

From 1994-1998, Lisa Link's Aberdeen Central girls tennis teams won five straight Eastern South Dakota Conference championships. In the fall of 2007, with no seniors on the roster, she guided the

Golden Eagles to second place in the ESD and seventh place at the state tournament. She has been coaching in South Dakota for 26 years, including the last 13 at Aberdeen Central. She is also proud of the academic success achieved by her athletes with the 2007 team posting a grade point average of 3.76.

Other Nominees:	Kate Barnes, SF O'Gorman	Jason Olson, Rapid City Stevens
	Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln	Chad Pesicka, Todd County

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

Girls

2005-06	Colette Qualm Aberdeen Roncalli
2006-07	Scott Ewald - Watertown

2008 Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year **Jeff Schlekeway** Pierre

The rewards of coaching for Jeff Schlekeway include watching his players learn, grow, and advance. In the four years he has directed Pierre's boys' tennis program, three of his players have gone on to compete at the college level. Chris Williams plays for Weber State, Matt Gill is at South Dakota State University, and Alex Lauseng is headed for SDSU.

"Getting to know the kids as they go through middle school and high school and watching them grow up, both as individuals and as players, is probably one of the most rewarding parts of my job," Schlekeway said.

As he grew up playing tennis in Pierre, Schlekeway was inspired by his coach, Phil Trautner. "As I went through school, I really looked up to him, and I think that's why I wanted to get into coaching tennis."

Schlekeway was an assistant coach at Mitchell for five years before he and his wife, Leanne, moved back to Pierre. He credits committed players, supportive parents, and Pierre's summer recreation program for contributing to the success of the high school tennis program.



Other Nominees:	Don Barnes, Sioux Falls O'Gorman	Terry Grove, Sioux Falls Roosevelt	Tom Krueger, Sioux Falls Lincoln
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2008 Girls' Golf Coach of the Year

Todd Schlimgen

Colman-Egan

Todd Schlimgen has been chosen Girls Golf Coach of the Year by the South Dakota Coaches Association. As the head coach for Colman- Egan, Schlimgen guided the girls' golf team to a third place finish at the 2008 state meet and a Dakota Valley Conference championship.

Led by Nina Bunkers' fifth-place individual showing, Colman-Egan finished ahead of all but Wall and champion Clark at the state meet in Rapid City. Colman-Egan, which took a surprise second place finish at the Region 2B after being edged by Sioux Valley, won the DVC meet by 49 strokes and also won its own C-E- Invitational.

I am honored to receive this award from my fellow colleagues. I have had the good fortune of working with good athletes in my time at Colman-Egan. In my 3 years as head girls golf coach we placed 4th, 2nd, and 3rd at the State B Golf Meet, with one of my golfers (Nina Bunkers) placing in the top 8 each of the last 3 years. I have also had an individual state runner-up (Lance Relf) in Boys Class B. I enjoy coaching and teaching the students about the game of golf and about life in general. I thank the Coaches Association for having these awards and am humbled by my selection.

Previous Winners

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

Boys

- 2005-06 Mike Schouten - SF Christian
- 2006-07 Tim DeJong
Dell Rapids St. Mary's

Girls

- 2005-06 John Brown - Clark
- 2006-07 Joan Rchetto - Lead/Deadwood

Other Nominees:

Mark Ammann, Wall
John Brown, Clark

Rod Garrison, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Nancy Hoeke, Milbank

2008 Boys' Golf Coach of the Year

Jay Weber

Avon



Avon's steady climb to the top in boys golf reached the pinnacle in 2008 by capturing the state Class B championship. Coach Jay Weber's Pirates were third and fifth the previous two seasons. "I've been blessed over the years with some really competitive and committed golfers:

Danny Fathke, Jesse Hajek, Will Yule, Mykel Glowchekeski, Adam Oster, Earv Archambeau and Marshall Cihak to name a few," Weber said.

Weber, a graduate of Avon High, has been coaching Pirate golfers for the past eight seasons. He has been the school's business manager for 20 years.

"Winning a state championship is something that each of my team members can cherish for a lifetime," he said. "Teaching and coaching a sport that you really love and enjoy doing yourself is something very special."

Other Nominees:

Brad Andera, Aberdeen Central
Terry Rotert, Huron

Brett Sime, Yankton



2008 Girls' Track & Field Coach of the Year

Kim DeRouchey Hanson

Kim DeRouchey provided Hanson girls athletics with its first state Class B track & field championship two years after guiding the boys' team to the state crown.

"You just want your athletes to perform to the best of their ability," DeRouchey said. "I learned from coach Jim Bridge you need some luck to win, but I felt our kids went beyond the call of duty. Every point was valuable."

