

**NSAA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS—1979-2016
NSAA Distinguished Service Award Winners**



2016

Larry King, Lincoln
Larry Loomis, Lincoln
Bob Polzin, Lincoln
Bob Jensen, Central City
Rick Moses, Lincoln
Sue Maryott, Lincoln

2015

Dr. Peg Naylon, Omaha
Bob Danenhauer, Omaha
Chuck Larsen, Fayetteville, AR
Jim Carmichael (posthumously),
Lincoln

Bud Dahlstrom, Waverly

2014

Kent Halley, Mitchell
Jerry Barteel, Omaha
Bob Moderow, Hastings
Rob Marshall, Columbus

2013

Steve Borer, Seward
Scott Martens, Omaha
Karen Hand, Lincoln

2012

Dr. Dallas Watkins, Benkelman
Gary Puetz, Columbus
Dick Scott, Sidney
Dr. John Mackiel, Omaha

2011

Max Kroger, Ord
Margie Pinkerton, Weeping Water
Charlie Caverzagie, Plattsmouth
Mary Caverzagie, Plattsmouth
Jerry Stine, Papillion
Dwight "Doc" Wininger, Lincoln
Dave Schultz, Lincoln
Jim Nemetz, Hastings
Dr. Jim Tenopir, Greenwood, IN

2010

Joe Turco, Lincoln
Jack Guggenmos, Lincoln
Dave Struebing, Brainard
Donald Shostrom, Polk
Jane White, Beatrice
Robert Radke, Lewellen
Rich Brodersen, Kearney
Don Freeburg, Plattsmouth

2009

Royce Corder, Elwood
Donald Zavadil, Humphrey
Terry Kenealy, York
Steve Shanahan, Blair
Kim Carson, Lincoln
John Makovicka, Ulysses
Dick Beechner, Kearney

2008

Don Briggs, Kearney
Dwayne Gahan (posthumously),
Oakland
Lavelle Hitzemann, Hampton
Bruce Vires, Imperial
Dennis Edwards, Chadron
Steve Johnsen, Eagle
John Post, Bloomfield

2007

Dr. Brian Maher, Centennial
Wendy Birdsall, Lincoln
Bill Bryant, Panama
Skip Olds, York
Dr. Jack Gilsdorf, Lincoln
Dr. Dan Ernst, Waverly
Terry Gilliland, Mitchell
Bill Israelson, Grand Island
Glen Morgan, Neligh
Walt Smith, Ord

2006

Chuck Hafer, Mullen
Ross Jernstrom, Omaha
Ryly Jane Hambleton, Lincoln
Stu Pospisil, Omaha
Don Seifried, Sargent
Bill Hughes, Battle Creek
Ed Spethman, Omaha
Dale Kastens, Lodgepole

2005

Nate Stineman, Oxford
Mike Troxel, Sutherland
John Henry, Lincoln
Mike Purdy, Bellevue
Vernon Plambeck, Kearney
Justin Kerchal, Kearney

2004

Leroy Cundall, Bayard
Bill Lewis, Adams
Cindy Wells, Grand Island
Rod Borders, Gordon
Bill Pile, Leyton, Potter-Dix

2003

Dr. Marshall Adams, Seward
Sid Charf, Neligh
Allan Gaskill, Cambridge
Gene Haynes, Omaha
Sue Mehaffey, Omaha
Dorothy Nielsen, Lincoln

2002

James Riley, Lincoln
Rex Jones, Lincoln
Bill Schnoor, Valley
Ted Gill, Arapahoe
Jim Paige, Wayne

2001

Irene Colborn, Lincoln
Dean Dahlke, Bertrand
Al Papik, Lincoln
Jack Payne, Omaha
Dennis Smith, Papillion

2000

Ray Ehlers, Lexington
Larry Coorts, Adams
Bob Clay, Aurora

1999

Al Combs, Potter-Dix
Dr. Duane Haith, Omaha
Butch Hug, Lincoln
Don Kraemer, Norfolk

1998

Conde Sargent, Lincoln

1997

Larry Rice, Ainsworth
Larry Bock, Blair
Dean Dorsey, Cozad
Dr. Dennis Connolly, Lincoln
Dr. Larry Helmick, Kearney
Dr. Mike McCoy, Lincoln
Louis Stithem, Broken Bow

1995

Les Roberts, Lincoln
George Shinker, Atkinson
Ron Huston, Omaha
Dave Webber, Omaha
Duane E. Johnson, Hastings

