



# 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

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



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<b>1990</b>	Dan Keating; KDLR Sport	<b>2010</b>	Casey Mueller; Bismarck Schools
<b>1990</b>	Jay Osmundson; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports	<b>2010</b>	Robert A. Schulte; Mandan, ND
<b>1991</b>	Dave Kolpack; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports	<b>2011</b>	TJ Herauf; (POWERade); Dickinson, ND
<b>1991</b>	Brian Curtis (Brummond); KMAV Sports	<b>2011</b>	Todd Wegenast (POWERade); Minot, ND
<b>1992</b>	Harold "Frank" Fish; Watford City	<b>2011</b>	Bill Dickerson (POWERade); Williston, ND
<b>1992</b>	Donald Hanson; <i>The Hoopster</i> , editor	<b>2011</b>	Stu Merry; McLean County Independent
<b>1993</b>	Les Anderson; Minot Jim Hill JHS	<b>2011</b>	Mike Savaloja; Jamestown <i>Sun</i>
<b>1993</b>	Clem Schiele; KZZY Sports	<b>2012</b>	Kevin Schnepf; Fargo <i>Forum</i>
<b>1994</b>	Roger Loerch; Harvey, ND	<b>2012</b>	Mike Weber; Bismarck <i>Tribune</i>
<b>1994</b>	Bob Bower; Grand Forks Twining JHS	<b>2013</b>	Chuck Clairmont, Clear Channel Radio
<b>1995</b>	Mark Beigley; KZZY Sports	<b>2013</b>	Todd Domres, Clear Channel Radio
<b>1995</b>	Ryan Bakken; Grand Forks <i>Herald</i> Sports	<b>2013</b>	Scott Woodmansee, Clear Channel Radio
<b>1996</b>	Brad Westrum; Grand Forks	<b>2014</b>	Nolan Dix, KNDC Radio; Hettinger, ND
<b>1996</b>	Wayne Westphal; Devils Lake	<b>2015</b>	Larry Aasheim; Universal Athletics President
<b>1996</b>	Ed Lockwood; Fargo South HS	<b>2015</b>	Jim Haussler; Bismarck Schools & Bismarck Community Bowl Authority
<b>1997</b>	Mike Elm; KCJB Sports	<b>2015</b>	Mark Ouradnik, ND State FCA Director
<b>1997</b>	Scott Kittell; KCJB Sports	<b>2016</b>	Chris Aahrus; Jamestown Sun
<b>1997</b>	Pat Sweeney; WDAZ Sports	<b>2016</b>	Dom Izzo; WDAY Sports
<b>1998</b>	Tim Hennessy; Grand Forks Radio Sports	<b>2016</b>	Don Larson; NDSU Track & Field
<b>1998</b>	Louise Snortland-Hall; Minot <i>Daily News</i> Sports	<b>2016</b>	Tom Mix; Fargo Forum & NDHSAA
<b>1999</b>	Jake Kulland; Langdon KNDK Radio	<b>2017</b>	Sean Ford; Simmons Multi-Media
<b>2000</b>	Todd Adams; VALIC	<b>2017</b>	Mike Thorson; University of Mary Track & Field
<b>2000</b>	Robert Mulder; VALIC	<b>2018</b>	Brad Anderson KZTK Radio
<b>2001</b>	Jon Cole; Williston KUMV Sports	<b>2018</b>	Jim Clark; University of Jamestown X-Country
<b>2002</b>	Sherman Sylling; NDHSAA	<b>2019</b>	Myron Loberg; NDSU Track & Field
<b>2002</b>	Lee Timmerman; KFVR Television Sports	<b>2019</b>	Mark Weber; Emmons County Record; Linton
<b>2003</b>	Kevin Fee; Grand Forks <i>Herald</i> Sports	<b>2020</b>	Convention Cancelled due to COVID Pandemic
<b>2003</b>	Cindy Peterson; Minot <i>Daily News</i> Sports	<b>2021</b>	Craig Keating; KMAV & KMSR Radio; Mayville
<b>2004</b>	David Carlsrud; NDHSAA	<b>2021</b>	Brenda Schell; NDHSAA
<b>2004</b>	Owen (OJ) Jensen; Wahpeton SSS ( <i>posthumously</i> )	<b>2022</b>	Jordan Hassler; BEK Sports TV
<b>2005</b>	Ole Olson; Jamestown KSJB Radio	<b>2022</b>	Scott Loerch; BEK Sports TV
<b>2005</b>	John Walsh; Bismarck - - Burger King	<b>2022</b>	Randall Peterson; KTGO Radio Tioga
<b>2006</b>	Mike Berg; Grand Forks Central HS	<b>2023</b>	Jeanette Dahl; Grand Forks Public Schools
<b>2006</b>	Marlene Bischoff; Allard Trophy Company	<b>2023</b>	Jody Norstedt; Midco Sports
<b>2007</b>	Darryl Anderson; NDIAAA	<b>2024</b>	Perry Hanson; Hoopster Basketball Preview
<b>2007</b>	Tom Piche; Greg Larson Sports	<b>2024</b>	Dr. Brad Strand; NDSU
<b>2008</b>	Eric Peterson; Fargo <i>Forum</i> Sports		
<b>2008</b>	Jack Michaels; Clear Channel Radio Sports		
<b>2009</b>	Jim Dahl; KDIX Radio Sports		