

**Nebraska Coaches Association
56th Annual
Awards Banquet**



Sunday, July 21, 2024

Old Lincoln Train Station • Great Hall • Historic Haymarket • Lincoln

ORDER OF EVENTS

WELCOME.....Steve Kerkman, Millard South
NCA President-Elect

INVOCATION & INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS.....Matt Swartzendruber, Sandy Creek
NCA Vice-President

DINNER

REMARKS.....Darin Boysen
Executive Director

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....Heath Kramer

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.....Greg Conn, NCA President
Steve Kerkman, NCA President-Elect

State Champion Coaches – Fundraising University
Coaches of the Year – Hudl & Signature Championship Rings
Jerry Stine Family Milestone Level IV Awards – Baden Sports
Jim Farrand/Assistant Coaches of the Year – Currency
NCA Media Awards
Friends of High School Sports – Currency
Service Awards – Currency
Doyle Denney Heart of a Coach Award – FCA
Career Awards



2023-2024 NCA MEMBER STATE CHAMPION COACHES



Football

Class A – Paul Limongi – Omaha Westside
Class B – Kam Lenhart – Bennington
Class C1 – Mark Hudson – Boone Central
Class C2 – Jeff Bellar – Norfolk Catholic
Class D1 – David Stoddard – Stanton

Volleyball

Class A – Jessica Kirkendall – Lincoln Southwest
Class B – Renee Saunders – Omaha Skutt Catholic
Class C1 – Julie Ratka – Minden
Class C2 – Sue Ziegler – Lincoln Lutheran
Class D2 – Hayley Ryan – Overton

Boys Cross Country

Class A – Fr. Bob Tillman – Creighton Preparatory School
Class B – Steve Carroll – Omaha Skutt Catholic
Class C – Tony Neels – Gothenburg
Class D – Tim O’Neill – North Platte St. Patrick’s

Girls Cross Country

Class A – Brian Kabourek – Lincoln East
Class B – Justin McGill – Norris
Class D – Jayme Clark – Hemingford

Softball

Class A – Todd Petersen – Papillion-La Vista
Class B – Mitch Sadd – Northwest
Class C – Morgan Zahnow – Ashland-Greenwood

Boys Basketball

Class A – Steve Klein – Bellevue West
Class B – Kyle Jurgens – Omaha Skutt Catholic
Class C1 – Kevin Scheef – Wahoo
Class C2 – Eric Rippen – Amherst
Class D1 – Lucas Dalinghaus – Johnson-Brock
Class D2 – Will Reutzel – Shelton

Girls Basketball

Class A – Marc Kruger – Millard West
Class B – Ann Prince – Elkhorn North
Class C1 – Scott Klein – Lincoln Christian
Class C2 – Clay Carlton – Yutan
Class D1 – Jason Dolliver – Pender
Class D2 – Janessa Bergman – Overton

Wrestling

Class B – Eric Dolezal – Waverly (Individual)
Class C – Connor Bolling – St. Paul (Dual)
Class C – Cody Wintz – Battle Creek (Individual)
Class D – Roy Emory – Aquinas Catholic (Dual & Individual)
Girls – Bob Mulligan – Omaha Westside

Bowling & Unified Bowling

Girls B – Josh Johnson – Wayne

Swimming & Diving

Girls – Andy Rider – Omaha Westside

Boys Track & Field

Class A – Broc Howard – Kearney
Class C – Carl Zuege – Chase County
Class D – Eric Havranek – Axtell
Class D – Jeff Germer – McCool Junction

Girls Track & Field

Class A – Jon Preister – Omaha Westside
Class B – Brian Benson – Waverly
Class D – Jennifer Pritchett – Niobrara/Verdigre

Baseball

Class A – Steve Frey – Millard West
Class C – Zach Wehner – Malcolm

Girls Soccer

Class A – Chace Hutchison – Gretna East

Boys Tennis

Class A – Chris Stock – Lincoln East

Girls Tennis

Class A – Chris Stock – Lincoln East

Boys Golf

Class A – Jared Hellman – Omaha Westside
Class B – James Myers – Norris
Class D – Brian Fleischman – Overton

Girls Golf

Class A – Brian Bullington – Lincoln East
Class C – Kelly Cooksley – Broken Bow

2023-2024 NCA COACHES OF THE YEAR



FOOTBALL

David Stoddard.....Stanton

State titles: 2023

2023 record: 13-0

"A few highlights in my career include being selected to coach in the Shrine Bowl, Sertoma 8-man All-Star Game, Northeast Nebraska All-Star Game, being an assistant coach for the 2004 Stanton State runner-up team and coaching the 2023 D1 State Football Champions."

VOLLEYBALL

Hayley Ryan.....Overton

State title: 2023

2023 record: 32-3

"After coaching for 23 years, it was an exciting moment to win a 3 Peat Conference Championship and win the state championship with both of my daughters on the team. This is a group I've had the opportunity to work with since they were in about 3rd grade. What a year to remember!"

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Tony Neels.....Gothenburg

State titles: 2022, 2023

"Reflecting on the journey of this year's team is a memory I won't forget. Watching this group grow from our middle school program into leaders of our high school team has been fun to watch."

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Jayne Clark.....Hemingford

State titles: 2022, 2023

"I took over the program when most of my runners were in Jr. High so it has been incredible to grow with them and watch them earn success."

SOFTBALL

Jennifer Fangmeier.....Blair

State titles: 2009, 2010 (as Assistant Coach)

2023 Record: 33-5

"Reflecting upon over a decade of coaching packs so many memories that have made a direct impact on seasons to follow. Among these, the standout moment for me was from the past 2023 season. We were fortunate enough to have an amazing season and experienced playing in the championship game at UNO. The opportunity of competing on such a grand stage, with an incredible Blair Bear fan base full of students, staff, families, and community members was nothing short of exhilarating and heartwarming. This memory and team will always hold a special spot for me."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Eric Rippen.....Amherst

State titles: 2024

2023-2024 record: 26-2

"The 2024 State Championship game ended and seeing all the smiling faces on the players and looking up in the stands, seeing our whole community there supporting us is a moment I'll never forget. With this being the first basketball state championship in school history, it was a special moment for everyone involved."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ann Prince.....Elkhorn North

State titles: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

2023-2024 record: 25-1

"Taking a brand new school to four consecutive state titles and having the opportunity to coach some of the best kids in the state, as athletes and human beings, along with the best coaching staff has been a highlight of my career."

WRESTLING

Eric Dolezal.....Waverly

State titles: 2024 Individual Tournament

2023-2024 dual record: 20-3

"Winning the 2024 Individual State Tournament was very memorable along with all the relationships I have built with current and past wrestlers."

BOWLING

Josh Johnson.....Wayne

State titles: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

"I have been blessed to have a ton of great memories coaching bowling the past 4 years at Wayne High. Being able to coach such great kids and with such great people is the best. Being able to watch the kids have the chance to compete at a high level and do things to be proud of is awesome. Putting championship medals around the necks of these young ladies (including my daughter!) and young men has been something I will remember forever."

SWIMMING & DIVING

Andy Rider.....Omaha Westside

State titles: Girls 2023, 2024

2023-2024 Dual Record: Girls 7-0; Invite Record: Girls 5-0

"My biggest joy is watching my athletes perform well and seeing the reaction on their faces after they have a great swim."

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Broc Howard.....Kearney

State title: 2024

"Jay Ball taking a chance on me as a coach at Omaha South has been an important moment in my coaching career."

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Brian Benson.....Waverly

State titles: 2024

"Important coaching moments have included the 2024 Girls State Championship and Boys State Runner-up; the 2023 Boys State Championship and girls 3rd place; and the 2022 & 2021 Boys State Runner-up."

BASEBALL

Zach Wehner.....Malcolm

State titles: 2023, 2024

2024 record: 23-3

"Starting the Malcolm High School team in 2022 was an important moment in my coaching career."

SOCCER

Chace Hutchison.....Gretna East

State titles: 2022, 2023, 2024

2024 record: 21-1

"An important moment in my career was working with my players to begin the history and standards of Gretna East soccer. Everything needed to be created, which was a huge task. Alongside my players we accomplished a lot for our first year."

