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APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
FEBRUARY 19, 2025 AT 4PM

# HONOUR AWARD

The highest form of distinction BCSS can bestow upon an individual. This award is presented to an individual in recognition of a lifetime of service to school sports. The recipient is an individual who has demonstrated prolonged and distinguished service to BC School Sports, their zone local association, and school. This person has made a significant difference in the role of BCSS and the impact it has on the lives of student-athletes and our member schools.

# BCSS MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR

Recognizing an individual in the media who has highlighted and celebrated school sport in their reporting. The nominee has continued to bring attention to BCSS, its member schools and student-athletes by showcasing the very best of school sport in BC. The recipient may be employed by traditional media outlets, but those who use blogs, social media, podcasts, or other emerging platforms to consistently promote school sports may be considered.

## **CRITERIA:**

- Currently active or retired for no more than 3 years

## **The submission must include:**

- Examples of articles, images, video or other pieces of coverage
- Minimum of 2 references of support

# WOMEN IN SPORTS & LEADERSHIP

This award is to recognize the servant leadership of women in school sports. The recipient is a role model to colleagues and student-athletes alike. The recipient has made a tangible impact on school sport and has demonstrated commitment to their student-athletes, their school, and their sport.

## **CRITERIA:**

- Must be, or have been a coach, athletic director, school or district administrator, or educator at a BCSS member school
- Have made contributions to their school, zone, and/or BCSS while promoting girls sports and participation
- Have encouraged and mentored girls and women for positions as athletic directors, coaches, officials, and related leadership positions in sports

# INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL

Recognizing a school whose special commitment to improving the lives of student-athletes and staff through leadership and public service. This school has contributed significantly to the welfare of school athletics and the local community.

## **CRITERIA:**

- Administration has showcased support to the athletics department
- The school has created a culture that reflects BCSS values
- Found creative new ways to improve student-athlete experience

# CITATION OF EXCELLENCE

## COACH

Recognizing an outstanding coach and their distinguished contributions to their sport and athletes. The recipient of this award guides student-athletes to success through the philosophy of fair play and sportsmanship for a sustained period, while displaying values consistent with BCSS and school sport.

### CRITERIA:

- Currently coaching at a BCSS Member School or no more than 2 years removed from last coaching position
- May be a educator, school district employee or community coach, although consideration will be given to longevity of service

## OFFICIAL

Recognizing an outstanding individual and their distinguished contributions to the officiating of school sport. The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding commitment to school sport, being recognized as a quality official while displaying the values of BCSS and fair play.

### CRITERIA:

- Must be, or have been active in an official's association with a constant presence at school games and BCSS championships
- Has contributed to the development of officials

## ADMINISTRATOR

Recognizing the invaluable contributions from an administrator to school sport. The recipient has shown demonstrable leadership and sustainable support to athletic programs, athletic directors and coaches while contributing to the promotion and enhancement of athletic programs and the student-athlete experience at the school and/or district level.

### CRITERIA:

- Must be, or have been an administrator at a BCSS member school or at a BC school district

### **The submission must include:**

- Letter of support from coach and/or athletic director

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Recognizing an outstanding individual for excellence as an athletic director and the hard work and dedication shown to improve the student-athlete experience, enhance the school's athletic program, and build the school community at large. The Athletic Director leads by example and consistently demonstrates the values of their school and BC School Sports while finding new creative ways to support their coaches and student-athletes.

### CRITERIA:

- Must be an Athletic Director at a BCSS member school or no more than 2 years removed from last serving in that role
- Consideration will be given to longevity and impact in the role

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# 2023-24 AWARD WINNERS

## CITATION OF EXCELLENCE – COACH

### **Al Carmichael**

Al is a celebrated high school volleyball coach with over 30 years of experience, and profound impact on the sport and his athletes. He led Oak Bay High to four Provincial Championships, building a powerhouse volleyball program. Al has tirelessly promoted volleyball's growth, fair play, and sportsmanship.

### **Rob Gunning**

Rob Gunning's three-decade coaching career at Penticton Secondary started in 1996. Rob has guided teams in volleyball, soccer, and golf, leading his boys volleyball team to three Provincial Championships. Known for his supportive coaching philosophy, Rob values the personal growth of his athletes, leaving a lasting impact on countless students.

### **Adele Renzullo**

Adele Renzullo spent an incredible 40-years coaching girls' volleyball at St. Patrick Regional Secondary. Known for instilling hard work, resilience, and teamwork, Adele led her team to four Provincial Championships and 33 Provincial Championship qualifications. Her coaching legacy, marked by a close bond with her players, leaves a lasting impression on countless student-athletes.

### **Shon Ryan**

Shon Ryan has spent over 30 years of coaching at Claremont Secondary. Known for building a powerhouse volleyball program, one of Shon's coaching highlights was leading Claremont to an undefeated 66-0 volleyball season. He has also won Provincial Championships in Volleyball and Golf. Shon's dedication to player development and mentorship has shaped countless athletes.

## CITATION OF EXCELLENCE – OFFICIAL

### **Wayne Steele**

Wayne Steele's 55-year career as a football official recognizes his dedication to fair play and safety in school sports. Wayne has officiated everything from grade 8 games to Provincial Championships and has set a high standard. As a mentor and leader in the BCFOA, Wayne has nurtured future officials leaving a lasting legacy.

