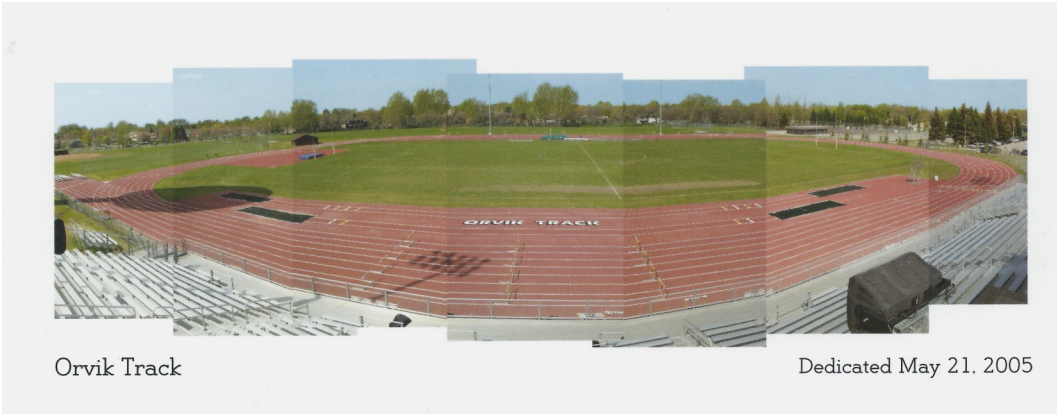
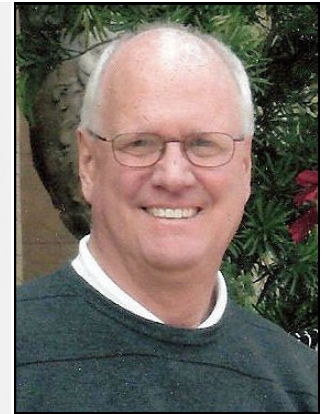


NDHSCA Gelaine Orvik Scholarship 2013



Orvik Track

Dedicated May 21, 2005



In 2008 the North Dakota High School Coaches Association decided to provide a **“Gelaine Orvik Scholarship.”** The idea of this scholarship was brought to the NDHSCA Executive Board at the 2008 State Convention by Joe Howell.

Gelaine Orvik is known as the Executive Secretary of the NDHSCA. He has also held this position on the National level. Gelaine has touched thousands of lives through his tireless effort and enthusiasm not only for we the coaches, but more importantly for student athletes. He is an outstanding role model, mentor, coach, teacher, person, and friend. The Fargo South High School new track was named in his honor in 2005.

2013 Gelaine Orvik Scholarship Recipients

The recipients of the **first** NDHSCA-Gelaine Orvik Scholarships have been selected. After crucial hours of evaluation and assessment, the Scholarship Evaluation Committee selected **Wyatt Aberle** from Lisbon High School, who and **Brad Conant** from Fargo Oak Grove High School to be the two beneficiaries for 2013.

The nomination form identified the criteria that would be used in the selection by the NDHSCA Scholarship Evaluation Committee. The factors used for consideration included GPA, class rank percen-

tile, athletic awards, activity awards, ACT test score, SAT test score, captain’s and leadership roles, the applicant’s application letter, letters of recommendation from faculty, coach and administrator. Other criteria for the evaluation included the necessity for the recipient to attend a North Dakota college or university and to have intention to become a high school coach. Both recipients intend to coach and have enrolled at North Dakota State University.

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Wyatt Aberle graduated first in his class of 52 with an ACT test score of 27. He carried a 4.0 GPA through his high school attendance, while enrolled in a curriculum that included college algebra/calculus, College English and several dual credit courses. Wyatt earned 16 athletic letters and 16 activity letters. He was class president for three years and team captain in football and wrestling. He was a member of the All-Region football team and a two year member of the Academic All-State Wrestling Team. He placed fourth in the State Golf Tournament and placed three times in the State Wrestling Tournament (first, third and fourth).

Aberle was especially active in non-school activities. He was a Youth Wrestling Volunteer Coach (four years), Food Pantry volunteer (four years), Church Food Drive (two years), sandbagging volunteer during the recent spring floods, owns and operates a local pumpkin business (four years) and donates pumpkins to Heard Start Program. **Wyatt** has always been a sports enthusiast. He carries an admirable tradition of going from one sport to another throughout the school year. He is intent on moving to the next step in athletics by being a high school coach. Wyatt identifies athletics as being the string that has led him to his status in life, as of today.

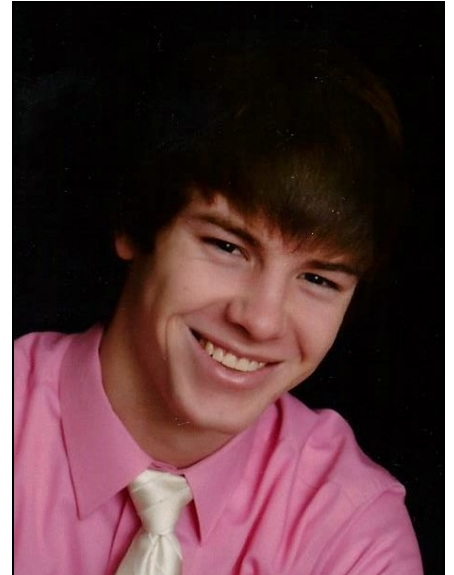
Aberle identifies the most important things in his life are his ability to work with people, his work ethic, his teamwork, and leadership. He sees his youth wrestling coaching as a preliminary in his life of coaching and giving others the same chances he has enjoyed.

Brad Conant graduated first in his class of 26 with an ACT test score of 34. He held a 4.0 GPA throughout his high school attendance with a weighty curriculum that included pre-calculus, AP English, AP calculus and Bio-Anatomy & Physics. He earned four varsity letters in baseball, basketball and cross country, and also participated in track & field as a senior. Brad captained his basketball team as a junior and senior and also his cross country team as a senior. He was active in chorus and speech and was active in Key Club and played American Legion Baseball in 2011.

Conant notes that athletics have been a central part of his life and holds some of his best memories. He claims sports as a great teacher of extraordinary life lessons in teamwork, hard work, and dedication. He looks to continue in his competitive nature by entering the coaching profession. Through his chosen career he will have opportunity to influence young people just as coaches have been his greatest influence. Brad seeks to establish that “new bond with athletes” that reflect the passion and energy that he has admired in his own coaches. He continues in his statement for his purpose in becoming a coach as “staying involved in the sports, continuing to experience the memories athletics provide, passing on life’s lessons through athletics and sharing a communal success.”

Aberle and **Conant** will each receive a \$1,000 check as recipients of the NDHSCA-Gelaine Orvik Scholarship. The two scholarships are made possible by a donation from SUBWAY and contributions by coaches, friends of coaches and leaders of the profession.

The scholarships will be presented to the student-athletes on Thursday, July 25th during the NDHSCA Coaches Awards Banquet. Tickets for the banquet may be obtained by ordering from NDHSCA on the Association’s Website (ndhsca.com).



Wyatt Aberle
Lisbon High School



Brad Conant
Fargo Oak Grove High School