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NCC Honors

The Renick Family, Ed Johnson and Dawn Schenk Named Noel Olson Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients

The Renick Family, Ed Johnson and Dawn Schenk will be honored with the Noel Olson Volunteer of the Year award during the NCC Honor Awards Dinner Monday, May 21 at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The award, in its ninth year, recognizes the singular commitment of former NCC Commissioner Noel Olson to the advancement of NCC visibility, credibility and excellence throughout the nation during his 1984-1997 tenure in office. It will be presented periodically to honor individuals who, as a volunteer, have made significant contributions to the NCC as a whole. The award recipients are selected by the institutional representatives at each of the league's seven member schools.

Here is a look at the honorees:

The Renick Family (Paul, Cathy and Kari) (University of North Dakota) - The Renick Family has been a mainstay at the University of North Dakota and the NCC Swimming & Diving Championships for the last 20 years.

During their 20 years of service they have done it all with meet management. For the last five years they have been setting up the meet web site with all the meet information and a meet entry system. The NCAA was so impressed with the entry system in 2003 adopted the NCC system and Paul has been doing the official national times entry list since then for the NCAA.

Paul is always on hand to run the computerized results system. Through his knowledge the system runs with very, very few problems and the results are instantly available on the web, on the scoreboard and sent to Cathy for posting and organization.

Cathy is always on hand to do the behind-the-scenes part of meet management. She is always arranging the results, the day's schedule, heat sheets and preparing the next day's program. She is so "in the know" that sports information goes to her for their information.

Daughter Kari is always around to help post the results so that both the student-athletes and fans can see all the details of the recently-completed heats. She does so with great enthusiasm and always has a smile on her face.

The best thing about their service is that they know exactly what to do. Like magic it just happens and everything runs like clockwork. Words cannot describe how valuable they have been to the school and to the conference.

Ed Johnson (St. Cloud State University) - Ed Johnson has given many years of service to Husky athletics and was instrumental in the Huskies move into the North Central Conference. He has given many hours of his time and efforts to many young student-athletes during their tenure at St. Cloud State University.

Johnson was the driving force behind the Husky Boosters and it was through that time that Husky Hoopsters and the Husky Gridiron Clubs were formed in 2005. He is extremely loyal, always positive and a dedicated booster.

Johnson is the first volunteer for an activity and one that take on any task that will help a young student-athlete or coach. He has been the point man on many activities that the Husky Gridiron Club has taken on and has done these tasks with vigor and enthusiasm. Johnson has been very instrumental in organizing the football golf tournament which has become very successful in raising money for athletic scholarships. The contact with the football alumni and friends has been tremendous.

He is currently volunteering as a member of the St. Cloud State University Foundation board.

Dawn Schenk (St. Cloud State University) - Dawn Schenk has been actively involved in St. Cloud State University athletics for over twenty years. A lady that loves athletics and kids, she has devoted a great deal of time and effort to improving the quality of athletics at St. Cloud State University.

She has been involved with the men's basketball fundraising golf tournament for 21 years, basketball exhibition games for 16 years and been a member of the Husky Boosters Board for 12 years. There are many other projects in which she has participated for more than five years including Husky Hoopsters Board, women's athletics golf tournament, baseball cookout, football breakfast and senior athletic banquet.

Schenk has always been willing to help out and takes great pride in Husky athletics.

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