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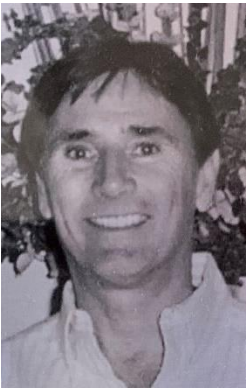
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<p>Harvey Naasz</p> 	<p>Harvey Naasz is considered one of the most respected football coaches in the history of South Dakota football. Harvey graduated from Mobridge High School and then from USD in 1963.</p> <p>He began teaching and coaching in Winner in 1970 and continued for 33 years. Harvey had an amazing 26 years as Head Football coach with a record of 170-52-4. During Harvey's reign as head football coach, his teams won 3 State Football Championships in 1981, 1987 and 1989 along with Runner Up in 1986. His teams also were Big Dakota Champions in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1987. Another accomplishment of Harvey's was having undefeated teams in 1980 and 1981.</p> <p>Harvey was voted Football Coach of the Year 4 times by other state coaches. He was also named the SD Athletic Director of the Year in 1996 and in the same year, was given the SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award in coaching. Harvey has been inducted into the SDHSAA Hall of Fame, SDFBCA Hall of Fame and the National Coaches Hall of Fame.</p> <p>Harvey is married to his wife Karen and together they have 3 sons; Bart, Brian and Brad.</p>
<p>Bill Pistulka</p> 	<p>Bill Pistulka graduated from Fairfax High School in 1955 and from Southern State Teachers College in 1959. In 1965, he received his Master's Degree from South Dakota State College.</p> <p>Bill started teaching at Winner High School in 1959 and continued for 35 years. During his years at WHS, Bill taught social studies and industrial arts. He served as the head basketball coach from 1961-1964 and as the head track coach from 1961-1975. He was credited with starting the first cross-country program at WHS. In 1968, he was named the first athletic director of the school, a position he held for 18 years.</p> <p>Bill was a member of the South Dakota Board of Control and served as president of the Athletic Directors Association for 1979 and 1980. He was inducted into the South Dakota Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 1986 and in 1994 was honored for 25 years of service by the Industrial Technology Teachers Association. Bill was inducted into the Southern State Teachers College Pointer Hall of Fame in 1996 and into the Fairfax Wall of Fame in 2012.</p> <p>Bill was married to his wife Betty and they have 3 children; Lisa, Merideth and Bill.</p>



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<p>Jane Nicolaisen</p> 	<p>Jane Nicolaisen graduated from Winner High School in 1976 and from Norther State University in 1980. While attending WHS, Jane played in the 1975 State Basketball Tournament in Aberdeen, SD. The team had a 7th place finish. Jane scored 70 points during the tournament with a 31 point game against Lead. Jane was selected to the All Tournament Team and was also selected to the All State 2nd Team. She also lettered in track 2 years and placed at the State Track Meet in 1976 in discus.</p> <p>During Jane's college career, she lettered for four seasons in basketball and softball and three years in volleyball. Jane was named the NSU Female Athlete of the year in 1976-1977. She scored 1,375 career points and ranks 8th among NSU's career scoring leaders. Jane was inducted into the NSU Hall of Fame in 1996.</p> <p>Jane earned a physical education teaching degree in 1980 and has been the office manager at Northwestern Mutual in Aberdeen, SD for 31 years.</p>
<p>Larry Frank</p> 	<p>Larry Frank, one of Winner's finest all-around athletes, graduated from WHS in 1968. Larry started in basketball and football for 2 years. He was named 3rd team All-State in basketball in 1968. It was in track that Larry Frank really excelled. At one time he held the school records in the low hurdles, high hurdles, high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vault. His records in the low hurdles, triple jump and pole vault still stand today. At the State Track Championships, Larry placed 4th in the low hurdles in 1968 and placed in the pole vault 3 times, 4th in 1966, 1st in 1967 and 1968. His school best of 14'4 3/4" was also a state record at the time. In 1968, he competed in the National Junior Olympics and finished fourth in the pole vault, becoming the first South Dakotan to ever to place in the meet.</p> <p>After graduation, Larry went to SDSU and had an exceptional career as a member of the Jackrabbit track team for four years. He won seven North Central Conference championships in the pole vault and was a national champion in the event in 1970. He became the first South Dakotan to clear 16'. Larry Frank is a member of the SDSU Hall of Fame.</p> <p>He is employed as an Investor and Real Estate Development in Chandler, AZ. He and his wife, Pamela, have two sons, Jamie and Robbie.</p>

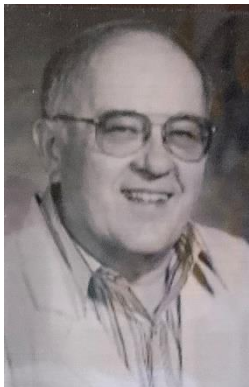
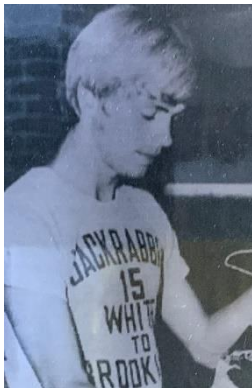
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<p>Sam Goodhope</p> 	<p>Sam Goodhope graduated from Winner High School in 1986. He participated in basketball, football and track for four years. Sam was All Conference Basketball in 1985 and 1986, All Conference Football in 1985 and All State Basketball in 1986. In 1986, he was named to the Argus Leader Top 5, named South Dakota Mr. Basketball, was Player of the Year and Converse All-American Honorable Mention.</p> <p>Sam attended USD and was a 3 year starter in basketball. In 1990, he was honored with being named NCC All Tournament Team, NCAA Regional Tournament Team, and Academic All Conference.</p> <p>Sam is currently practicing law in Sioux Falls and is a partner in the firm of Kadin, Kunstle & Goodhope LLP. He is married to his wife Laura and together they have 4 children; Chloe, Anna, Sadie Mae and Charlotte.</p>
<p>Jim Calhoon</p> 	<p>Jim Calhoon graduated from Winner High School in 1956. After graduation, he went to work on the family ranch while coaching baseball and basketball at Ideal, Carter and Hamill grade schools. At the age of 32, Jim started college at Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD. While attending college, he was an assistant coach in basketball and football and a head coach in baseball.</p> <p>Jim was a coach for 44 years along with being a teacher, principal and athletic director. Jim's coaching record for his boys' and girls' basketball teams were 513 wins and 197 losses. His basketball teams made 9 state tournament appearances with the girls making 4 consecutive trips between the years of 1985-1989. Jim's overall baseball record is 627 wins and 246 losses and had 7 trips to the state tournament, winning the State A Teener tournament in 1972.</p> <p>In 1995, Jim received the Northern State University Alumni Coach of the year. He received the SDHSCA Distinguished Service Award and was named SD Basketball Coaches Association Region Coach of the year 11 times. Jim was included into the SDHSCA Hall of Fame in 1999 and into the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Hall of Shrine in 2004. Him and his wife Linda have 6 children.</p>