DeRouchey, who made the decision to teach and coach when she was a junior in high school, credits assistant coaches Steve Pociask, Jay Drake, Jim Haskamp, and Darwyn Persson with Hanson's success. "I'm proud to be part of a school with such knowledgeable assistants," she said.

Other Nominees:

Dan Fitzsimmons, Yankton
Paul Hendry, Rapid City Stevens

Diana LeClair, Rosholt
Jim McGuire, Vermillion

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

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

2008 Boys' Track & Field Coach of the Year

Brock Rops

Sioux Falls Christian

At the beginning of the season, Brock Rops knew he was in charge of a special group of athletes. As the spring unfolded, the Sioux Falls Christian boys proved to be contenders for the state Class A

championship. When the curtain came down on the 2008 track season, Sioux Falls Christian had claimed its first state track title.

Rops began coaching at Sioux Falls Christian in 1999, and was the head girls' basketball coach from 2003-2007.



Other Nominees:

Geoff Gross, Pierre
Rich Luther, Lennox

Gary Pepper, Scotland
Buck Timmins, Parkston



2008 Spirit Coach of the Year

Diane Gilbertz

Brandon Valley

Diane Gilbertz left coaching on a high note. In her final year of directing the cheer team at Brandon Valley, her Lynx won both the Eastern South Dakota Conference and state Class AA championships. After nine years at the helm, Gilbertz has relinquished her coaching duties and is leaving Brandon Valley to teach at White Lake. "I leave Brandon Valley with everything accomplished," she said. "My job is done as I have a state title, and that's probably the highest accomplishment I could have."

Randy Marso, Brandon Valley's athletic director, said Gilbertz is responsible for the rise of the Lynx. "She built the program from the ground up when she took over nine years ago," he said. "Through the course of those nine years, she took sideline and competitive cheer to the next level."

Gilbertz coached cheerleading in Minnesota for six years before moving to Brandon Valley. The 2007-2008 school year was the first time the South Dakota High School Activities Association sanctioned competitive cheer and dance. The Lynx were well prepared for a run at the inaugural championship. "Even before it was sanctioned we had won several first place trophies and grand championships, but there's nothing more honorable than to win a state title," Gilbertz said.

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

Other Nominees: Lenna Braun, Gregory Casie King, Sioux Valley Cindy Kopecky, Faulkton

2008 Junior High/Middle School Assistant Coach of the Year

Connie Deibert

Aberdeen Simmons Middle School



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

A graduate of Hamlin High School and Northern State University, Connie Deibert has been teaching and coaching at Simmons Middle School since 1979. Over that span she has coached seventh and eighth grade gymnastics (six years), seventh grade basketball (eight years), seventh grade volleyball (22 years), and seventh and eighth grade girls track (29 years). She is the recipient of the Aberdeen Public School District middle school Coach of the Year Award, the South Dakota Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year award, and the South Dakota High School Coaches Association 25-year coaching award.



**2008 Assistant Coach
of the Year – Girls Sports**

**Todd
Jorgenson**

Brookings

Previous Winners	
1989-90	Jim Miner - Yankton
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

For the first 13 years of his coaching career, Todd Jorgensen was the head girls basketball coach at Sioux Valley. For eight seasons he assisted head coaches George Kiner and John Livingston with the boys program. He moved to Brookings in 1996 and for the last dozen years has served as an assistant to girls head basketball coaches Lisa Kannegeiter (four seasons) and Lynn Frederick (eight seasons). "I have been extremely fortunate over the past 25 years to have worked for four very talented head coaches and an amazing number of incredible student-athletes," Jorgenson said. "The fraternity of coaches is a very special group of people. They dedicate their time, talents, and energy to helping our young people discover and strive to reach their fullest potential. I feel very fortunate to be a small part of that group."

Previous Winners	
1989-90	Jim Miner - Yankton
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

**2008 Assistant Coach
of the Year – Boys Sports**

**Andrew
TerWee**

Garretson



Born and raised near Larchwood, Iowa, Andrew TerWee taught in the middle school and coached varsity track at Garretson for the past eight years. In addition, he was a football assistant with the Blue Dragons' varsity football team for seven years. He was a volunteer coach at West Lyon High School when he began pursuit of a degree in elementary education at the University of South Dakota. TerWee, who also has a degree in communications from Wayne State College, has rejoined the football staff at West Lyon, where his oldest son is a freshman.



2008 Athletic Director of the Year

Doug Schooley

Watertown

Doug Schooley oversees a Watertown athletic program that was extremely successful in 2007-2008. The Arrows claimed Eastern South Dakota Conference titles in girls tennis, football, girls basketball, and boys basketball. The Arrow boys earned the state Class AA basketball championship, while the gymnastics team secured a runner-up finish at state. In addition, the girls' basketball cheerleaders were presented the Spirit of Six Award at the state tournament.

