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# **Nebraska Coaches Association 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet**



**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

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

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WELCOME.....Matt Swartzendruber, Sandy Creek  
NCA President-Elect

INVOCATION & INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS.....Terri Neujahr, Waverly  
NCA Vice-President

## DINNER

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REMARKS.....Darin Boysen  
Executive Director

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....Heath Kramer

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.....Steve Kerkman, NCA President  
Matt Swartzendruber, NCA President-Elect

State Champion Coaches – Fundraising University  
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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  
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Doyle Denney Heart of a Coach Award – FCA  
Career Awards



# 2024-2025 NCA MEMBER STATE CHAMPION COACHES

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## Football

Class B – Matt Turman – Omaha Skutt Catholic  
Class C1 – Chad Fox – Wahoo  
Class C2 – Jeff Bellar – Norfolk Catholic  
Class D1 – Andrew Kuta – Sandy Creek  
Class D2 – Chip Bartos – Central Valley

## Volleyball

Class A – Katie Tarman – Papillion-La Vista South  
Class B – Christina Boesiger – Norris  
Class C1 – Julie Ratka – Minden  
Class C2 – Sue Ziegler – Lincoln Lutheran  
Class D1 – Jessica Diehl – Superior  
Class D2 – Misti Potter – Shelton

## Boys Cross Country

Class A – Sean McMahon – Fremont  
Class B – Bill Rice – Lincoln Pius X  
Class C – Todd McQuistan – Holdrege  
Class D – Seth Burge – Perkins County

## Girls Cross Country

Class B – Jordan Fuglestad – Elkhorn North  
Class C – Mark Oliver – Auburn  
Class D – Ryan Underwood – McCool Junction

## Softball

Class A – Bill Heard – Gretna  
Class B – Gary Lytle – Beatrice  
Class C – David Brabec – Bishop Neumann

## Boys Basketball

Class A – Joel Hueser – Papillion-La Vista South  
Class B – Kyle Jurgens – Omaha Skutt Catholic  
Class C1 – Jacob Mohs – Ashland-Greenwood  
Class C2 – Ryan Mlnarik – Archbishop Bergan  
Class D1 – Lucas Dalinghaus – Johnson-Brock

## Girls Basketball

Class A – Marc Kruger – Millard West  
Class B – Kip Colony – Omaha Skutt Catholic  
Class C1 – Scott Klein – Lincoln Christian  
Class C2 – Scott Guzinski – Oakland-Craig  
Class D1 – Jason Dolliver – Pender  
Class D2 – Luke Santo – Falls City Sacred Heart

## Boys Wrestling

Class A – Jeff Rutledge – Lincoln East (Dual)  
Class A – Keenan McCurdy – Lincoln East (Dual)  
Class C – Cody Wintz – Battle Creek (Dual & Tournament)  
Class D – Luke Gideon – Burwell (Dual & Tournament)  
Class D – Evan Gideon – Burwell (Dual & Tournament)

## Girls Wrestling

Class B – Dan Krajicek – Yutan (Tournament)

## Bowling & Unified Bowling

Girls B – Nikki Bradley – Northwest

## Swimming & Diving

Girls – B.J. Christiansen – Omaha Marian

## Boys Track & Field

Class A – Broc Howard – Kearney  
Class B – Brian Benson – Waverly  
Class C – Shayne Hite – Perkins County  
Class D – Mike Spargo – Dundy County Stratton

## Girls Track & Field

Class B – Justin Horner – Bennington  
Class B – Jocelyn Suing – Bennington  
Class C – Todd Russell – Kearney Catholic

## Baseball

Class C – Zach Wehner – Malcolm

## Boys Soccer

Class B – Ulises Fuentes – Schuyler

## Girls Soccer

Class A – Chace Hutchison – Gretna East

## Boys Golf

Class A – Lee Plath – Lincoln East  
Class D – Daryl Ladeaux – Creighton

## Girls Golf

Class A – Robert Davis – Omaha Marian  
Class C – Josh Johnson – Wayne

## Boys Tennis

Class A – Chris Stock – Lincoln East

## Girls Tennis

Class A – Chris Stock – Lincoln East  
Class B – Matt Wiemers – McCook

# 2024-2025 NCA COACHES OF THE YEAR



## FOOTBALL

Chad Fox.....Wahoo  
State titles: 2019, 2024  
2024 record: 13-0

"A few highlights in my career include coaching in the 2012 & 2016 Nebraska Shrine Bowl, leading teams to the State Championships in 2019 & 2024, and securing a State Runner-Up finish in 2023."

## VOLLEYBALL

Christina Boesiger.....Norris  
State titles: 2013, 2014, 2024  
2024 record: 38-1

"The 2024 State Championship was a significant coaching achievement."

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Todd McQuistan.....Holdrege  
State titles: 2024

"An important moment was getting the chance to coach my son on a state championship team."

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Mark Oliver.....Auburn  
State titles: 2024

"This year's championship was a testament to the perseverance of a great group of girls who never gave up on their goals. Once in a lifetime a coach is blessed with a team that has, "IT". "IT" is the total package. . . a coach's lottery ticket! A jackpot win of talent, smarts, courage and a monumental amount of mindfulness to their team and their goals. I hope that every coach has a chance to work with a team like this. It is a blessing."

## SOFTBALL

Bill Heard.....Gretna  
State titles: 2015, 2024  
2024 record: 38-0

"The most significant coaching memory is that most of the players on this year's team have been together since elementary school."

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Joel Hueser.....Papillion-La Vista South  
State titles: 2025  
2024-2025 record: 26-3

"This season, I was reminded of a simple yet profound truth while reading a quote from Big Panda and Tiny Dragon by James Norbury. In it, Big Panda asks, "Which is more important, the journey or the destination?" Tiny Dragon replies, "The company." Winning a state title is special, but what made it unforgettable was the people I shared it with—my family, my inner circle, my coaches, my players, and so many others who have been part of my journey. They are the reason I love what I do, the ones who have shaped me, challenged me, and lifted me up along the way. To experience this milestone alongside them has been one of the most meaningful moments of my coaching career, and for that, I am forever grateful."

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Scott Guzinski.....Oakland-Craig  
State titles: 2025  
2024-2025 record: 26-3

"One of the most memorable moments of coaching was when freshmen Hilary Ray hit a three-pointer as the shot clock expired, with about 20 seconds remaining in the state championship game. The shot put us ahead by four points against Elkhorn Valley, capping off an incredible comeback from a 15-point deficit."

## WRESTLING

Cody Wintz.....Battle Creek  
State titles: 2024 Individual Tournament, 2025 Dual/Individual Tournament  
2024-2025 dual record: 15-0

"It's all been such an incredible journey. From starting out hoping for a state qualifier the first couple years to now expecting state medalists and state champions every year has been such a blessing. The last four years, experiencing all this success while having a son on the team and having him be a big part of that, has been incredible. The ending to this year's state tournament will forever be etched in my mind. The intensity of the moment, sending out our two best guys knowing they needed pins to give us a shot, having them deliver, and then relying on a respected rival to pull an upset, it was just remarkable to experience."

## BOWLING

Nikki Bradley.....Northwest  
State titles: Unified 2016, Girls 2025

"My coaching moments have been when we won the 2025 Girls State Championship because the girls worked really hard for that one, getting State Runner up for the Boys in 2021 because my son was on that team & when we won the 2016 Unified State Championship because my daughter was on that team."

## SWIMMING & DIVING

B.J. Christiansen.....Omaha Marion  
State titles: 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025  
2024-2025 Record: 11-1

"An important coaching moment came during the first week of the season this year. The girls were doing a social kick set, towards the end of the week, where they kick and are able to chat with each other. My coaching staff turned to each other and made note of how comfortable and close the girls were just in the first week of the season. We had seniors talking with freshman, juniors with sophomores, etc. It didn't matter what grade, they were chatting away like they were lifelong friends. It was this moment we knew we had a great group of girls, and some amazing things were going to happen this season. A close team is not afraid to take risks, work hard, and get out of their comfort zone because they are comfortable with those around them. Our State Championship was possible because of the total team effort they gave this year."

## BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Mike Spargo.....Dundy County Stratton  
State titles: 2025

"A memorable coaching moment was the 2025 Boys and Girls State Championships. 12 Golds, 5 Silvers, 5 State Meet Records, 1 State Record set at the State Meet and 2 other State Records set during the year."

## GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Justin Horner & Jocelyn Suing.....Bennington  
State titles: 2025

"My favorite moment in coaching at Bennington was being with all the athletes at the end of the 2025 NSAA State track meet and watching the Girls receive the Class B State Championship trophy. The celebration put a punctuation on a long journey. All the girls put their heart and soul into their training for the past year. Watching them come together to finish it off was amazing."  
— Coach Horner

"The most important coaching moment was Kennedy Wade earning two Class B state meet records in 2023." — Coach Suing

## BASEBALL

Zach Wehner.....Malcolm  
State title: 2023, 2024, 2025  
2025 record: 28-2

"Winning the State Championship this year with the Seniors who were Freshmen when we started Malcolm High School Baseball has been a highlight of my career."