TENNIS

Chris Stock.....Lincoln East

Girls State titles: 2018, 2022, 2024

Boys State titles: 2021, 2022, 2023

"It was incredibly gratifying to see both the boys and the girls teams create a culture of support and togetherness that allowed everyone to play their best tennis in their final matches at State."

GOLF

Kelly Cooksley.....Broken Bow

State titles: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

"My favorite memory was seeing our team complete a Class C record with the 4th straight State Championship this past season and seeing our number 1 golfer win the individual state title, on the 18th hole, in come from behind fashion to sweep both awards."

2023-2024 NCA COACHES OF THE YEAR



DANCE

Lindsey Tavlin Hinze.....Lincoln Southwest
 State titles: Class A High Kick 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

“Building an elite high school dance team, one that thrived not only on talent but also on leadership and positivity, was a journey filled with dedication and strategy. In 2023, the Emeralds took third place at our first national competition. Seeing the team exceed their own expectations and knowing that I played a part in their achievement filled me with immense gratitude and joy as their coach.”

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Stewart Venable.....Lincoln North Star

“My greatest coaching moment has been the transition from a biomechanical method to a neuro/biomechanical method of viewing the human body.”

CHEER

Kristin Weaver.....Loomis
 State titles: 2022, 2023, 2024

“The Loomis cheer program has grown quickly and has been very successful. 2022 was the first year Loomis cheerleaders competed at the state level. Loomis currently holds a threepeat record in Class D Game Day.”

JERRY STINE FAMILY MILESTONE LEVEL IV AWARD



Dave Hubert
 Ashland-Greenwood
 Basketball



Matt Musiel
 Lincoln North Star
 Boys Cross Country



Jeff Tomlin
 Grand Island
 Football



Steve Kerkman
 Millard South
 Softball



Tanya Niedbalski
 Scotus Central Catholic
 Girls Golf



Eric Kitzelman
 Kearney
 Girls Track & Field



Fr. Bob Tillman
 Creighton Preparatory School
 Boys Cross Country

JIM FARRAND MEMORIAL AWARD



Robert Jacobson
 Tri County



Stacy Strauss
 Lexington

NCA MEDIA AWARD



Prep Running Nerd
 Omaha

FRIENDS OF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD

CURRENCY.



Greg & Kristy Parr
Norfolk
Custom Sports

2023-2024 NCA SERVICE AWARD

CURRENCY.

25-YEAR COACHES



Steve Andersen, Lincoln Pius X
Lincoln Pius X



Dustin Kraemer, Norfolk
Madison,
Norfolk



Timothy E. Rossow,
Newman Grove
Newman Grove



Alan Frank, Adams Central
Gering,
Minatare,
Guernsey-Sunrise, WY,
Hay Springs,
Lexington,
Adams Central



Margo LaBrie, Hampton
Hampton



Troy Saulsbury, Kearney
Kearney Catholic,
Kearney



Derek Garfield, Fairbury
Falls City,
Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer,
Ainsworth,
Central City,
Wood River,
Fairbury



Garrett Mann, Burwell
Burwell



Tom Van Winkle, David City
Wolbach,
David City



Nick Hodge, Eustis-Farnam
York,
Minden,
Chester-Hubbell-Byron,
Medicine Valley,
Banner County,
Loup City,
Eustis-Farnam



Daniel N. Nelson, North Bend
North Bend



Matt Wiemers, McCook
McCook College,
McCook



Kevin James, Lincoln North Star
Palmyra,
Lincoln High,
Crete,
Lincoln North Star



Chris Nemetz, West Holt
Nebraska Wesleyan University,
Fremont,
West Holt

35-YEAR COACHES



Robert Hanzlik, Stuart
Pope John,
Kenesaw,
Stuart



Gail Madsen, Maxwell
Hershey,
Maxwell



Brad Nelson, Axtell
Santee,
Axtell



Rod Henkel, Mead
Victoria, KS,
Yutan,
Weeping Water,
Mead



Matt Musiel, Lincoln North Star
Bellevue West,
Lincoln North Star



Jerry Wiggins, Gothenburg
Anselmo/Merna,
Marysville, KS,
Harvard,
David City,
Gothenburg

40-YEAR COACHES



Jerry Buck, Lexington
Mead,
Holdrege,
Elwood,
Lexington



Jim Jennings, Platteview
Lexington St. Ann's,
Papillion-La Vista,
Bellevue West,
Platteview



Tom Pallas, Seward
Ord,
Seward



Randy Geier, Wauneta-Palisade
Wheatland,
Nebraska City Lourdes,
Winside,
Ord,
Elm Creek,
Wauneta-Palisade



John D. Kershaw, Wauneta-Palisade
Culbertson,
Hitchcock County,
Wallace,
Wauneta-Palisade



John Paulsen, Cambridge
Blue Hill,
Arapahoe,
Cambridge



Jim Hansen, Lincoln Pius X
Lincoln East,
Lincoln Pius X



Joe Ortmeier, Osmond
Osmond

45-YEAR COACHES



Al Blankenship, Waverly
Pleasanton,
Concordia University,
Waverly



Jeff Ritz, Millard North
Howells,
Creighton University,
Omaha Skutt Catholic,
Millard North



Dan Yilk, Gothenburg
Gothenburg



Steve Reeves, Gothenburg
Ashland - Greenwood,
Gothenburg

50-YEAR COACH



Gail Bly, Wauneta - Palisade
Guild Rock,
Orchard,
East Butler,
Culbertson,
Spaulding,
Elkhorn Valley,
Ainsworth,
Sargent,
David City,
Schuyler,
Red Oak,
St. Peter Claver,
Spaulding,
Emerson Hubbard,
Tri County,
Louisville,
Omaha Skutt Catholic,
Palmer,
Fairbury,
Neligh Oakdale,
North Central,
Harvard,
Shelton,
Wauneta - Palisade



Marty Hingst, Milford
Elwood,
Clay Center,
Milford



Duane Wilken, Bloomfield
Oxford,
Bloomfield



Steve Nelson, Alliance
Alliance



Sharon Zavala,
Grand Island Central Catholic
Grand Island Central Catholic



John Walsh, Papillion-La Vista
Creighton Prep,
Millard North,
Ralston,
Papillion - La Vista

DOYLE DENNEY HEART OF A COACH AWARD



Jeff Ritz, Millard North

NCA CAREER AWARDS



Dave Sellon, Fremont – Binnie & Dutch Award

Coaching experience: 33 years at Fremont. Coach Sellon guided football as well as boys track and field athletes for all 33 years of his coaching career. Over that span he earned 14 conference titles, 10 district titles, six state third place titles, was state runner-up four times and had three Class A State Champions. In 2018-19 Coach Sellon was awarded the NSAA Coach of the Year and NFHS Sectional Coach of the Year. Dave has also been a four-time finalist for the NHSACA Coach of the Year. Over his 32 years as a NCA member, Coach Sellon presented at the NCA winter track clinic as well as the Norfolk track clinic. He has earned Level IV Milestone status and has served as a Track & Field District Representative for NCA since 2012. He is thankful for so many great memories with great people over the last 33 years. It was a special thrill to see his two sons win gold medals at the state track meet. He and his wife Jill have two children – Jake and Drew.



Joel Hueser, Papillion-La Vista South – Ed Johnson Award

Coaching experience: 35 years including Mankato, KS, McCook, and Papillion-La Vista South. Coach Hueser's dedication to student-athletes and coaches throughout the state of Nebraska is hard to match. During his coaching career thus far, Hueser has a 444-383 overall record, finished state runner-up in 2000, and earned seven district championships. Over his 35 years as a NCA member, Joel served on the NCA Board of Directors, was a Boys Basketball District Representative and a sport host at the Multi-Sports Coaches Clinic. Coach Hueser has been a member of FCA and received the Doyle Denney Heart of a Coach Award in 2019. What Hueser really enjoys about coaching basketball, aside from the wonderful game itself, are the connections formed throughout the journey. He had the privilege of coaching two of his sons, numerous exceptional young men, and working alongside some of his closest coaching buddies. His father had the most significant impact on him as a coach and as a person; and his mom had forged his faith. He and his greatest supporter, wife Lisa, have three children – Josias (Sabrina), Jalen (Erica), and Jase and five grandchildren.