"I feel athletics are an important part of our school program and that athletics give many students an opportunity to participate, to learn life lessons, and to develop great friendships," Schooley said.

The recipient of numerous coaching honors, Schooley has been associated with the Watertown School District since 1985. He taught and coached for many years before accepting the duties of athletic director in 2003.

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

Other Nominees: Steve Berseth, Brookings
Bill Clements, Dakota Valley

Randy Marso, Brandon Valley
Mark Meile, Sioux Falls Public Schools

2008 Official of the Year

Gene Bjorklund

Volga



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

Through the course of officiating volleyball for 18 seasons, Gene Bjorklund has worked state Class AA, A, and B tournaments the past 17 years as an official or line judge. He has officiated both Class B and A district and region action, and has served as an evaluator and clinician for aspiring volleyball officials. His service to the sport includes the east central region representative for the Volleyball Officials Association. He is the recipient of the Active Officials Award by the National Federation Officials Association.

"Officiating has been a very positive and rewarding experience for me and I can't imagine what my life would have been without it," Bjorklund said.

Other Nominees: Darin Berg, Sioux Falls- Girls Basketball
Rick Brommer, Sioux Falls, Boys Basketball
Melanie Carpenter, Sioux Falls, Gymnastics

Sue Cronkhite, Sioux Falls- Spirit
Graydon Dailey, Belle Fourche- Wrestling

Stan Evans, Rapid City- Football
Keith Stirling, Lake Andes- Track & Field



2008 Sportswriter of the Year

James Cimburek

Yankton

James Cimburek was attending Mount Marty College when he began working for the Yankton Press & Dakotan. At age 23, he became the sports editor. He is responsible for providing coverage for approximately 40

schools in South Dakota and Nebraska. "We go down to Lincoln and Omaha for Nebraska state tournaments and meets, which are often going on at the same time as South Dakota tournaments," he said. His sports department also covers Mount Marty and the University of South Dakota, which is making the transition from NCAA Division II to Division I. Cimburek graduated from Veblen High School in 1990. He participated in cross country, basketball, track and field, as well as band, chorus, and yearbook. His interest in writing carried over to Mount Marty, where he was active with the school newspaper. His coverage philosophy? "I believe in coverage for all the sports because the athletes put in a lot of hours to get to that level."

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

2008 Distinguished Service Award

Vern Uhler

Kadoka

If you are looking for volunteers in Kadoka, start with Vern Uhler.

He has never strayed far from his birthplace, with the exception of attending Black Hills State University and serving with the Air Force for two years during the Korean War. He is a graduate of Kadoka High School and taught math and science there for 21 years. He was the head football, basketball, track and field coach for three years, and for many seasons refereed football and basketball games.

He was the clock operator for all Kadoka home basketball games for many years and continues to announce all home football games and is the finishing clerk for all Kadoka's track and field meets. During the summer he grooms the football field and in the fall announces the homecoming parade. His direct involvement with the students is maintained by substitute teaching on a regular basis.

Around town he is active in the Commercial Club, Christmas and Labor Day promotions, church (treasurer for 20 years) and American Legion. For more than 30 years he has served as a member at large of the Badlands Natural History Association and is a past president.

"As I look at the list of his volunteer activities, I wonder how he held a salaried job," Vern's wife Helen says admiringly.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

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

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

Max Hawk

Executive Director Emeritus

For all his years of dedicated service to the South Dakota High School Coaches Association, the Board of Directors of the SDHSCA has bestowed the title of Executive Director Emeritus on Max Hawk. Following is a list of honors and offices held:

SDHSCA Executive Director from 1970-2007
SDHSCA President 1968
SDHSCA Hall of Fame 1979
SDHSCA Football Coach of the Year 5 Times

NHSACA President 1980
NHSACA Hall of Fame 1996
NHSACA National Football Coach of the Year 1986



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.



2008 Max Hawk Award

Connie Nyhaug Viborg

Connie Nyhaug has been teaching and coaching at Viborg since graduating from Dakota State University in 1978. Her head coaching responsibilities include volleyball, which she started at Viborg, and girls and boys cross country. In addition, she has served as an assistant coach for girls basketball and girls and boys track and field. Her Viborg volleyball teams have four state tournament appearances and one championship.

She has been a member of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association for 30 years and is the past president. She also started and still maintains the organization's web page.

From 1980 to 1992 she served as secretary of the South Dakota Volleyball Association. Her list of honors includes boys cross country Coach of the Year and volleyball Coach of the Year. She was also named Region Six volleyball Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

Connie and her husband, John, are the parents of two children, Amanda and Michelle.

