

1997 Inductees

DALE FREEBURG – Class of 1931

Participated in football, basketball and track at WHS
All-State and All-conference in football
All-conference in basketball
Outstanding Male Athlete at 1931 State Track Meet
Played College Football at the University of South Dakota

TOM MCGRANN – Class of 1959

Participated in basketball, track and cross country at WHS
All-State in basketball
Member of the 1959 State “A” State Championship Basketball Team
ESD scoring leader in 1958 and 1959
Held scoring record in State Championship game for 30 years
Participated in the All-American High School basketball game in 1959
3 year letterman in basketball for the University of Minnesota

DOUG PETERSON – Class of 1960

Participated in football, basketball, track and baseball
All-State in football
All-State in basketball
Member of the 1959 State “A” Championship Basketball Team
Earned 9 letter at SDSU in football, basketball and baseball
Co-captain of football, basketball and baseball teams at SDSU
Member of the 1963 NCAA Division II National Championship Team
Member of SDSU Athletic Hall of Fame

TOM MURPHY – Class of 1975

Participated in football, basketball, track and baseball
All-State in football
All-State in basketball
All-State in baseball
All-American football team in 1973
All-American basketball team in 1974
South Dakota High School Male Athlete of the year in 1974
2 year letterman in football for the University of Minnesota

KAY STORMO-FREUND – Class of 1978

Participated in basketball, track and cross country
Member of the 1976 State Championship Basketball Team
ESD scoring leader in basketball in 1977
All-State in basketball
All-American in track
Outstanding Female Athlete at the 1978 State Track Meet
South Dakota Female Athlete of the Year in 1976 and 1978
4 year letterman in track at the University of Iowa
Outstanding Student/Athlete at Iowa in 1982

JIM MARKING – Basketball Coach 1955-1960

Coached the State Basketball Championship Team in 1959
Coached the State Basketball Runner-Up Teams in 1958 and 1960
Coached the ESD Championship Team in 1959
Coached at SDSU from 1965 to 1974 and had four North Central Championship Teams

DUKE GROW – Contributor

Honorary Referee of the Watoma Relays in 1959
Track Timer for 25 years
Transported the Cheerleaders for 25 years at own expense
Charter member of the Quarterback Club
Secretary/Treasurer of the SD Amateur Baseball Association for 27 years
South Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame

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BOB “JOLLY” CARLSON – Class of 1942

WHS Tennis Singles Champion 7th – 12th grade (1937-1942)
South Dakota State Tennis Champion 1940, 1941 and 1942
Augustana College – Undefeated singles in 1946 and 1947 and doubles in 1946
Coached at Madison, Minnesota 1957 to 1990
400 victories, 20 District titles and 12 Region titles
Minnesota Tennis Coach of the Year in 1980
Inducted into the Augustana Hall of Fame in 1982
Inducted into the Minnesota Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994

RICHARD A. KOSIER – Class of 1957

WHS letter winner in football (3 years)
WHS letter winner in basketball (2 years)
WHS letter winner in track (2 years)
All-State in football 1956
All-American football team in 1956
All-State in basketball in 1957
4 year letterman in football at the University of Nebraska
SDGA Seniors Golf Champion in 1994 and Male Golfer of the Year
Qualified for the USGA Senior Amateur Championships in 1997

STEVE HEIDENREICH – Class of 1971

State “AA” Mile Champion in 1970 and 1971
ESD Mile Champion in 1971
Current WHS Records in the Mile (4:09.6), Medley Relay, and 2-Mile Relay
Member of the All-time State Record 2 Mile relay team
2nd in Mile Run at the All-American Track and Field Championships
Indiana University 1500 Meter Record Holder (3:38.4)
NCAA Division I Track All-American in 1995
Member of the USA Track Team to tour Europe and USSR in 1975
Earned 1st in USA vs. Africa Meet (3:58.4 in the mile)
Was the 4th fastest Runner at 1500 meters in the USA in 1976

RICK JENSEN – Class of 1974

4 Time ESD Wrestling Champion
4 Time Section Wrestling Champion
4 Time State Wrestling Champion
Outstanding Wrestler at State Tournament in 1974
High School All-American Wrestler in 1974
93-1-0 career WHS wrestling record
Wrestled in college at SDSU
North Central Conference Champion in 1976, 1977, and 1978
NCAA National Champion in 1976
Outstanding Wrestler of National Meet in 1976
Division II All-American in 1976, 1977, and 1978

JOHN DEWITT, JR. – Football Coach 1956-1966

WHS football coaching record (67 – 22 -2)
ESD Champions in 1956, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1965
South Dakota Coach of the Year in 1961
Dean of Students, Northwest College, Powell, Wyoming 1968-1988
Wyoming State Legislator, 8 years
Northwest College Student Center named the DeWitt Center in 1988

