Seeing Title IX through different lenses

Title IX changed my life.

It has allowed me to live my dream as a student-athlete, a teacher, a coach, an official, a mother, and now as a grandmother.

But even before the passage of Title IX federal legislation, my athletic journey started when I was very young in Milaca. I was five years old, a year younger than my brother, Bruce, when my dad brought us to play t-ball. What possessed my dad to bring us both down, I'll never know, because it was 1963 and “girls didn’t play ball.” But I’m so thankful for forward-thinking men like my dad and Herb Claffy. My dad introduced us, and asked Mr. Claffy if it was OK if I played. I’ll never forget his answer that was loud, proud and bold enough so all the boys could hear it, too: “Why of course you can play, put your glove on and go to first base.” I put the glove on the wrong hand and ran to third. I didn’t know the bases or how to play . . . yet. It wasn’t in the cards for my brother to continue to play, but I never stopped going. I played every summer through the sixth grade.

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The first year that my high school had girls sports was the 1973-74 school year, and basketball was in the fall, volleyball in the winter and track and field in the spring. I was a sophomore in high school and so happy that my sports journey was finally going to continue. Little did I realize that 50 years later, I’d still be enjoying stepping on the court or track as a coach, official, parent, and now, as a grandparent.
Let’s meet the State and Regional Coordinators in each of the sports activities:

**Leaders and Legends** never really worked as titles of the football divisions in the Big Ten Conference. However, it absolutely fits to describe the incredible servant leaders that drive the officiating programs with the Minnesota State High School League. These individuals give so much of their time and expertise so that League officials can thrive and flourish throughout the season. These outstanding contributors are known as State and Regional Coordinators.

State and Regional Coordinators are the go-to experts in their respective sports for both coaches and officials. Coordinators are active and respected members of the officiating community, knowledgeable about the rules and mechanics, role models for officials in Minnesota and able to convey information about their sport in a timely and clear manner. These traits are critical because coaches and officials need assistance during the season and we are able to offer that support via the Coordinator staff.

Reach out to them to say thanks for their service and for a discussion about a rule!

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**Note:** * denotes State Coordinator

### FALL

#### Adapted Soccer
- *Jacki Wincek, Minneapolis
- *Jenn Carter, Edina

#### Cheerleading
- *Michael J. Graf, Rochester
- *Paul McDonald, Ely
- *William J. Mills, Glenwood
- *Steve Philion, Red Lake Falls
- *Mike Spanier, Sartell
- *Richard J. Stolp, Mankato

#### Football
- *Steven C. Clark, Cannon Falls
- *Sue Bennett, Duluth
- *Al Harkrader, Mendota Heights
- *Jim Ray, Mankato
- *Gentry W. Thatcher, Sr., Edina
- *Adalberto Villalobos, St. Cloud

#### Girls Swimming and Diving
- *James E. Marshall, Eagan

#### Volleyball
- *Christina Fiebich, St. Paul
- *Wayne Fakler, Crookston
- *Doug Goodmund, Marshall
- *Douglas B. Lothenbach, Duluth
- *Tristan Severson, Plainview

### WINTER

#### Adapted Floor Hockey
- *Thomas R. Stephan, Jr., Brooklyn Park

#### Basketball
- *James S. Erzar, Grand Rapids
- *Charles A. Evert, Battle Lake
- *Eric Gray, Minneapolis
- *Steve Makowske, St. Anthony Village
- *Terry Reynolds, Mankato
- *M.J. Wagenson, Pine Island
- *James G. Weinzierl, Park Rapids

#### Cross Country
- *John Persoon, Mahtomedi

#### Dance Team
- *Becky Blissenbach, Sauk Rapids
- *Colleen Christensen, St. Louis Park
- *Lisa Hart, Chanhassen

#### Gymnastics
- *Mike Amidon, Hudson, Wis.
- *Tracy A. Bertram, Becker
- *Ann McKenna Suits, Robbinsdale
- *Elaine Taggatz, Eden Prairie