### **John Mill**

John Mill's officiating journey began in 1978. He is recognized for his dedication to fairness and professionalism. Known for mentoring countless officials and promoting sportsmanship, John has left a lasting impact in the Kootenay region. His commitment to balanced officiating and respect on the court exemplifies the positive influence of officiating in school sports.

## CITATION OF EXCELLENCE – ADMINISTRATOR

### **Mike Finch**

Mike Finch's 15 years of dedication to Sentinel Secondary's athletic programs earned him the citation of excellence as an administrator. Known for his servant leadership and close support of student-athletes, coaches, and games, Mike fosters a positive environment both on and off the field of play. His legacy, marked by a lifetime of roles in school sports, continues to strengthen Sentinel's athletic programs and inspire the school community.

# 2023-24 AWARD WINNERS

## **CITATION OF EXCELLENCE – ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

### **Rhonda Trunkfield**

Rhonda Trunkfield spent 25 years as an Athletic Director at Terry Fox Secondary, a remarkable career spent greatly enriching her school community and athletic programs. She is known for her dedication to fostering a positive environment for student-athletes and coaches and hands-on support and leadership, she created the Character in Action program to instill values like integrity and perseverance in student-athletes.

### **Corey Yamaoka**

With over 30 years in education and a strong athletic background, Corey has made a significant impact as Athletic Director at South Kamloops Secondary. His leadership, defined by open communication and a commitment to inclusivity, has fostered a positive environment for student-athletes, helping the school achieve 13 provincial championships.

## **WOMEN IN SPORTS & LEADERSHIP**

Breanne Quist has shaped the athletic program at Nanaimo Christian School as an Athletic Director since 2016, promoting a student-first approach and empowering female athletes. Her dedication to inclusivity has led to initiatives like the school's first girls' soccer team, and her role as tournament director has brought high-quality experiences to student-athletes across the province. Breanne's empathetic leadership and commitment to excellence have fostered a supportive environment that inspires confidence and respect, making her a strong role model for young women.

## **MEDIA PERSON OF THE YEAR**

### **Mark Booth**

Mark Booth has spent 36 years covering school sports, primarily in Richmond and Delta, writing over 20,000 stories that highlight the achievements of student-athletes and the excitement of school competitions. His commitment to fair and comprehensive reporting has earned him widespread respect and admiration within the community.

## **INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL**

### **Sullivan Heights Secondary**

Sullivan Heights Secondary has created a thriving athletic culture that values leadership, inclusivity, and community engagement. The school prioritizes both athletic and personal development, with strong staff and student leadership, Sullivan Heights fosters a supportive environment that celebrates student achievements on and off the field.

## **HONOUR AWARD**

### **Paul Thiessen**

Paul Thiessen is celebrated for his lifelong contributions as a coach, athletic director, and leader in school sports. A former standout athlete to Athletic Director at Okanagan Mission Secondary for over 30 years, Paul transformed the school's sports culture, creating a lasting impact on student-athletes and the BCSS community.

# HISTORY OF THE HONOUR AWARD

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**2024** PAUL THIESSEN  
**2023** ANNEMARIE WATTS  
**2022** KERRY TAYLOR  
**2021** SUE THORNE  
**2020** TOM DINSDALE  
**2019** WENDY HYER  
**2018** JILL VOROS  
**2012** RANDY SEMENOFF  
RAJ PURI  
**2011** JO-ANNE LOADER  
**2010** BOB MATLOCK  
**2009** BRIAN LAVIOLETTE  
BRIAN LYNCH  
**2008** PHILIP CIZMIC  
**2007** JOE MOREIRA  
JO ANN WARD  
**2006** WALTER BECKER  
**2005** BRIAN OLTHUIS  
**2004** DAVID BINGHAM  
**2003** MIKE CHARLTON  
**2002** NEIL MURRAY  
ROD VANCE  
**2001** VIC BIFANO  
MOE WILLIAMS  
**2000** LEN CORBEN  
BARRY KINGSLEY  
GAYLE GUEST  
BILL PARNELL  
**1999** BARRY STEWART  
DOUG STURROCK  
JACK TASAKA

**1998** JACK MAY  
MARION MCNEILL  
DARLENE CURRIE  
**1997** STAN GILL  
ROGER KRONQUIST  
GARY HAENSGEN  
EARL HENDERSON  
**1996** ED PEDERSEN  
MIKE SMITH  
BOB STEBBINGS  
BILL MCNULTY  
**1995** CLIVE HUGHES  
**1994** MARTY CROSS  
ED CARLIN  
**1993** STAN LAWSON  
JIM STEWART  
DAVE GIFFORD  
**1992** BOB JACKSON  
VERA WILLIAMSON  
**1991** BOB FERGUSON  
JACK BUCKHAM  
**1990** BARRY CALLAGHAN  
MATT PHILLIPS  
DOUG HARSHBARGER  
JACK ARMOUR  
**1989** VERA CHERNOFF  
BOB GAIR  
CHANDRA MADHOSINGH  
**1988** DON HARTWIG  
DAN DOYLE  
**1987** HUGH MARSHALL  
RON VAN DOLAH  
RUTH WILSON  
**1986** DON MCINTYRE  
VAN MORRISON