## SOCCER

Ulises Fuentes.....Schuyler  
State titles: 2025  
2025 record: 19-2

"A defining coaching memory for me was leading our soccer team to win the conference, district, and state championships in the same season. It was an incredible journey marked by hard work, resilience, and growth. Seeing the players come together and achieve something so meaningful reminded me why I love coaching."

## GOLF

Lee Plath.....Lincoln East  
Boys State titles: 2025

"My favorite coaching moments include seeing Max Moss win state, working with the guys, and watching the guys complete our Ryder cup drill."

## TENNIS

Matt Wiemers.....McCook  
State titles: 2017, 2022, 2025

"Witnessing the team come together throughout the season and have an awesome two days at state was a great moment. I will never forget the satisfaction and excitement in the eyes of our players as I put their state medals around their neck."

## 2024-2025 NCA COACHES OF THE YEAR



**SIGNATURE**  
CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS

### DANCE

Jessica Fauss.....Elkhorn South

State titles: 2025 Pom & Jazz

"Watching the girls faces when they realized they accomplished their goals. That's what makes coaching so special."

### CHEER

Casey Clements.....Elmwood-Murdock

State Runner Up: 2023 Non-Tumbling

"As a mom of three boys, I have always loved sports. Watching them, playing them and coaching when our boys were little. I cheered through junior high and high school too. The girls give me another chance to mentor another generation to be strong, confident young women. I love laughing with them, watching them set and achieve their goals as students and as athletes. They add that extra sparkle to my life every time I'm around them."

### STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Amber Burson.....Lexington

"Our Strength & Conditioning program has grown in leaps and bounds in the last 15 years. My favorite coaching memories are all of the students we have put through our program that come back and work for us in our summer program and have gone on to become Strength & Conditioning professionals as a career choice."

## JERRY STINE FAMILY MILESTONE LEVEL IV AWARD

**Baden**



**Mike Brandon**  
Gretna East  
Volleyball



**Kristian Freeland**  
Dundy County Stratton  
Boys Basketball



**Bryan Reichmuth**  
Humphrey St. Francis  
Girls Basketball



**Jodi Craig**  
Morrill  
Volleyball



**Kurt Holliday**  
Seward  
Girls Cross Country



**Rob Sweetland**  
Wayne  
Softball



**Gary Davis**  
Neligh-Oakdale  
Wrestling



**Keith Kester**  
Grand Island Central Catholic  
Boys Track & Field



**Matt Turman**  
Omaha Skutt Catholic  
Football



**Kevin Dodson**  
North Platte St. Patrick's  
Football



**Larry Knaak**  
Plainview  
Boys Golf



**Matt Wiemers**  
McCook  
Girls Tennis



**Roy Emory**  
Aquinas Catholic  
Wrestling



**Bill Mimick**  
Lindsay Holy Family  
Football

## JIM FARRAND MEMORIAL AWARD

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### CURRENCY.



**Amy Johnson**  
Kearney Catholic



**Brian Kounovsky**  
Elkhorn

## NCA MEDIA AWARD

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### CURRENCY.



**Bob King**  
Holdrege Daily Citizen

## FRIENDS OF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD

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### CURRENCY.



**Jim Ayres**  
Ogallala

## 2024-2025 NCA SERVICE AWARD

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### CURRENCY.

#### 25-YEAR COACHES



**Jeff Barga**, Columbus Lakeview  
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge,  
Ashland-Greenwood,  
Columbus Lakeview



**Kimberly Barnett**, Southwest  
McCook,  
Republican Valley,  
Twin Valley,  
Southwest



**Shawn Blevins**, Gretna East  
Omaha Westside,  
Papillion-La Vista,  
Midland University,  
Gretna East

## 2024-2025 NCA SERVICE AWARD

### CURRENCY.

#### 25-YEAR COACHES



**Zac Foster, Adams Central**  
Doniphan-Trumbull,  
Adams Central



**Scott Mollring, Schuyler**  
Kearney, Twin Valley,  
Maywood, Shelton,  
Southwest, McCook,  
North Platte,  
YRTC – Kearney,  
Schuyler



**Scott Steinbrook, Kearney**  
Kearney



**Kristian Freeland,**  
**Dundy County Stratton**  
Lynch,  
Dundy County Stratton



**Chris Rainforth,**  
**Archbishop Bergan**  
Archbishop Bergan



**Brian Sybrandts, Northwest**  
Grand Island,  
Northwest



**Elizabeth Hock, Wallace**  
Colby, KS Middle School,  
Wallace



**Kyle Royuk, Seward**  
Crete,  
Seward



**Neil VanLengen, Howells-Dodge**  
Scribner-Snyder,  
Dodge,  
Howells-Dodge



**Kurt Holliday, Seward**  
University of Nebraska Kearney,  
Concordia University,  
Seward



**Joe Schmidt, Omaha Nation**  
Omaha Nation



**Brad Vogt, Omaha Nation**  
Omaha Nation



**Jerry Lovell,**  
**Creighton Preparatory School**  
Bellevue East,  
Logan Fontenelle Middle School,  
Creighton Preparatory School



**Matt Skiff, Norfolk**  
Frontier Academy - Greeley, CO,  
Norfolk



**Kevin Witte, Kearney**  
Kearney

#### 35-YEAR COACHES



**Kip Colony,**  
**Omaha Skutt Catholic**  
Millard South,  
Millard West,  
Omaha Skutt Catholic



**Kim Hammer, Weeping Water**  
Ponca,  
Ralston Middle School,  
Holy Name Catholic,  
Central Christian,  
Weeping Water



**Bob Wald, Douglas County West**  
Elgin Pope John Central Catholic,  
Fort Calhoun,  
Waterloo,  
Douglas County West



**Todd Hale, West Holt**  
Keya Paha,  
Rock County,  
West Holt



**Jay Helberg, Southwest**  
Republican Valley,  
Valentine,  
Franklin,  
Southwest



## 2024-2025 NCA SERVICE AWARD

### CURRENCY.

#### 40-YEAR COACHES



**Rich Britten, Brady**  
Brady



**Mark Hrabik, Weeping Water**  
Laurel,  
Leigh,  
Lewis Central,  
Syracuse,  
Weeping Water



**Nancy Lockmon, Giltner**  
Keya Paha County,  
Stuart,  
Giltner



**Don Clark, Kearney**  
Seward,  
Odell,  
Kearney



**Roger Koehler, Gothenburg**  
Norfolk,  
Gothenburg



**Diane Rouzee, Northwest**  
Northwest



**Greg Conn, Wausa**  
Wausa



**Michele Kontor, Milford**  
York,  
Wilber-Clatonia,  
Waverly,  
Milford

#### 45-YEAR COACHES



**Steve Bischof, Elkhorn South**  
Elkhorn Middle School,  
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School,  
Elkhorn,  
Omaha Marian,  
Omaha Roncalli,  
Elkhorn South

#### 50-YEAR COACH



**Randy Jochum, Osmond**  
Osmond



**Larry Knaak, Plainview**  
Plainview



**Bill Mimick, Lindsay Holy Family**  
Monroe,  
Lynch,  
Spencer,  
Newman Grove,  
Lindsay Holy Family

## DOYLE DENNEY HEART OF A COACH AWARD



**Joe Benson, Scottsbluff**



# NCA CAREER AWARDS



## Richard Britten, Brady – Binnie & Dutch Award

For 40 years, Coach Richard Britten has been the heart and soul of Brady High School Track & Field, leading both the boys' and girls' programs with unwavering dedication and passion. A fixture in Class D athletics, Coach Britten's teams have consistently represented Brady with excellence, highlighted by the Girls State Runner-Up finish in 2017. Under his leadership, the Eagles captured four girls district championships and two boys district titles, and he coached numerous individual state champions who proudly stood atop the podium in Omaha. His efforts and impact on the sport were recognized with the Level III Milestone coaching honor, reflecting a career marked by success and commitment to young athletes. Among the many memories built over four decades, one stands out above the rest—the 2016 State Meet, where Emery Swan's victory in the 800 meters and the boys' back-to-back triumphs in the 4x400 relay created an unforgettable moment of pride and celebration for the Brady community. Coach Britten and his wife Tia have seven children and 16 grandchildren.



