

# BC SCHOOL SPORTS 2017 - 18 AWARD RECIPIENTS



## 2017-18 OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AWARD - BULKLEY VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Bulkley Valley Christian is a small school with only 67 students from grade 8-12, but are proud that 80% of their students are involved in extra-curricular sports and intramurals. They offer girls and boys volleyball, basketball and soccer as well as golf. They have been quite successful and have competed in provincials in all 4 of these sports. This year they finished 5th in volleyball boys "A" provincials and 2nd in boys "A" basketball provincials.

For a small school they have a quality Intramural program. Three days a week, they run lunch hour intramural programs where students compete in a number of different sports as well many of them help officiate the intramural games.

The staff at BVCS are very involved in coaching. This year almost every staff member was either involved as a coach or manager of a team. Most of the staff have been long-time coaches, some for over 30 years. The BVCS staff is also involved in school sport outside their school, Ron, their Athletic Director of 30 years has also been involved as a zone representative and their school administrator currently sits on two BC School Sports Committees.

Ron VanDriel & BCSS Board Member, Rick Thiessen

## 2017-18 FEMALE COACH OF THE YEAR - JILL POLUKOSHKO, ERIC HAMBER



Jill Polukoshko has coached at Killarney, Prince of Wales and Eric Hamber over the past 15 years. She has coached girls basketball, field hockey and soccer at all levels. She has been a successful coach winning a number of city championships and developing athletes that have moved onto to play post secondary sports. Jill empowers her athletes and makes them feel like they can do anything they put their mind and efforts towards.

Jill Polukoshko & BCSS Board Member, Brent Sweeney

## 2017-18 MALE COACH OF THE YEAR - MIKE TOAKLEY, BELMONT SECONDARY

Mike has been involved with BCSS School Sports since the late 1980's. He came to Belmont in 1996 and has coached volleyball and track and field. Since his arrival, Mike has promoted the sport of volleyball to both the boys and girls program. Eventually he became the head coach of the Senior Girls Program in 2000. Mike has brought skill and a sense of prestige to Belmont with the volleyball program. We have won numerous City and Island Championships and players have displayed skill and sportsmanship. The last two seasons, Belmont has won back to back Girls BC AAAA Volleyball Championship titles. Mike has been an educator since the late 1980's teaching in Houston BC, Nanaimo BC and most recently in the Sooke School District and will be retiring this year.



## 2017-18 MERIT AWARD - PAUL EBERHARDT, RC PALMER SECONDARY



Paul Eberhardt & BCSS Board Member, Rick Lopez

Paul just recently concluded a successful 4 years as the Boys Basketball Commissioner. In addition to his role as commissioner he has also found time to serve as the Athletic Director at RC Palmer. Paul has coached both basketball and soccer at the high school level. Paul has dedicated 30 plus years to youth sport. He currently coaches basketball at Langara College and has been involved with both the Provincial and National basketball programs.

## 2017-18 HONOUR AWARD - JILL VOROS, SCHOOL DISTRICT 23



Paul Thiessen (on behalf of Jill Voros) & BCSS Board Member, Gerry Karvelis

Jill has been involved with school sport as a coach for 25 years and been previously served on the executive of BCSS, the OCSAA and the OVSAA. During her 25 years as a coach in BC she has worked at every level from entry level Middle school to provincial level senior volleyball. She began her involvement with the governing bodies of the OCSAA and OVSAA and has served as the President for both of those associations. She is currently the Administrative Rep to the OCSAA for the 10th consecutive year and was the Admin Rep to the OVSAA for 6 years. Jill has also served on the executive of BCSS and has represented the interest of student athletes and the programs of BCSS with enthusiasm, dedication and always keeping the athletes at the forefront. She has been involved coaching multiple sports including Cross Country, Track and Field, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, Tennis, Rugby, and Badminton just to name a few.