DR. JAMES LARSON – Contributor

Started as Team Doctor for Arrow Football Team in 1967
Received a Community Award for Outstanding Service to Athletics in 1977
Received the Friend of Football Award from the South Dakota Football Coaches Association in 1990
Provided medical coverage at State Tournaments hosted in Watertown
Helped give athletic physicals to Watertown and area athletes

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EDWIN “BUD” ELKINS – Class of 1936

WHS letter winner in football 2 years
WHS letter winner in basketball 3 years and team captain in 1936
WHS letter winner in track 1 year
All-conference in football 1935
All-conference in basketball in 1935 and 1936
Augustana College Athletic Hall of Fame
SD Baseball Hall of Fame
Manager of the 1950 National Amateur Baseball Champions
35 years as a Boys’ State Counselor

TED BERNER – Class of 1952

WHS letter winner in basketball 3 years
All-State in basketball in 1951 and 1952
Freshman Basketball at Kansas State in 1952-53
Varsity Basketball at Utah in 1955, 1956 and 1957
Starting guard for the University of Utah ranked #1 in US pre-season poll 1954
Signed professional baseball contract with Detroit in 1958

DAN WICKS – Class of 1965

WHS letter winner in football 2 years
WHS letter winner in basketball 2 years
WHS letter winner in track 2 years
1965 South Dakota High School Athlete of the Year
In 1965 set 18 shot put and discus meet records
State Shot Put Champion in 1965
Set school records in shot put and discus
Set the All-time State Shot Put record at 59’ 8 ½ inches in 1965
Set a new freshman shot put record at Minnesota
Lettered 3 years in track at the University of Minnesota
Coached 4 State Champions and 5 Runner-ups in shot and discus from 1976 to 1998

DRAKE TITZE – Class of 1971

WHS letter winner in cross country 4 years and team captain in 1970
WHS letter winner in track 4 years and team captain in 1971
Two-time ESD cross country champion
Most valuable runner in cross country 1968, 1969, and 1970
Twice the ESD mile champion
Twice the ESD 880 yard run champion
Twice the State 880 yard run champion
WHS record holder in 880 yard run (1:54.4)
Member of the All-Time State record 2-Mile Relay Team
Lettered in Track 4 years at the University of Missouri

GERALD E. TRACY, MD – Contributor – Class of 1943

Participated and arranged for free physicals from 1957 to 1997
Team physician for football and basketball 1959 to 1970
Distinguished Service Award from SDSMA in 1973
Outstanding Physician of the Year in 1980
Brown Clinic-Watertown, SD family practice from 1957 to 1997
Delegate to AMA from SD 1980 to 1986
Special Presidential Award 1983 (second one ever given)

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DOUG KLUCK – Contributor- Class of 1959

Team Therapist for Watertown Athletics from 1967 to 2000
Contributed unselfishly to treatment of hundreds of Watertown each year
Member of the American Physical Therapy Association
Member of the SD Physical Therapy Association
Started for the 1959 WHS State Basketball Champions
All-State football team in 1958

VINCE HAAN – Class of 1969

All-State football team in 1968
State Heavyweight Wrestling Champion in 1969
WHS School Discus Record at 170' 5"
Track Rotary Award – 1969
Frank Coffey Award – 1969
Co-captain football team in 1968
Co-captain wrestling team in 1969
Lettered in football at SDSU for 3 years

MARK WICKS – Class of 1964

All-State basketball team in 1964
All Tournament basketball team in 1964
All-State Football team in 1963
Lettered in track in 1963 and 1964
Played football at Washington State University
All West Coast Linebacker in 1965
All conference Linebacker in 1965
Free Agent with the New Orleans Saints in 1968

ROGER PRIES – Class of 1953

Captain of 1952-53 basketball team
Kiwanis Citizenship Award – 1953
Played basketball at Northern State University (All-conference 3 times)
Signed with Milwaukee Braves baseball Organization in 1953
South Dakota Basketball Coach of the Year in 1971 and 1979
Coached Pierre's 1979 State "AA" basketball Championship team
Member of South Dakota Basketball Coaches Hall of Shrine – 1989
Member of the Northern State University Athletic Hall of Fame

JOE SUMNER – Class of 1983

All-State Basketball Team – 1982 and 1983
All-Tournament Basketball Team – 1982 and 1983
All-State Football Team Quarterback – 1981
All-State Football Team Defensive Back – 1982
Track All-American 1983
Started for 4 years as a defensive back for Augustana College (1983-1986)