#### Ice Hockey
- *Michael Gager, Grand Rapids
- *William M. Kronshnabel, St. Paul
- *Ron Storey, Warroad

#### Boys Swimming and Diving
- *James E. Marshall, Eagan

#### Wrestling
- *Rod Frost, Farmington
- *Brian Lindberg, Crosslake
- *Mike Roff, Champlin
- *Rick Rud, Lakeville
- *Roger I. Wilson, Sauk Rapids

### SPRING

#### Adapted Softball
- *Michelle Schneider, Brooklyn Park

#### Baseball
- *Larry Gallagher, Crystal
- *John Gersds, Sartell
- *Ken Sargent, Northfield
- *Art Westphal, Mankato

#### Baseball and Softball
- *Charlie Johnson, Hittredal
- *Jon C. Springer, Zumbruta

#### Softball
- *Robert Crowe, St. Paul
- *Rachel M. Palmer, North Mankato
- *Tom Keller, St. Cloud

#### Boys Lacrosse
- *Matthew Dempsey, Bloomington

#### Girls Lacrosse
- *Julie A. Carlson, St. Paul

#### Golf
- *Douglas Hoffman, Apple Valley

#### Synchronized Swimming
- *Linda A. Gust, Bloomington

#### Track and Field
- *John Persoon, Mahtomedi
Holmgren: Title IX created so many opportunities

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I have flashbacks of memories of my time as a high school participant. In basketball, our uniforms weren’t available yet, so we had to wear the oversized boys’ jerseys for the first month of games. When our uniforms finally arrived, they were the uniforms for all three sport seasons.

That isn’t the only challenge girls’ sports encountered in those first years. In volleyball, we had the net strung between the “fire” standards that were used for physical education classes. That the net sagged in the middle was the norm in most of the gyms as we played our matches. In track and field, we had our basketball sneakers that we trained and ran meets in. How did we ever survive those first years? But we didn’t just survive, we thrived!

My senior year, we made it to the district championship in basketball, finishing runner-up and putting the first-ever trophy in the trophy case. My senior year also saw me wanting to play the first sport that I loved, and I tried out and played on the baseball team. Yep, on the boys team as we didn’t have a softball team yet. Again, Mr. Claffy, who was now our Athletic Director, supported my choice, as did the boys and the coaching staff. I did get to play in a couple of games, and I so appreciate that opportunity. I also appreciate that the guys understood and supported my love of the game and made me feel as just another player on the team.

Mr. Claffy was an incredible advocate for Title IX. He would sit coaches down when making out the gym schedule for sharing space that first year and say, “This is a fair schedule. Don’t complain.” He would later be selected for induction into both the halls of fame for the Minnesota High School Coaches and Minnesota Football Coaches associations. He was also a member of the first induction class of the Milaca High School Hall of Fame. This 1976 graduate would join him in the Milaca Hall of Fame in 2015.

It’s not until later in life that we look back and understand how a coincidence becomes a life-changing event. In my junior year, our schedule had expanded to play other schools, and I played basketball and ran in a track and field invitational at Elk River High School. I remember walking into Elk River, seeing the posters, feeling the energy of the school, and saying to myself “Wouldn’t this be a cool school to be a part of?” From my lips to God’s ears, six years later, I’m walking into Elk River High School for the only teaching job interview I’ve ever had.

While in college, I had started to officiate high school volleyball, but when I graduated and became the head volleyball coach at Elk River High School, I had to give that up. Oh, those first years I coached were tough. I was a new teacher, newly married and had started a family, and I didn’t quite understand how to best prepare teams or develop a program as I’d never really experienced that as a player or an assistant coach. I needed to improve my coaching, and what became a watershed moment was attending a volleyball clinic in 1985 conducted by Russ Rose, the now longtime head coach of perennial national power, Penn State. It influenced not only me, but all who attended. My coaching journey had begun.