Dan Lonowski, Adams Central – Guy Mytty Award

Coaching experience: 36 years including Lincoln East, Fairbury, and Adams Central. A 2024 inductee in the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Dan Lonowski is one of the few coaches in the state that has coached several boys individual state champions and a girls individual state champion. Dan finished his career with 272 dual wins and several top 10 finishes at the Nebraska State Tournament. Coach Lonowski achieved Level IV Milestone status in wrestling. Dan has served as a NCA Wrestling District Representative, has been a member of NSWCA for 11 years and has coached the NSWCA All-Star Dual five times. Coach Lonowski has served in the Army & Army National Guard for 36 years and is now a retired colonel. He has had over 50 wrestlers go on to serve in the military after graduation. A few of his greatest thrills include coaching his sons, Nick and Derek, watching athletes grow, and celebrating with kids when they win their first match, first title, etc. He and his wife, Janet have five children – Emilee, Nick, Hailey, Derek, and Hannah.



Matt Musiel, Lincoln North Star – George O'Boyle Award

Coaching experience: 35 years including Bellevue West and Lincoln North Star. Coach Musiel's impact on cross country in Nebraska spans 35 years, during which time he helped launch the cross country and track & field programs at Bellevue West and Lincoln North Star. He has led 12 state qualifying boys and three state qualifying girls cross country teams, earning State Runner Up with the 1995 Bellevue West Boys team. Matt has had the opportunity to coach many talented athletes including six Nebraska Gator Ade Cross Country Runners of the Year – the four-time Nebraska State All-Class Cross Country Girls Champion Jeralyn Poe and the two-time Nebraska State All-Class Cross Country Boys Champion Liem Chot. During his tenure at Lincoln North Star, the Gators accumulated four girls and two boys Nebraska State Cross Country Championships, had 11 Individual Girl State Cross Country Medalists and 16 Individual Boy State Cross Country Medalists as well as 22 athletes being named to the LNS Gator Great Wall of Champions. He has achieved the Level IV Jerry Stine Family Milestone status in Boys Cross Country, the Level II Jerry Stine Family Milestone status in Girls Cross Country, and was named the NCA Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1995. As a 33-year member of NCA, Coach Musiel has served as a sport host at the Multi-Sports Coaches Clinic, was a District Representative for Track & Field and Cross Country, has published articles for the NCA Magazine, has presented at the NCA winter track clinic, and has been the race director of the NCA Saundi Fugleberg Memorial Fun Run. Matt and his wife Candi have been married for 35 years and have three children – Kiefer (Amanda), Connor (Whitney) and Keatyn.



Aaron Losing, Crofton – Ken Cook Award

Coaching experience: 20 years including Ethan, SD and Crofton. Coach Losing began coaching in Ethan, South Dakota before landing in Crofton in 2004. Losing has compiled an overall coaching record of 443-71, making 16 state tournament appearances, bringing home two state runner-up trophies and securing nine State Championships. During his tenure, Coach Losing had a great impact on many athletes, including 18 that continued on to play collegiate basketball. Highly respected in the Nebraska coaching community, Aaron was selected by his peers as a Coach of the Year in 2015, was a two-time NHSACA National Finalist and was selected as the National Coach of the Year in 2021. He has earned Level III Milestone status, has served on the NCA Girls Basketball Advisory Committee for 12 years and has presented at the NCA Multi-Sports Clinic. Aaron and his wife Mary are blessed to have three children – Emma, Abigail, and Isaac.



Jim Tonniges, Lincoln East – Swede Hawkins & Del Schoenfish Award

Coaching experience: 41 years – including Bethany Lutheran - Houston, Aurora, Curtis Medicine Valley, Central City and Lincoln East. Coach Tonniges coached baseball, football, basketball, wrestling and track for 24 years and began coaching golf in 1995. Prior to retirement in 2012, Jim guided the Spartan golf teams to fifteen state appearances, bringing home two runner-up trophies and eight State Championships. During his 41-year career Tonniges served on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Board, was selected the FCA Coach of the Year in 1995, was the NCA Golf Coach of the Year in 1997 and was the KFOR Coach of the Year in 2003. Jim's greatest thrill in coaching was observing young athletes improving their skill and confidence in the athletic event. He and his wife Judy have been married for 55 years and have three children, as well as eight grandchildren.



Kurk Wiedel, Thayer Central – Phyllis Rice-Honor Award

Coaching experience: 30 years – including Hebron and Thayer Central. Having spent 27 years as a head coach, Wiedel compiled a 534-167 career record and guided teams to 12 state tournaments. Highly respected in the Nebraska coaching community, Kurk was selected by his peers as a NCA All-Star Assistant Volleyball Coach in 2000 and a NCA All-Star Head Volleyball Coach in 2005. He was also a 3-time coach for the SCC-Beatrice All-Star Game. Coach Wiedel's greatest thrills in coaching were being able to coach both of his daughters in high school and having Jordan Larson on his All-Star Volleyball team. Kurk is married to Kris, and they have 4 children – Jenna (Lance), Seth (Kristin), Simon (Abigail), and Jasa; and 5 grandchildren with two more on the way.



Marty Hingst, Milford – Skip Palrang Award

Coaching experience: 50 years at Elwood, Clay Center and Milford. Coach Hingst retired from Milford in 2022 after coaching football, wrestling, track & field and serving as the Athletic Director throughout his 50-year career. During his years as head coach, Hingst compiled a career record of 275-180-2 and his teams made 19 state playoff appearances while winning 12 district championships over 5 different decades. Three of those teams advanced to the State Semi-Finals. In 1995 & 1996 his Milford squads captured the C-1 State Championships. Those wins were the springboard to 37 straight wins by the Eagles who still hold the C-1 State Record. In 1996 Marty was selected as the NCA Football Coach of the year. He was a known defensive featured clinician across the Midwest. Coach Hingst served as a Shrine Bowl assistant coach in 1992 and as head coach in 1999. He and his late wife, Char, have 3 children – Heather (Chris), Heidi (Nate), and Kyle (Kaisha) along with 11 grandchildren.

BINNIE & DUTCH AWARD

2023	Ken Adkisson	Waverly	1999	Marvin Schueler	Hebron
2022	Vince Peister	Hastings St. Cecilia	1998	Dale Bubak	Tekamah-Herman
2021	Rick Peterson	South Loup	1997	Charlie Thorell	Seward
2019	Gary Schuurmans	Norfolk	1996	Fred Beile	Doane College
2018	Don Perry	Henderson, Heartland, York	1995	Harold Scott	Lincoln High
2017	Les Hill	Hebron/Thayer Central	1994	Ed Moore	Ogallala
2016	Al Shirley	Lexington	1993	Roger Brink	West Holt
2015	Dennis Fornander	North Platte	1992	Jon Appleget	Fremont
2014	David Gee	Northwest	1991	Cecil McKnight	Plattsmouth
2013	Lyle Moeller	Norfolk	1990	Pat Murphy	Fremont
2012	Elroy Pierce	Eustis-Farnam	1989	Robert Newcomb	Bartley
2011	Fred Lambley	North Bend Central	1988	Frank Smagacz	Omaha Central
2010	Don Patton	Bellevue West	1987	Al Papik	Doane College
2009	George O'Boyle	Lincoln Pius X	1986	Willis Jones	Beatrice
2008	Joanne Dusatko	Omaha Central	1985	Harry Meeker	Millard
2007	Randy Cordes	York	1984	Randy Smith	Hebron
2006	John Farrand	Lincoln East	1983	Woody Greeno	Nebraska Wesleyan
2005	Fred Bessler	Imperial	1982	Joe DiNatale	North Platte
2004	Jerry Stine	Bertrand	1981	Mark Russell	Broken Bow
2003	Roger Mathiesen	Kearney	1980	Jess Keifer	Holdrege
2002	Dale Harsin	Alma	1979	E.P. Baruth McCook	Junior College
2001	Don Bader	Lexington	1978	Charlie Foster	Kearney State College
2000	Doug Martin	North Platte			