2001 Inductees

DAWN KOEHN-BIEL – Class of 1989

WHS letter winner in gymnastics (6 years)- 1984 to 1989
WHS letter winner in track (3 years) – 1987 to 1989
WHS letter winner in basketball (2 years) 1988 and 1989
State Gymnastics Vault Champion 1986 and 1989
Gymnastics "All-Tournament" Team – 1986 and 1989
All-Tournament Team in Girls Basketball – 1988
State Track Champion (3 events) 1989
WHS record holder in Girls 100 meter dash (11.8)
9-time Division II Track All-American at North Dakota State University
21 NCC Track Titles
1993 Academic All-American at NDSU

BURDELL COPLAN – Class of 1946

WHS letter winner in football (3 years) 1943 to 1945
WHS letter winner in basketball (3 years) 1944 to 1946
WHS letter winner in track (3 years) 1944 to 1946
MVP in basketball 1946
Played football at the University of South Dakota
USD Defensive Back of the Decade (1950's)
Coach of the Year - 11 times
National High School Football Coach of the Year – 1990
National High School Hall of Fame – 1995
USD Hall of Fame – 1984
South Dakota High School Coaches Hall of Fame – 1963

DON VOGT – Class of 1950

WHS letter winner in football (3 years) 1947 to 1949
WHS letter winner in track (3 years) 1948 to 1950
All-American in football – 1949
Argus Leader “All-time High School Football Team”
Played football at the University of Nebraska and started in 1951

WAYNE HUNTER – Contributor – Class of 1958

Loyal Supporter and eager booster for 40 years
Promoted all sports at all levels as a Radio Announcer for KWAT
Hosted Coaches Corner for many years
Active member and past president of the Watertown Quarterback Club
Public Address announcer for many sports
SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award 1990
SD Basketball Coaches Association “Hall of Shrine” – 2000

2002 Inductees

CLEVE ABBOTT – Class of 1912

16 time letter winner at WHS
Football (4 years) Basketball (4 years) Track (4 years) Baseball (4 years)
14 time letter winner at South Dakota State University
Football Coach at Tuskegee Institute
Won 203 – Lost 96 – Tied 27
National Championships (9)

DAVE ROBY – Class of 1973

WHS letter winner in football (3 years) 1970 to 1972
WHS letter winner in basketball (2 years) 1972 and 1973
WHS letter winner in track (3 years) 1971 to 1973
MVP in football – 1972
All-State football – 1972
South Dakota Male Athlete of the Year – 1972-1973
Class President – 1971, 1972, 1973
Played football at North Dakota State University
All-NCC football team in 1976 and 1977

HEATH RYLANCE – Class of 1990

WHS letter winner in football (3 times) 1987 to 1989
WHS letter winner in basketball (3 times) 1988 to 1990
WHS letter winner in track (3 times) 1986 to 1988
All-State in football – 1989
All-conference in football – 1989
All-conference in basketball – 1990
Played football at Augustana
All-NCC football team in 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994
MVP NCC Football player in 1994
Quarterback in the Canadian Football League – 1995 to 1999

MARK BIERSCHEID – Contributor – Class of 1951

Volunteer work for the Athletic Department for 32 years
Honorary Referee of the Watoma Relays in 1987
Past President of the Quarterback Club
Hosted Hospitality room for SDHSAA sponsored state events
Arrow supporter for 35 years
State basketball All-Tournament team – 1951

2003 Inductees

BECKY LARSON-PESSOLANO – Class of 1979

ESD Individual Golf Champion – 1977, 1978, 1979
Member of 1976, 1977 and 1978 ESD Golf Team Champions
State Individual Golf Champion in 1977, 1978, and 1979
Member of 1978 and 1979 State Golf Team Champions
SD Junior Girls Golf Champion in 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979
Qualified for the US Women Individual Match Play in 1982
Turned Professional in 1983
Qualified for the LPGA Tour in fall of 1985
Played on the LPGA Tour for 7 years

STUART LUND – Class of 1981

WHS letter winner in cross country and track (4 times)
Set WHS High Jump record at (6' 6")
Set WHS 3200 meter run record at (9:14.1)
Outstanding "AA" Athlete in 1981 State Track Meet
1980 State Cross Country Champion
ESD Cross Country Champion 3 times
1981 All-American in Cross Country
Won 5 events in the 1979 and 1981 State Track Meets
Competed in Track at South Dakota State University
NCC Steeplechase Champion in 1981

JASON SUTHERLAND – Class of 1993

All-State in Basketball (2 times) 1992 and 1993
All-State in Football (2 times) 1991 and 1992
1991 and 1992 State High Jump Champion
Set WHS High Jump record (7' 1")
Set WHS Pole Vault record (14' 0")
Set State basketball Tournament record for points in the championship round
Mr. Basketball for South Dakota in 1993
Played basketball at the University of Missouri for 4 years
2nd Team All-Big 8 player in 1995
1st Team All-Big 12 Tournament Team in 1996
Missouri Player of the Year in 1996