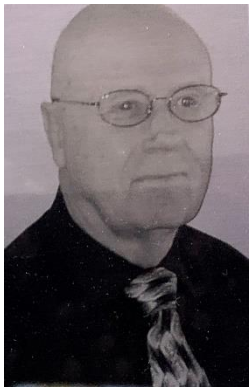

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<p>Gordon Horgen</p> 	<p>Gordon Horgen taught at Winner High School from 1961-2002. He was an outstanding physics and chemistry teacher and was easily recognized wearing his trademark, white lab coat. Mr. Horgen was also the first computer teacher at WHS. In 1971, Gordon was named the SD Outstanding Young Educator and in 1987, he was presented the SD Outstanding Physical Science Teacher Award by the SD Academy of Science. He was one of 2 South Dakotans invited in 1990 to attend the launch of the Discovery space shuttle at Cape Canaveral. After his retirement, Mr. Horgen continued as a substitute teacher for several years and also became an ordained minister. Mr. Horgen was described as the consummate teacher always looking for a way to reach students and help them to find success.</p> <p>Gordon helped to start the Community Connections Center and served on the original board of directors, including serving as president for many years. He was also on the Southern Plains Behavior Health board for 25 years and served as president for 20 years. For all his work, Governor Dennis Daugaard named September 5, 2013, as Gordon Horgen Day in South Dakota.</p> <p>Gordon is married to Joyce and together they had one son, Bret.</p>
<p>Jim Trego</p> 	<p>Jim Trego graduated from Winner High School in 1971. In 1970, he was a state champion in cross country and in the 2 mile run where he broke the state track meet record. After 42 years, he still holds the school record in the 2 mile and 1 mile run. At one time, he held the record for the 800 meter, 2 mile relay and the medley relay.</p> <p>Jim graduated from SDSU in 1975 where he ran on 4 nationally ranked cross country teams and was All Conference in track and field. After graduation from SDSU, Jim joined the Air Force. He eventually worked at the Air Force Academy as a coach for cross country and track and then as Assistant Director of Athletics. He then moved on to be the Associate Director of Athletics at Baylor University for 16 years and is not back at the Academy as their Senior Associate Director of Athletics</p> <p>Jim is married to Tammy and together they have 2 children: Bayley and Tyler.</p>



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<p>Don Van Cleave</p> 	<p>Don Van Cleave began working at the Winner School District as the high school guidance counselor in 1970. He served the district for 26 years and retired in 1996. Along with his counselor duties, he was also the Director of Fine Arts Activities. He directed 24 plays during his career at WHS. He started and advised Stage Fright drama club in 1983 and through 1996.</p> <p>Don was instrumental in organizing the Winner Community Playhouse. This was due to his leadership, persistence, organizational skills, dedication and unselfish service. After Don's retirement, he continued to direct plays and devoted time daily to the operation of the playhouse facility. Along with his fine arts accomplishments, he also served as the first board President of the Rosebud Area Guidance Center (which is now Southern Plains Behavioral Health Services) and served on the advisory board for the Winner Nursing Home. He directed 52 plays for the Winner Community Playhouse. Nearly all the plays included cast members from high school students.</p> <p>Don is married to Marian and together they have 4 children: David, Kathy, Deborah and Kevin.</p>
<p>Orville Voss</p> 	<p>Orville Voss attended Winner High School. He was active in baseball, football and music. He was drafted his senior year of high school and served in the 136th Infantry Division in campaigns in Italy and France, where he earned the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He attended the University of Nebraska where he earned both a BA and MA in music and music education. He worked at the Winner School District from 1951-1961.</p> <p>Mr. Voss was a very talented, influential and dedicated band director. He instilled pride in Winner High School, but the gifts of his talent and ability he gave to his students were immeasurable. Orville was very invested in the music program often taking out personal loans to help fund his program. The Winner High School Music Student of the Year Award is given in memory of Orville Voss.</p> <p>Orville was married to Jacqueline and together they had 2 children: Wendy and Steve.</p>