## Kevin Asher, Aurora – Ed Johnson Award

For over three decades, Coach Kevin Asher has left a lasting mark on Nebraska high school basketball. From 1988 to the present, he has led programs across the state—including Pleasanton, Elm Creek, Norfolk Catholic, Millard West, Pender, Wood River, St. Cecilia, and Aurora—building a reputation rooted in excellence, leadership, and a deep love for the game. Coach Asher's career highlights include 6 Conference Championships, 10 District Titles, and 4 State Championships in 2009, 2010, 2015, and 2016. His impact hasn't gone unnoticed—he was named Nebraska Coaches Association Coach of the Year and Nebraska Basketball Directors Association Coach of the Year in 2015, Grand Island Independent Coach of the Year in 2016, and a four-time Huskerland Prep Coach of the Year. While the titles and accolades are meaningful, Coach Asher reflects on something even more powerful—the relationships. Sharing the 2015–2018 State Tournaments and Championships with his sons and their classmates remains one of his greatest thrills. Yet, it's seeing the lives his former players now lead, even dating back to his early years in 1986, that brings him the most pride: *"The memories over the years and seeing the young men I coached now, and the life they have, is the most rewarding part of why this is all worth it."* Coach Asher is a proud husband to Jackie, his wife of 28 years, and father to Brooks, Trey, and Makenna.



## Dennis Oliver, Pender – Guy Mytty Award

With an incredible 41 years (and counting), Coach Dennis Oliver has become a legendary figure in Nebraska wrestling. His career spans multiple sports—including football and track & field—but it's on the wrestling mat where his lasting legacy has been built. Since joining Pender High School in 2000, Coach Oliver has led the program with passion and precision, compiling an impressive 158-88 dual record. Under his leadership, Pender has become a consistent state contender.

His teams have: qualified for the State Duals twice, including a state runner-up finish; finished State Tournament runner-up three times; and earned a top-three team finish once and placed in the top 10 three additional times. Perhaps most impressive is the individual success he's helped cultivate: 101 State Qualifiers, 61 State Medalists, 31 State Finalists, and 22 Individual State Champions. Pender has etched its name in the record books, holding a Class D State Tournament record with 5 individual state champions—a feat unmatched in class history. Coach Oliver has been named Nebraska Coaches Association Coach of the Year twice, earned two Guy Mytty Award winners for Class D, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Off the mat, Coach Oliver is a proud husband to Brenda, and father to Benny (wife Molly, 2 children) and Brady (wife Hanna, 1 child). He also shares his home with the family dog, Lu.



## Shane Fruit, Ogallala – George O'Boyle Award

For nearly three decades, Coach Shane Fruit has been a driving force in Nebraska cross country. After 8 years at St. Paul, Coach Fruit found a long-term home at Ogallala, where he spent 27 seasons and counting, building one of the state's most respected programs. Over the course of his career, he compiled a remarkable 2976-798 record, a testament to the consistency and excellence he brought to the sport. Under his leadership, Ogallala cross country reached the highest levels of success with three State Championships (2006, 2008, 2010), a State Runner-Up in 2009, and three Individual State Champions: Dillon McKeag (2012), Lucy McKeag (2019), and Lindee Henning (2023). Coach Fruit's dedication and character have earned him widespread recognition, including: three-time finalist for National Cross Country Coach of the Year; recipient of the prestigious Doyle Denney Heart of a Coach Award (2023); and was named NCA Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2009. As a 44-year member of NCA, Coach Fruit has published articles for the NCA Magazine, has presented at the NCA Multi-Sports Clinic, served on the NSAA Cross Country Advisory Committee and helps administer the Fellowship of Christian Athletes cross country camp for the last 19 years. While the championships and honors are meaningful, Coach Fruit says his greatest coaching memory was winning the 2006 state championship with his son on the team—a moment that combined personal pride with professional fulfillment. Coach Fruit and his wife Taine are the proud parents of Tanner, Shayna, and Tayler. His legacy is one of leadership, integrity, and a deep belief in Jesus that have led him to try to excel in every area of his life.



## Jerry Stracke, Guardian Angels Central Catholic – Ken Cook Award

Coach Jerry Stracke began his coaching journey in 1993 at Scribner-Snyder, followed by a stop in Beemer, before finding his longtime home at Guardian Angels Central Catholic (GACC). Over the span of his career, he built one of the most dominant girls basketball programs in Nebraska, compiling an extraordinary 568-142 record. Coach Stracke led his teams to 21 consecutive state tournament appearances with two Class D1 State Championships (2012, 2017) and three consecutive Class C2 State Championships (2003, 2004, 2005) leading to a three-time state-record winning streak. Jerry was awarded the Dominant Dynasties Award in 2006 and the Fischer Family Hall of Fame Award in 2018. Coach Stracke's most cherished memory came during the legendary winning streak: *"Coaching the group of girls that broke the consecutive win streak was unforgettable. Fans brought old record albums and, as we neared the milestone, they began a countdown—smashing the albums when we broke the record. It was such a special experience for the girls to be a part of."* Coach Stracke's career continues to serve as an example of what long-term dedication and leadership can achieve.



## Larry Knaak, Plainview – Swede Hawkins & Del Schoenfish Award

For an extraordinary 50 years, Coach Larry Knaak was the face of boys and girls golf at Plainview Public Schools, dedicating his entire coaching career to the community he proudly served. His decades of leadership, teaching, and passion for the game have impacted generations of athletes. During his storied tenure, Coach Knaak guided Plainview golf to nine State Tournament appearances with three Boys State Runner-Up finishes, three Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> Place team finishes, and three Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> Place team finishes. His excellence was recognized with the prestigious Level III and Level IV Jerry Stine Family Milestone Award in Boys Golf, a testament to his long-term success and dedication to student-athletes. For Coach Knaak, the most rewarding moments weren't just the trophies—it was the people. *"Getting to coach all three of my sons, and later their children, was a special joy. In 50 years, I've had hundreds of students in the golf programs. Even after graduation, many would come back asking for a quick fix on their swing or a short chipping or putting lesson."* Coach Knaak is a devoted husband to Janice and proud father to Jay, Tim, and Bruce. His half-century of coaching is marked not just by competitive success, but by lifelong relationships, mentorship, and a legacy that will remain etched in Plainview's history.



## Terri Neujahr, Waverly – Phyllis Rice-Honor Award

Coach Terri Neujahr began her volleyball coaching journey in 1987 as an assistant coach at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, laying the foundation for a remarkable career in the sport. She later brought her passion and leadership to Waverly High School, where her coaching legacy continues to grow. Over the course of her career, Coach Neujahr has compiled an impressive 409-199 record, guiding her teams to three Conference Championships, nine District Championships, and nine State Tournament appearances. Her impact extends far beyond wins and losses. She has coached two Gatorade Nebraska Volleyball Players of the Year, three High School All-Americans and numerous athletes who went on to play at the collegiate level. Recognized by her peers, Coach Neujahr was selected as a NCA All-Star Assistant Coach, earned Level III Jerry Stine Family Milestone status, and has been a proud 19-year member of the NCA. She has served on the NCA Volleyball Advisory Committee, is a member of the AVCA High School Leadership Council and will take on a prominent leadership role as the NCA President-Elect for 2025–2026. While her list of accolades is impressive, Coach Neujahr's true joy comes from the relationships built through the game. *"My most precious memories are all about the players I've coached and the coaches I've worked with. The moments in and out of the gym—laughing, crying, celebrating big and small victories—those are the special ones. Watching these women grow into amazing individuals who accomplish more than they ever thought possible, on and off the court, is what thrills me most."* Coach Neujahr and her husband Loren are the proud parents of two children and doting grandparents to four grandchildren. Her career is a testament to the power of sport to inspire growth, build community, and transform lives.



## Skip Olds, Alliance – Skip Palrang Award

With a career spanning 26 years, Coach Skip Olds made a lasting impact on Nebraska high school football through his leadership, determination, and ability to turn programs around. His coaching journey included stops at Banner County, Gordon, Millard, and Alliance, compiling an impressive 145-83-5 career record. One of the defining highlights of his career came in 1976 at Gordon High School, when Coach Olds led his team to a perfect 10-0 season, earning the title of Mythical State Champions in the inaugural year of official state playoffs—and securing the State Championship trophy. He would go on to win 5 District Championships and 12 Conference Championships, building a reputation for excellence wherever he coached. His honors and service include Shrine Bowl Assistant and Head Coach, East-West All-Star Game Coach, NHSACA Regional Football Coach of the Year, Nebraska Coaches Association Football Coach of the Year, Clinic Speaker, 25-year member and President of the NSIAAA, and 26-year member of the Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA). Reflecting on his career, Coach Olds shares his greatest source of pride: *"My most rewarding memories include coaching my own son and serving at four different schools that had struggling football programs with losing records. When I left each school, all four had been turned into winning programs. I accepted the challenge, battled ahead, and left them a winner."* Coach Olds' legacy is built not just on championships and accolades, but on his tireless work ethic, transformational leadership, and his enduring belief in the power of perseverance and mentorship in shaping young athletes and programs.