1994

Roy Churchill, Lincoln
Jack Hallstrom, Omaha
Wilbur D. Brawner, Dix
Swede Hawkins, Oakland-Craig

1993

Lavern J. Fitzgibbon, Chadron
Buford M. Grosscup, Lincoln
Neil Kluver, Randolph
Eugene (Hoppy) McCue, Alma

1992

Eugene Miller, Grand Island
R. D. (Dick) Thompson, North
Platte

Richard A. Perry, Lincoln
Robert Vohland, Gibbon
Thomas L. Hallstrom, Omaha
Al Bahe, Fremont

James Sommers, Lincoln

1991

Gene Kruger, Elkhorn
Ernie Behne, Brainard
Cecil Walker, Fremont

1990

Larry Sheppard, Fremont
Delmar Bailar, North Platte
Barry Moore, Lincoln
Robert (Babe) Penney, Omaha
Ed Childress, Lincoln

1989

Roger Miller, Papillion-LaVista
Dr. William Gogan, Ord
Thomas R. Mihane, Scottsbluff
Loren Kuper, Minden
Harold Johnson, Elmwood

1988

Denny Fuehrer, Norfolk
Don Kraft, Millard South

1987

Phil Sprague, Lincoln
Kenneth P. Ackermann, Utica

1986

Paul Basler, Papillion-LaVista
Jerry Neely, Norfolk
Robert Pease, Lincoln
Arnold Peterson, Alma
Allen Friesen, Henderson

1985

Bill Madden, Scottsbluff
Bill Miller, Lincoln

1984

L. Max Ingram, Bartley
J.R. Mollring, Cambridge
E. Lee Todd, Grant

1983

Ross Bonham, Franklin
William Conner, Scottsbluff

1982

Dr. Owen Knutzen, Omaha
Hartley White, Omaha
Joe Di Natale, North Platte

1981

Waldo Johnson, Wausa
Dr. Howard Sorensen, Omaha
Leo Stangle, Scottsbluff

1980

Ed Colleran, Spalding
Bill Pfeiff, Lincoln

1979

Leslie Chamberlin, Lincoln
Walter R. Olsen, Fremont
Charlie H. Foster, Kearney

NSAA Outstanding Service Award Winners



2015-2016

Girls Tennis—
Gene Starmer, Omaha
Les Livingston, Kearney
Greg Classen, Papillion
Football—
Paul Wiseman, Elkhorn
Soccer—Doug Epps, La Vista
Speech & Play Production—
David Cooper, North Platte
2014-2015
Basketball—
Janet Zillig, Lincoln
Deb Headley, Lincoln
Golf—
Craig Ames, Omaha
Justin Ahrens, Omaha
Music—
Tim Gansbom, Norfolk
Blake Lyon, Holdrege
Sharon Hoffman, Bayard
2013-2014
Music—
Jim Kucera, Waverly
Doran Johnson, Omaha
Teresa Rotert, Hershey
2012-2013
Speech & Play Production—
Matt Davis, Waverly
2011-2012
Speech & Play Production—
Theola Peck, Beemer
Track and Field—
Jerel Welker, Lincoln
2010-2011
Golf—
Wilma Gilliland, Kimball
Boys Basketball—
Bill Holliday, Elm Creek
2009-2010
Football—
John Lavicky, Dwight
Basketball—
Jerry Eickhoff, Lincoln
Speech & Play Production—
Kris Walker, Glenrock, WY
Jill Hoelsing, Alliance
Mary Thieman, Petersburg
Jane Teply, Kearney
Lee Jacobsen-Meyer, Fremont
Connie Madison, North Platte
Jan Knispel, Valentine
John Heineman, Lincoln
Janet Fritzingler, Howells
Kate Diaz Ogallala

2008-2009

Football—
Michael Kotrous, Omaha
Music—
Roger Thaden, Lincoln
William Roehrs, Lincoln
Basketball—
Harold Simpson, Lincoln
2007-2008
Wrestling—
Douglas (Scott) Latter, Holdrege
Basketball—
Jim Morrison, Howells
Football—
Gene Wissenburg, Newman Grove
Ron Mimick, David City
Jim Strehle, West Point
2006-2007
Football—
Gary Patzel, Newman Grove
Football & Basketball—
Louis Brim, Sargent
Wrestling—
Jani Richards, Pickstown, SD
2005-2006
Football—
Mark Skillstad, North Platte
Bill Mimick, Newman Grove
Girls Golf—
Orville Qualsett, Grand Island
Officiating—
Darrell Lenz, Chappell
2004-2005
Football—
Gary DeBoer, Nelson
Bobby Mills, Grand Island
Wrestling—
Duane Choutka, Lindsay
Greg Conrad, York
Ron Stokey, Lewellen
Jerry Smyth, Greeley
Dave Scheffler, Lincoln
2003-2004
Baseball—
Charlie Rush, Bellevue
Dr. Jerry Barteel, Omaha
Wrestling—
Hank Ostdiek, Bridgeport
Football—
Fred Meyer, Sargent
Tennis—
Ron Garofolo, Omaha
Golf—
Dennis Knipping, Oxford

