



Horizon Central Athletic Association (HCAA)

Press Release: Outstanding Coaches and Outstanding Official Award



Terry Gaudet (2nd from left)



Wendi Collins (center)



Yves Lalonde (right)

Three schools in the Horizon Central Athletic Association recently honored the recipients of three Saskatchewan High Schools Athletics Association awards. Terry Gaudet (École St. Isidore in Bellevue) and Wendi Collins (Winston High School in Watrous), both teachers in their respective schools, were presented with the 2021 SHSAA Outstanding Coach Awards, and Wynyard resident Yves Lalonde was presented with the 2021 SHSAA Outstanding Official Award.

Outstanding Coach - Terry Gaudet (École St. Isidore in Bellevue)

Terry Gaudet has taught for 27 years, 26 of them at École St. Isidore in Bellevue. Terry has been the senior boys volleyball coach at École St. Isidore for over 17 years and the junior boys coach prior to that.

Terry is a coach who always pushes his players to do their best and strive for greatness. He teaches the technical skills of volleyball to perfection. But he also teaches his players life skills such as responsibility, teamwork, and cooperation. Terry has become synonymous with volleyball and excellence, and is well-respected locally and provincially.

Terry led his senior boys volleyball program to its first provincial gold medal in 2005. From there, the culture was built and more success followed. In 2011, he led his program to their second provincial championship, and from 2014 to 2018, he achieved a bronze medal, 3 silver

medals, and another bronze medal respectively. In years where there weren't enough players to field a team at École St. Isidore, Terry was instrumental in creating co-op programs with Vonda and with Wakaw to ensure players from these schools and his own school had the opportunity to take part.

Terry's achievements, his style of coaching, his work ethic, and his devotion have been outstanding, and his student-athletes have benefited greatly from these attributes.

Outstanding Coach – Wendi Collins (Winston High School in Watrous)

Wendi Collins began her high school coaching career in 2002 in Rockglen, Saskatchewan. Since then she has coached at both Winston High School in Watrous (2004-2006, 2014-present) and Lanigan Central High School (2006-2014).

Wendi has a passion for student involvement in athletics which has been demonstrated through her many coaching roles including senior boys volleyball, senior girls basketball, as well as badminton and track.

Most of her time has been dedicated to senior girls volleyball. She has worked tirelessly building the volleyball program at Winston High School and contributed countless hours coaching while she was teaching at Lanigan Central High School.

During her coaching career, she has attended one boys volleyball provincials in 2002, four volleyball provincials with Watrous, and five volleyball provincial championships with Lanigan. Her coaching at provincials has earned her programs two fourth place finishes, two bronze medals, and one Provincial Championship title.

From the first weekend in September until the end of November, Wendi's weekends are always booked travelling to volleyball tournaments. Her travels have taken her all across Saskatchewan from Rockglen to Creighton and all points in between.

Wendi is the epitome of patience, kindness, and determination. She has high expectations of her athletes and models the same behavior both on and off the court. Her comradery with her players and with other coaches she meets has led to lifelong friendships. Wendi exemplifies dedication to the sport of volleyball by giving endless hours to her players while still finding time for her family of 3 children and husband Scott. She also has a full time teaching career at Winston High School.

Outstanding Official – Yves Lalonde (Wynyard)

Wynyard's Yves Lalonde has been dedicated to officiating football since 2011. During this time, Yves organized an officiating crew that began officiating the Wynyard Bears' home games, and Yves quickly moved into the position of head referee in 2012. Because of strong officiating performances and football officiating demand, Yves has since added the towns of Raymore, Watrous, Viscount, Lanigan, Watson, Melville, Ituna/Kelliher, and Southey to his regular refereeing schedule during the fall season. More recently, Yves has expanded his officiating experience to include Regina, Saskatoon, and Yorkton during their spring and fall leagues.

Some career officiating highlights for Yves include officiating the Senior Bowl every year it has been hosted since the spring of 2013 and officiating six SHSAA Provincial High School Championships, including five as head referee. As Yves continues to rise up the football officiating ranks in the province, regularly officiating junior football will likely be on his horizon.

Yves is committed to football officiating excellence and humbly appreciates the opportunities he has been given and the people and officials that have supported his growth and worked with him on officiating crews, especially his Wynyard crew. Having a devoted official is a valuable asset to the game of football, and Yves models consistency and many other outstanding attributes to the benefit of many football programs in the province.