## BINNIE & DUTCH AWARD

2024	Dave Sellon	Fremont	2000	Doug Martin	North Platte
2023	Ken Adkisson	Waverly	1999	Marvin Schueler	Hebron
2022	Vince Pelster	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

## ED JOHNSON AWARD

2024	Joel Hueser	Papillion-La Vista South	2011	Doug Woodard	Bellevue West
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

## 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 Collieran	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 Willemssen	Lincoln Northeast	1976	Reuben Schlieffer	Chester
1988	Doyle Fyle	Kearney State College	1975	Larry Fauss	Wahoo
1987	Lynn Farrell	Hastings College			

## GUY MYTTY AWARD

2024	Dan Lonowski	Adams Central	2008	Curlee Alexander	Omaha North
2023	Dan Davenport	Waverly	2007	Martin McCurdy	Lincoln East
2022	Lee Schroeder	West Point-Beemer	2006	Paul Sok	Winside
2021	John McGary	Tri County	2005	Dr. Jon Habben	Falls City
2019	Dean Boyer	Plainview	2004	Mike Denney	UNO
2018	Alan Pokorny	Bennington	2003	Dan Desmond	Thayer Central
2017	Darrell Barnes	Ararahoe, Stanton, Boone Central	2002	Gaylen Kamrath	David City
2016	H. Cecil Hinshaw	Aquinas, Scottsbluff	2001	Tim Classen	Centennial
2015	Doug Denson	Millard South	2000	Dan Brost	Mullen
2014	Brad Hildebrandt	Omaha Skutt Catholic	1999	Dr. Pat Culen	Centennial
2013	Brent Abrams	Tekamah-Herman	1998	Tom McCann	Kearney
2012	Dive Ciccone	York	1997	Larry Andersen	Wymore Southern
2011	Randy Kliment	Creighton	1996	Norm Manstedt	Clarks
2010	Dale Bonge	Boone Central	1995	Chuck Deter	Gering
2009	Doug Nielsen	Lincoln North Star			

## GEORGE O'BOYLE AWARD

2024.....	Matt Musiel.....	Lincoln North Star	2017.....	Max Kurz.....	Millard High/Millard South, Millard West
2023.....	Todd Nott.....	Plattsmouth	2016.....	Vince Zavala.....	Northwest, GICC
2022.....	Sean McMahon.....	Fremont	2015.....	Jim Barker.....	Scottsbluff
2021.....	Steve Reeves.....	Gothenburg	2014.....	Gail Peterson.....	Crofton
2019.....	Bob Hoyer.....	Malcolm	2013.....	Ted Larson.....	Lincoln Southwest
2018.....	Roger Wright.....	Omaha Marian			

## KEN COOK AWARD

2024.....	Aaron Losing.....	Crofton	2014.....	Jeff Ritz.....	Millard North/Skutt Catholic
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' Troudt.....	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

## SWEDE HAWKINS & DEL SCHOENFISH AWARD

2024.....	Jim Tonniges.....	Lincoln East	2017.....	Dick Binfield.....	GI Central Catholic, Aurora
2023.....	Mike Brown.....	Mullen	2016.....	Tim Wisdom.....	Lexington
2022.....	Jim Danson.....	Lincoln Southwest	2015.....	Ron "RC" Coleman.....	McCook
2021.....	Mimi Ramsbottom.....	Elkhorn South	2014.....	Jerry Cover.....	Norfolk
2019.....	Steve Exstrom.....	Minden	2013.....	Swede Hawkins.....	Oakland-Craig
2018.....	Darrel Hoffman.....	Beatrice			

## PHYLLIS RICE HONNOR AWARD

2024.....	Kurk Wiedel.....	Thayer Central	2008.....	Steve Morgan.....	Ogallala
2023.....	Darcy White.....	Exeter-Milligan	2007.....	Alan VanCura.....	Hastings St. Cecilia
2022.....	Lois Hixson.....	Aurora	2006.....	Sharon Zavala.....	GI Central Catholic
2021.....	Brad Nelson.....	Axtell	2005.....	Gwen Egbert.....	Papillion-La Vista South
2019.....	Jody Rhodes.....	Paxton	2004.....	Jake Moore.....	Lincoln Pius X
2018.....	Sue Wewel.....	Archbishop Bergan	2003.....	John Petersen.....	Columbus
2017.....	Mary Schropfer.....	Lincoln Southwest	2002.....	Dennis Troester.....	Republican Valley
2016.....	Diane Torson.....	Hampton	2001.....	Pat Hoblyn.....	Ansley High School
2015.....	Kris Conner.....	Kearney Catholic	2000.....	Sandi Genrich.....	Lincoln Northeast
2014.....	Dean Korus.....	Humphrey St. Francis	1999.....	Phyllis Rice Honnor.....	Centennial
2013.....	Diane Rouzee.....	Northwest	1998.....	Linda Carlson.....	North Platte
2012.....	Rochelle Rohlf.....	Omaha Marian	1997.....	Sandra Pilfold.....	Alliance
2011.....	Bill Root.....	Grand Island	1996.....	Terry Pettit.....	UNL
2010.....	Dan Sorge.....	Shickley	1995.....	Myron Oehlerking.....	Lincoln East
2009.....	Joanne Kappas.....	Omaha Bryan			

## SKIP PALRANG AWARD

2024.....	Marty Hingst.....	Milford	2003.....	Gary DeBoer.....	Lawrence-Nelson
2023.....	Bill Carlin.....	Adams Central	2002.....	Ken Cook.....	Freeman
2022.....	Brett Froendt.....	Omaha Westside	2001.....	Bill Pfeiff.....	Lincoln
2021.....	Marty Going.....	Omaha Skutt Catholic	2000.....	Jack Guggenmos.....	Aurora
2019.....	Bob Fuller.....	Plattsmouth, Numerous Other Schools	1999.....	Leonard Bond.....	Omaha North
2018.....	Carl Tesmer.....	GICC, GI, Hastings St. Cecilia	1998.....	Lee Zentic.....	Lincoln East
2017.....	Tim Turman.....	Bishop Neumann	1997.....	Bob Devaney.....	(Posthumous) UNL
2016.....	Jim Puetz.....	Columbus Scotus	1996.....	Ed Haenflier.....	Grant
2015.....	Tim Aylward.....	Lincoln Pius X	1995.....	Dan Moore.....	Ansley
2014.....	Mark Wortman.....	Elkhorn	1994.....	Bill James.....	Bellevue
2013.....	Jeff Bellar.....	Norfolk Catholic	1993.....	Bob Schnitzler.....	Battle Creek
2012.....	Dick Tingelhoff.....	Wahoo	1992.....	Bob Starr.....	Seward
2011.....	Dan Keyser.....	Cambridge	1991.....	Ken Fisher.....	Grand Island
2010.....	Dennis Koinzan.....	Cross County	1990.....	Mike Lehl.....	Blair
2009.....	Bob Zohner.....	North Platte	1989.....	Al Gaston.....	Grant
2008.....	Larry Jacobson.....	Omaha Burke	1988.....	Dr. Tom Osborne.....	UNL
2007.....	Riley Harris.....	Kearney	1987.....	Al Zikmund.....	Kearney State College
2006.....	Don Watchorn.....	Midland Lutheran College	1986.....	Vince Aldrich.....	Lincoln Pius X
2005.....	Tom Jaworski.....	Omaha Creighton Prep	1985.....	Lou Roper.....	Lincoln Banker - Shrine Bowl
2004.....	Chuck Mizerski.....	Lincoln Southeast			

## FRIENDS OF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD

2024	Greg & Kristy Parr - Custom Sports	Norfolk
2023	Dale & Sue Wilcoxson	Fremont
2022	Randy Cordes	York
2021	Jayson Brueggmann	NE Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine
2019	Ben Eickhoff	Thedford
2019	Mike Harvey	Arnold
2018	Bob Polzin	Awards Unlimited
2017	Mike Purdy	NSIAAA
2017	Jeff Maul	Lincoln CVB
2017	Tracie Simpson	Lincoln CVB
2016	Doyle Denney	Grand Island
2015	Larry Munksgaard	Lincoln
2015	Bob Danenhauer	Omaha
2014	Rich Brodersen	Kearney
2014	Dave Irwin	NCA All-Star Ambassador/SEM
2013	Dick Beechner	Kearney
2012	Craig Jacobsen	Lincoln North Star
2012	Joanne Bracker	Midland University
2011	Vicky Johnsen	Lincoln
2011	Veronica Schoenfish	Cambridge
2011	Sharon Moore	Fairbury
2011	Sharon Lanham	Oxford
2011	Bev Struebing	East Butler
2010	Dr. Jim Tenopir	NSAA/NFHS
2009	Larry King	Awards Unlimited
2009	Jack Guggenmos	Waverly
2008	Dave Schultz	NE Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine
2008	Charlie & Mary Caverzagie	Plattsmouth
2007	Larry Buchmann	Pepsi
2006	Bobbie Hopp	Fremont