In my 20 years of being a head volleyball coach, there are so many memories of players, matches, successful seasons and some not-so-successful seasons. I am certainly proud of the young women who played in the program, two of which were my daughters, Kari and Kelly. During Kari’s playing days, her older brother, Ryan, would drive three hours from college and announce at the games, then turn around and drive back, all so he could watch his sister play. Sports had always been a big influence in the Holmgren household. My late husband, Roger, had also been a teacher and coach. I continued that tradition. Even after retiring from teaching, I continued with the coaching. I just finished my 40th spring season of coaching track and field. And all three of our children, now in their 30s and 40s, continue to coach today.

I am also proud of the women, and one young man, who decided to coach volleyball after their high school, and for many, college, playing days were over. It’s been 20 years since I was the head coach, but I still run into former players who now have coached their daughters on club teams, have been assistant or head coaches themselves, and even a few that became college coaches. The young man I reference is Craig Case. He walked into my gym, and because he loved volleyball, became my high school manager or head coach in a number of colleges, finally settling in at a Division II college in Texas where he was recently selected coach of the year in his conference and leading his team to its first-ever NCAA playoff berth.

Being a head coach for 20 years is a rarity these days. It can be very wearing, on both you as a person and your family. The fundraisers, the preseason, the regular season and postseason, the banquet, the club season and organizing teams, coaches, clothing and schedules . . . all that, and full-time teaching, too. It was good to take a break. That fall after I retired as a coach, I traveled to watch both of my daughters play in college. I put a lot of miles on my vehicle, watching matches three and four times a week, running all over the Upper Midwest. I have some great “snapshots” of memories of their playing days. Now I travel and watch them as they coach their respective teams. But lest you think I walked away from coaching high school volleyball, I did not.

The following season, the freshman volleyball position opened and I now could really help young players in developing their skills, but also help them navigate the emotional journey of being a teenager. I’d start many a practice discussing various topics that always pertained to them as a student, an athlete, and as a person. I view those discussions as being invaluable in their development of life skills. My youngest daughter believes I softened in my old age, being a “paper coach” as I wasn’t as tough and demanding on 13- and 14-year-olds as I was when I was a head coach. I was still demanding, but I enjoyed being involved in the beginning of their journey instead of the pressure later during their varsity years. It was during these 10 years as being the freshman coach that I re-engaged as an official in volleyball at the high school level. With eight high schools located within 10 to 15 minutes, and having a very understanding assignor, I could make both the junior varsity and varsity matches. After retiring from teaching, I’ve now added officiating at the junior college and Division III levels. I’ve been lucky enough over these years to also be selected to work some postseason matches in both high school and college.

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I must like being busy, as after my second daughter was born, and as a way to make a few extra bucks, I added officiating weekend kids’ basketball. It’s been 37 years since I first stepped onto a basketball court as an official, and just like all longtime officials, there are more than a few stories. Over these past 35 years of high school seasons, including 17 years that also included officiating Division II and III college basketball, I still look forward to working with great partners for the teams we’ve been assigned. But I also still get nervous. I want to bring the best game I have for the players and coaches, and as a friend reminded me, “We get older, they stay the same age.”

During the early days of girls basketball, I remember hearing that some of the men officials “wouldn’t be caught dead” refereeing a girls high school basketball game. And yet, here was Elliott Perovich and Wayne Dietz, two officials that had worked the boys basketball state tournament, refereeing one of our games. I didn’t realize until I started officiating who these gentlemen really were and their profound influence as officials. Later, I did get a chance to officiate a game with Mr. Dietz, who I loved and respected dearly. He was such a kind man.

As female officials, we faced challenges. When I first started in the late 1980s, there were many occasions I was the first female official refereeing at that school. Dressing rooms were non-existent, and yes, bathrooms, classrooms, the nurses’ office, the Special Ed room, wherever they could put me, was where I had to dress to get ready for a game. Being the first female official, many players saw me as an oddity, but as soon as I called that first foul, I then just became another “stripes.”