ROLL OF CHAMPIONS

State Championship Coaches 2007-2008

TENNIS

Girls.....Kate Barnes, Sioux Falls O’Gorman
Boys.....Jason Olson, Rapid City Stevens

GOLF

Girls AA.....Bill Scholten, Brookings
Boys AAEric Smith, Sioux Falls Washington
Girls A.....Joan Rachetto, Lead/Deadwood
Boys A.....Kirk Hogen, Vermillion
Girls B.....John Brown, Clark
Boys B.....Jay Weber, Avon

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls AA.....Dan Fitzsimmons, Yankton
Boys AA.....Dan Fitzsimmons, Yankton
Girls A.....Karen Karim, Custer
Boys A.....Dan Asheim, Hill City
Girls B.....Harry Weller, Kadoka
Boys B.....Becky Bell Krueger, Wessington Springs

VOLLEYBALL

Girls AA.....Joshua Lien, Rapid City Stevens
Girls A.....Darci Wassenaar, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls B.....Kari Jung, Warner

CHEER

Girls AA.....Diane Gilbertz, Brandon Valley
Girls A.....Casie King, Sioux Valley
Girls B.....Cindy Kopecky, Faulkton

DANCE

Girls AA.....Jennifer Johnke, Yankton
Girls A.....Celsa Oddo, St. Thomas More

FOOTBALL

11AA.....Brent DeBoer, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
11A.....Kent Mueller, West Central
11B.....Brad McDonald, Tri-Valley
9AA.....Jeff VanLeur, Emery/Ethan
9A.....Bob Graham, Scotland
9B.....Kevin Graesser, Colome

GYMNASTICS

Girls AA.....Audra Rew, Mitchell
Girls A.....Maridee Dossett, Madison

WRESTLING

Boys A.....Brian Moser, Rapid City Stevens
Boys B.....Ernie Valentine, Wagner

BASKETBALL

Girls AA.....Nate Malchow, Sioux Falls Washington
Boys AABrian Norberg, Watertown
Girls A.....Joe Caffrey, West Central
Boys A.....Frank Cutler, Platte/Geddes
Girls B.....Mark Senftner, Sully Buttes
Boys B.....Eldon Marshall, White River

TRACK & FIELD

Girls AAPaul Hendry, Rapid City Stevens
Boys AA.....Geoff Gross, Pierre
Girls A.....Jim McGuire, Vermillion
Boys A.....Brock Rops, Sioux Falls Christian
Girls B.....Kim DeRouchey, Hanson
Boys B.....Gary Pepper, Scotland



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Sioux Falls

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Mickelson Middle School Student Council
Brookings

“Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” – Special Olympics Oath

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Dawn Ruhlman
Brookings



Al & Jan Lentz
Huron

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Todd Bradwisch
Sioux Falls



Bo Ivers
Brookings

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The "Ron Stewart Award" is given in honor of Ron Stewart of Rapid City who was a Special Olympics Coach for over 25 years. This award is given to a coach who has given of his or her time to encourage a Special Olympics athlete to achieve their fullest potentials.

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Girls Cross Country – Elkton



Maridee Dossett
Gymnastics – Madison



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Criteria for Selection into this Distinguished Group:
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2008 National Coach of the Year
Fran Esser
Redfield – Wrestling

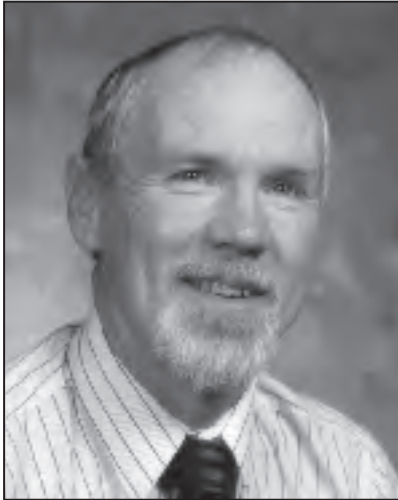
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Winner

Gary Munsen
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Sturgis



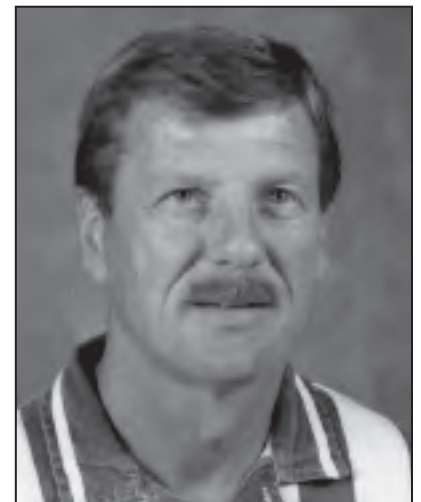
Sheri Keck
Rapid City



Roger Pries
Pierre



Gary Reed
Rapid City



Jim Uttecht
West Central

HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

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, Carol Heier, Floyd Mitchell
1977	Elmer Hansen, Paul Marschalk, Mel Minton, Buella Woodle
1976	Don Baker, Euclid Cobb, Ken Greeno, Joe Quintal, Howard Wood

