



**PINE ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

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Wayne Carney was named the "Athlete of the Year" in 1966 at Pine Island High School, as he was a multi-sport athlete in Football, Basketball, Baseball, and Track. His outstanding play in Football helped the Panthers to their second Conference title in football in 1964. He went on to become an Honorable Mention All-State player in Football, and was a MVP on the Basketball team twice. After his great success in academics, athletics, and leadership at Pine Island, he went on to the University of South Dakota and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1970, and then his Masters in Secondary Education Administration from South Dakota State University in 1995. This former PI great has continued to make South Dakota his home, and has shaped a tremendous career that has had a huge impact on the schools he taught and coached at, but also as a leader at the state and national levels. His resume is incredible, as he has done it all for those he has served for our South Dakota neighbors to the west.

Wayne's work ethic is second to none, as a first year educator, he stepped right in as teacher in 5 different classes, coached Cross Country, Track, and Boys Basketball. In his spare time, he was the school's Athletic Director at Agar High School. In 1977 he accepted a teaching and coaching position at Hamlin High School in Hayti, SD, where he again taught 6 different courses, coached Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Jr. High Basketball. Once again, he was the Athletic Director as he served this district from 1977-1994. He became the Assistant Principal for Activities at Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD, from 1994-2001, and then became the Executive Director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association from 2001 to the present.

During his Teaching, Coaching, Administrative, and Executive Director career, he has been widely recognized for his excellence. His 1983 Hamlin team won the Boys State Basketball championship and he was honored as the Coach of the Year. He would go on to win over 300 games and has been a coveted clinician and has been inducted into the South Dakota State High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993, their Hall of Excellence in 1997, their Distinguished Service Award in 1999, and their Hall of Shrine in 2007. While serving as an Athletic Director, he was named the AD of the Year in 1986 and 1993. He has been a highly sought speaker at numerous events throughout the state and was a natural choice to lead the state as their Executive Director, where he has gained a tremendous amount of respect in the state, region, and nation.