During those hectic days of refereeing high school and college basketball games, going four, five and sometimes six days a week, I’d bring my young daughters along with me. At that time, I was the rare female official who was married and had kids, which is a trend that is now happily changing. I had understanding partners who enjoyed spoiling the girls with candy and attention, and made the long rides to games more fun. I never thought parents or fans in the stands recognized us as officials, but one night I was asked from the stands if I had brought the kids. I responded, “Not tonight, it’s a school day tomorrow.” Later, I realized how to handle the stands. A few years ago, I was recognized with a Breaking Barriers Award. I think a friend of mine best summed it up when he said, “You’re getting an award for having fun for 30 years?” Yes, I am. I have had so much fun and sports has added so much to my life. Now I get to sit in the stands as a grandparent and watch my three granddaughters as they start their own journeys through sports. I am so proud of them.

I’m so proud of being able to be involved for the 50-year existence of Title IX. I’m so proud of the women (and men) who came before me that helped created the opportunity for the equal chance for girls to play sports, and I’m so proud of the young women who now continue to carry on playing, coaching and officiating.

And, yes, I am getting a bit softer as I’ve gotten older.

I think becoming a grandparent really helped that in my life journey. I recently re-watched the movie “It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood,” about Mr. Fred Rogers and his television program helping children with sometimes some very difficult life subjects. In the movie, Mr. Rogers asked the young man who was doing research for a magazine article he would be writing about Mr. Rogers... “Think about the people who loved you into being the person you are today.”

As I close and reflect on the impact of Title IX, so many things keep flooding in:

• Girls basketball going to a smaller ball. I was a sophomore in college when it happened. It totally messed with what little shot I had!

• The other change was the three-point line. It completely changed the offensive strategy and the art of the three-point shooter made teams have to play person-to-person defense instead of sitting in a zone.

• Turning a negative officiating experience that nearly made me turn in my whistle into an epiphany of “We get to do this!”

• Being selected to officiate in the Division III Final Four

• Being part of an all-female crew to officiate a varsity boys basketball game.

• Serving as an official’s observer for the Minnesota State High School League and college level

As we celebrate the 50th year of Title IX, there are so many wonderful people who have loved me to being the person I am today. I hope I can give as much as I have received.

Thank you, Title IX. I am forever grateful.

Editor’s note: Brenda Holmgren, who has left a lasting legacy in all of her contributions as a student-participant, coach and official, continues to officiate and serve in leadership capacities. She is the first female to be elected president in the 102-year history of Minneapolis Officials Association, one of Minnesota’s biggest groups that provides officiating services for football and basketball.
Trump receives NFHS Music Educator Award

Robbinsdale Armstrong High School’s Stephanie Trump was selected last month as the recipient of the NFHS Outstanding Music Educator Award for Minnesota. The prestigious award, presented by the National Federation of State High School Associations in recognition of music educators that excel with enthusiasm and purpose in educating students in the Fine Arts.

Trump has been the Director of Choirs at Robbinsdale Armstrong since 1996 and has served District 281 since 1994. In her tenure, she has directed thousands of students in concerts, festivals and musicals. In addition to creating an on-campus voice studio, she has also established multiple connections with professional musicians and organizations, and through that collaboration, has strengthened the learning experience for students. In other leadership positions at the school, she serves as the music director for theater productions and is the Student Council Advisor.

“I am humbled and honored to be acknowledged by the NFHS in this way,” Trump said. “Throughout my career at Armstrong, I have prioritized the MSHSL music offerings with our choirs and in Region 6AA. As a result, this specific recognition means all the more to me.”

Since 2013, she has also served as a director and adjunct professor at University of Northwestern in St. Paul.

Her professional leadership includes affiliations with a dozen service groups ranging from president of the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota, choral vice president of the Minnesota Music Educators Association and a founding member of the Minnesota Arts Consortium Board. Trump, the Region 6AA Music Representative, also serves on the Minnesota State High School League’s Music Advisory Committee. Trump also conducts Choir Night for the Minnesota Twins.

