

## District Service Award Recipients

Rhonda Kwan, Central Collegiate

Rhonda has been a community volunteer involved in the extracurricular program at Central Collegiate for the past eight years. She was the coach of the senior girls' basketball team for and experience great success with her athletes. As a professional and dedicated coach she inspired her athletes to achieve both on and off the court. She emphasized the need for fair play and "student before athlete" in her work with students. The Cyclones, under Rhonda's coaching, won numerous city championship titles and tournaments. Rhonda also coordinated a cultural exchange between a Quebec basketball team during the 2007 school year. She continues to be involved in supporting basketball in Moose Jaw and assists with the Cyclones team as available.



## Shaune Gray, Central Collegiate

Shaune has been a community volunteer involved in the extra curricular program at Central Collegiate for the past 10 years. Shaune has coached the senior boy's volleyball team and assisted with senior girls and junior volleyball. He is a consummate professional who is committed to high standards of conduct by his players and coaches. He is a role model for our athletes and students and is an integral part of our athletics program. He places a huge emphasis on sportsmanship and character development in his coaching which becomes evident when you watch the team play. Not surprisingly, the boys' volleyball team has received three SHSAA sportsmanship banners in the last four years. This is a direct influence of Shaune's commitment to his athletes.



Central Vice Principal Dustin Swanson presents Shaune Gray his Service Award

## Wayne Grywacheski, A.E. Peacock Collegiate

Wayne Grywacheski has taught and coached at the high school level for 25 years. He started his teaching and coaching in Vibank and then continued his teaching career in Moose Jaw where he has taught at A.E. Peacock Collegiate for 23 years. Wayne teaches auto body, autoCAD, and Accounting. He has coached high school sports each and every year of his career. He has coached curling, football, badminton, and cross country. He is currently the head badminton coach at Peacock and also help with the cross country team. He helps organize and run the Prairie South Invitational and District Cross Country Meets. Mr "G" (as his students and athletes call him) is also the Provincial Technical Committee Chair for Skills Canada and represents Peacock, Prairie South, and the province at the Provincial and National Skills Canada competitions. He is usually the last teacher to leave the school for summer holidays as he is always helping his students finish fixing up their cars for the summer. He is a most deserving candidate for the SCDA Service Award.

Donna Wells, Vanier Collegiate

Donna Wells began her teaching career in Lanigan in 1989, spent one year in Bengough, and then began her career at Vanier in 1990. Although her curricular assignment is not athletic, her extracurricular involvement has spanned track and field (18 years), volleyball (14 years) and curling (7 years). She has consistently been involved in one or more of these sports in each year of her career. She is an extremely organized woman who appreciates the value of an active lifestyle. She is competent and diligent in the administration aspect of coaching. She is a competitive curler herself who understands the “curling culture” and shares her knowledge and passion with her student athletes. Beyond coaching, Donna is a supporter of the Vanier Cheerleading team and lends her hands to the Music and Drama department as well as being the staff advisor for graduation. She definitely goes above and beyond in her contributions both inside and outside of the classroom.



**Vanier's Rose Mary Hartney presents Donna Wells with her District Service Award**

## SHSAA Outstanding Official Award Recipient

Ken Bradley, Moose Jaw

Ken graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1969. He taught in Tisdale for one year, and then spent the remainder of his career in Moose Jaw. After 11 years of teaching at Peacock Collegiate, he became the physical education and health consultant in 1981 and held the position until he retired in 1997. Since retirement, Ken has focused not only on his officiating career within Southern Saskatchewan, but has been researching and compiling information for a possible book in relation to the history of golf in Moose Jaw. As well as being a provincial senior golf champion, he has represented Saskatchewan a number of times at Nationals.

Ken was recognized provincially with the Provincial Merit Award, the highest honour a coach can receive, in 1996, for his outstanding leadership, contributions and service to the SHSAA and the promotion of high school athletics in the province. He has also been recognized with the SHSAA Service Award in 1990 and the SPEA Initiative Award in 1991. In addition to his many provincial championships, professional awards and involvement in a variety of sports, he has been a strong and consistent official within the Moose Jaw Basketball Officials' Association since 1980. He has officiated at all levels of competition from elementary, secondary, Hoopla, and Jr College. He continues to be one of Moose Jaw's most well respected and senior official.

Throughout his years, Ken has worked diligently to improve the caliber of officiating in Moose Jaw and throughout the southern half of the province. During his teaching career, he drove many hours to put on clinics for officials or travel to fill an officiating need.