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<p data-bbox="121 394 292 426">Frank Leahy</p> 	<p data-bbox="423 386 1515 527">Frank Leahy grew up in Winner through his junior year of high school. He played football, baseball and basketball. After graduating high school, he attended the University of Notre Dame. He played tackle for the Fighting Irish when they won 2 National Championships in 1929 and 1930.</p> <p data-bbox="423 533 1495 930">After graduating, Frank held various coaching positions at Georgetown, Michigan State and Fordham. His first head coaching job was at Boston College in 1939 where he led the team to a Sugar Bowl victory in 1941. He then headed to Notre Dame to take the head coaching position and led the team to a National Championship in 1943, 1946, 1947, and 1949. He coached 4 Heisman trophy winners and finished his tenure at Notre Dame with a record of 87-11-9. Leahy was inducted into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame and into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. He was number 2 on Sports Illustrated's list of 50 greatest South Dakota Sports figures. Frank Leahy's legacy is remembered to this day in Winner as the baseball field is named "Leahy Bowl" and as you drive into Winner there is a huge sign which reads "Home of Frank Leahy".</p> <p data-bbox="423 936 1495 1003">He was married to Florence and together they had 8 children: Frank Jr., Sue, Florence, Jerry, Jim, Fred, Mary and Chris.</p>
<p data-bbox="121 1054 259 1085">Ben Viedt</p> 	<p data-bbox="423 1050 1507 1222">Ben Viedt graduated from Winner High School in 1945. Ben was the mayor of Winner from 1956-1960. He worked at KWYR from 1958 until the time of his death in 1987. Ben was instrumental in getting the Winner Quarterback Club started and in having the first Winner High School football stadium built. He also served on the Board of Education.</p> <p data-bbox="423 1228 1511 1478">In the late 1960's, he opened a business called "The Cue". It was a place for kids to hang out and play pool and ping pong. Ben was a Boy Scout leader for Troop 100 for 15 years. Both his father and his son were also leaders of the same troop. Ben was known for his tremendous sense of humor and his ability to lead people. He is also remembered for his trademark spring poem, "Oh Spring, oh Spring" and his reference to the flag pole during his weather reports by peering out his window at the radio station.</p> <p data-bbox="423 1484 1490 1551">Ben was married to Lois and together they had 3 children, Dan, Melody and Nanette.</p>



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<p>Glenn Carlson</p> 	<p>Glenn Carlson began teaching in Winner in 1973 and continued through 2006. During his tenure, he taught mainly Math classes along with some Science and PE classes, Mr. Carlson has touched lives of countless students who still hold him in high regard. Glenn was a 4 time All-American athlete from SDSU and held the high hurdle record for over 30 years and was member of record relay teams. He brought his knowledge with him to Winner and continued to share his expertise with the Winner athletes for close to 40 years. He helped coach track, football, basketball and cross country during his career and has continued to be an assistant coach for the HS football team and track team.</p> <p>Coach Carlson is a hands on coach that can be found on the field with the kids at a meet getting them ready for an event, cheering them on during and offering kind words and encouragement after. There have also been many awards given to Mr. Carlson, including: twice named teacher of the year, twice named Parade Marshal for the homecoming parade, Spirit of Howard Schramm Award, Bill Pistulka Award and the 1st recipient of the Winner Quarterback Club Volunteer of the Year.</p> <p>Glenn is married to Rebecca and together they have 2 daughters: Lisa and Carrie.</p>
<p>Donny Godel</p> 	<p>Donny Godel graduated from Winner High School in 1988. He was a 3 sport, 9 time letter winner for WHS. Donny was part of the Warriors 1987 undefeated football season and 11A State football championship team. He served as captain, quarterback, defensive back, and was the punter and extra point kicker. Donny set the school interception record. In basketball, he was the captain of the Warrior District Championship squad. He earned 1st team class "A" All-State honors as well as All-Conference and a "Mr. Basketball" candidate. His 53 points vs. Miller set the single game school record. In track and field, he was a member of the state 2 mile relay.</p> <p>Donny was also active in baseball and was named the SD Class "B" Player of the Year as a pitcher and shortstop in Legion baseball. After graduation, he attended Northern State University. Donny became captain of both the Wolves' basketball and baseball teams. He earned All-Conference and All-District in both sports. He was inducted into the SD State Amateur Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014.</p> <p>Donny is the son of Phyllis and Donald Godel.</p>



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<p data-bbox="121 394 289 426">Janet Bruun</p> 	<p data-bbox="418 384 1510 674">Janet Schramm Bruun graduated from WHS in 1956. She went on to graduate from SDSU in 1961 with a major in Spanish and minors in German and Business. In 1969, she received her Master's Degree in Business Education from USD. Mrs. Bruun started teaching at Winner High School in 1964 and continued to do so until 2002. Over the years, she taught Spanish and Business classes. Senora Bruun took her classes on trips to Mexico. In 1970, she started the Warriorettes dance team and was the advisor for 32 years. There were 407 girls in Warriorettes while she was the advisor.</p> <p data-bbox="418 678 1502 968">She is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, NEA, SDEA, WEA, SDFLA, Friends of Library, Winner Community Playhouse, and the Quarterback Club. Although Janet is involved with several organizations, she rarely misses a WHS sporting event. She has received numerous awards over the years: Outstanding Educator, nominated for National Teacher of the Year, listed in Who's Who for Teachers, Parade Marshal of the Homecoming Parade, Outstanding Teacher, Bill Pistulka Friends of Athletics Award, State Hershey Track Volunteer Award, and Friend of Basketball Award from the SD Coaches Association.</p> <p data-bbox="418 972 1490 1041">Janet is married to Carroll and together they have 3 children: Johnyne, Jacey and Jad.</p>
<p data-bbox="121 1087 284 1119">Kirk Bainter</p> 	<p data-bbox="418 1081 1502 1444">Kirk Bainter graduated from Winner High School in 1982. He competed in many sports throughout high school such as: football, wrestling, track, baseball, golf and swim team. Kirk was a 2 year starter for the football team that went undefeated for 2 consecutive seasons in 1980 and 1981, which included the very first 11 man championship in 1981. As a sprinter on the WHS track team, he was a state "A" qualifier in the open 400 twice. Kirk was a 3 time State "A" wrestling champion in 1980, 1981 and 1982. He was named the Class "A" outstanding wrestler at the 1982 State Wrestling Tournament. As a senior, Kirk received 3rd team High School All American and then went on to represent South Dakota with the USA wrestling team traveling to Germany for the cultural exchange trip.</p> <p data-bbox="418 1449 1510 1556">He then went onto Northern State University where he was a part of Wolves wrestling team for 1 year. He qualified for the NAIA National Wrestling Tournament as a freshman.</p> <p data-bbox="418 1560 1437 1629">Kirk is married to Mary and together they have 5 children: Trevor, Sara, Kristin, Bobby and Kierra.</p>



