

## PAUL HENDRY

Paul is a 1987 graduate of Stevens High School where he was a 3-time State Champion triple jumper and a multiple varsity letter-winner in football and basketball. He still holds the school record in the triple jump (46-10) and he was named the Stevens High School Top Raider and the Rapid City Male High School Athlete of the Year in 1987.

A 1992 graduate of the University of South Dakota, he played football for the Coyotes for two years and competed in the long jump and triple jump for 5 years where he was an NCAA Division II All-American triple jumper in 1989, the first-ever male Indoor All-American for the Coyotes. He was also a team captain for the USD Track & Field team that won the 1992 NCC Indoor Conference Championship.

This year is also his 23rd year of teaching at Stevens High School where he teaches physical education after 9 years of teaching physical education at North Middle School. In 2005 he was awarded the Stevens High School Teacher of Distinction Award and Rapid City Public School Foundation Golden Apple Award.

Paul is in his 26th year of coaching track and field at Stevens High School (23rd as head coach). With the help of some great assistant coaches, many hardworking and talented student-athletes and lots of support from parents and the community.

Paul has been fortunate to lead the Raider Track & Field team to 16 State Championships (Girls - 11 and Boys - 5). During that time the Raiders have won 64 individual events and 39 relay events at the South Dakota State Meet (including 14 State Records, 46 School Records, 13 All-Americans and 4 Gatorade Track & Field Athletes of the Year). They also have one national champion relay team (Medley Relay at Nike Outdoor Nationals) and one Brooks PR Invite event winner in the boys' mile run.

Paul was named the South Dakota High School Girls Track & Field Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2010. He has been named Conference Track & Field Coach of The Year six times and the Area 9 / AA West Area Head Track & Field Coach of The Year 11 times. In 2008 the South Dakota Sportswriters named him their Girls Prep Coach of The Year. In 2010, 2014 and 2022 he was named as a National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Coach of the Year Finalists for girls track & field, winning the Girls National Track & Field Coach of the Year award in 2022. In February 2015 he was awarded the Hall of Honor Award from the University of South Dakota for his involvement in the sport of track & field and he was awarded the 2015 South Dakota Girls High School Track & Field Coach of the Year from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross -Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

In his spare time, Paul likes to travel, run, hike, bike, kayak, listen to music and watch movies. He has a wonderful daughter, Mya who is 22 years old and a Class of 2022 graduate of Briar Cliff University. She was just recently accepted into med school at Creighton University. He also has two fabulous sons; DeAndre who is 17 years old and Tyree who is 13 years old. **Inducted 2023**