

HCAA Recognition Awards Summary 2016

The following individuals were recognized at the Horizon Central Athletic Association Spring Meeting on April 20 for their outstanding contributions to school athletics programs:



(L-R): Audrey Severson (LeRoy School), Reid Lozinski (Wynyard Composite), Ken Koenig (Nokomis School), Barry Marquette (Kelvington), Kyle Lishchynsky (William Derby School, Strasbourg), Matt Tan (Watrous Elementary School), Beatrice Weigel (Quill Lake School). Missing from picture – Brian Hinz (Humboldt Collegiate)

Brian Hinz – Humboldt Collegiate

Brian Hinz's first year of teaching was at Winston High School. He jumped right in to the coaching ranks, coaching 6-man football, basketball, and track & field. He continued to coach these sports when he came to Humboldt Collegiate. Brian is currently the defensive coordinator of the HCI football program, assistant to the junior boys' basketball program, and the throws coach for the track & field program.

Coaching has been a growing passion for Brian through his seven years in the Horizon School Division. It has provided him with another outlet to reach out to students and provide them another opportunity to achieve outside of the classroom. In his career, he has had the opportunity to work with some amazing coaches and students who are equally passionate as he is about achieving through sport.

Some of the coaching highlights and achievements for Brian have been provincial gold and silver medals in football and a number of students medaling in throws at the District and Provincial levels.

Audrey Severson – LeRoy School

Audrey Severson has been a dedicated volunteer with the extra-curricular programs since she came to teach at LeRoy School 7 years ago. Every fall, Audrey coaches three girls' volleyball teams - senior girls, junior girls, and grade 5 & 6 girls. Her fall is consumed with practices, league play, and then SHSAA play downs. In 2013, the senior girls advanced to Provincials. This was the first time in many years LeRoy had advanced to Provincials. They definitely made the school proud. This year, Audrey also started a club volleyball program in town for U15 girls and has helped make sure everyone who wants to join the program can join the program.

Audrey also coaches badminton and track & field at LeRoy school. She has greatly increased participation in track. Students are given the chance to practice before school, noon hour, and after school so that all can make some practices. The students love the intensity and passion that she brings to her pep talks before they are competing in an event.

In the 2013-2014 school year, LeRoy school was designated as a provincial and national Quality Daily Physical Education (QDPE) school. Audrey was the one who set up the programming and completed all the paper work and documentation to achieve this.

This year, Audrey went through endless amounts of paperwork, fundraisers, and organizing to facilitate an exchange program for the grades 10-12 students with another high school in New Brunswick, giving the LeRoy students a chance to experience another part of Canada for a week and host New Brunswick students here for a week.

Audrey Severson has been a blessing to LeRoy School. She brings tons of energy and enthusiasm for teams and new programs. She isn't afraid to get involved and organize. She simply makes things happen.

Barry Marquette - Kelvington

Barry Marquette is a dedicated official and parent who has supported not only athletics in Kelvington but the surrounding communities as well. Barry is a very competent and qualified basketball referee who has provided his services for many years in the Kelvington basketball community. He has also served as a mentor for young referees in the school, helping them to learn the proper skills and game management which has allowed them to develop into confident referees. He is always willing to help scorekeepers before, during, and after games to ensure they are comfortable in their role.

Barry is also an extremely dedicated father and fan of all Kelvington High School athletes. He has rarely missed a game that one of his four children have competed in over the last decade. Barry is also one of the first people to volunteer to drive athletes to games, organize canteens, and line up awards for tournaments.

Barry's presence in Kelvington High School never goes unnoticed. He brings with him a positive influence and is always willing to lend a helping hand where it is needed. Even though his last daughters will be graduating at the end of this school year, his presence will continue to grace the athletic programs at Kelvington High School.

Beatrice Weigel – Quill Lake School

Beatrice has been an outstanding staff member, volunteer, and promoter of athletics in Quill Lake School, in the school division, and in the province. At present, Beatrice is involved in coaching cross country, track & field, and badminton at the school, and she instills the love of sport in Quill Lake students.