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<p data-bbox="126 394 310 426">Duke Nedved</p> 	<p data-bbox="412 386 1495 600">Leland "Duke" Nedved graduated from Wagner High School in 1958 where he earned all state honors in football. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged in 1961 at the rank of Corporal and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree for teaching in 1966 from Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, SD. He also played football and earned SDIC Conference honors.</p> <p data-bbox="412 606 1507 1003">Leland then dedicated his entire 35 year teaching career (1966-2001) to Winner High School. He taught many science classes and coached a variety of sports. Leland challenged his students and athletes making him a great student council advisor/activities advisor for many years. He guided students and council members through many demanding and successful homecoming activities. His primary goal was always maintaining the honesty and integrity of the selection process for Homecoming Royalty. Leland also devoted 28 years of military service to the South Dakota Army National Guard. He retired in 1987 at the rank of 1st Sergeant while serving the 730th Support Medical Company in Winner. Leland was a leader among his soldiers which earned him numerous military awards including "Soldier of the Year".</p> <p data-bbox="412 1010 1479 1077">Leland was married to Margo and together they had 3 children: Troy, Shane and Derrick.</p>
2015 Inductees	
<p data-bbox="126 1276 318 1308">Bill Buckmiller</p> 	<p data-bbox="412 1268 1511 1371">Bill graduated from Canistota High School in 1969 and then went on to graduate from Dakota State College in 1973. While in college, he participated in cross country and track.</p> <p data-bbox="412 1377 1500 1629">In the fall of 1973, he began his teaching and coaching career at Winner High School. During his tenure there, he taught Business Education classes and coached boys and girls track, cross country and boys golf. Highlights of his career include winning the boys State Track Championship in 1985 and runner up in 1987. In 1990, he was nominated for National High School Boys Track Coach of the Year. He also received the Bill Pistulka Memorial Award. Bill spent his entire teaching and coaching career in the Winner School District and retired in 2005.</p> <p data-bbox="508 1635 1438 1667">He is married to Melva and together they have 2 children: Tom and Sara.</p>



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<p data-bbox="126 394 261 426">Dan Burtz</p> 	<p data-bbox="418 388 1513 531">Lieutenant Colonel Dan Burtz is a 1993 graduate of WHS. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Space Operations for the US Air Force Academy, a Master of Engineering in Space Operation from the University of Colorado and a PhD in Astronautical Engineering from the Naval Post Graduate School.</p> <p data-bbox="418 535 1513 825">After receiving his commission, Lt Col Burtz held position in nuclear missile operations, reconnaissance satellite development, and command and control of GPS and military communication satellites. He recently returned from a year-long deployment to the Middle East supporting the fight against Islamic terrorism. Lt Col Burtz has served as an adjunct faculty member for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the UMUC, commanded a squadron of satellite operation instructors, and served as the acting dean of the National Security Space Institute. He is currently an assistant professor of astronautical engineering at the US Air Force Academy.</p> <p data-bbox="418 829 1513 972">Lt Col Burtz has performed on his tuba in 3 symphony orchestras including the Colorado Springs Brass of which he is a founder. Lt Col Burtz is an avid living historian and horseman, reenacting cavalry action from the Mexican War through the Civil War and Indian Wars.</p> <p data-bbox="516 976 1377 1008">Together with his wife Angie, they have 2 sons: Mason and Baxter.</p>
<p data-bbox="126 1054 272 1085">Doug Long</p> 	<p data-bbox="418 1050 1513 1192">Doug Long graduated from WHS in 1968. After graduation, he attended USD and National College of Business. He served 6 years with the Army National Guard 730th Medical Company after college. He is employed as Branch President of Bank West in Winner.</p> <p data-bbox="418 1197 1513 1665">Doug enjoys hunting, attending all sporting events and spending time with family. He has been very involved in the community serving as President of Rotary, President of Winner Regional Healthcare Foundation, and President of Chamber of Commerce, served on the Board of Directors of South Central Development Corp, Winner School Board, City Planning Commission, Izaak Walton, Jaycees and Pheasants Forever. He is a member of the Quarterback Club, Winner Community Playhouse, Legion Club, Methodist Church, Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mt. Elks, and Turkey Federation. He also has been a member of the football chain gang for many years, timer at 4H rodeos and has volunteered at many track meets. He has received the Distinguished Service Medal for his part in the Rapid City flood, soldier of the year, Charles Burke Community Leadership award, Bill Pistulka Friend of Athletic award, and together with his wife he received the Quarterback member of the year award.</p> <p data-bbox="516 1669 1490 1701">Doug is married to Barb and has 4 children: Troy, Jamie, Collin and Ashley.</p>