Play Production—
Jack Garrison, Kearney
Speech & Debate—
Janet Rose, Kearney
Speech & Play Production—
Patsy Koch Johns, Lincoln
2002-2003
Music—
Steve Baker, Elkhorn
2001-2002
Wrestling—
Don Eichner, Ogallala
2000-2001
Track—
Merlin Lawrence, Omaha
Larry Jacobsen, Omaha
Swimming—
Betty Jakob, Grand Island
Wally Jakob, Grand Island
Wrestling—
Colleen Classen, Utica
Lynn Senkbeil, Lincoln
John Davis, Beaver Crossing
Mick Pierce, Lincoln
Football—
Keith Staehr, Kimball
1999-2000
Football & Basketball—
Lawrence Frederick, Falls City
Football & Track—
Ralph Black, Neligh
Speech & Play Production—
Mel Shoemaker, Kearney
Basketball—
Dale Young, Hampton
Swimming—
Jean Green, Lincoln
Soccer—
Harry Forehand, Omaha
1998-1999
Cross Country—
Jay Dirksen, Lincoln
Speech & Play Production—
Skip Altig, North Platte
Wrestling—
Doyle Wolverton, Lincoln
Football—
Gary Frerichs, Coleridge
1997-1998
Wrestling—
Kathy Shada, Lincoln
Lynn Edgell, Blair
Mary Caverzagie, Plattsmouth
Jim Ayers, Ogallala
John McMullen, Fremont
Roger Berney, Fremont
Nick Chiburis, Bellevue

Phyllis Brown-Hendrix, Council Bluffs
Football—
Moe Milliken, Holdrege
Speech & Play Production—
Dave Hastings, Ord
Loray Hastings, Ord
Janell Custer, Broken Bow
Cathleen Diaz, Ogallala
Diane Finch, Arnold
Ardys Dunsmoor, Hampton
Diana Tate, Grant
Mary Alice Konz, Kearney
Diane Rood Linke, Norfolk
Speech & Debate—
Allen Janovec, Norfolk
Speech—
Dan Johnson, Lincoln
Mary Winn, Scottsbluff
1996-1997
Wrestling—
John Shaw, Lincoln
Bob Houser, Lincoln
Joe Bateman, Omaha
Ray Osborn, Omaha
1994-1995
Track—
Don Copenhaver, Omaha
Basketball—
Bob Cottrell, Lincoln
1993-1994
Basketball—
Rudy Stoehr, Lincoln
Track—
Henry Amend, Omaha
Tom Hallstrom, Omaha
1992-1993
Football—
Al Gaston, Grant
Baseball—
Ken Allen, Ralston
1991-1992
Gymnastics—
Dick Bayer, Omaha
Swimming—
Lynn Groff, Omaha
Wrestling—
Orval Borgialli, Lincoln
Beau Haizlip, Omaha
1989-1990
Speech—
Richard Cross, Norfolk
Boys Golf—
Harold Hawkins, Oakland-Craig
1988-1989
Music—
Mildred Appleoff, Falls City
John Svoboda, Falls City

1987-1988
Football—
Francis Skupa, Campbell
Andy Blue, Oxford
Bill Manley, Oxford
Earl Beeler, Oxford
Basketball—
John Johnette, Omaha
Swimming—
Dr. Richard Hammer, Lincoln
Dr. William Weyhrach, Lincoln
Wrestling—
Max Kitzelman, Fremont
Dean Kelley, Omaha
Dr. Frank Weirman, Lincoln
Track—
Dr. Duane Haith, Omaha
Cecil McKnight, Plattsmouth
1986-1987
Football—
Tom Jaworski, Omaha
1985-1986
Girls Track—
Arnold Jakubowski, Howells
Speech—
Terry Pettersen, Omaha
Gymnastics—
Francis Allen, Lincoln
1984-1985
Track—
Jess Keifer, Holdrege
1979-1980
Track—
Willis Jones, Beatrice