2011-12 SDHSAA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Bruce Knowles – Category: Coach & Director

Bruce Knowles graduated from Rapid City Central High School where he played the double bass in the orchestra and tuba in the band. Mr. Knowles earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music from South Dakota State University and a Master of Arts Degree from Western Illinois University. His teachers have included: Edward Krolick, Meona Marek, Tanya Carey, Hratch Berberian, John Colson, and Kenneth Singleton.

Mr. Knowles has been the director of the Central High School Orchestras since 1982. Under his leadership, the Rapid City Central Chamber Orchestra has performed at American String Teacher’s Association National Conventions in 2003 and 2008, and also the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago in 2004 where they will be performing again in 2011. Most recently, the Central Chamber Orchestra took top honors in their division and overall “Grand Champion Orchestra” at the 2011 National Orchestra Competition in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Knowles has been active as a double bassist and conductor. From 1982-2009 he served as Principal Double Bassist with the Black Hills Symphony and Black Hills Chamber Orchestra. He has been soloist with the Black Hills Chamber Music Society and the Black Hills Symphony. As a Conductor he has directed the Colorado All-State Orchestra, served as Associate Conductor of the Black Hills Symphony and in 2009 was appointed as music Director of the Black Hills Symphony.

2010-11 NFHS “OUTSTANDING MUSIC EDUCATOR” AWARD

Cathleen Britton is recognized as one of the most respected choral music educators in South Dakota and nationally. She currently is the vocal music director of O’Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Her students are regularly selected by audition for Music Educators National Conference National and Regional Honor Choirs, and the O’Gorman Concert Choir has been selected to perform at several conventions and conferences across South Dakota and the nation.

Britton served as president of the South Dakota chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (SD-ACDA) from 2005 to 2007, and was the SD-ACDA Summer Conference chair in 1996 and 1999.

For the North Central American Choral Directors Association, Britton has served as its Region Convention Publicity Chair, the Women’s Honor Choir Coordinator, and on its Planning Committee. In 2009, she was awarded the SD-ACDA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award recipients for 2011-12 are:
ADMINISTRATORS – Christina Schultz, Emery; Stuart Zephier, Flandreau
COACHES & DIRECTORS – Bob Carlson, Sioux Falls; Mitch Gaffer, Huron; Ken Pickering, Pierre; Renee Rebnord, Sioux Falls; Lori Warne, Sioux Falls
CONTEST OFFICIAL – Rick Brommer, Rapid City; Stan Evans, Rapid City; Susan James, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Dana Nelson, Yankton; Gregg Roach, Brookings; Dave Tate, Pierre
CONTRIBUTOR – Dellas Cole, Brookings; Kevin Phillips, Rapid City
SDMEA Distinguished Administrator Award

Kevin Kennedy:

This is my 35th year of being in education. My first teaching and coaching position was in Hill City, SD as a Middle School Science and PE teacher, head football coach, assistant basketball coach, and head track coach. I moved to Sioux Falls where I taught Driver Education and coached football, wrestling, and track at Washington High School. I advanced my education at Idaho State University completing my first Masters degree in Athletic Administration. Upon completion, I returned to Sioux Falls to continue my teaching, coaching and administrative career. My family moved to the Black Hills and the Lead-Deadwood School system for one year and then returned to Sioux Falls. I have had the opportunity to teach at all levels: with the majority of my career being at the high school level. I’ve completed my Administrative Leadership degree at the University of Sioux Falls and am in my 11th year as the Assistant Principal of Activities at Sioux Falls Washington High School. I am married to my wonderful and supportive wife, Karen. We have three children Jeff, Watertown, SD; Jennifer, Sioux Falls, SD; and Melissa, Appleton, WI.

Kevin Nelson:

Kevin Nelson is the elementary principal of Beresford Elementary in Beresford, South Dakota. Kevin is a Salem and Arlington, South Dakota native and graduated with degrees from Northern State University and the University of South Dakota. Previous to serving as the principal in Beresford, Mr. Nelson was the principal at Chester, South Dakota and taught and coached at Warner, South Dakota. He has served on numerous state and local education and civic committees including serving as the president of the South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals and the School Administrators of South Dakota. In 2006 Mr. Nelson was named the South Dakota National Distinguished Elementary Principal. Kevin and his wife Dyan have three children: Bailey, Samuel and Sydney.