DWIGHT D. MILLER – Contributor

WHS educator from 1926 to 1939
Senior High Principal from 1929 to 1940
Superintendent of Schools from 1940 to 1968
Involved in the plans for the Watertown Stadium in 1942
Involved in the plans for the Civic Arena in 1962
Strong supporter of WHS Athletics

2004/2005 Inductees

TRACIE FIE-LAVELLE – Class of 1982

WHS letter winner in track (5 times) 1978 to 1982
WHS letter winner in cross country (3 times) 1979 to 1981
10 time Track and Field State Champion
1980 State Cross Country Champion
Set WHS 200 Meter Record (25.0)
Set WHS 400 Meter Record (57.3)
Member of 3 WHS record setting relay teams
Member of the All-Time State Record 1600 Meter Relay Team
All-American in Track in 1980
Competed in track and cross country for Moorhead State University
6 time NAIA Track and Field All-American
3 time NAIA National Champion (3200 Relay)
College Cross Country Academic All-American

CARTER REESE – Class of 1959

WHS letter winner in track (4 times) 1956 to 1959
WHS letter winner in basketball (2 times) 1958 and 1959
Member of the 1959 State Championship Basketball Team
Captain of the 1959 Track Team
Set 7 WHS Track and Field Records
ESD Champion in the 100, 220, and 440 yard dashes in 1959
Still tied for the WHS record in the 200 Meter dash
Lettered 3 years in Track and Field at the University of Michigan

JIM DEHNERT – Class of 1966

WHS letter winner in Football in 1964 and 1965
WHS letter winner in Basketball in 1965 and 1966
WHS letter winner in Track (4 times) 1963 to 1966
All-State Football in 1965
All-State in Basketball in 1966
MVP of the ESD Football Champions in 1965
Member of the ESD Track Champions in 1966
Member of the State Record holding Mile Relay Team (3:25.5)

NORB NEISEN – Contributor – Class of 1943

One of the founders of the Watoma Relays
Honorary Referee of the Watoma Relays in 1969
Worked at the Watoma Relays for 47 years
Made many contributions to WHS athletics and facilities
5 Children that were outstanding track athletes for WHS

2006/2007 Inductees

JAIME BERRY – Class of 1997

WHS letter winner in Volleyball (4 times) 1993 to 1996
WHS letter winner in Basketball (4 times) 1994 to 1997
WHS letter winner in Track (3 times) 1995 to 1997
4 Time All-conference Volleyball First Team
4 Time All-State Volleyball First Team
Member of the 1997 State Championship Volleyball Team
4 Time All-conference Basketball First Team
3 Time All-State Girls Basketball First Team
Member of the 1993 Girls State Championship Basketball Team
Spirit of Su Award Winner – 1996
Played College Basketball for North Dakota State University for 4 years
All-NCC First Team (2 times) 1999 and 2001
All Region 1st Team and All-American 3rd Team in 2001

MARY KORBEL-JOHNSON – Class of 1979

WHS letter winner in Basketball (4 times) 1975 to 1978
WHS letter winner in Gymnastics (3 times) 1977 to 1979
WHS letter winner in Track (4 times) 1976 to 1979
Member of the 1976 State Championship Basketball Team
All-State Basketball Team – 1978
All-Tournament Basketball Team – 1978
Member of the 1978 State Championship Girls Track Team
Currently holds the WHS Girls Long Jump Record (17' 11.25")
State Long Jump Champion – 1979
Played College Basketball at South Dakota State University for 4 years

JOE ROBY – Class of 1940

WHS letter winner in Football (3 times) 1937 to 1939
WHS letter winner in Basketball (3 times) 1938 to 1940
WHS letter winner in Track (3 times) 1938 to 1940
All-conference Football team running back – 1939
Scored 5 touchdowns in the 1939 Ki-Yi game against Mitchell
Held WHS 100 yard dash record for 30 years (10.1)
Held WHS 220 yard dash record for 20 years (22.3)
Anchored the WHS record setting 440 yard relay team (43.6)
Won many events in Track and Field at conference, region, and State Meets

JACK FLUG – Coach – 1927-1943

WHS Football Coach from 1927 to 1943
Did not lose a game (3 ties) from 1928 to 1930 (3 seasons)
3 ESD Conference Championship Football Teams
WHS Career Football Record 82-36-15 (61.2%)
WHS Basketball Coach for 16 seasons
1 ESD Conference Championship Basketball Team
WHS Career Basketball Record 181-108 (62.6%)
5 State Tournament Appearances
WHS Track and Field Coach for 11 Seasons
2 State Track and Field Championships in 1929 and 1930