“My students continue to be my greatest inspiration,” Trump said. “They are the reason I do what I do! Leading them on a journey of self-discovery within the choir is completely unique in educational environments. I can’t imagine having spent a career doing anything more worthwhile.”

The League and its member schools congratulate Trump on her commitment to service in helping students discover the magic of music.

Perry inducted into NIAAA Hall of Fame

Former League Associate Director Dr. Craig Perry last month was inducted into the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony during the group’s national meeting in Denver. Perry, who retired on Aug. 8, 2020 after 15 years of service with the League, has been instrumental at the national level in educating athletic administrators on professional development.

In 2015, he was the recipient of the Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award, an honor that recognizes vision and excellence in professional development.

With the League, Perry had primary focus areas in eligibility and interpretation of the rules and bylaws for the more than 500 member schools. He was also the director of Girls and Boys Tennis, Girls and Boys Ice Hockey and Wrestling. He was also the League’s liaison to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

Perry previously was the recipient of a NFHS Citation Award in 2004 and the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2008.

Larson, Weinzierl announce retirements

Longtime region secretaries Scott Larson and Jim Weinzierl have announced their retirement from leadership positions, effective at the end of the school year. Larson has been leading Region 3AA in the southeast section of the Twin Cities metro for the past 15 years. For the past 13 years, Weinzierl has led Region 8A in the northwest part of Greater Minnesota.

“I have been very honored to be part of an organization that has worked so hard to provide outstanding comprehensive athletic and Fine Arts activities to the students of Minnesota,” Larson said.

“The schools in Northwest Minnesota have been great to work with,” Weinzierl said. “Their cooperation is awesome to help make participation of our students a memorable experience in all of our activities.”

The respective region committees are engaged in the processes for selecting successors.

Fisher selected to serve on NIAAAA board

Antony Fisher, the Director of Athletics for the Minneapolis Public Schools, was selected to serve a three-year leadership term on the NIAAAs Board of Directors.
Cloquet graduate Bauer selected scholarship winner

Cloquet High School graduate Ben Bauer was selected as one of two national recipients of student-athlete awards by the NIAAA during its national convention last month in Denver. The award recognizes students for “notable scholastic, leadership, sportsmanship qualities and community involvement. There is one male recipient and one female recipient for the prestigious national award.

Bauer, a 2021 graduate, is a student at Minnesota-Duluth and majoring in Engineering. While at Cloquet High School, Bauer excelled in academics, athletics and the Fine Arts. He was on the “A” Honor Roll throughout his academic career and was ranked in the top five in his class. In addition to being a trumpet player in the pep band, he was in the school's fall musical three times. In athletics, he qualified for the Nordic Skiing State Meet three times and ran on the cross country and track and field teams.

Two League Hall of Famers pass away

Longtime officials Roger Cersine and Richard Eldridge recently passed away.

Cersine, 86, passed away on Dec. 7, 2021. He was inducted into the League's Hall of Fame in 2013 and served the League for 46 years, including 35 as the rules clinician for swimming and diving. In that role, he played a pivotal part in shaping meet management, competition rules and the selection and assigning of state meet officials. He also served at other levels of competition, including the Big Ten, junior and senior nationals and the NCAA championships.

A popular and longtime educator at Minneapolis Washburn High School, he was one of the founders of the Minnesota Swim Officials Association.

Eldridge, 78, passed away on Nov. 4, 2021. He left a legacy of service to the League's member schools as an educator, administrator, official and mentor. He was inducted into the League's Hall of Fame in 2017.

For more than four decades, Eldridge, known commonly by his nickname of “Gramps” was an advocate of the League’s mission and values through co-curricular activities. For nearly 30 years, the North St. Paul native was a physical education teacher at North View Junior High in Brooklyn Center. In addition to becoming an activities director, he was a longtime football, basketball and track and field official. He also served as the basketball assignor with St. Paul Cap City association. Eldridge was also the clock operator for the University of Minnesota football and basketball teams, as well as the NCAA Final Four in 2017.