Beatrice is a Level 3 official/umpire in track & field and can be seen at many events throughout the province volunteering her time and expertise. She has an impact on more than just the local athletes.

Beatrice is also very involved with Special Olympics Sask as a volunteer coach and as a team manager.

Beatrice has been passionate about working with students and volunteering and doing her part to promote sport in her school and province. She has selflessly given much of her time and expertise to others, always with a smile and an infectious positive approach.

Matt Tan – Watrous Elementary School

Matt Tan has been teaching for almost 20 years and has dedicated countless hours to coaching, organizing school events such as intramurals, and officiating.

Matt has coached high school football, volleyball, flag football, basketball, soccer, track & field, and badminton. He has coached both junior and senior levels, and has coached male, female, and mixed teams. He also coaches outside of the school in baseball and soccer. He also runs camps for the community). He is also an active official for volleyball, football, and basketball in the school division.

Matt is a jack-of-all-trades. The school and community of Watrous most certainly understand how important his contributions have been and continue to be.

Kyle Lishchynsky – William Derby School, Strasbourg

Kyle Lishchynsky has been a teacher at William Derby School in Strasbourg for almost four years. In that time, Kyle has coached many volleyball teams and has been a driving force in jumpstarting the school's basketball program, which for many years was quite dormant.

Kyle has spent countless hours organizing, officiating, and assisting in other sports events at the school. Every year he puts in hundreds of hours of extra-curricular time, but even more importantly, he is the type of person who does not have to be asked to take a role, he chooses to. He is continually trying to improve himself as a coach and takes time to research and educate himself on coaching trends and strategies.

Kyle is a young coach who gives of himself in ways that no one outside of the school would ever see, but in ways that is appreciated by all who work with him and are coached by him. Mostly, he is dedicated to improving the school experiences of students through the school's sports program.

Ken Koenig – Nokomis School

For many, many years, the students of Nokomis School have been given the opportunity to participate in athletics and likely have Ken Koenig to thank for it. Ken has been the primary coach in Nokomis School since 1996, as well as Principal and athletic director.

Ken began his career in Simpson. Between Simpson and Nokomis schools, he coached a variety of volleyball teams his entire career, including sr. boys, sr. girls, and jr. girls. He also coached both senior and junior badminton and track & field his entire career, and acted as his school's athletic director every year of his career. He has also officiated volleyball most of his career, and has sat as president of the Long Lake Athletic Association prior to the amalgamation of school divisions.

Ken's involvement transcends the school as well. He has been an active member of his community, coaching midget hockey in Simpson, t-ball and baseball in Nokomis, and pre-season conditioning camps in Nokomis.

Ken's dedication and expertise has ensured quality opportunities were available to the youth in his school and his community.

Reid Lozinski – Wynyard Composite High School

For many years, Reid Lozinski has taken on a true leadership role in the athletic success at Wynyard Composite High School. In the fall, he coached the cross country team and worked with these students for countless hours, taking them to various meets around the province. His hard work and dedication paid off with a team gold medal at the 2015 SHSAA Provincial Cross Country Championship. Also in the fall, Reid was the defensive coordinator of the senior football team. This was a team that went undefeated throughout the regular season, giving up only 84 points in total over six games.

In the winter, Reid coached the senior girls basketball team. Basketball can be a long season, and Reid had the girls playing every weekend at top tournaments around the province. The season ended with Conference and Regional wins and a repeat as Hoopla 2A champions.

In addition to coaching, Reid could also be found officiating basketball for the junior boys and girls teams as well as many games for the senior boys, including the conference playoffs.

When he was not coaching sports, Reid also created a noon hour fitness club at WCHS. On any given day, Reid would have up to 25 students participating in this program. Not only did he run this program, but he also worked out with the students. Leading by example is one of the most efficient ways to have students buy in to what you are doing, and Reid lives this every day.

Whether he is in the classroom or in the gym, the leadership Reid instills in our students is unparalleled due to his countless hours and his dedication to high school athletics.