



NDHSCA AWARD OF MERIT



The Award of Merit has a history of being presented to media personnel who have been a positive influence to North Dakota High School Coaches, Athletes, and Athletics. A second group of recipients who have been recognized by NDHSCA with Award of Merit are people who have contributed to the success of athletics in the North Dakota through extraordinary services to athletics, coaches, and athletes.

The first recipient of the Award of Merit was Jim Adelson in 1970. The second recipient was Roger Higgins in 1971. These two people were selected because of their specific media influence on the public and the positive treatment of North Dakota High School Coaches, Athletes, and Athletics.

Other recipients include people who make extraordinary contributions to North Dakota Athletics, Coaches, and Athletes in services at Athletic Contests, and Tournaments. Some recipients have made extraordinary contributions in hosting contests while others have made contributions to the coaching community and professional arena. The entire Award of Merit Recipient Roster is attached and is always found in the Annual Awards Banquet Program:

NDHSCA AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

1970	Jim Adelson; KXJB Sports	1982	Mike Bellmore; Devils Lake <i>Journal</i> Sports
1971	Roger Higgins; KFYZ Sports	1982	Gus Becker; KBMR/KQDY Sports
1972	Jack Brown; Jamestown	1983	Harold L. Pedersen; Fargo Schools
1972	Arnie Bakke; Grand Forks	1983	Richard "Dick" Karlgaard; Bismarck Schools
1972	Russ Smith; KSMB Sports	1983	Dennis Doeden; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports
1973	Ernie Gates; Jamestown HS	1983	Rob Miller; KEYZ Sports
1974	Bill Osmon; Valley City State University	1983	Ray Miller; Fargo Park District
1974	Allen Boumont; Valley City	1984	Steve Thomas; Bismarck <i>Tribune</i> Sports
1975	Hollis Dietz; Dickinson	1984	Rod Kleinjan; KDIX Sports
1976	F. U. Smith; NDHSAA—Valley City	1984	Dave O'Bannon; KOVC Sports
1977	Boyd Christianson; WDAY Sports	1985	Dr. Denis "Izzy" Isrow; NDSU
1977	Jim Nelson; Jamestown <i>Sun</i> Sports	1985	Merril Schalow; Minot Daily Sports
1977	Dick Schindler; NDHSAA—Valley City	1986	Bruce Dougherty; KQLX Sports
1977	Dick Seal; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports	1986	Sheryl Solberg; NDHSAA—Valley City
1978	Rod Romine; Minot	1987	Larry Schmidt; Kindred HS
1979	Gary Rogers; KBOM Sports	1987	Les Halvorson; KBTO Sports
1979	Bruce Whiting; NDSU—Fargo	1987	Bruce Anderson; NDHSAA—Valley City
1979	Ken Towers; Grand Forks	1988	Curt Monson; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports
1980	Earl Williams; WDAY Sports	1988	Dan Hammer; KTHI Sports
1980	Matt Gerszewski; Jamestown <i>Sun</i> Sports	1989	Abe Winter; Bismarck <i>Tribune</i> Sports
1981	Terry Dean; WDAY Sports	1989	Al Shirley; Minot Television Sports
1981	Lee Halvorson; KDLR Sports	1989	Nancy Tidd; Fargo North HS—NDHSCA Clinic
1981	Al Meyer; Mayville State University	1990	Greg DeVillers; Grand Forks <i>Herald</i> Sports



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1990	Dan Keating; KDLR Sport	2007	Tom Piche; Greg Larson Sports
1990	Jay Osmundson; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports	2008	Eric Peterson; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports
1991	Dave Kolpack; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports	2008	Jack Michaels; Clear Channel Radio Sports
1991	Brian Curtis (Brummond); KMAV Sports	2009	Jim Dahl; KDIX Radio Sports
1992	Harold "Frank" Fish; Watford City	2010	Casey Mueller; Bismarck Schools
1992	Donald Hanson; <i>The Hoopster</i> , editor	2010	Robert A. Schulte; Mandan, ND
1993	Les Anderson; Minot Jim Hill JHS	2011	TJ Herauf; (POWERade); Dickinson, ND
1993	Clem Schiele; KZZY Sports	2011	Todd Wegenast (POWERade); Minot, ND
1994	Roger Loerch; Harvey, ND	2011	Bill Dickerson (POWERade); Williston, ND
1994	Bob Bower; Grand Forks Twining JHS	2011	Stu Merry; McLean County Independent
1995	Mark Beigley; KZZY Sports	2011	Mike Savaloja; Jamestown <i>Sun</i>
1995	Ryan Bakken; Grand Forks <i>Herald</i> Sports	2012	Kevin Schnepf; Fargo <i>Forum</i>
1996	Brad Westrum; Grand Forks	2012	Mike Weber; Bismarck <i>Tribune</i>
1996	Wayne Westphal; Devils Lake	2013	Chuck Clairmont, Clear Channel Radio
1996	Ed Lockwood; Fargo South HS	2013	Todd Domres, Clear Channel Radio
1997	Mike Elm; KCJB Sports	2013	Scott Woodmansee, Clear Channel Radio
1997	Scott Kittell; KCJB Sports	2014	Nolan Dix, KDIX Radio; Hettinger, ND
1997	Pat Sweeney; WDAZ Sports	2015	Larry Aasheim; Universal Athletics President
1998	Tim Hennessy; Grand Forks Radio Sports	2015	Jim Haussler; Bismarck Schools & Bismarck Community Bowl Authority
1998	Louise Snortland-Hall; Minot <i>Daily News</i> Sports	2015	Mark Ouradnik, ND State FCA Director
1999	Jake Kulland; Langdon KNDK Radio	2016	Chris Aarhus; Jamestown Sun
2000	Todd Adams; VALIC	2016	Dom Izzo; WDAY Sports
2000	Robert Mulder; VALIC	2016	Don Larson; NDSU Track & Field
2001	Jon Cole; Williston KUMV Sports	2016	Tom Mix; Fargo Forum & NDHSAA
2002	Sherman Sylling; NDHSAA	2017	Sean Ford; Simmons Multi-Media
2002	Lee Timmerman; KFVR Television Sports	2017	Mike Thorson; University of Mary Track & Field
2003	Kevin Fee; Grand Forks <i>Herald</i> Sports	2018	Brad Anderson KZTK Radio
2003	Cindy Peterson; Minot <i>Daily News</i> Sports	2018	Jim Clark; University of Jamestown X-Country
2004	David Carlsrud; NDHSAA	2019	Myron Loberg; NDSU Track & Field
2004	Owen (OJ) Jensen; Wahpeton SSS (<i>posthumously</i>)	2019	Mark Weber; Emmons County Record; Linton
2005	Ole Olson; Jamestown KSJB Radio	2020	Convention Cancelled due to COVID Pandemic
2005	John Walsh; Bismarck - - Burger King	2021	Craig Keating; KMAV & KMSR Radio; Mayville
2006	Mike Berg; Grand Forks Central HS		
2006	Marlene Bischoff; Allard Trophy Company		
2007	Darryl Anderson; NDIAAA		