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<p>Gene Grossenburg</p> 	<p>Gene Grossenburg graduated from WHS in 1949. He then enlisted in the Army for 2 years including a tour of duty in Korea. He was decorated with a Bronze Star, V Device, Korean War Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart. After returning to Winner to join his parents in operating Grossenburg Implement, Inc., under Gene's leadership, Grossenburg Implement grew to be the largest John Deere dealership in the Minneapolis District. It has grown to employ 165 employees and has 7 locations. He served on the SD Transportation Commission, Rails to Trails, the Statewide Telecommunications Board.</p> <p>He, his family and business, have contributed to the Winner Swimming Pool, Boy Scouts, Tripp Co/Grossenburg Memorial Library, Tripp Co. Historical Society, Tripp Co. Community Foundation and was instrumental in building the Veterans memorial. He has also been a leader in developing many other business in the area. Because of his philanthropy, he was awarded the Achievement Award by the Winner Chamber of Commerce in 2010.</p> <p>He is married to Pat and together they have 4 children: Brad, Barry, Janelle and Jolene.</p>
<p>Paul Brozik</p> 	<p>Paul graduated from WHS in 1999. He went onto USD where he graduated in 2004. In High School, he was a 3x state champion in high jump and set the school record of 6'10". He also placed 2x's in long jump, an 8th and 2nd place and also set the school record of 22'8 ¾". He was also a member of the state champion 4x100 meter relay team who set the school record of 44.21.</p> <p>At USD, he was a member of team who won 2 NCC championships and the team who finished 4th in NCAA division II. Paul was team captain, 2 time All-American in high jump and 2 time Conference champion and had a personal best of 7'. In long jump, he was All-American, set the school and state record and had a personal best of 25'2". He also set the school, state and conference record in Pentathlon and was Conference Champion. Paul was 2003 North Central Region Indoor athlete of the year, NCC All-Conference triple jump, decathlon and 4x100, 3x Academic All-American 2002-2004, and USD male and scholar athlete of the year in 2004. He qualified for 2004 US indoor championships in the heptathlon. He was inducted into the USD Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2011.</p> <p>Paul is married to Courtney and together they have 2 children: Sydney and Aiden.</p>


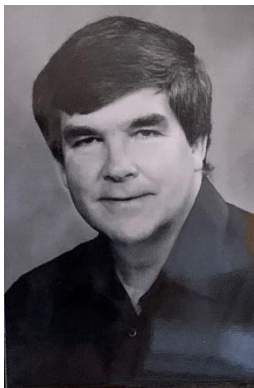
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2016 Inductees	
<p>Beth Wilcox-Bratton</p> 	<p>Beth Wilcox-Bratton graduated from WHS in 1999 where she participated in basketball, volleyball and track. She competed at the varsity level in basketball from her 8th grade year on earning Southern Plains All-Conference honors from 1995-1998 and Big Dakota All Conference honors from 1996-1997. In 1997, Beth helped lead the Lady Warriors to a 3rd place finish at the State A basketball tournament and was named to the 1997 and 1998 Class A All-State teams. She holds the State A tournament record for the most 3 pointers made in one game and holds WHS school records for career 3 pointers and steals. In track, she placed 2nd in long jump and 5th in triple jump at the 1997 state track meet.</p> <p>After high school, Beth obtained a degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology. She pursued a career as an attorney and received her law degree from USD in 2006. Since law school, Beth has clerked for 3 Superior Court Judges; she has worked as a part-time court commissioner, and has become the first associate to be offered a partnership in the law firm where she practices.</p> <p>Beth and her husband Nathan have 3 boys: Jensen, Mason and Rayden.</p>
<p>Dan Bechtold</p> 	<p>Dan Bechtold has served as the editor of the Winner Advocate for 47 years. He started working full time at the newspaper in 1970 after spending two summers in 1967 and 1968 as a college intern. Dan graduated in 1969 from South Dakota State University with a degree in journalism. Over the years, he has taken thousands of pictures of students in the Winner School District from kindergarten to seniors in high school.</p> <p>Over the 47 years, he has rarely missed a home football game, boys and girls basketball game, wrestling match, golf, cross country or track meets. More than likely, you will find Dan at a state championship events covering Winner students. He also is a strong supporter of the arts at WHS as he covers plays and music events.</p> <p>Recently, the FCCLA presented Dan with its national media award. He is the only newspaper reporter in South Dakota to ever receive this honor. Dan is very active in the Winner community. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Winner Regional Foundation, Winner Quarterback Club, Winner Community Playhouse, Winner Legion, Winner VFW Auxiliary and the Catholic Church.</p> <p>Dan has a brother, Mike and a sister, Bridget in his family.</p>



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2017 Inductees	
<p>Marsha Risseeuw</p> 	<p>Marsha Risseeuw retired in 1997 after devoting 40 years as a classroom teacher, 38 of which were at WHS. After graduating from Colome, she attended SSTC to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher like so many in her family. She was proud of the fact that she taught rural, elementary and high school. She loved the classroom and always said, "It's all about the students." Mrs. R was known for being fair, firm, fun and truly nurturing to her students through personal attention and innovative ideas. She cherishes the many young people who touched her life. She was advisor to these student activities: cheerleader/pep club, theater and newspaper. For 10 years she directed Children's Theater.</p> <p>Professionally she was a member of NEA, SDEA, SDCTE, named local Jaycee and BPW educator of the year, Homecoming Parade Marshal, Playhouse and QB member of the year, Chamber Achievement Award, and Who's Who for Teachers. Always a supporter of school activities, she also participates in the community as a member of the Methodist Church, ESA, Winner City Council, Rotary, and 21 year host of the Focus 1260 Show.</p> <p>She and her late husband Ray have 4 children: Jeff, Stacy, Gentry and Amber.</p>
<p>Dan Patmore</p> 	<p>Daniel Patmore graduated from WHS in 1977 and then went on to graduate from Mitchell Area Vo-Tech with a degree in Electronics. While in high school, with the encouragement of Jim Miller and Don Van Cleave, he became involved with the theatre group called the "Thespians." He found his niche as a member of the technical crew running lights and sound for the plays. When Dan eventually moved back to Winner, he was approached to help with "set stuff for the upcoming production "Hello Dolly." Dan was hooked and in 2001, he tech directed his first Winner Community Playhouse production. Dan has been the technical director for nearly every play since that time; approximately 50 productions and nearly 20 years of service. A few years after that, Dan was asked if he would be the technical director for the WHS plays. He accepted and soon became a co-advisor for the school's drama club, "Stage Fright." Dan continues to work with the high school productions and the drama club. He has also been seen on stage for many productions. He is a Member of the Winner Community Playhouse board and is currently president.</p> <p>Dan and his wife Coleen have 3 children; Arianne, Ross and Samantha.</p>