2006	Amy Tipton	Lincoln
2005	Bill Lewis	NSAA
2004	W. & M. Conover	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
2004	Reno Pfeil	Elkhorn
2004	Jack Johnson	Columbus
2003	Gene Haynes	Omaha North
2003	Dr. Marshall Adams	NSAA
2003	Dick Hagemoser	Seward
2002	Dave Dostal	Omaha
2001	Rex Jones	NSAA
2001	Al Papik	UNL
2000	Karen Hand	Lincoln Public Schools
2000	Dennis Smith	NSAA Board of Control
2000	Charlie Gordon	GI Northwest
1999	Ray Ehlers	Lexington
1999	Jerry Stine	Bertrand
1999	Butch Hug	UNL
1998	Tammie Wall	Lin. Convention & Visitors Bureau
1998	Duane Haith	Omaha Public Schools
1998	Bruce Rico	Coca-Cola, Lincoln
1997	Olinda Olson	Millard South
1997	Kathy Holliday	Loomis
1996	Dick Thompson	North Platte
1996	Conde Sargent	NSAA
1995	Jim Riley	NSAA
1995	Alan Baird	Coca-Cola, Lincoln
1994	Gene Wells	Grand Island
1993	Craig Cormack	Burger King
1992	Dick Estes	Norfolk

## JIM FARRAND MEMORIAL AWARD

2024	Robert Jacobson	Tri County
2024	Stacy Strauss	Lexington
2023	Joydene McCarville	Sidney
2023	Allison Snodgrass	York
2023	Tony Weinandt	Elkhorn North, Fremont
2022	Kristin Blume	McCook
2022	Clint Havel	Thayer Central
2021	Kim Dieckmann	Archbishop Bergan
2021	Bill Ford	Bertrand
2019	Beth McMahon	Fremont
2019	Tiffany Panning	Crofton
2018	Brendan Dorcey	Wayne
2018	Kevin Hubbel	Lincoln East
2018	James Spanel	Norfolk
2017	Chuck Foxhoven	Norfolk
2017	Margo LaBrie	Hampton
2017	Greg Warneke	Pierce
2016	Robert Mischou	Kearney
2016	Ronda Motykowski	Omaha Marian
2016	Ryan & Teresa Rischling	Bennington
2016	Jim Simpson	Papillion-La Vista South
2015	Carol Liekhus	Howells, Stanton
2015	Steve Lundeen	Platteview
2015	Norm Svoboda	Blair
2014	Chad Lyons	McCook
2014	Jim Hansen	Lincoln Pius X
2013	Warren Osborn	Scottsbluff
2013	Stan Erks	Centennial
2013	Ann Purdy	Northwest
2013	Rick Watson	North Bend Central
2012	Gery Pence	Norris
2012	John Kershaw	Hitchcock Co
2011	Joe Shandera	Lincoln High
2011	Dan Schneiss	Boys Town
2010	Rob Kober	Hastings St. Cecilia
2010	Jeff Rowan	Lexington
2009	Ron Casper	Southwest
2009	Lyle VanCleave	Laurel-Concord
2009	Jack Hild	Holdrege
2009	Donnie Miller	Minden
2009	Chris Wentling	Norfolk
2008	James Libal	Freeman
2007	Paul Mulcahy	Syracuse
2007	Dave Novak	Elmwood-Murdock
2007	Dan O'Brien	McCook
2007	Craig Burchess	Grand Island
2007	Arlo Pinkerman	Cross County
2006	Kathy Matthews	Homer

2006	Jeff Mollring	McCook
2006	George Briggs	McCook
2006	Gail Searcy	Auburn
2006	Deb Vorderstrasse	Thayer Central
2005	Tim McAllister	Fairbury
2005	Gary Garrison	Maxwell
2005	Franklin Snocker	Bluffs Middle School
2005	Dennis Krutsinger	Imperial
2005	Deborah McAlliser	Fairbury
2005	Dan Gilson	Heartland
2005	Dale Kropp	Battle Creek
2004	Terry Person	South Sioux City MS
2004	Stu Essman	Ashland-Greenwood
2004	Julie Hall	Norfolk
2003	Roger Rine	York
2003	Roger Neujahr	Gothenburg
2003	Larry Vancura	Heartland
2003	Kim Busch	Ashland-Greenwood
2003	Gary Beard	Logan View
2003	Dale Mundorf	Ainsworth
2002	Ron Wiese	Grand Island
2002	Jim Farrand	Aurora
2002	Gary Jamieson	Millard South
2002	Dana Troholz	Schuyler MS
2001	Steve Larson	Kearney
2001	Ronda Motykowski	Omaha Marian
2001	Rich Young	Columbus
2001	Lee Miller	Sandhills
2001	Jerry Eickmeier	Seward Middle School
2001	Craig Lathrop	Kearney
2001	Charles Gorman	Plattsmouth
2000	Sid Conrad	Norris
2000	Mike Bivens	Norfolk Catholic
2000	Larry Niemann	Seward
2000	Kelly Ward	Barr Middle School (GI)
2000	Jeff Scharff	Bertrand
2000	Dave Sautter	Alliance
1999	Norm Nott	Grand Island Northwest
1999	Mike Butler	Lincoln Southeast
1999	Jan Kuxhausen	Conestoga
1999	Doug Miller	Lincoln Southeast
1999	Dennis Hoffman	Kimball
1999	David Warrick	Blair Middle School
1999	Bob Rose	Sandy Creek
1998	Tom Olson	Norfolk
1998	Ron Howard	Scottsbluff
1998	Jerry Donahue	Fremont
1998	Bill Koll	Elkhorn

## JIM FARRAND MEMORIAL AWARD

1997	Tom Spale	Schuyler	1991	Steve Larson	Kearney
1997	Roger Coon	Geneva	1991	Bryan Mable	Grand Island
1997	John Barnhill	Valley	1991	Tom Neumann	Sutton
1997	Jack Young	Columbus	1991	Gary Puetz	Columbus Scotus
1997	Dan Traudt	Grand Island	1990	Dan Koenig	Wayne
1997	Dale Burch	Barr Junior High (GI)	1990	Jim Komenda	Crete
1996	Mark Bowers	Fremont	1990	Rick Roffers	Waverly
1996	Steve Clapp	McCook	1990	Bob Shaw	Aurora
1996	Denise Haag	Fairbury	1990	Greg Uhrmacher	Grand Island
1996	Steve Porter	Norfolk	1990	Jan Weber	Ord
1996	Janet Tooley	Columbus Scotus	1989	Galen Conn	DeWitt Tri-County
1996	Joe Wells	Grand Island	1989	LaMarr Gibson	Norfolk Jr. High
1995	LeRoy Bell	Centural	1989	David Jorgenson	Central City
1995	Bob Priebe	Plattsmouth	1989	Al Musson	O'Neill
1995	Mike Tibbels	Norfolk Jr. High	1989	Lannie Shelmadine	Alliance
1995	Clark Vetter	Franklin	1989	Ron Siske	Ralston
1995	Jan Zink	Norris	1989	Larry Starr	Crete
1994	Bill Beckenhauer	McCook	1988	John Kruse	O'Neill
1994	Eldon Haas	Kearney	1988	Don Mahlman	Fairbury
1994	Nancy Johnson	Lincoln Southeast	1988	Roger Rine	York
1994	Ed McPherrin	Lincoln East	1988	Bill Schnase	Millard North
1993	Myron Titekmeier	Gothenburg	1988	Ron Soenkson	Pierce
1993	Wayne Heine	Centennial	1988	Ken Swartz	Omaha Burke
1993	Dick Colvin	Grand Island Northwest	1987	Larry Blaser	Norfolk
1993	Nancy Ray	Ashland-Greenwood	1987	Duane Dobson	Alliance
1993	John Mason	Ogallala	1987	Robert Kechely	Auburn
1993	Jim Miller	Beatrice	1987	Craig Lathrop	Kearney
1992	Manuel Alvarez	Gering	1987	Dave Stodola	Omaha Burke
1992	Duane Blumenkamp	Wayne	1987	Vern Younger	Columbus Scotus
1992	Allen Cerny	Ogallala	1986	Bob Wise	Arlington
1992	Jim Fahrnbruch	Crete	1986	Pat Murphy	Fremont
1992	Gary Pence	Norris	1986	Harry Gaylor	UNO
1991	Tom Hoettby	Adams			

## MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

2024	Jay Slagle	Prep Running Nerd	2009	Doug Duda	Kearney/KKPR/KXPN
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/LIS/OWH	2005	Steve Altmaier	Kearney/KGFW
2019	Ken Hambleton	Lincoln Journal Star	2005	Scott Poes	O'Neill/KBRX
2018	Ross Jernstrom	WOWT NBC Omaha	2004	Kevin Kugler	NETV-ESPN Radio
2018	Larry Punteny	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 Edgecombe	Minden Courier	1995	Don Kraemer	Norfolk
2012	Dave Bradley	Aurora News-Register	1994	Rich Barnett	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

## NCA & FCA DOYLE DENNEY – HEART OF A COACH AWARD

2024	Jeff Ritz	Millard North	2019	Joel Hueser	Papillion-La Vista South
2023	Toni Fowler	Adams Central	2018	Bill Carlin	Adams Central
2022	Shane Fruit	Ogallala	2017	Diane Rouzee	Northwest
2021	Chuck Ross	Wisner-Pilger			



# MILESTONE LEVEL IV AWARD

Boys Track.....	Jon Appleget.....	Fremont.....	1992	Boys Track.....	Steve Larson.....	Kearney.....	2002	Volleyball.....	Stan Karr.....	Sterling.....	2014
Football.....	Ken Cook.....	Adams.....	1992	Boys Track.....	Craig Lathrop.....	Kearney.....	2002	Football.....	Leigh Schmale.....	Elmwood-Murdock.....	2014
Wrestling.....	Chuck Deter.....	Gering.....	1992	Boys Cross Country.....	Kim May.....	Elkhorn.....	2002	Basketball.....	Jack Sobotka.....	Meridian.....	2014
Basketball.....	Jerry Eickhoff.....	Hampton.....	1992	Boys Track.....	Kim May.....	Elkhorn.....	2002	Football.....	Tim Aylward.....	Lincoln Plus X.....	2015
Football.....	Ken Fischer.....	Grand Island.....	1992	Basketball.....	John Miller.....	Chambers.....	2002	Boys Track.....	Bill Carlin.....	Adams Central.....	2015
Basketball.....	Larry Gilson.....	Maxwell.....	1992	Basketball.....	Dave Oman.....	Norfolk.....	2002	Wrestling.....	Tyler Herman.....	Amherst.....	2015
Boys Track.....	Dale Harsin.....	Alma.....	1992	Volleyball.....	Dan Sorge.....	Shickley.....	2002	Basketball.....	Rick Petri.....	Kearney Catholic.....	2015
Boys Golf.....	Swede Hawkins.....	Oakland-Craig.....	1992	Girls Track.....	Jim Steinke.....	McCook.....	2002	Volleyball.....	Ed Rowse.....	Minden.....	2015
Football.....	Mike Lahl.....	Blair.....	1992	Wrestling.....	Dan Desmond.....	Hebron.....	2003	Baseball.....	Frank Ryan.....	Millard West.....	2015
Boys Track.....	Cecil McKnight.....	Plattsmouth.....	1992	Wrestling.....	H. Cecil Hinshaw.....	Seward.....	2003	Girls Cross Country.....	Jane Arens.....	Crofton.....	2016
Basketball.....	Jim Morrison.....	Howells.....	1992	Basketball.....	John Larsen.....	Lincoln Southeast.....	2003	Boys Track.....	Al Blankenship.....	Waverly.....	2016
Wrestling.....	Guy Mytty.....	Tekamah-Herman.....	1992	Basketball.....	Lyle Nannen.....	Randolph.....	2003	Basketball.....	Bob Eichelberger.....	Johnson County Central.....	2016
Football.....	Robert Newcomb.....	Bartley.....	1992	Boys Cross Country.....	Jim Barker.....	Scottsbluff.....	2004	Boys Track.....	Jeff Germer.....	McCool Junction.....	2016
Volleyball.....	Myron Oehlerking.....	Lincoln East.....	1992	Wrestling.....	Michael Barrett.....	Weeping Water.....	2004	Boys Track.....	Max Kurz.....	Millard West.....	2016
Boys Track.....	Jim Puetz.....	Columbus Scotus.....	1992	Basketball.....	Randy Carpenter.....	Lexington.....	2004	Girls Cross Country.....	Max Kurz.....	Millard West.....	2016
Basketball.....	Bill Ramsay.....	Cozad.....	1992	Boys Golf.....	Ron Coleman.....	McCook.....	2004	Boys Cross Country.....	Max Kurz.....	Millard West.....	2016
Boys Track.....	Mark Russell.....	Broken Bow.....	1992	Wrestling.....	Gaylen Kamrath.....	David City.....	2004	Football.....	Dan Lenners.....	Chase County.....	2016
Basketball.....	Reuben Schleifer.....	Chester.....	1992	Girls Track.....	Al Shirley.....	Lexington.....	2004	Girls Tennis.....	Les Livingston.....	Kearney.....	2016
Boys Track.....	Marv Scheuler.....	Hebron.....	1992	Football.....	Jeff Bellar.....	Norfolk Catholic.....	2005	Volleyball.....	Don Matt.....	Chadron.....	2016
Football.....	Bob Schnitzler.....	Battle Creek.....	1992	Wrestling.....	Doug Denson.....	Millard South.....	2005	Basketball.....	Tony Muller.....	Millford.....	2016
Boys Track.....	Bob Schnitzler.....	Battle Creek.....	1992	Volleyball.....	Pat Hoblyn.....	Ansley.....	2005	Volleyball.....	Brad Nelson.....	Axtell.....	2016
Basketball.....	Ken Cook.....	Adams.....	1993	Basketball.....	Mike Lanham.....	Oxford.....	2005	Girls Cross Country.....	George O'Boyle.....	Lincoln Plus X.....	2016
Basketball.....	Paul Forch.....	Lincoln East.....	1993	Girls Cross Country.....	Dan Mahoney.....	Columbus Scotus.....	2005	Basketball.....	Trudy Samuelson.....	Malcolm.....	2016
Basketball.....	Jim Kane.....	Elkhorn Mt. Michael.....	1993	Wrestling.....	Gary McGrath.....	East Butler.....	2005	Basketball.....	Tom Tmvely.....	Seward.....	2016
Football.....	Dan Moore.....	Ansley.....	1993	Boys Track.....	Lyle Moeller.....	Norfolk.....	2005	Football.....	Greg Welch.....	Seward.....	2016
Boys Cross Country.....	Gail H. Peterson.....	Crofton.....	1993	Girls Track.....	Charlie Moore.....	Fairbury.....	2005	Basketball.....	Tom Heier.....	Twin River.....	2017
Basketball.....	Larry Ribble.....	Millard South.....	1993	Boys Track.....	Vincent Pelster.....	Hastings S.C.....	2005	Volleyball.....	Lois Hixson.....	Aurora.....	2017
Boys Track.....	Charlie Thorell.....	Seward.....	1993	Basketball.....	Jeff Ritz.....	Millard North.....	2005	Basketball.....	Mark Hrabik.....	Syracuse.....	2017
Basketball.....	Larry Coorts.....	Adams.....	1994	Wrestling.....	Paul Sok.....	Winside.....	2005	Girls Track & Field.....	Rick Peterson.....	Arnold/South Loup.....	2017
Basketball.....	Red Felix.....	Seward.....	1994	Girls Cross Country.....	Robert Wright.....	Omaha Marian.....	2005	Basketball.....	Jody Rhodes.....	Paxton.....	2017
Basketball.....	Aldie Johnson.....	Lincoln High.....	1994	Football.....	Bob Zohner.....	North Platte.....	2005	Volleyball.....	Jody Rhodes.....	Paxton.....	2017
Wrestling.....	Doug Nielsen.....	Crete.....	1994	Football.....	Mike Brown.....	Mullen.....	2006	Basketball.....	Chuck Ross.....	Wisner-Pilger.....	2017
Boys Cross Country.....	George O'Boyle.....	Lincoln Plus X.....	1994	Basketball.....	Doug Goltz.....	Falls City Sacred Heart.....	2006	Boys Cross Country.....	Rocky Ruhl.....	Wayne.....	2017
Boys Track.....	Fred Bessler.....	Imperial.....	1995	Football.....	Marty Hingst.....	Millford.....	2006	Basketball.....	Dave Sautter.....	Alliance.....	2017
Wrestling.....	Dan Brost.....	Mullen.....	1995	Football.....	Dan Keyser.....	Cambridge.....	2006	Wrestling.....	Lee Schroeder.....	Howells/West Point-Beemer.....	2017
Boys Track.....	Bob Eyth.....	Lincoln East.....	1995	Football.....	Ron Kubik.....	Bertrand.....	2006	Volleyball.....	Darcy White.....	Exeter-Milligan.....	2017
Football.....	William E. James.....	Bellevue East.....	1995	Basketball.....	Kathy Mettenbrink.....	Centura.....	2006	Boys Cross Country.....	Doug Zoucha.....	Norfolk Catholic.....	2017
Girls Cross Country.....	Ted Larson.....	Lincoln Southeast.....	1995	Boys Track.....	Jeff Mollring.....	McCook.....	2006	Boys Tennis.....	Greg Classen.....	Papillion-La Vista.....	2018
Boys Track.....	Lonnie Shafer.....	Exeter.....	1995	Basketball.....	John Petersen.....	Columbus Scotus.....	2006	Boys Golf.....	Jerry Cover.....	Norfolk.....	2018
Volleyball.....	Alan Vancura.....	Hastings St. Cecilia.....	1995	Girls Track.....	Elroy Pierce.....	Eustis-Farnam.....	2006	Wrestling.....	John Ganser.....	Sidney.....	2018
Wrestling.....	Rick Allgood.....	Millard North.....	1996	Boys Cross Country.....	Gary Rath.....	Aurora.....	2006	Boys Track & Field.....	Doug Goltz.....	Falls City Sacred Heart.....	2018
Football.....	Gary DeBoer.....	Nelson.....	1996	Volleyball.....	Lana Wilken.....	Aurora.....	2006	Softball.....	Terry Graver.....	Elkhorn South.....	2018
Football.....	Jack Guggenmos.....	Aurora.....	1996	Basketball.....	Curt Carlson.....	Norris.....	2007	Wrestling.....	Dan Lonowski.....	Adams Central.....	2018
Basketball.....	Jim Miller.....	Omaha Marian.....	1996	Basketball.....	Gary Chvala.....	O'Neill St. Mary's.....	2007	Volleyball.....	Lisa Mason.....	Bertrand.....	2018
Football.....	Jim Puetz.....	Columbus Scotus.....	1996	Boys Cross Country.....	Bob Hoyer.....	Malcolm.....	2007	Basketball.....	Dan Moore.....	Papillion-La Vista.....	2018
Basketball.....	Bob Schnitzler.....	Battle Creek.....	1996	Volleyball.....	Dean Korus.....	Humphrey St. Francis.....	2007	Boys Track & Field.....	George O'Boyle.....	Lincoln Plus X.....	2018
Boys Track.....	Jerry Stine.....	Bertrand.....	1996	Boys Tennis.....	Fr. Michael Liebl.....	Elkhorn Mt. Michael.....	2007	Girls Track & Field.....	George O'Boyle.....	Lincoln Plus X.....	2018
Volleyball.....	Sharon Zavala.....	Grand Island C.C.....	1996	Boys Tennis.....	Patrick McFadden.....	Kearney.....	2007	Football.....	Tom Olson.....	Norfolk.....	2018
Boys Cross Country.....	Vince Zavala.....	Grand Island N.W.....	1996	Boys Cross Country.....	Patrick McFadden.....	Kearney.....	2007	Football.....	Mark Rotter.....	Bruning-Davenport-Shickley.....	2018