SDMEA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO MUSIC AWARDS

Mark Isackson:

Mark has taught instrumental music at all levels for 35 years, and just retired from the Sioux Falls Public Schools. Before coming to Sioux Falls, he taught band and vocal music in southern Minnesota. Mr. Isackson has taught band and orchestra at all levels, and in different SFPS schools for 30 years. Currently, he is on staff at Augustana College - teaching jazz and saxophone; and is also a founder and current Co-Director of the All-city jazz program. He was also the founder of the Sioux Empire Youth Orchestra’s younger orchestras in 1991. In 2008, Isackson assisted in transitioning these groups into the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra Program. Presently, he is Co-Director of the SDSYO’s Sinfonia. Born and raised in Duluth, Minnesota, Mr. Isackson attended the University of Minnesota, Duluth-majoring in multiple woodwind performance while earning a music education degree. He later earned a M.A. from Augustana college. In addition to teaching in Minnesota and South Dakota, he taught 6 years at the Northeast Music Camp in central Massachusetts. As a performing musician, Mr. Isackson is seen often as the Associate Principal clarinetist with the South Dakota Symphony. He also leads the Sioux Falls Big Band as well as small jazz and variety groups ranging from 2 to 8 players. He has performed with numerous name bands and musicians throughout the years, and continues to be a active “sideman”, as well as bandleader. In 2009, Mr. Isackson was presented with the Mayor’s Award for Excellence in Performing Arts. Mark is supported by loving wife Chandra, and close family.
Clark Lunstrum:
Born and raised in Redfield, Clark Lunstrum graduated from Redfield High School in 1970. He attended Northern State University and studied voice with the late Dr. John Berggren. He began his teaching career at Cresbard where he taught 5-12 instrumental music and 7-12 vocal music. In 1977 Lunstrum returned to Redfield where he taught 7-12 vocal, JH Band, 5-12 low brass and percussion lessons, Flag Corp, and Music Appreciation. For the last seven years he taught 7-12 vocal music and served as the school’s Technology Coordinator. After 34 years in Redfield, Lunstrum retired in May of 2011.

During his 37 year music teaching career, vocal musicians led by Lunstrum have received many Region Music Contest Superior ratings. He has also had many students selected to participate in the South Dakota American Chorals Directors Association Honors Choir. Lunstrum is a member of the South Dakota Music Educators Association. He served as the SDMEA Choral Chairperson for five years and SDMEA President for four years. As a long time member of the SD American Choral Directors Association he served as SD-ACDA State Men’s and Soprano Chair for two years. He also has served a term on the SDHSAA Music Advisory Board. Lunstrum was a 2008 recipient of the SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award.

Lunstrum participated in the South Dakota Metropolitan Opera Auditions in 1983 (2nd place) and 1984 (1st place). His 1985 recital that included the entire Schumann “Dichterliebe” was recorded and broadcast by South Dakota Public Radio. He has served a soloist for the Redfield Community Concert Association, the Aberdeen Civic Symphony, the Huron Civic Symphony, and the Rapid City Symphony. He recently retired from church choir directing after 38 years. Lunstrum has been a member of the Aberdeen Area Men’s Chorus for 34 years including serving as the group’s director for the last seven years.

Bob Goheen:
For 28 years Bob Goheen served as the director of bands at Brandon Valley High School in Brandon. Under his direction the concert bands, jazz bands, and marching band consistently received awards and superior ratings at music competitions. Under his guidance the Brandon Valley High School marching band performed in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Kansas City, Missouri, Orlando, Florida, Portland, Oregon, Washington, D.C., and New York City at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade.

Educated at Minnesota State University in Mankato, Mr. Goheen received his Bachelor of Science degree in music education (1972) and his Master of Music degree in percussion performance (1976). Before coming to Brandon Valley he taught for ten years in Minnesota in the Granada-Huntley, Westbrook, and Jackson school districts. In 2000 he was recognized by the School Band and Orchestra Magazine as one of 50 influential band directors who have made a difference in the United States. Past awards include the 1993 Phi Beta Mu Music Fraternity’s Outstanding Band Director Award, the 1998 Brandon Valley School’s Teacher of the Year Award and the 2010 Phi Beta Mu Distinguished Service Awards.