ED JOHNSON AWARD

2023	Kevin Scheef	Wahoo	2010	Rod Felix	Seward
2022	Mike Weiss	Bishop Neumann	2009	Al Schnabel	Lincoln High
2021	Rocky Ruhl	Wayne	2008	Del Schoenfish	Cambridge
2019	Bruce Chubick	Omaha South	2007	Charlie Moore	Fairbury
2018	Tim Cannon	Omaha Bryan, Millard North	2006	Dave Oman	Grand Island
2017	Curt Carlson	Scribner, Wolbach, Osceola, Norris, Lincoln Christian	2005	Paul Forch	Lincoln East
2016	Paul Beranek	Ravenna	2004	Larry Coorts	Adams
2015	Gary Chvala	(Posthumous) St. Mary's	2003	Jim Morrison	Howells
2014	Doug Goltz	Falls City Sacred Heart	2002	Mick Anderson	Wahoo
2013	Larry Pritchett	Perkins County	2001	Larry Ribble	Millard South
2012	Jim Weeks	Beatrice	2000	Dick Koch	Omaha Northwest
2011	Doug Woodard	Bellevue West			

MIKE HECK AWARD

1999	Wes Shepard	Lincoln Christian	1986	Merle Bauer	North Platte
1998	Bob Erickson	Doane College	1985	Jerry Hueser	Kearney State College
1997	Jerry Eickhoff	Hampton	1984	Wally McNaught	Lincoln Southeast
1996	Bill Holliday	Loomis	1983	Gene Kruger	Elkhorn
1995	Dale Sampy	Ansley	1982	Ed Johnson	Lincoln Northeast
1994	Bill Ramsay	Cozad	1981	John Johnette	Omaha Burke
1993	John Larsen	Lincoln Southeast	1980	Tom Brosnihan	Creighton University
1992	Fred Letheby	Madison	1979	Ed Colleran	Spalding Academy
1991	Fred Northrup	GI Central Catholic	1978	Joe Cipriano	UNL
1990	Aldie Johnson	Lincoln High	1977	Charlie Foster	Kearney State College
1989	Hank Willemesen	Lincoln Northeast	1976	Reuben Schlieffer	Chester
1988	Doyle Fyfe	Kearney State College	1975	Larry Fauss	Wahoo
1987	Lynn Farrell	Hastings College			

GUY MYTTY AWARD

2023	Dan Davenport	Waverly	2008	Curlee Alexander	Omaha North
2022	Lee Schroeder	West Point-Beemer	2007	Martin McCurdy	Lincoln East
2021	John McGary	Tri County	2006	Paul Sok	Winside
2019	Dean Boyer	Plainview	2005	Dr. Jon Habben	Falls City
2018	Alan Pokorny	Bennington	2004	Mike Denney	UNO
2017	Darrell Barnes	Ararahoe, Stanton, Boone Central	2003	Dan Desmond	Thayer Central
2016	H. Cecil Hinshaw	Aquinas, Scottsbluff	2002	Gaylen Kamrath	David City
2015	Doug Denson	Millard South	2001	Tim Classen	Centennial
2014	Brad Hildebrandt	Omaha Skutt Catholic	2000	Dan Brost	Mullen
2013	Brent Abrams	Tekamah-Herman	1999	Dr. Pat Culen	Centennial
2012	Dive Ciccone	York	1998	Tom McCann	Kearney
2011	Randy Kliment	Creighton	1997	Larry Andersen	Wymore Southern
2010	Dale Bonge	Boone Central	1996	Norm Manstedt	Clarks
2009	Doug Nielsen	Lincoln North Star	1995	Chuck Deter	Gering

GEORGE O'BOYLE AWARD

2023.....	Todd Nott.....	Plattsmouth	2017.....	Max Kurz.....	Millard High/Millard South, Millard West
2022.....	Sean McMahon.....	Fremont	2016.....	Vince Zavala.....	Northwest, GICC
2021.....	Steve Reeves.....	Gothenburg	2015.....	Jim Barker.....	Scottsbluff
2019.....	Bob Hoyer.....	Malcolm	2014.....	Gail Peterson.....	Crofton
2018.....	Roger Wright.....	Omaha Marian	2013.....	Ted Larson.....	Lincoln Southwest

KEN COOK AWARD

2023.....	Tim Kassmeier.....	Norfolk Catholic	2013.....	Randy Carpenter.....	Lexington
2022.....	Curt Holmquist.....	Chadron	2012.....	Jerome Skrdla.....	Gretna
2021.....	Rick Petri.....	Kearney Catholic	2011.....	Russ Ninemire.....	Sandy Creek
2019.....	Chuck Ross.....	Wisner-Pilger	2010.....	John Miller.....	Chambers
2018.....	Tim Wilbeck.....	SEM, Centennial, Exeter-Milligan	2009.....	Kelly Flynn.....	South Sioux City
2017.....	Carroll 'Coke' Trout.....	Lawrence, Nelson, Blue Hill	2008.....	Mike Lanham.....	Southern Valley
2016.....	John Schoneberg.....	Sutton	2007.....	Jim Miller.....	Omaha Marian
2015.....	Kathy Mettenbrink.....	Centura	2006.....	Rich Olson.....	Lincoln Northeast
2014.....	Jeff Ritz.....	Millard North/Skutt Catholic			

SWEDE HAWKINS & DEL SCHOENFISH AWARD

2023.....	Mike Brown.....	Mullen	2017.....	Dick Binfield.....	GI Central Catholic, Aurora
2022.....	Jim Danson.....	Lincoln Southwest	2016.....	Tim Wisdom.....	Lexington
2021.....	Mimi Ramsbottom.....	Elkhorn South	2015.....	Ron "RC" Coleman.....	McCook
2019.....	Steve Exstrom.....	Minden	2014.....	Jerry Cover.....	Norfolk
2018.....	Darrel Hoffman.....	Beatrice	2013.....	Swede Hawkins.....	Oakland-Craig

PHYLLIS RICE HONOR AWARD

2023.....	Darcy White.....	Exeter-Milligan	2008.....	Steve Morgan.....	Ogallala
2022.....	Lois Hixson.....	Aurora	2007.....	Alan VanCura.....	Hastings St. Cecilia
2021.....	Brad Nelson.....	Axtell	2006.....	Sharon Zavala.....	GI Central Catholic
2019.....	Jody Rhodes.....	Paxton	2005.....	Gwen Egbert.....	Papillion-La Vista South
2018.....	Sue Wewel.....	Archbishop Bergan	2004.....	Jake Moore.....	Lincoln Pius X
2017.....	Mary Schropfer.....	Lincoln Southwest	2003.....	John Petersen.....	Columbus
2016.....	Diane Torson.....	Hampton	2002.....	Dennis Troester.....	Republican Valley
2015.....	Kris Conner.....	Kearney Catholic	2001.....	Pat Hoblyn.....	Ansley High School
2014.....	Dean Korus.....	Humphrey St. Francis	2000.....	Sandi Genrich.....	Lincoln Northeast
2013.....	Diane Rouzee.....	Northwest	1999.....	Phyllis Rice Honor.....	Centennial
2012.....	Rochelle Rohlf.....	Omaha Marian	1998.....	Linda Carlson.....	North Platte
2011.....	Bill Root.....	Grand Island	1997.....	Sandra Piffold.....	Alliance
2010.....	Dan Sorge.....	Shickley	1996.....	Terry Pettit.....	UNL
2009.....	Joanne Kappas.....	Omaha Bryan	1995.....	Myron Oehlerking.....	Lincoln East