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2017 Inductees (Continued)	
<p>Bob Benson</p> 	<p>Bob Benson graduated from WHS in 1961. In 1965, he joined the South Dakota National Guard as a private and later went to Officer Candidate School. After thirty years, Bob retired as a Brigadier General. Bob held various staff and command positions during his career. He was the highest ranking SD officer to be mobilized during Desert Storm. During this period Bob commanded over 6,000 combat engineers. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Liberation of Kuwait and several other medals.</p> <p>Bob played and managed baseball for several years and was inducted into the SD Baseball Hall of Fame. He was also a SD Senator for 4 years. Now retired, the Benson's are involved with many civic organizations.</p> <p>He is married to Judy Calhoon and together they have 3 children: Jay, Bobbie and BJ.</p>
<p>Teri Ellis-Schmidt</p> 	<p>Teri Schmidt graduated from WHS in 1971. She was active in Warriorettes, marching band and plays.</p> <p>She graduated from USD in 1975 with her teaching degree. While in college, she enjoyed the challenge of being the baton twirler for the USD marching band. After graduation she taught one year in Ainsworth, NE and then taught in the Brandon Valley School system for 9 ½ years.</p> <p>She now serves as Executive Director of the Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, where she has been employed since leaving education. For the past 34 years, Teri has been in charge of the visitor industry in Sioux Falls, including all conventions, meetings, events and tourism-related business brought to the city. Teri is also responsible for the management of the Falls Park Visitor Information Center. She has earned several honors: Teacher of the Year 2 consecutive years by the BVSD, listed in "Who's Who in Female Executives" as well as the "Who's Who Registry of Global Leaders". Teri was the first woman in Sioux Falls to be selected as "Business Leader of the Year". She was featured on the cover of the Sioux Falls magazine "Sioux Falls Woman" and selected as Career Professional of the Year by the YWCA Leader Luncheon.</p> <p>Teri and her husband Jim have 2 daughters: Brittany and Brianna.</p>



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2018 Inductees	
<p>Harold Smith</p> 	<p>Harold Eugene Smith served in the army from 1944 to 1946 and in 1949 received a BS degree from the University of South Dakota, Springfield, summa cum laude. He earned an MA from the University of Wyoming in 1954. He worked as a high school English teacher from 1948 to 1956 at Winner High School. Harold had a passion for English, declamation, and debate. When Harold left Winner, he became a professor of English at USD/S from 1956 to 1984. Harold later worked at Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD; Concordia University, River Forest, IL; and Crow Creek/Lower Brule Community College, Fort Thompson, SD. One summer session at UW, he was one of twenty-five students in a single class unit to participate in the Coe American Studies Fellowship Program. The courses were made up of the references the founding fathers used in forming our nation's government.</p> <p>Harold was a dedicated teacher truly interested in students. Harold became lifelong friends with many of his students. In addition to his English classes, Harold directed plays and other speech activities.</p> <p>Harold and Dolores were married on June 4, 1966 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. They were blessed with nearly fifty years of marriage.</p>
<p>Keith Gebhart</p> 	<p>Keith Gebhart is a graduate of Mitchell High School and Kansas State University with a Master's Degree from the University of Northern Colorado. In 1966 Keith became a principal in Winner, serving for 28 years. Keith was the administrator of the local and Federal Indian Education Program. He started the kids wrestling program and was a volunteer coach for 25 years. He was awarded the South Dakota Friend of Wrestling Award. Keith was instrumental in starting the Hershey Youth Track Program, receiving the State Hershey Volunteer of the Year. Keith supported FHA and FFA and was named an honorary FFA member. In 2009 Keith received the Bill Pistulka Memorial Award. Another significant honor was being selected WHS Homecoming Parade Marshal.</p> <p>Keith has given years to 4-H service for both the state and Tripp County serving as a committee member and announcer. He received the Heartland Saddle Award, Marcus Thompson Memorial Saddle for youth rodeo work, the Tripp County Friend of 4-H Award, and has been inducted into the SD 4-H Hall of Fame. He was instrumental in organizing the local Prairie Cruisers Car Club. Mr. Gebhart has also served his church as Sunday school superintendent, church board member, choir member, and advocate for youth mission trips.</p> <p>Keith and his wife, Geneice have five children and nineteen grandchildren.</p>


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2019 Inductees	
<p>Jim Drake</p> 	<p>James Drake was a teacher and coach in the Winner School District for 31 years. He coached 3 sports for 25 consecutive years, was head basketball coach for 31 years and activities director for 6 years.</p> <p>Under Coach Drake's tutelage, the Winner Warriors accumulated 424 wins, 8 conference, 12 district, and 4 region titles, 4 Class A State Tournament appearances, and 2 consolation championships.</p> <p>Coach Drake's honors include induction into the South Dakota Coaches Hall of Fame (2013), South Dakota High School Activities Association Distinguished Service Award (2014), and South Dakota Basketball Coaches Hall of Shrine (2016). He also earned 10 South Dakota Basketball Association Region Coach of the Year honors. He was named a National High School Athletic Association Basketball Coach of the Year finalist in both 2006 and 2011.</p> <p>He was a Region SD Athletic Director selection and is a member of the Huron High School Hall of Fame. Coach Drake was the 2001 President of the South Dakota Coaches Association</p> <p>His family includes his wife Jeanne, and 4 children (Jay, Dan, Becky, and Joe), and 5 grandchildren (Jaymes, Jackson, Lucas, Dylan, and Harlow),</p> <p>Coach Drake says, "It was an honor to be a small part of WARRIOR PRIDE."</p>
<p>Tony Berg</p> 	<p>Tony Berg attended Lyman Rural School and graduated from Reliance High School. He received a BS degree in Zoology from SDSU. After enrolling in ROTC in college, he was a 1st Lt. in the Armored Cavalry in Vietnam. Dr. Berg attended two years of Medical School at USD/Vermillion and graduated from the University of Alabama/Birmingham School of Medicine. He did a 3-year Family Practice Residency in Sioux City, Iowa. Moving to Winner in 1981, he established a solo Family Practice. Since that time, he has worked very hard for the community of Winner and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Dr. Berg thinks that the most important resource in our community is our children. To take care of them, we must put our primary focus into our schools and healthcare.</p> <p>To quote him, "The most important things in my life are my wife, Kay; our daughters, Suny and Summer; our son-in-law, Jad; and our grandsons, Jayden and Joren!"</p>