This email was sent to the League office by basketball official Gina Zech:

I officiated the varsity girls basketball contest between St. Paul Washington Magnet Technology School and St. Paul Johnson High School on Dec. 7, 2021. Both coaches showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the contest, were extremely encouraging to their players, helped coach them throughout the contest, and overall, made it a very enjoyable experience to be a part of. Toward the end of the game, St. Paul Johnson only had four players available. The Washington head coach opted to go 4-on-4 the remainder of the game. She clearly put the student-athletes well-being above the need to score more points or pad the score.

This note was sent to the League Office by St. Cloud Cathedral Activities Director Emmett Keenan:

Define Mentorship and Commitment:

I know we would all define those two words in different ways, but I saw the embodiment of both this evening on the beautiful pitch at Whitney Field.

Hasan Hindi and Adalberto Villalobos, two soccer officials who are among the best in the state, two soccer officials who have worked multiple state tournament matches, were the assistant referees for the St. Cloud Cathedral girls match against Hillcrest Lutheran. It’s not because they need the $80 game fee. But because they were there to mentor the relatively new center official. And, to further add to their commitment to our student-athletes and their officials’ association, they rushed out after our 5 p.m. match to go across the river to do a 7 p.m. match in Sauk Rapids.

I am certain we will have great soccer officials in Central Minnesota for years to come. This confidence is based on what I saw tonight and what I have seen all season. The veteran soccer officials in our area care about developing officials and care about providing a high-quality service to our student athletes, and none more than Hasan and Adal. I am proud to call each of them colleagues and friends.

The bands from Lakeville South and St. Michael-Albertville high schools combined their musical forces during halftime of the Class AAAAAA football semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium. Lakeville South went on to defeat STMA en route to winning the big-school crown the following week in the Prep Bowl.

quiz answers

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1. Eighty-five runners representing 16 schools. Minneapolis Southwest won the team title and Minneapolis North’s Bill Torp captured the individual crown.

2. A claim for a broken jaw was $50 and a claim for a broken arm was $30.

3. Le Sueur High School in 1902.


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THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE AND ITS MORE THAN 500 MEMBER SCHOOLS THANK AND
APPRECIATE THE CONTEST OFFICIALS SELECTED TO WORK THE FALL 2021 STATE TOURNAMENT EVENTS.

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**Salute To Officials**

**Boys' Soccer State Tournament**
October 26-29, 2021

- Ezekeil Agbossou, Blaine
- Maya Albright, Minneapolis
- Zakaria Aly, Bloomington
- Clifford Anderson, Edina
- Andy Bly, Big Lake
- Steve Ball, Albert Lea
- Nick Barkley, Woodbury
- Sean Bedard-Parker, Duluth
- James Bennett, Hermantown
- Tye Biasco, Forest Lake
- Nicholas Boettcher, Saint Paul
- Kyle Brandt, Vadnais Heights
- Oscar Caneda, Centennial
- Elyana Reichhoff, Duluth
- Dennis Rickert, Maplewood
- Philip Rickert, Andover
- Paul Risdall, Delano
- Michael Ryans, Rochester
- Todd Sauers, Somerset
- Bryan Smez, Minneapolis
- Shauna Spencer, Saint Paul
- Forrest Sullivan, Mankato
- Subel Sunbeeb, Savage
- Aris Tahar, Eden
- William Taylor, Rochester
- Samantha Tinucci, South Saint Paul
- Conor Tobin, St. Paul
- Gary Tverberg, Duluth
- Jeremy Uecker, Hermantown
- Toua Vang, North Saint Paul
- Mervyn Venter, Rochester
- Adalberto Villalobos, St. Cloud
- Brian Watkins, Charles City
- Kimberly Watkins, Charles City
- Craig Weber, Stillwater
- Mark Weber, Stillwater
- Conor Weberg, Brooklyn Park
- Antonio Wegner, Waseca
- Jerome Wesson, Champlin
- Daniel West, Eden Prairie
- Clarence Winter, Lakeville
- Tyler Woelfel, Mankato
- Brian Wood, Coon Rapids
- Chris Vanger, Mankato
- Benjamin Zwart, Lakeville