2008 SDHSCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mikayla Barondeau, Frederick	Courtney Christiansen, Viborg	Taylor Fisher, Harrisburg
Megan Poppe, Avon	Anthony Kulesa, Warner	Nichole Huth, Beresford

Student Manager/Trainer Scholarship: Bonnie Wirth, Sioux Falls

Dave Prohl Scholarship: Corissa Bonte, Beresford

OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARDS

(Selected by members of the SDHSCA)

2007 Cross Country Individual Champions

Class	Girls	Boys
B	Hilary Krein, Eureka-Bowdle	Kiko Mendoza, Takini
A	Kelsey Barrett, Britton-Hecla	Eamin Entwisle, Hot Springs
AA	Madeleine Takahashi, Sturgis	Travis Fitzke, Pierre

2007 All-Tournament Volleyball Team

Class "B"	Class "A"	Class "AA"
Stephanie Hofer, James Valley Christian	Melissa Nigg, Sisseton	Trisha Birr, Huron
Amanda Jenson, Harding County	Amanda Mentzer, Miller	Cassie Olson, Yankton
Lea Yarborough, Harding County	Kelli Fiegen, Parkston	Alison Kusler, Aberdeen Central
Sierra Hook, Philip	Maggie Malloy, Parkston	Emily Palmer, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Tara Urban, Kimball	Brittany Kjerstad, St Thomas More	Alyssa Chambers, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Kelsey Backus, Chester	Allison Vos, Harrisburg	Heather Goehring, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Katelin Anderson, Chester	Danielle DeMent, Harrisburg	Stevie Knutson, Sioux Falls Washington
Kelsey Rozell, Warner	Amber Wollschlager, Milbank	Polly Gill, Pierre
Kelli Wiedebush, Warner	Leah Anderson, Milbank	Gina Geffre, Pierre
Kelsey Marnette, Warner	Carrie VandeKamp, Sioux Falls Christian	Amy Sykora, Rapid City Stevens
Allison Boeck, Arlington	Kiley Velgersdyk, Sioux Falls Christian	Kelly Herrmann, Rapid City Stevens
Whitney Jencks, Arlington	Bailey Jensen, Sioux Falls Christian	Kayla Huether, Rapid City Stevens

2007-08 Outstanding Football Players

Class	Lineman	Backs
9B	Kurtis Atteberry, Colome	Derek Beck, Colome
9A	Kyle Kepplinger, Scotland	Mark Saylor, Scotland
9AA	Tyler Kayser, Emery/Ethan	Josh Endres, Emery/Ethan
11B	Grady Johnson, Tri-Valley	Austin Luecke, Groton
11A	Mike Kadinger, West Central	Mike Galliger, West Central
11AA	Aaron Ledeboer, Sioux Falls Roosevelt	David Sturdevant, Sioux Falls Roosevelt

2008 All-Tournament Gymnasts

Class "A"	Class "AA"
Sam Wiekamp, Deuel	Leslie Brost, Watertown
Kassie Fink, Madison	Jimi Siegling, Watertown
Katie Breuer, Madison	Caitlin Mack, Watertown
Katie Mackenzie, Madison	Sarah Weidler, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Skye Lindquist, Kadoka	Hannah Statz, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Samantha Dvorak, Wagner	Taylor Kapsch, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Carlie Weiss, Hot Springs	Jenna Schroeder, Rapid City Stevens
Amanda Jones, Britton-Hecla	Hollie Bloom, Rapid City Central
Ramy Hagen, Britton-Hecla	Amelia Rew, Mitchell
Kelly Wismer, Britton-Hecla	Brooke Cersosimo, Mitchell