SKIP PALRANG AWARD

2023.....	Bill Carlin.....	Adams Central	2003.....	Gary DeBoer.....	Lawrence-Nelson
2022.....	Brett Froendt.....	Omaha Westside	2002.....	Ken Cook.....	Freeman
2021.....	Marty Going.....	Omaha Skutt Catholic	2001.....	Bill Pfeiff.....	Lincoln
2019.....	Bob Fuller.....	Plattsmouth, Numerous Other Schools	2000.....	Jack Guggenmos.....	Aurora
2018.....	Carl Tesmer.....	GICC, GI, Hastings St. Cecilia	1999.....	Leonard Bond.....	Omaha North
2017.....	Tim Turman.....	Bishop Neumann	1998.....	Lee Zentic.....	Lincoln East
2016.....	Jim Puetz.....	Columbus Scotus	1997.....	Bob Devaney.....	(Posthumous) UNL
2015.....	Tim Aylward.....	Lincoln Pius X	1996.....	Ed Haenfler.....	Grant
2014.....	Mark Wortman.....	Elkhorn	1995.....	Dan Moore.....	Ansley
2013.....	Jeff Bellar.....	Norfolk Catholic	1994.....	Bill James.....	Bellevue
2012.....	Dick Tingelhoff.....	Wahoo	1993.....	Bob Schnitzler.....	Battle Creek
2011.....	Dan Keyser.....	Cambridge	1992.....	Bob Starr.....	Seward
2010.....	Dennis Koinzan.....	Cross County	1991.....	Ken Fisher.....	Grand Island
2009.....	Bob Zohner.....	North Platte	1990.....	Mike Lehl.....	Blair
2008.....	Larry Jacobson.....	Omaha Burke	1989.....	Al Gaston.....	Grant
2007.....	Riley Harris.....	Kearney	1988.....	Dr. Tom Osborne.....	UNL
2006.....	Don Watchorn.....	Midland Lutheran College	1987.....	Al Zikmund.....	Kearney State College
2005.....	Tom Jaworski.....	Omaha Creighton Prep	1986.....	Vince Aldrich.....	Lincoln Pius X
2004.....	Chuck Mizerski.....	Lincoln Southeast	1985.....	Lou Roper.....	Lincoln Banker - Shrine Bowl

FRIENDS OF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD

2023	Dale & Sue Wilcoxson	Fremont	2006	Amy Tipton	Lincoln
2022	Randy Cordes	York	2005	Bill Lewis	NSAA
2021	Jayson Brueggmann	NE Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine	2004	W. & M. Conover	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
2019	Ben Eickhoff	Thedford	2004	Reno Pfeil	Elkhorn
2019	Mike Harvey	Arnold	2004	Jack Johnson	Columbus
2018	Bob Polzin	Awards Unlimited	2003	Gene Haynes	Omaha North
2017	Mike Purdy	NSIAAA	2003	Dr. Marshall Adams	NSAA
2017	Jeff Maul	Lincoln CVB	2003	Dick Hagemoser	Seward
2017	Tracie Simpson	Lincoln CVB	2002	Dave Dostal	Omaha
2016	Doyle Denney	Grand Island	2001	Rex Jones	NSAA
2015	Larry Munksgaard	Lincoln	2001	Al Papik	UNL
2015	Bob Danenhauer	Omaha	2000	Karen Hand	Lincoln Public Schools
2014	Rich Brodersen	Kearney	2000	Dennis Smith	NSAA Board of Control
2014	Dave Irwin	NCA All-Star Ambassador/SEM	2000	Charlie Gordon	GI Northwest
2013	Dick Beechner	Kearney	1999	Ray Ehlers	Lexington
2012	Craig Jacobsen	Lincoln North Star	1999	Jerry Stine	Bertrand
2012	Joanne Bracker	Midland University	1999	Butch Hug	UNL
2011	Vicky Johnsen	Lincoln	1998	Tammie Wall	Lin. Convention & Visitors Bureau
2011	Veronica Schoenfish	Cambridge	1998	Duane Haith	Omaha Public Schools
2011	Sharon Moore	Fairbury	1998	Bruce Rico	Coca-Cola, Lincoln
2011	Sharon Lanham	Oxford	1997	Olinda Olson	Millard South
2011	Bev Struebing	East Butler	1997	Kathy Holliday	Loomis
2010	Dr. Jim Tenopir	NSAA/NFHS	1996	Dick Thompson	North Platte
2009	Larry King	Awards Unlimited	1996	Conde Sargent	NSAA
2009	Jack Guggenmos	Waverly	1995	Jim Riley	NSAA
2008	Dave Schultz	NE Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine	1995	Alan Baird	Coca-Cola, Lincoln
2008	Charlie & Mary Caverzagic	Plattsmouth	1994	Gene Wells	Grand Island
2007	Larry Buchmann	Pepsi	1993	Craig Cormack	Burger King
2006	Bobbie Hopp	Fremont	1992	Dick Estes	Norfolk

JIM FARRAND MEMORIAL AWARD

2023	Joydene McCarville	Sidney	2005	Franklin Snocker	Bluffs Middle School
2023	Allison Snodgrass	York	2005	Dennis Krutsinger	Imperial
2023	Tony Weinandt	Elkhorn North, Fremont	2005	Deborah McAllister	Fairbury
2022	Kristin Blume	McCook	2005	Dan Gilson	Heartland
2022	Clint Havel	Thayer Central	2005	Dale Kropp	Battle Creek
2021	Kim Dieckmann	Archbishop Bergan	2004	Terry Person	South Sioux City MS
2021	Bill Ford	Bertrand	2004	Stu Essman	Ashland-Greenwood
2019	Beth McMahan	Fremont	2004	Julie Hall	Norfolk
2019	Tiffany Panning	Crofton	2003	Roger Rine	York
2018	Brendan Dorcey	Wayne	2003	Roger Neujahr	Gothenburg
2018	Kevin Hubbel	Lincoln East	2003	Larry Vancura	Heartland
2018	James Spanel	Norfolk	2003	Kim Busch	Ashland-Greenwood
2017	Chuck Foxhoven	Norfolk	2003	Gary Beard	Logan View
2017	Margo LaBrie	Hampton	2003	Dale Mundorf	Ainsworth
2017	Greg Warneke	Pierce	2002	Ron Wiese	Grand Island
2016	Robert Mischou	Kearney	2002	Jim Farrand	Aurora
2016	Ronda Motykowski	Omaha Marian	2002	Gary Jamieson	Millard South
2016	Ryan & Teresa Rischling	Bennington	2002	Dana Trofholz	Schuyler MS
2016	Jim Simpson	Papillion-La Vista South	2001	Steve Larson	Kearney
2015	Carol Liekhus	Howells, Stanton	2001	Ronda Motykowski	Omaha Marian
2015	Steve Lundeen	Platteview	2001	Rich Young	Columbus
2015	Norm Svoboda	Blair	2001	Lee Miller	Sandhills
2014	Chad Lyons	McCook	2001	Jerry Eickmeier	Seward Middle School
2014	Jim Hansen	Lincoln Pius X	2001	Craig Lathrop	Kearney
2013	Warren Osborn	Scottsbluff	2001	Charles Gorman	Plattsmouth
2013	Stan Erks	Centennial	2000	Sid Conrad	Norris
2013	Ann Purdy	Northwest	2000	Mike Bivens	Norfolk Catholic
2013	Rick Watson	North Bend Central	2000	Larry Niemann	Seward
2012	Gery Pence	Norris	2000	Kelly Ward	Barr Middle School (GI)
2012	John Kershaw	Hitchcock Co	2000	Jeff Scharff	Bertrand
2011	Joe Shandera	Lincoln High	2000	Dave Sautter	Alliance
2011	Dan Schneiss	Boys Town	1999	Norm Nott	Grand Island Northwest
2010	Rob Kober	Hastings St. Cecilia	1999	Mike Butler	Lincoln Southeast
2010	Jeff Rowan	Lexington	1999	Jan Kuxhausen	Conestoga
2009	Ron Casper	Southwest	1999	Doug Miller	Lincoln Southeast
2009	Lyle VanCleave	Laurel-Concord	1999	Dennis Hoffman	Kimball
2009	Jack Hild	Holdrege	1999	David Warrick	Blair Middle School
2009	Donnie Miller	Minden	1999	Bob Rose	Sandy Creek
2009	Chris Wentling	Norfolk	1998	Tom Olson	Norfolk
2008	James Libal	Freeman	1998	Ron Howard	Scottsbluff
2007	Paul Mulcahy	Syracuse	1998	Jerry Donahue	Fremont
2007	Dave Novak	Elmwood-Murdock	1998	Bill Koll	Elkhorn
2007	Dan O'Brien	McCook	1997	Tom Spale	Schuyler
2007	Craig Burchess	Grand Island	1997	Roger Coon	Geneva
2007	Arlo Pinkerman	Cross County	1997	John Barnhill	Valley
2006	Kathy Matthews	Homer	1997	Jack Young	Columbus
2006	Jeff Mollring	McCook	1997	Dan Traudt	Grand Island
2006	George Briggs	McCook	1997	Dale Burch	Barr Junior High (GI)
2006	Gail Searcy	Auburn	1996	Mark Bowers	Fremont
2006	Deb Vorderstrasse	Thayer Central	1996	Steve Clapp	McCook
2005	Tim McAllister	Fairbury	1996	Denise Haag	Fairbury
2005	Gary Garrison	Maxwell	1996	Steve Porter	Norfolk