Football.....	Fred Bessler.....	Imperial.....	1997	Girls Cross Country.....	Steve Reeves.....	Gothenburg.....	2007	Girls Track & Field.....	Dwaine Schmitt.....	Kearney Catholic.....	2018
Boys Track.....	John Farrand.....	Grand Island.....	1997	Volleyball.....	Mike Smith.....	Alma.....	2007	Girls Soccer.....	John Walsh.....	Ralston.....	2018
Volleyball.....	Sandi Genrich.....	Lincoln N.E.....	1997	Basketball.....	Tim Wilbeck.....	Exeter-Milligan.....	2007	Boys Track & Field.....	Doug Zoucha.....	Norfolk Catholic.....	2018
Volleyball.....	Phyllis Honnor.....	Centennial.....	1997	Football.....	Doug Goltz.....	Falls City Sacred Heart.....	2008	Basketball.....	Kevin Asher.....	Hastings St. Cecilia.....	2019
Boys Cross Country.....	Ted Larson.....	Lincoln Southeast.....	1997	Boys Tennis.....	Jeffrey Hoham.....	Lincoln East.....	2008	Girls Tennis.....	Steve Bischof.....	Elkhorn South.....	2019
Boys Track.....	Roger A. Mathiesen.....	Kearney.....	1997	Boys Track.....	Dennis Koizna.....	Cross County.....	2008	Wrestling.....	Dean Boyer.....	Plainview.....	2019
Volleyball.....	Steve Morgan.....	Ogallala.....	1997	Basketball.....	Charles Perone.....	Boone Central.....	2008	Boys Track & Field.....	Rick Eickholt.....	Neigh-Oakdale.....	2019
Boys Track.....	Patrick Murphy.....	Fremont.....	1997	Basketball.....	Frank Samuelson.....	Cross County.....	2008	Basketball.....	Tom Leiningner.....	Aurora.....	2019
Volleyball.....	John Petersen.....	Columbus Scotus.....	1997	Basketball.....	Denny Crawford.....	Auburn.....	2009	Wrestling.....	Norm Mansstedt.....	High Plains.....	2019
Basketball.....	Larry Pritchett.....	Grant.....	1997	Girls Golf.....	Darrel Hoffman.....	Beatrice.....	2009	Girls Golf.....	Mimi Ramsbottom.....	Elkhorn South.....	2019
Basketball.....	Wes Shepard.....	Lincoln Christian.....	1997	Girls Track.....	Dean Korus.....	Humphrey St. Francis.....	2009	Volleyball.....	Janet Tooley.....	Columbus Scotus.....	2019
Wrestling.....	Tom McCann.....	Kearney.....	1998	Volleyball.....	Jake Moore.....	Lincoln Plus X.....	2009	Football.....	Chris Ardisono.....	BDS.....	2021
Basketball.....	Del Schoenfish.....	Cambridge.....	1998	Football.....	Ron Peck.....	Beemer.....	2009	Football.....	Jeff Gross.....	McCook.....	2021
Basketball.....	Dale Smith.....	Wood River.....	1998	Girls Cross Country.....	Gail H. Peterson.....	Crofton.....	2009	Football.....	Ron Mimick.....	Aquinas Catholic.....	2021
Boys Track.....	Dan Tesar.....	Tri County.....	1998	Volleyball.....	Diane Rouzee.....	Northwest.....	2009	Boys Track & Field.....	Ron Mimick.....	Aquinas Catholic.....	2021
Basketball.....	Bill Wallace.....	Kimball.....	1998	Girls Track.....	Gary Schuurmans.....	Norfolk.....	2009	Boys Track & Field.....	Roger Neujahr.....	Gothenburg.....	2021
Boys Track.....	Don Bader.....	Lexington.....	1999	Football.....	Bill Carlin.....	Adams Central.....	2010	Boys Track & Field.....	Tom Olson.....	Norfolk.....	2021
Wrestling.....	Dale Bonge.....	Albion.....	1999	Football.....	Jon Cerny.....	Bancroft-Rosalie.....	2010	Wrestling.....	Alan Pokorny.....	Bennington.....	2021
Boys Cross Country.....	Ron Brewer.....	Minden.....	1999	Basketball.....	Jim Martenson.....	West Holt.....	2010	Boys Track & Field.....	Steve Reeves.....	Gothenburg.....	2021
Boys Tennis.....	Les Livingston.....	Kearney.....	1999	Boys Track.....	Don Perry.....	York.....	2010	Girls Track & Field.....	Steve Reeves.....	Gothenburg.....	2021
Boys Tennis.....	Gene Starmer.....	Millard South.....	1999	Volleyball.....	Craig Schwadwinkel.....	Gering.....	2010	Boys Track & Field.....	Dave Selson.....	Fremont.....	2021
Football.....	Dan Tesar.....	Tri County.....	1999	Boys Track.....	Alan Strong.....	Pawnee City.....	2010	Basketball.....	Tim Streff.....	Blue Hill.....	2021
Volleyball.....	Dennis Troester.....	Republican Valley.....	1999	Volleyball.....	Diane Torson.....	Hampton.....	2010	Boys Golf.....	Richard Stuart.....	Beatrice.....	2021
Girls Track.....	Alan Vancura.....	Hastings St. Cecilia.....	1999	Basketball.....	Jim Weeks.....	Beatrice.....	2010	Boys Track & Field.....	Jack Tarr.....	Malcolm.....	2021
Wrestling.....	Brent Abrams.....	Tekamah-Herman.....	2000	Football.....	Mark Wortman.....	Elkhorn.....	2010	Girls Track & Field.....	Jack Tarr.....	Malcolm.....	2021
Boys Track.....	Roger Brink.....	Atkinson West Holt.....	2000	Girls Cross Country.....	John Barthule.....	Fillmore Central.....	2011	Football.....	John Bellar.....	Lyons-Decatur.....	2022
Basketball.....	Paul Brungardt.....	Humphrey St. Francis.....	2000	Basketball.....	James Carlson.....	West Boyd.....	2011	Football.....	Larry Martin.....	Omaha North.....	2022
Wrestling.....	Tim Classen.....	Centennial.....	2000	Girls Track.....	Janet Tooley.....	Columbus Scotus.....	2011	Volleyball.....	Kory Rohde.....	Hayes Center.....	2022
Girls Gymnastics.....	Dave Eppert.....	Lincoln East.....	2000	Volleyball.....	Kirk Wiedel.....	Thayer Central.....	2011	Girls Basketball.....	Brian Bullington.....	Lincoln East.....	2022
Wrestling.....	Creighton Randy.....	Kliment.....	2000	Basketball.....	Brad Williams.....	Greeley-Wolbach.....	2011	Girls Basketball.....	Scott Polacek.....	Howells-Dodge.....	2022
Boys Track.....	Fred Lambley.....	North Bend.....	2000	Girls Track.....	Steve Clapp.....	McCook.....	2012	Softball.....	Mark Watt.....	Lincoln Southwest.....	2022
Basketball.....	Duane Mendlik.....	West Point Central Catholic.....	2000	Basketball.....	Kelly Flynn.....	South Sioux City.....	2012	Basketball.....	Greg Appleby.....	Sumnerland.....	2023
Boys Track.....	Dan Moore.....	Ansley.....	2000	Football.....	Arnold Johnson.....	Boone Central.....	2012	Wrestling.....	James Bates.....	Wilber-Clatonia.....	2023
Boys Golf.....	Del Schoenfish.....	Cambridge.....	2000	Football.....	Mike Johnson.....	Waverly.....	2012	Girls Track & Field.....	Linda Blumenkamp.....	Elkhorn North.....	2023
Girls Track.....	Jim Brown.....	Elkhorn.....	2001	Volleyball.....	Fred Kluck.....	Bruning-Davenport.....	2012	Golf.....	Mike Brown.....	Mullen.....	2023
Volleyball.....	Linda Carlson.....	North Platte.....	2001	Basketball.....	Rochelle Rohfs.....	Omaha Marian.....	2012	Volleyball.....	Christina Boesiger.....	Norris.....	2023
Boys Track.....	David Gee.....	Grand Island Northwest.....	2001	Basketball.....	Jerome Skrdla.....	Gretna.....	2012	Girls Track & Field.....	Don Clark.....	Kearney.....	2023
Football.....	Dennis Koizna.....	Stromsburg.....	2001	Boys Track.....	Dallas Watkins.....	Dundy County-Stratton.....	2012	Girls Cross Country.....	Brian Kabourek.....	Lincoln East.....	2023
Football.....	Chuck Mizerski.....	Lincoln Southeast.....	2001	Girls Track.....	Diane Balcom.....	Holdrege/Bertrand.....	2013	Basketball.....	Tim Kasmeier.....	Norfolk Catholic.....	2023
Boys Golf.....	Dale Smith.....	Wood River.....	2001	Boys Track.....	Jim Barker.....	Scottsbluff.....	2013	Boys Track.....	Tim Kasmeier.....	Norfolk Catholic.....	2023
Basketball.....	Clayton Steel.....	Laurel-Concord.....	2001	Girls Golf.....	Steve Ekstrom.....	Minden.....	2013	Volleyball.....	Tom Pallas.....	Seward.....	2023
Football.....	Richard Stein.....	Chadron.....	2001	Wrestling.....	Brad Hildebrandt.....	Skutt Catholic.....	2013	Boys Cross Country.....	Steve Reeves.....	Gothenburg.....	2023
Basketball.....	Carroll Trout.....	Lawrence-Nelson.....	2001	Basketball.....	Dave Irwin.....	Sumner-Eddyville-Miller.....	2013	Basketball.....	Kevin Cheeves.....	Wahoo.....	2023
Girls Track.....	Larry VanCura.....	Henderson.....	2001	Boys Track.....	Dean Korus.....	Humphrey St. Francis.....	2013	Volleyball.....	Bob Wald.....	Douglas County West.....	2023
Boys Track.....	Vicki Vannier.....	Wheeler Central.....	2001	Boys Cross Country.....	Sean McMahon.....	Fremont.....	2013	Wrestling.....	Cody Wintz.....	Battle Creek.....	2023
Boys Golf.....	Dan Wolf.....	Lincoln Southeast.....	2001	Basketball.....	Ed McPherran.....	Lincoln East.....	2013	Basketball.....	Dave Hubert.....	Ashland-Greenwood.....	2024
Wrestling.....	Darrell Barnes.....	Arapahoe.....	2002	Football.....	Bill Mimick.....	Lindsay Holy Family.....	2013	Softball.....	Steve Kerkman.....	Millard South.....	2024
Girls Golf.....	Jerry Cover.....	Norfolk.....	2002	Girls Track.....	Al Zuege.....	Chase County.....	2013	Girls Track & Field.....	Eric Kitzelman.....	Kearney.....	2024
Football.....	Bob Fuller.....	Phillipsburg, KS.....	2002	Basketball.....	Bob Bralthwait.....	Arapahoe.....	2014	Boys Cross Country.....	Matt Musiel.....	Lincoln North Star.....	2024
Basketball.....	Rick Hesse.....	Clearwater.....	2002	Basketball.....	Kip Colony.....	Millard West.....	2014	Girls Golf.....	Tanya Niedbalski.....	Scotus Central Catholic.....	2024
Girls Track.....	Les Hill.....	Hebron.....	2002	Volleyball.....	Kris Connor.....	Kearney Catholic.....	2014	Boys Cross Country.....	Fr. Bob Tillman.....	Creighton Preparatory School.....	2024
Boys Gymnastics.....	Mike Hoskovec.....	Millard South.....	2002	Basketball.....	Chris Hutt.....	Johnson County Central.....	2014	Football.....	Jeff Tomlin.....	Grand Island.....	2024