2008 All-Tournament Girls Basketball Team

Class "B"	Class "A"	Class "AA"
Alexis Yackley, Sully Buttes	Sam Osterello, Stanley County	Ashley Eide, Sioux Falls Washington
Kylee Lamb, Sully Buttes	Kelsey Grimswold, Sisseton	Becky Tesch, Sioux Falls Washington
Elizabeth Lamb, Sully Buttes	Marque Lunderman, Red Cloud	Steph Paluch, Pierre
Cami Koehn, Colman/Egan	Val Kleinjan, Sioux Valley	Katie Lingle, Pierre
Morgan May, Colman Egan	Cori Bonte, Beresford	Hilary Peterson, Aberdeen Central
Samantha Jensen, Harding County	Nikki Huth, Beresford	Alison Kusler, Aberdeen Central
Joey Painter, Harding County	Kasey Novotny, Winner	Tara Heiser, Watertown
Becky Christofferson, Harding County	Sami Parvin, Winner	Kali Gottsleben, Watertown
Alex Kneeland, Summit	Taylor Richter, Dell Rapids	Abby Burbach, Yankton
Bethany Gross, Hanson	Whitney Lickteig, Dell Rapids	Ellyce Youngren, Brookings
Amanda Hart, Hanson	T-yanna Devricks, West Central	Betsy Moler, Rapid City Central
Devin Smith, New Underwood	Vanessa Johnson, West Central	Carsey Barden, Sturgis

2008 All-Tournament Boys Basketball Team

Class "B"

Louie Krogman, White River
Matthew Bartlett, White River
Austin Suther, Langford
Jeff Tobin, Langford
Spencer Yackley, Sully Buttes
Zach Merwin, Sully Buttes
Josh Nielson, Irene/Wakonda
Eric Anderson Irene/Wakonda
Skyler Bloch, Scotland
Carl Evenson, Scotland
Kyle Weisbeck, Campbell County
Craig Holbeck, Tripp/Delmont/Armour

Class "A"

Joe Hieb, Chamberlain
Ben Miller, Sioux Valley
Austin Eichacker, Lennox
Jared Vlastuin, Lennox
Trey Frederick, Sisseton
Christian McGhee, Red Cloud
Lester Goethridge, Red Cloud
Tony Fiegen, Madison
Chad White, Madison
Jordan Johnson, Platte/Geddes
Keith Cutler, Platte/Geddes
Collin Ringling, Platte/Geddes

Class "AA"

Michael Gardner, Pierre
Kyle Cichos, Pierre
Colin Strasburg, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Colton Iverson, Yankton
Logan Korkow, Huron
Jordan Buddenhagen, Huron
Aimir Krdzalic, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Anthony Muilenburg, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Stephen Peshong, Mitchell
Jordan Miller, Mitchell
Josh Hanson, Watertown
Justin Johnson, Watertown

2008 Outstanding Wrestlers

Class "B"

Ryan Kocer, Wagner

Class "A"

Dustin Walraven, Huron

2007-2008 All-Tournament Tennis Players

Girls

Shealyn Bakke, Watertown
Morgan Delange, Watertown
Hannah Gebauer, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Sarah Hamre, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Erin Hoffmann, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Kristi Meyers, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Theresa Petrasko, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Lauren Schultz, Rapid City Stevens
Meg Townsend, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Hannah Vandemark, Sioux Falls O'Gorman

Boys

Billy Paluch, Rapid City Stevens
Jack Hamburg, Rapid City Stevens
Gib Moyle, Rapid City Stevens
JJ Shultz, Rapid City Stevens
Brad Entwistle, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Jameson Goetz, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Paul Fahrendorf, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Brian Billion, Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Evan Gardner, Sioux Falls Lincoln
Cale Barber, Rapid City Central
Jared Drenlow, Sioux Falls Washington

2007-2008 Boys All-Tournament Golf Team

Class "B"

Austin Olson, Parker
Shea Stoltenberg, Garretson
Carson Moore, Jones County
Doug Thompson, Kimball
Gavin Pochop, Gregory
Ryan Varilek, Scotland
Brett Kuehl, Mobridge

Class "A"

Rainey Reynolds, Sioux Falls Christian
Ben Heller, Aberdeen Roncalli
Alex Schaack, Vermillion
Mike Rozenboom, Sioux Falls Christian
Max Pfeiffer, Aberdeen Roncalli
Cody Vostad, Canton

Class "AA"

Marc Gubbels, Yankton
Jordan Mueller, Yankton
Trevor Mathison, Sioux Falls Washington
Kyle Cooper, Sioux Falls Washington
Scott Williams, Aberdeen Central
Levi Drube, Aberdeen Central
Brian Wynia, Sioux Falls Roosevelt
Curry Kuehl, Pierre

2007-2008 Girls All-Tournament Golf Team

Class "B"

Kimmy Kaufman, Clark
Brittany Hanten, Deuel
Katelyn Crown, Wall
Kelsey Bortnem, Sioux Valley
Nina Bunkers, Colman/Egan
Davee Johnson, South Central
Jordan Trohkimoinen, Newell

Class "A"