JIM FARRAND AWARD CONTINUED

1996	Janet Tooley	Columbus Scotus	1990	Jim Komenda	Crete
1996	Joe Wells	Grand Island	1990	Rick Roffers	Waverly
1995	LeRoy Bell	Centural	1990	Bob Shaw	Aurora
1995	Bob Priebe	Plattsmouth	1990	Greg Uhrmacher	Grand Island
1995	Mike Tibbels	Norfolk Jr. High	1990	Jan Weber	Ord
1995	Clark Vetter	Franklin	1989	Galen Conn	DeWitt Tri-County
1995	Jan Zink	Norris	1989	LaMarr Gibson	Norfolk Jr. High
1994	Bill Beckenhauer	McCook	1989	David Jorgenson	Central City
1994	Eldon Haas	Kearney	1989	Al Musson	O'Neill
1994	Nancy Johnson	Lincoln Southeast	1989	Lannie Shelmadine	Alliance
1994	Ed McPherrin	Lincoln East	1989	Ron Siske	Ralston
1993	Myron Titkemeier	Gothenburg	1989	Larry Starr	Crete
1993	Wayne Heine	Centennial	1988	John Kruse	O'Neill
1993	Dick Colvin	Grand Island Northwest	1988	Don Mahlman	Fairbury
1993	Nancy Ray	Ashland-Greenwood	1988	Roger Rine	York
1993	John Mason	Ogallala	1988	Bill Schnase	Millard North
1993	Jim Miller	Beatrice	1988	Ron Soenksen	Pierce
1992	Manuel Alvarez	Gering	1988	Ken Swartz	Omaha Burke
1992	Duane Blomenkamp	Wayne	1987	Larry Blaser	Norfolk
1992	Allen Cerny	Ogallala	1987	Duane Dobson	Alliance
1992	Jim Fahrnbruch	Crete	1987	Robert Kechely	Auburn
1992	Gary Pence	Norris	1987	Craig Lathrop	Kearney
1991	Tom Hoettby	Adams	1987	Dave Stodola	Omaha Burke
1991	Steve Larson	Kearney	1987	Vern Younger	Columbus Scotus
1991	Bryan Mabie	Grand Island	1986	Bob Wise	Arlington
1991	Tom Neumann	Sutton	1986	Pat Murphy	Fremont
1991	Gary Puetz	Columbus Scotus	1986	Harry Gaylor	UNO
1990	Dan Koenig	Wayne			

MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

2023	Mike Sautter	Hurrdat Sports & Nebpreps	2008	Walt Smith	Ord/KNLV
2023	Taylor Siebert	Striv	2007	Dewaine Gahan	Oakland
2022	Randy Gottula	Sunny 101.3/KTNC 1230, Falls City	2006	Stephanie Croston	Seward County Independent
2022	John Nixon	Sunny 101.3/KTNC 1230, Falls City	2006	BJ Fictum	The Crete News
2021	Jim Turco	NET	2005	Steve Stein	McCook/KIOD
2019	Daryl Blue	LNE/LJS/OWH	2005	Steve Altmaier	Kearney/KGFW
2019	Ken Hambleton	Lincoln Journal Star	2005	Scott Poesse	O'Neill/KBRX
2018	Ross Jernstrom	WOWT NBC Omaha	2004	Kevin Kugler	NETV-ESPN Radio
2018	Larry Puntney	NET	2003	Bob Jensen	Huskerland Prep Report
2017	Buck Mahoney	Kearney Hub	2002	Chuck Stevens	Lincoln
2017	Marc Zavala	Grand Island Independent	2001	Tim Southard	Western Nebraska Observer
2016	Rob Barney	KNEB Scottsbluff	2001	Jane White	Beatrice
2016	Mike Patterson	Omaha World Herald	2000	Brian Gallagher	Grand Island
2015	Ron Powell	Lincoln Journal-Star	1999	Mike Glesinger	Alliance
2014	Brad Fossberg	KRGI Grand Island	1999	Mark Ahlman	Wayne
2014	Chuck Schwartz	North Platte/Scottsbluff Radio	1998	Stu Pospisil	Omaha World Herald
2013	Bobby Mills (Micek)	1000 Yard Club	1998	Ryly Jane	Hambleton Lincoln Journal Star
2012	NTV Sports Staff	NTV	1996	Con Marshall	Chadron
2012	Jim Edgcombe	Minden Courier	1995	Don Kraemer	Norfolk
2012	Dave Bradley	Aurora News-Register	1994	Rich Barrett	McCook
2011	Mike Will	Hastings/KHAS/KICS	1993	Larry Rice	Ainsworth
2010	Randy Brown	Sidney/KSID	1992	Danny Fuehrer	Norfolk
2010	John Smyth	Greeley Citizen	1992	Bill Madden	Scottsbluff
2009	Rich Ray	KHUB/KFMT	1988	Larry Porter	Lincoln
2009	Doug Duda	Kearney/KKPR/KXPN			

NCA & FCA HEART OF A COACH AWARD SELECTIONS

2023	Toni Fowler	Adams Central	2019	Joel Hueser	Papillion-La Vista South
2022	Shane Fruit	Ogallala	2018	Bill Carlin	Adams Central
2021	Chuck Ross	Wisner-Pilger	2017	Diane Rouzee	Northwest

MILESTONE LEVEL IV AWARD

Boys' Track	Jon Appleget	Fremont	1992	Boys' Track	Cecil McKnight	Plattsmouth	1992	Boys' Track	Marv Scheuler	Hebron	1992
Football	Ken Cook	Adams	1992	Basketball	Jim Morrison	Howells	1992	Football	Bob Schnitzler	Battle Creek	1992
Wrestling	Chuck Deter	Gering	1992	Wrestling	Guy Mytty	Tekamah-Herman	1992	Boys' Track	Bob Schnitzler	Battle Creek	1992
Basketball	Jerry Eickhoff	Hampton	1992	Football	Robert Newcomb	Bartley	1992	Basketball	Ken Cook	Adams	1993
Football	Ken Fischer	Grand Island	1992	Volleyball	Myron Oehlerking	Lincoln East	1992	Basketball	Paul Forch	Lincoln East	1993
Basketball	Larry Gilson	Maxwell	1992	Boys' Track	Jim Puetz	Columbus Scotus	1992	Basketball	Jim Kane	Elkhorn Mt. Michael	1993
Boys' Track	Dale Harsin	Alma	1992	Basketball	Bill Ramsay	Cozad	1992	Football	Dan Moore	Ansley	1993
Boys' Golf	Swede Hawkins	Oakland-Craig	1992	Boys' Track	Mark Russell	Broken Bow	1992	Boys' CC	Gail H. Peterson	Crofton	1993
Football	Mike Lehl	Blair	1992	Basketball	Reuben Schleifer	Chester	1992	Basketball	Larry Ribble	Millard South	1993