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2022 Inductees	
<p>Bill Van Patten</p> 	<p>William Andrew Austin "Bill" Van Patten grew up in the Winner area, graduating from Winner High School in 1937.</p> <p>After graduation he worked for three years as a salesclerk at the Outlaw Trading Post. He entered active duty in the army on March 4, 1941 and was awarded an honorable discharge on June 27, 1945.</p> <p>Upon returning to Winner, Bill worked several places including the Co-Op, Westside Market, Outlaw Trading Post, and in 1971 began working for the Winner School System as the custodian for the Winner East Side School and the Winner Armory. Bill took great pride in keeping these buildings and classrooms clean and orderly inside and out.</p> <p>Upon retiring from the school in 1996, Bill was presented a plaque from the School Board honoring him for his "Service to Education" from 1971-1996. In October of 1997, Bill received the Modern Woodmen of America Community Service Award. Bill was also honored as the Homecoming Parade Marshall in 1987.</p> <p>Even after retirement, Bill still worked part time for the school and the city. He made daily rounds of the armory, school, pool, ball field and tennis court keeping the grounds picked up of trash. Bill took great pride in doing this for the school and the community of Winner.</p> <p>Bill was married to Reva for 55 years and together had 4 children, Ron, Don, Lynn, and Mike.</p>

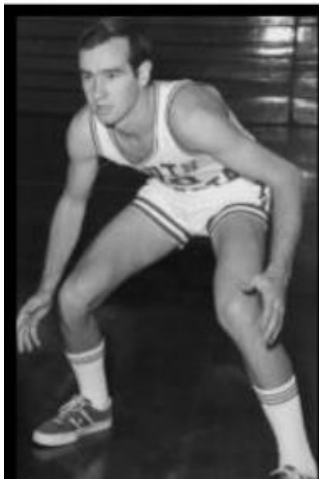
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2022 Inductees (Continued)	
<p>Zachary Horstman</p> 	<p>Zach Horstman graduated from Winner High School in 2011. He attended South Dakota State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree and was a member of the SDSU Men's Basketball Team. He received his master's degree from Northern State University.</p> <p>At WHS, Horstman was a 6-year letterwinner in track, 5-year letterwinner in basketball, and 4-year letterwinner in football. On the court, Horstman was an All-Big Dakota Conference selection all 4 years; 2nd Team All-State selection in 2009, 1st Team All-State selection in both 2010 and 2011. Horstman was named Argus Leader Player of the Year, Coaches Association Player of the Year, South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year, and Co-Mr. Basketball in 2011. Horstman finished his high school career with 2006 points and 577 total rebounds, both school records. In 2010, the Warriors finished 5th in the state tournament and placed 7th in 2011.</p> <p>In football, Horstman was part of the State Runner-Up team in 2008 and the "Hail Mary" state championship team in 2009, where he was a wide receiver and safety.</p> <p>After WHS, Horstman coached at Northern State University, where in 2018 they made the National Championship game. He also coached at UND from 2019-2022. Horstman moved to Mitchell in 2022 with his wife, Tayler and daughter, Murphy.</p>
<p>Glen Novotny</p> 	<p>Glen Novotny graduated from Winner High School in 1981. After graduating, he started his farming and ranching career. In his first year out of high school, in 1982, he became the middle school wrestling coach. They held practice in the "dungeon" which was a small room in the basement of the school administration office building. For just shy of two decades, he devoted his time to the middle school wrestlers and continued to coach them until 2001.</p> <p>In 2002, he became involved in coaching the younger wrestlers in the Winner Youth AAU Program. During the next 20 years, he strove to teach every wrestler "the basics" and his booming voice could be heard throughout the gyms, coaching several wrestlers who were on the mat at once. Win or lose, he was always on the edge of the mat, right there with a word of advice or a pat on the back.</p> <p>He is a true Warrior Wrestling fan. He is proud to have coached three generations of wrestlers including his two sons, several nephews, and finally his grandson. He helped many young wrestlers get a solid start throughout his 40+ years of coaching.</p> <p>His family includes his wife Ruth, two sons, Nick and Spencer (Kaela), and two grandchildren Owen and Ivy.</p>

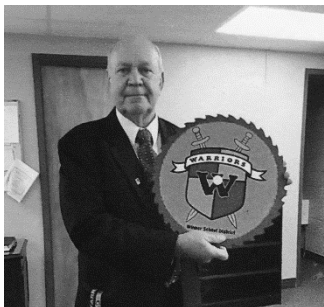

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2023 Inductees	
<div>Steve Moses</div> 	<p>Steve Moses is a 1969 graduate of Winner High School. While at WHS he excelled in sports as well as academics, graduating with a 4.0 and being first in his class of 132 students.</p> <p>Steve led the Warriors to the 1969 State A Basketball Tournament when South Dakota had a 2-class system, A & B. He scored 28 points and made the last second jump shot for the pivotal 60-58 win. That year he was named Third Team All-State for leading the Warriors in scoring (16ppg), assists, and steals.</p> <p>He was a member of the WHS Golf Team who placed third in the 1968 state tournament. In addition, he won his last three city tournaments and helped other country club members install the greens at the Winner Country Club.</p> <p>While in high school, he chose to play golf over baseball, but during his college summers he returned to Winner to coach the youth baseball program. He still has a love for those young athletes.</p> <p>Steve made the USD basketball team as a walk-on, started as a sophomore, and he was named the 1972 Conference Academic Player. After graduating magna cum laude, he served two years in South America as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has continued to serve in numerous lay leadership positions, including bishop.</p> <p>Steve and his wife, Cathy, have been married 46 years. They have five children and eighteen grandchildren. As a fourth generation Moses, Winner will always be home.</p>