Dani Bellet, Lead/Deadwood
Rachel Patnoe, Milbank
Brianna Postma, Madison
Brittany Tillma, Milbank
Danielle Kerr, St. Thomas More
Megan Byram, St. Thomas More
Rachel Sacrison, Belle Fourche

Class "AA"

Taylor Smalley, Pierre
Morgan Fitts, Brookings
Paige Osterloo, Rapid City Stevens
Chelsea Cadwell, Sioux Falls Washington
Kali Gottsleben, Watertown
Ashley Hendricks, Brookings
Katie Benedict, Sioux Falls O'Gorman

2008 Outstanding Track & Field Athletes

Class

B
A
AA

Girls

Bethany Gross, Hanson
Alexa Duling, Gregory
Jasmyne King, Rapid City Central

Boys

Mark Sayler, Scotland
Colin Koth, Sioux Falls Christian
Matt Tetzlaff, Pierre



2007-2008 25 YEAR COACHING AWARD WINNERS

Larry Beesley- Brandon
David Carmon- Wagner
Jill Christensen- Parker
Frank Cutler- Platte
Ron Determan- Burke
Cathy Grubb- Belle Fouché
Bob Hirsch-Watertown
Kathy Hunt- Brandon Valley
Lisa Link- Aberdeen
Tim McCain- Sanborn Central

Gary Miller- Rapid City
Craig Nowotny- Rapid City
Tom Oster- Avon
Tom Parquet- Philip
Gary Pepper- Scotland
Byron Pudwill- Tyndall
Jerry Rhodes, Sr.- Philip
Myron Steffen- Mt. Vernon
Byron Utter- Mobridge