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Lincoln High.....	Harold Scott.....	1965-1966	Cambridge.....	Del Schoenfish.....	1998-1999
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Lincoln High.....	Alden Johnson.....	1967-1968	Cambridge.....	Del Schoenfish.....	2000-2001
Omaha Westside.....	Cal Bentz.....	1968-1969	Waverly.....	Al Blankenship.....	2001-2002
Omaha Benson.....	Larry Johnson.....	1969-1970	Southern Valley.....	Mike Lanham.....	2002-2003
Omaha Burke.....	Hank Amend.....	1970-1971	Adams Central.....	Bill Carlin.....	2003-2004
Omaha South.....	Bob Whitehouse.....	1971-1972	East Butler.....	Dave Struebing.....	2004-2005
Seward.....	Rod Felix.....	1972-1973	Cambridge.....	Dan Keyser.....	2005-2006
Tekamah-Herman.....	Dale Bubak.....	1973-1974	Thayer Central.....	Les Hill.....	2006-2007
South Sioux City.....	James Walsh.....	1974-1975	Doniphan Trumbull.....	Ron Kubik.....	2007-2008
North Platte.....	Bob Starr.....	1975-1977	Minden.....	Sam Dunn.....	2008-2009
North Platte.....	Doug Martin.....	1977-1978	Lincoln Southeast.....	Jeff Smith.....	2009-2010
Auburn.....	Gary Spear.....	1978-1979	Norfolk Catholic.....	Jeff Bellar.....	2010-2011
Omaha Burke.....	John Johnette.....	1979-1980	Wayne.....	Rocky Ruhl.....	2011-2012
Kearney.....	Jerry Tetley.....	1980-1981	Fillmore Central.....	Nancy Kindig-Malone.....	2012-2013
Loomis.....	Bill Holliday.....	1981-1982	Adams Central.....	Jim LaMaster.....	2013-2014
Chase County.....	Bruce Vires.....	1982-1983	Creighton.....	Randy Kliment.....	2014-2015
Wilber-Clatonia.....	Dick Wray.....	1983-1984	Norfolk.....	Tom Olson.....	2015-2016
Aurora.....	John Farrand.....	1984-1986	Holdrege.....	Jerry Buck.....	2016-2017
York.....	Randy Cordes.....	1986-1988	Douglas Co West.....	Russ Ninemire.....	2017-2018
North Platte.....	Dennis Fornander.....	1988-1989	Minden.....	Donnie Miller.....	2018-2019
Ainsworth.....	John Lucero.....	1989-1990	Adams Central.....	Toni Fowler.....	2019-2021
Bertrand.....	Jerry Stine.....	1990-1991	McCook.....	Matt Wiemers.....	2021-2022
Crete.....	Mark Ward.....	1991-1992	Douglas Co West.....	Russ Ninemire.....	2022-2023
Aurora.....	Jack Guggenmos.....	1992-1993	Wausa.....	Greg Conn.....	2023-2024
Centennial.....	Phyllis Honnor.....	1993-1994			

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## A TRIBUTE

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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