



**DUANE SORENSON**

Class of 1973/Coach

Duane earned all-conference honors his junior and senior year and was a state meet participant in swimming twice. He held the school record in both the 200 individual medley and the 400 free relay. Duane went on to earn Northern Intercollegiate Championship and All-American honors at Bemidji State University.

He came back to the district to coach the combined Park/Woodbury swim teams where he worked with numerous state champions. From 1986 to 1991 he was head girls coach for the Woodbury High School swim team where he had one state team championship, one state team runner-up, four sectional championships, and four conference championships. Duane currently is the head swim coach at Iowa State University.

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Acceptance Remarks: I would like to congratulate my fellow 2012 inductees. I am truly honored to be selected and to join so many outstanding people in the Hall of Fame. I am especially proud to be joining three of my student-athletes, Marci (Olson) Anderson, Leslie (Bloedel) Mollner and Monica Koyama. Great athletes always make the coach look good. I was inspired and encouraged to joining the coaching profession by my high school coach, who became one of my mentors, colleague and good friend, the late Gerry Simpson. Thank you to my former Park assistant coach and good friend, Cherie Bien-Coffman, for nominating me. Lastly, I would like to thank my mother Susan, late father George, and the rest of my immediate family for all of their love and support in my coaching endeavors.