Mr. Goheen currently holds memberships in the Phi Beta Mu music fraternity and the South Dakota Bandmasters Association where he served as president from 2003-2005. Since retiring in 2010 he has been active as a clinician and adjudicator, working with elementary, middle school, and high school students throughout the tri-state area. Bob and his wife Mary are the proud parents of two sons and two grandchildren.

Dr. John Lockwood:
Dr. John S. Lockwood recently retired from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD where he served as Director of Music Education. He thrice earned Faculty Advisor of the Year and has served as Collegiate Chair on the SDMEA Board. Dr. Lockwood’s previous college teaching experience included Augustana College, University of Wyoming in Laramie, and Aims Community College in CO. Expertise included Level III Orff Certification and advanced guitar. As his faith plays an important role in Dr. Lockwood’s life, he also endeavored to earn his Masters in Pastoral Ministry from Mount Marty College in 2001.

Dr. Lockwood earned his BME Degree in 1969 from Eastern Kentucky University and then embarked on his first teaching assignment in Hulett, WY. He taught in Chandler, AZ and in 1975 received his MME degree from Arizona State University. It was at Arizona State that he met and married his wife, Barbara. Together they then taught at the American International School in Dusseldorf, Germany. A highlight of his performance group participation over the years was playing trombone with the Venlo Holland Symphony Orchestra. Moving back stateside found him teaching in Fort Collins, CO and earning his PhD degree from Colorado State University at Boulder in 1985. Aside from his devotion to the MENC activities at NSU, Dr. Lockwood considers directing the musicals, Music Man and Fiddler On The Roof in Germany as his fondest career memories.
SDMEA OUTSTANDING YOUNG MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD:
Kim Bruguier:
Kim Bruguier is in her fifth year of teaching elementary music in the Mobridge-Pollock School District. She also directs the 5th grade band and a 4th and 5th grade choir. Originally from Mitchell, SD, she graduated from the University Of South Dakota in 2007 with a degree in Music Education. Mrs. Bruguier has done instrument drives for her school district and received over 35 new/used horns in the past 4 years, including a donation from the Mr. Hollands Opus Foundation. She is a MENC/GAMA certified classroom guitar instructor and is a member of The National Association for Music Education, South Dakota Music Educators' Association, Prairie Winds Orff, and National Association for the Education of Young Children. Mrs. Bruguier is a member of her local Johnson O’Malley board, is a Girl Scout troop leader and teaches piano, voice and guitar lessons. She and her husband Lee have two daughters: Madilyn and Amelia.

YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE OF MUSIC
Ken Pickering:
After 48 years as an educator, Ken Pickering retired from the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) June 30, 2011. During his 22 years with the SDHSAA, Pickering was responsible for administering the SDHSAA music activities as well as SDHSAA speech, drama, journalism, and student council activities. Before joining the SDHSAA as an Assistant Executive Director in 1989, Pickering taught Social Studies and English and coached the Clear Lake oral interpretation and debate teams and directed theatre activities at Clear Lake High School for 26 years. As the administrator for SDHSAA music activities, Pickering was responsible for coordinating and organizing the All-State Chorus and Orchestra and All-State Band. He was responsible for interpreting the SDHSAA co-curricular music activity regulations. During 2005-06, he was responsible for integrating the All-State Jazz Band into the SDHSAA music activities program. Pickering graduated from Yankton High School in Yankton. He received his B.S. in Education degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion in 1963 and a Masters Degree in Speech from the University of South Dakota in 1969. Pickering was recently designated as one of the 2011-12 SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award recipients. He was presented the South Dakota High School Press Association’s Founders Award in September 2110. He was inducted into the South Dakota Forensics Coaches Association Hall of Fame (1989). He received the Speech Communication Association of South Dakota Distinguished Service Award (1984) and SDFCA Coach of the Year (1979-80). He was named the Clear Lake School District Teacher of the Year (1988-89 and 1972-73).

SDMEA 2011 MUSIC PARTICIPATION RECOGNITION
Bowdle High School
Freeman Academy
Mobridge-Pollock High School
Tea Area High School
Gettysburg High School
Langford Area High School

This recognition is given annually to any South Dakota high school whose music programs demonstrate high involvement in music courses and activities. This recognizes the effectiveness of programs that offer attractive music curricula as well as those that excel in recruitment and retention of students.