MILESTONE LEVEL IV AWARD CONTINUED

Boys' Track.....Charlie Thorell.....Seward.....1993	Wrestling.....Gaylen Kamrath.....David City.....2004	Wrestling.....Tyler Herman.....Amherst.....2015
Basketball.....Larry Coorts.....Adams.....1994	Girls' Track.....Al Shirley.....Lexington.....2004	Basketball.....Rick Petri.....Kearney Catholic.....2015
Basketball.....Rod Felix.....Seward.....1994	Football.....Jeff Bellar.....Norfolk Catholic.....2005	Volleyball.....Ed Rowse.....Minden.....2015
Basketball.....Aldie Johnson.....Lincoln High.....1994	Wrestling.....Doug Denison.....Millard South.....2005	Baseball.....Frank Ryan.....Millard West.....2015
Wrestling.....Doug Nielsen.....Crete.....1994	Volleyball.....Pat Hoblyn.....Ansley.....2005	Girls' CC.....Jane Arens.....Crofton.....2016
Boys' CC.....George O'Boyle.....Lincoln Pius X.....1994	Basketball.....Mike Lanham.....Oxford.....2005	Boys' Track.....Al Blankenship.....Waverly.....2016
Boys' Track.....Fred Bessler.....Imperial.....1995	Girls' CC.....Dan Mahoney.....Columbus Scotus.....2005	Basketball.....Bob Eichelberger.....Johnson County Central.....2016
Wrestling.....Dan Brost.....Mullen.....1995	Wrestling.....Gary McGrath.....East Butler.....2005	Boys' Track.....Jeff Germer.....McCool Junction.....2016
Boys' Track.....Bob Eyth.....Lincoln East.....1995	Boys' Track.....Lyle Moeller.....Norfolk.....2005	Boys' Track.....Max Kurz.....Millard West.....2016
Football.....William E. James.....Bellevue East.....1995	Girls' Track.....Charlie Moore.....Fairbury.....2005	Girls' CC.....Max Kurz.....Millard West.....2016
Girls' CC.....Ted Larson.....Lincoln Southeast.....1995	Boys' Track.....Vincent Pelster.....Hastings S.C.....2005	Boys' CC.....Max Kurz.....Millard West.....2016
Boys' Track.....Lonnie Shafer.....Exeter.....1995	Basketball.....Jeff Ritz.....Millard North.....2005	Football.....Dan Lenner.....Chase County.....2016
Volleyball.....Alan Vancura.....Hastings St. Cecilia.....1995	Wrestling.....Paul Sok.....Winside.....2005	Girls' Tennis.....Les Livingston.....Kearney.....2016
Wrestling.....Rick Allgood.....Millard North.....1996	Girls' CC.....Roger Wright.....Omaha Marian.....2005	Volleyball.....Don Matt.....Chadron.....2016
Football.....Gary DeBoer.....Nelson.....1996	Football.....Bob Zohner.....North Platte.....2005	Basketball.....Tony Muller.....Milford.....2016
Football.....Jack Guggenmos.....Aurora.....1996	Football.....Mike Brown.....Mullen.....2006	Volleyball.....Brad Nelson.....Axtell.....2016
Basketball.....Jim Miller.....Omaha Marian.....1996	Basketball.....Doug Goltz.....Falls City Sacred Heart.....2006	Girls' CC.....George O'Boyle.....Lincoln Pius X.....2016
Football.....Jim Puetz.....Columbus Scotus.....1996	Football.....Marty Hingst.....Milford.....2006	Basketball.....Trudy Samuelson.....Malcolm.....2016
Basketball.....Bob Schnitzler.....Battle Creek.....1996	Football.....Dan Keyser.....Cambridge.....2006	Basketball.....Tom Tvrdy.....Seward.....2016
Boys' Track.....Jerry Stine.....Bertrand.....1996	Football.....Ron Kubik.....Bertrand.....2006	Football.....Greg Welch.....Seward.....2016
Volleyball.....Sharon Zavala.....Grand Island C.C.....1996	Basketball.....Kathy Mettenbrink.....Centura.....2006	Basketball.....Tod Heier.....Twin River.....2017
Boys' CC.....Vince Zavala.....Grand Island N.W.....1996	Boys' Track.....Jeff Mollring.....McCook.....2006	Volleyball.....Lois Hixson.....Aurora.....2017
Football.....Fred Bessler.....Imperial.....1997	Basketball.....John Petersen.....Columbus Scotus.....2006	Basketball.....Mark Hrabik.....Sycamore.....2017
Boys' Track.....John Farrand.....Grand Island.....1997	Girls' Track.....Elroy Pierce.....Eustis-Farnam.....2006	Girls' Track & Field.....Rick Peterson.....Arnold/South Loup.....2017
Volleyball.....Sandi Genrich.....Lincoln N.E.....1997	Boys' CC.....Gary Rath.....Aurora.....2006	Basketball.....Jody Rhodes.....Paxton.....2017
Volleyball.....Phyllis Honnor.....Centennial.....1997	Volleyball.....Lana Wilken.....Aurora.....2006	Volleyball.....Jody Rhodes.....Paxton.....2017
Boys' CC.....Ted Larson.....Lincoln Southeast.....1997	Basketball.....Curt Carlson.....Norris.....2007	Basketball.....Chuck Ross.....Wisner-Pilger.....2017
Boys' Track.....Roger A. Mathiesen.....Kearney.....1997	Basketball.....Gary Chvala.....O'Neill St. Mary's.....2007	Boys' CC.....Rocky Ruhl.....Wayne.....2017
Volleyball.....Steve Morgan.....Ogallala.....1997	Boys' C.C.....Bob Hoyer.....Malcolm.....2007	Basketball.....Dave Sautter.....Alliance.....2017
Boys' Track.....Patrick Murphy.....Fremont.....1997	Volleyball.....Dean Korus.....Humphrey St. Francis.....2007	Wrestling.....Lee Schroeder.....Howells/West Point-Beemer.....2017
Volleyball.....John Petersen.....Columbus Scotus.....1997	Boys' Tennis.....Fr. Michael Liebl.....Elkhorn Mt. Michael.....2007	Volleyball.....Darcy White.....Exeter-Milligan.....2017
Basketball.....Larry Pritchett.....Grant.....1997	Boys' Tennis.....Patrick McFadden.....Kearney.....2007	Boys' CC.....Doug Zoucha.....Norfolk Catholic.....2017
Basketball.....Wes Shepard.....Lincoln Christian.....1997	Boys' CC.....Patrick McFadden.....Kearney.....2007	Boys' Tennis.....Greg Classen.....Papillion-La Vista.....2018
Wrestling.....Tom McCann.....Kearney.....1998	Girls' CC.....Steve Reeves.....Gothenburg.....2007	Boys' Golf.....Jerry Cover.....Norfolk.....2018
Basketball.....Del Schoenfish.....Cambridge.....1998	Volleyball.....Mike Smith.....Alma.....2007	Wrestling.....John Ganser.....Sidney.....2018
Basketball.....Dale Smidt.....Wood River.....1998	Basketball.....Tim Wilbeck.....Exeter-Milligan.....2007	Boys' Track & Field.....Doug Goltz.....Falls City Sacred Heart.....2018
Boys' Track.....Dan Tesar.....Tri County.....1998	Football.....Doug Goltz.....Falls City Sacred Heart.....2008	Softball.....George Traver.....Elkhorn South.....2018
Basketball.....Bill Wallace.....Kimball.....1998	Boys' Tennis.....Jeffrey Hoham.....Lincoln East.....2008	Wrestling.....Dan Lonowski.....Adams Central.....2018
Boys' Track.....Don Bader.....Lexington.....1999	Boys' Track.....Dennis Koizan.....Cross County.....2008	Volleyball.....Lisa Mason.....Bertrand.....2018
Wrestling.....Dale Bonge.....Albion.....1999	Basketball.....Charles Perone.....Boone Central.....2008	Basketball.....Dan Moore.....Papillion-La Vista.....2018
Boys' CC.....Ron Brewer.....Minden.....1999	Basketball.....Frank Samuelson.....Cross County.....2008	Boys' Track & Field.....George O'Boyle.....Lincoln Pius X.....2018
Boys' Tennis.....Les Livingston.....Kearney.....1999	Basketball.....Denny Crawford.....Auburn.....2009	Girls' Track & Field.....George O'Boyle.....Lincoln Pius X.....2018