Ken is a very competent, knowledgeable, and confident official who is an asset to our community. He appreciates and values high school athletics and continues to give his time and knowledge to the sport. He is truly deserving of the accolades that go with being named an SHSAA Outstanding Official.



South Central Officials Commissioner, Martin Holzer presents Ken Bradley with his SHSAA Outstanding Officials Award

## **SHSAA Outstanding Coach Award Recipient**

Leanne Meili, Vanier Collegiate

Over the past 12 years at Riverview Collegiate and Vanier Collegiate, Leanne Meili has coached volleyball, basketball, track and field, and cross country. She has achieved coaching excellence in a relatively short time due to her ability, dedication, beliefs, and commitment. In high school, Leanne participated on teams coached by Ned Andreoni, and this relationship/mentorship has influenced her career.

Leanne has coached at the junior and senior levels in both volleyball and basketball. She was Assistant Coach of the Junior Girls city championship basketball team in 2008. She has assumed leadership of a successful track and field program at Vanier Collegiate, coordinating multiple coaches and athletes in the process. A number of Vanier athletes have thrived under Mrs. Meili's direction. The program continues to flourish. Likewise, the Vanier cross country program has grown and a large number of athlete have participated in provincial championships under her guidance.

Leanne leads by example. She presents a very structured classroom/gym model. She has high expectations for her athletes and helps create situations whereby these expectations can be met. She has been a member of the organizing committee for the Ned Andreoni Memorial Basketball Tournament since its inception. As well she is an active member of the Moose Jaw High School Athletic Association. It is with listed accolades, that Leanne Meili is being named one of the Saskatchewan High School Athletic Association's Outstanding Coaches.



**Vanier's Rose Mary Hartney presents Leanne Meili with her Coaching Excellence Award**

## SHSAA Outstanding Coach Award Recipient

Dale Lawrence, Mossbank

Dale has been a fixture in Mossbank for the better part of the last three decades. During his 27 years teaching career, Dale has been a tireless individual who put hundreds of hours yearly into coaching volleyball (both senior and junior concurrently) and track and field on an annual basis. Dale has also coached cross country, jr and sr boys and girls volleyball, badminton, and softball. He will never leave a team without a coach. If there was a need in the school, Dale would ensure all athlete and teams did not just have a coach, but a quality coach. At an extreme he has coached up to three different volleyball teams at one time because that need existed. In 2009, he coached both the senior boys and girls volleyball teams. It isn't just quantity that he offers, it is quality. The boys team were provincial medalists and recipients of the coveted "Blue Banner" for sportsmanship. He has been an organizational leader in South Central as a member of the executive for the past 10 years and as a part of Red Coat Trail Athletics prior to this. His dedication extends to officiating also, when the district was shorthanded for officials two years ago; he covered the bantam girl's district tournament and officiated all 10 games consecutively. His leadership in South Central definitely extends to the track, under his guidance, the quality of the track meet at the section level, district level, and provincial level has improved dramatically. He could be found organizing dozens of volunteers at the provincial track meet held in Moose Jaw this month. He has coached and officiated multiple sports each and every year of his tenure. His solid coaching skills, quiet leadership, and high expectations have allows hundreds of athletes to prosper under his tutelage. He is most deserving of the title as SHSAA's Outstanding Coach.



Dale Lawrence receives his Coaching Excellence Award from Prairie South Athletic Commissioner Roger Morgan

## SHSAA Provincial Service Award Recipient

Rose Mary Hartney, Vanier Collegiate

Ms. Rose Mary Hartney has been a teacher at Vanier Collegiate since 1972 and the vice-principal since 1981. She received her Bachelor of Education and Masters Degree through the University of Regina. In addition to Ms. Hartney's dedication to the province's athletic teams, she has always had a strong relationship with the Junior and AAA hockey teams in Moose Jaw. She has worked very hard at maximizing the academic potential in the athletes that visit Vanier from communities throughout Western Canada. She has always been involved with high schools athletics in Moose Jaw and at Vanier Collegiate. For 38 years she has assisted in many capacities such as announcer, score keeper, gate attendant, and committee member and as a faithful member of the Moose Jaw High School Athletic Association. She is generally found setting up and organizing events and will be the last person to leave after all clean up has been completed. Her involvement and assistance, that usually goes unnoticed, will be extremely difficult to replace. Even since her retirement from administration at Vanier, she regularly attends the local athletic meetings and eagerly awaits her usual roles in the Track & Field season.



Vanier Athletic Director Christa Lapointe presents Rose Mary Hartney with the SHSAA Service Award