**Girls Swimming & Diving State Meet**
November 10-13, 2021

- Amy Peterson, Minneapolis
- Ross Romero, Minneapolis
- Alim Ramic, Centerville
- Elana Reichhoff, Duluth
- Dennis Rickert, Maplewood
- Philip Rickert, Andover
- Paul Risdall, Delano
- Michael Ryans, Rochester
- Todd Sauers, Somerset
- Bryan Smez, Minneapolis
- Shauna Spencer, Saint Paul
- Forrest Sullivan, Mankato
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- Jeremy Uecker, Hermantown
- Toua Vang, North Saint Paul
- Mervyn Venter, Rochester
- Adalberto Villalobos, St. Cloud
- Brian Watkins, Charles City
- Kimberly Watkins, Charles City
- Craig Weber, Stillwater
- Mark Weber, Stillwater
- Conor Weberg, Brooklyn Park
- Antonio Wegner, Waseca
- Jerome Wesson, Champlin
- Daniel West, Eden Prairie
- Clarence Winter, Lakeville
- Tyler Woelfel, Mankato
- Brian Wood, Coon Rapids
- Chris Vanger, Mankato
- Benjamin Zwart, Lakeville

**Girls Volleyball State Tournament**
November 10-13, 2021

- Andrew M. Anderson, Shakopee
- Michael Arvidson, Parkers Prairie
- Louise Beaman, St. Paul Park
- Trevor Beres, Anoka
- Lorette Berta, Kasson
- Sara Bowman, Crookston
- Robert Crowe, St. Paul
- Shelly Deegan, Coon Rapids
- Louire Dinnendre, Coon Rapids
- Jereid Enderlan, Alexandria
- Becky Fries, St. Francis
- Mary Geselle, Sartell
- Robbie Goldstrand, Marshall
- Keith Haider, Rice
- Rob Hammar, Coon Rapids
- Bradley Haugen, Fairmont
- Jeffrey Helgerson, Brooklyn Center
- Brenda Holmgren, Clear Lake
- Thomas Keller, St Cloud
- Tyler Kiel, Winona
- Jeff Krause, Chaska
- Kasey Krekling, Willmar
- Julie Sewell, Apple Valley
- Paul Schiffler, Albany
- Dan Sorensen, Sacred Heart
- Jody Olerud, Columbia Heights
- Paul Schiffer, Albertville
- Ted Schmidt, Miltona
- Patrick Sewell, Apple Valley
- Darren Sheldon, Cloquet
- Gail Simonds, Sartell
- Todd Stelmaker, St. Charles
- April Sutor, Rochester
- Alfonsa Tarara, St. Paul
- Benjamin Thies, Minneapolis

**Girls' Soccer State Tournament**
November 19-20, 2021

- Gary Albrecht, Woodbury
- Mike Amidon, Hudson
- Greg Andrews, Rochester
- Brenda Bebeau, Blaine
- Pat Blazick-Peterson, Remer
- Gary Bank, Eden Prairie
- Michael Bougie, Vadnais Heights
- Terry Bumgamer, Richfield
- Elizabeth Casterberg, Duluth
- Mark A. Chatlign, Apple Valley
- Annette Cravis, White Bear Lake
- Daniel Croston, Excelsior
- Robert Crummedt, Savage
- John Dailey, Champlin
- Mike Dillard, Dakota
- James (Jim) Ellingon, Litchfield
- Craig Felie, Brooklyn Park
- Michael Hilsen, Lindstrom
- Jason Jech, Red Wing
- Jeffrey Jezarzak, Stillwater
- Robert N. Johnson, St. Cloud
- Bonnie Kee-Bowling, Minneapolis
- Martin Knight, Stillwater
- William Lee, So. St. Paul
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