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<p>Bruce Carrier</p> 	<p>Bruce Carrier, AKA “MR.C”, became the Superintendent of WSD in 2011 and retired in 2017. He had the task of negotiating the way through the completion of the Consent Decree. With his great leadership, the Consent Decree was resolved in 2017. Although he is proud of this feat, he also took pride in turning things around at WSD regarding improving school culture and discipline, bettering school facilities and boosting community relations.</p> <p>Before becoming an administrator, Bruce served in the US Army from 1970-1972. He then became a teacher and basketball coach for 4 years and then a college basketball coach for 9 years with an overall record of 292-76. He then went onto becoming a principal at Tiospa Zina and then a Superintendent at both Dupree School Dist. and Lyman School Dist.</p> <p>Other accomplishments throughout Mr. C’s career: Huron College Hall of Fame, SDIC Hall of Fame, Jamestown College Hall of Fame, and the 2023 WSU Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. While at Winner he received the 2014 Bill Pistulka Award, 2015 Homecoming Parade Marshal, and in 2017 he received an award from the RST, the ACLU and WSD School Board.</p> <p>Anyone who knows Bruce knows his family is above all his most cherished accomplishments. He and his wife Deborah have 4 daughters and 9 grandchildren.</p>
<p>Chris Haynes</p> 	<p>Chris graduated from Winner High School in 2002. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Dakota Wesleyan University and master’s degree from the University of South Dakota.</p> <p>At WHS, Chris was a three-sport athlete participating in basketball, football and track; lettering nine times. In basketball, Chris was 1st team all-state as a senior and 3rd team as a junior. He was a Mr. Basketball Finalist and Argus Leader All-2nd team. In 2001, the Warriors finished as consolation champions. Haynes went on to be a four year starting point guard for the DWU Tigers. He was named team captain as a junior and senior.</p> <p>In football, Chris was a two year starting Quarterback and Defensive Back, earning all-state honors as a senior.</p> <p>In track, he medaled eight times at the state meet; five times in relays and three times in open events.</p> <p>Chris is currently teaching and coaching at Yankton High School. He is Yankton’s all-time winningest boy’s basketball coach. During his eleven year tenure he has led the Bucks to seven state tournaments including state championships in 2018 & 2023.</p> <p>Chris and his wife Ashley have been married since 2011 and together they have three children; Cooper, Connor and Ally.</p>


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2024 Inductees	
<p>Gary Brown</p> 	<p>Gary graduated from Winner High School in 1995.</p> <p>During his years at WHS he played baseball in the summers and in the fall he played football for the Warriors. His Sophomore and Junior years he was a part of the Warrior football teams that made it to the championship game at the dome. His Senior year he was named a captain and started at quarterback and linebacker where they were defeated in the semifinal round of the playoffs. It was also during his high school years that he started competing in his true passion in life, auto racing.</p> <p>Gary has raced since he was 16 years old and is still competing to this day. During his racing career he has amassed 17 track/series championships and over 150 feature wins. He sits 2nd on the all time wins list and tied for the most track championships at the famed Husets Speedway where he also was inducted in to their Hall of Fame in the summer of 2024.</p> <p>Gary has been employed at Beal Distributing in Sioux Falls SD for the past 20 years. He makes his home in Brandon SD with his wife Holly and daughters Katie and Allie.</p>
<p>Jay Drake</p> 	<p>Jay graduated from Winner High School in 1994. He earned his bachelor's degree from Dakota Wesleyan University and master's degree from South Dakota State University.</p> <p>At WHS, Jay was a three sport athlete participating in football, basketball, and track, lettering ten times. In football, Jay played quarterback and defensive back for the 1992 and 1993 State 11A runner-up Winner Warriors. In basketball, Jay was a Big Dakota All-Conference selection three years in a row, 1992, 1993, and 1994. Jay holds the single game scoring record at WHS with 55 points in a game, including 23 of 23 at the free throw line. He was a first team All-State selection for both his junior and senior years. He was also a South Dakota Mr. Basketball finalist in 1994. In track, Jay participated in the State meet three times, placing on two medal relays.</p> <p>Drake went on to be a two time All-Conference basketball player at Dakota Wesleyan University and was selected as a 3rd Team All-American his senior season in 1999. Jay was inducted into the DWU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.</p> <p>Jay is currently teaching and coaching in the Vermillion School District. He is Vermillion's all-time winningest boys' basketball coach.</p> <p>Jay is the proud dad of his daughter, Jaymes.</p>

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<p>Dannette (Mills) Tobin</p> 	<p>Dannette Mills (Tobin) graduated from Winner High School in 2002. She competed in basketball and track. In the 7th grade, she began her varsity track career, setting multiple records and helping the team to conference and regional title wins along the way.</p> <p>During her high school athletic career, she held many records in the 100, 200, and 400-meter events, along with the 4x400 relay. In 2000, Dannette competed in the Howard Wood Relays 200 Meter Dash Special Event, placing 4th. In 2002, she achieved one of her high school goals, helping the Lady Warriors win the Class A State Track and Field team title.</p> <p>After high school, Dannette attended the University of Sioux Falls, where she ran during the indoor and outdoor seasons. Dannette recorded numerous Top 10 times in the 60, 100, 200, and 400-meter dashes while also anchoring the 4x400 relays. In 2005, Dannette competed in both the indoor and outdoor NAIA National Championships. Dannette graduated from the University of Sioux Falls in 2006, obtaining a degree in Exercise Science and completing her MBA from the Minnesota School of Business in 2011. Dannette has found a passion coaching high performing sales teams. Dannette and her husband Tyler have two children, Ava and Charlie.</p>
2025 Inductees	