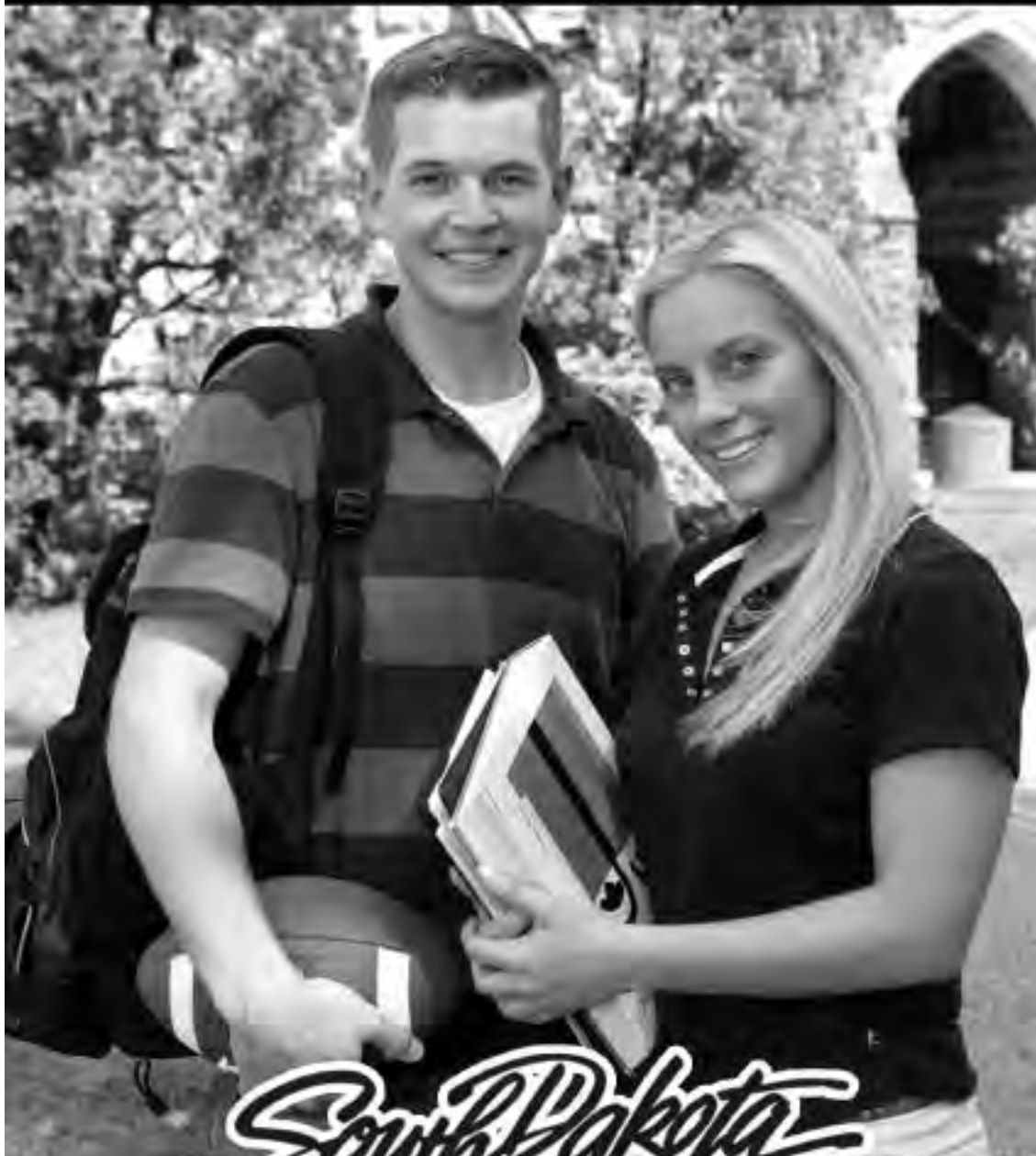
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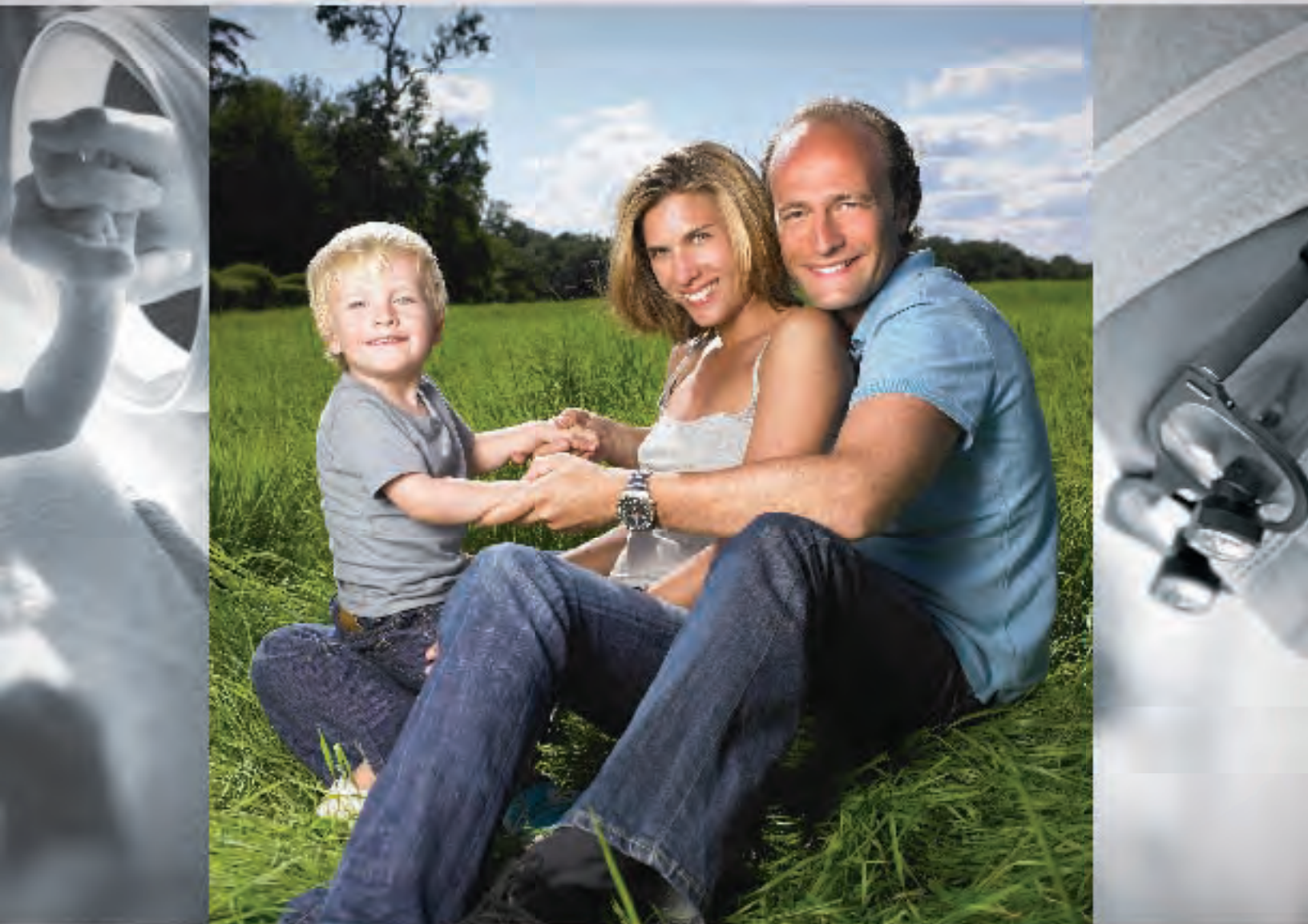
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