Boys' Tennis.....Gene Starmer.....Millard South.....1999	Girl's Golf.....Darrel Hoffman.....Beatrice.....2009	Football.....Tom Olson.....Norfolk.....2018
Football.....Dan Tesar.....Tri County.....1999	Girls' Track.....Dean Korus.....Humphrey St. Francis.....2009	Football.....Mark Rotter.....Bruning-Davenport-Shickley.....2018
Volleyball.....Dennis Troester.....Republican Valley.....1999	Volleyball.....Jake Moore.....Lincoln Pius X.....2009	Girls' Track & Field.....Dwayne Schmitt.....Kearney Catholic.....2018
Girls' Track.....Alan Vancura.....Hastings St. Cecilia.....1999	Football.....Ron Peck.....Beemer.....2009	Girls' Soccer.....John Walsh.....Ralston.....2018
Wrestling.....Brent Abrams.....Tekamah-Herman.....2000	Girls' CC.....Gail H. Peterson.....Crofton.....2009	Boys' Track & Field.....Doug Zoucha.....Norfolk Catholic.....2018
Boys' Track.....Roger Brink.....Atkinson West Holt.....2000	Volleyball.....Diane Rouzee.....Northwest.....2009	Basketball.....Kevin Asher.....Hastings St. Cecilia.....2019
Basketball.....Paul Brungardt.....Humphrey St. Francis.....2000	Girls' Track.....Gary Schuurmans.....Norfolk.....2009	Girls' Tennis.....Steve Bischof.....Elkhorn South.....2019
Wrestling.....Tim Classen.....Centennial.....2000	Football.....Bill Carlin.....Adams Central.....2010	Wrestling.....Dean Boyer.....Plainview.....2019
Girls' Gymnastics.....Dave Eppert.....Lincoln East.....2000	Football.....Jon Cerny.....Bancroft-Rosalie.....2010	Boys' Track & Field.....Rick Eickholt.....Neligh-Oakdale.....2019
Wrestling.....Creighton Randy.....Kliment.....2000	Basketball.....Jim Martenson.....West Holt.....2010	Basketball.....Tom Leininger.....Aurora.....2019
Boys' Track.....Fred Lambley.....North Bend.....2000	Boys' Track.....Don Perry.....York.....2010	Wrestling.....Norm Manstedt.....High Plains.....2019
Basketball.....Duane Mendlik.....West Point Central Catholic.....2000	Volleyball.....Craig Schadwinkel.....Gering.....2010	Girls' Golf.....Mimi Ramsbottom.....Elkhorn South.....2019
Boys' Track.....Dan Moore.....Ansley.....2000	Boys' Track.....Alan Strong.....Pawnee City.....2010	Volleyball.....Janet Tooley.....Columbus Scotus.....2019
Boys' Golf.....Del Schoenfish.....Cambridge.....2000	Volleyball.....Diane Torson.....Hampton.....2010	Football.....Chris Ardissono.....BDS.....2021
Girls' Track.....Jim Brown.....Elkhorn.....2001	Basketball.....Jim Weeks.....Beatrice.....2010	Football.....Jeff Gross.....McCook.....2021
Volleyball.....Linda Carlson.....North Platte.....2001	Football.....Mark Wortman.....Elkhorn.....2010	Football.....Ron Mimick.....Aguinas Catholic.....2021
Boys' Track.....David Gee.....GI Northwest.....2001	Girls' CC.....John Barthule.....Fillmore Central.....2011	Boys' Track & Field.....Ron Mimick.....Aguinas Catholic.....2021
Football.....Dennis Koizan.....Stromsburg.....2001	Basketball.....James Carlson.....West Boyd.....2011	Boys' Track & Field.....Roger Neujahr.....Gothenburg.....2021
Football.....Chuck Mizerski.....Lincoln Southeast.....2001	Girls' Track.....Janet Tooley.....Columbus Scotus.....2011	Boys' Track & Field.....Tom Olson.....Norfolk.....2021
Boys' Golf.....Dale Smidt.....Wood River.....2001	Volleyball.....Kurk Wiedel.....Thayer Central.....2011	Wrestling.....Alan Pokorny.....Bennington.....2021
Basketball.....Clayton Steel.....Laurel-Concord.....2001	Basketball.....Brad Williams.....Greeley-Wolbach.....2011	Boys' Track & Field.....Steve Reeves.....Gothenburg.....2021
Football.....Richard Stein.....Chadron.....2001	Girls' Track.....Steve Clapp.....McCook.....2012	Girls' Track & Field.....Steve Reeves.....Gothenburg.....2021
Basketball.....Carroll Trout.....Lawrence-Nelson.....2001	Basketball.....Kelly Flynn.....South Sioux City.....2012	Boys' Track & Field.....Dave Sellon.....Fremont.....2021
Boys' Track.....Larry VanCura.....Henderson.....2001	Football.....Arnold Johnson.....Boone Central.....2012	Basketball.....Tim Streff.....Blue Hill.....2021
Girls' Track.....Vicki Vannier.....Wheeler Central.....2001	Football.....Mike Johnson.....Waverly.....2012	Boys' Golf.....Richard Stuart.....Beatrice.....2021
Boys' Golf.....Dan Wolf.....Lincoln Southeast.....2001	Basketball.....Fred Kluck.....Bruning-Davenport.....2012	Boys' Track & Field.....Jack Tarr.....Malcolm.....2021
Wrestling.....Darrell Barnes.....Arapahoe.....2002	Volleyball.....Rochelle Rohfs.....Omaha Marian.....2012	Girls' Track & Field.....Jack Tarr.....Malcolm.....2021
Girls' Golf.....Jerry Cover.....Norfolk.....2002	Basketball.....Jerome Skrdla.....Gretna.....2012	Football.....John Bellar.....Lyons-Decatur.....2022
Football.....Bob Fuller.....Phillipsburg, KS.....2002	Boys' Track.....Dallas Watkins.....Dundy County-Stratton.....2012	Football.....Larry Martin.....Omaha North.....2022
Basketball.....Rick Hesse.....Clearwater.....2002	Girls' Track.....Diane Balcom.....Holdrege/Bertrand.....2013	Volleyball.....Kory Rohde.....Hayes Center.....2022
Girls' Track.....Les Hill.....Hebron.....2002	Boys' Track.....Jim Barker.....Scottsbluff.....2013	Girls Basketball.....Brian Bullington.....Lincoln East.....2022
Boys' Gymnastics.....Mike Hoskovec.....Millard South.....2002	Girls' Golf.....Steve Exstrom.....Minden.....2013	Girls Basketball.....Scott Polacek.....Howells-Dodge.....2022
Boys' Track.....Steve Larson.....Kearney.....2002	Wrestling.....Brad Hildebrandt.....Skutt Catholic.....2013	Softball.....Mark Watt.....Lincoln Southwest.....2022
Boys' Track.....Craig Lathrop.....Kearney.....2002	Basketball.....Dave Irwin.....Summer-Eddyville-Miller.....2013	Basketball.....Greg Appleby.....Summerland.....2023
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A TRIBUTE

I am thousands of souls who
have spanned 40 plus years of time.
I am the child who thought I couldn't make it,
the one who
wasn't big enough, tall enough,
or fast enough.
I am the one you encouraged,
you disciplined, you worked with,
teaching me the important
lessons of life.
I grew to be all-American,
all-state, all-conference, and
at your insistence, all-academic.
I was there for the state tournament,
conference championships,
numerous victories –
you were there for the tough defeats.
I learned your lessons, and now
I am doctor, farmer, mother, father.
I am the parent of the next generation.
I teach your lessons so
that on the field of life,
my children may be touched by
your hand, your life.
I am the one who grew with you,
fought for you, prayed for you,
loved you.
Now you live on in me.
I am your player.
You are my coach.
Signed,
All of us you touched