



MITCA

Kermit Ambrose Award

This award is named in honor of Kermit Ambrose, one of MITCA's founding members. Kermit served MITCA at every Executive Board office with the exception of Treasurer; he was the Newsletter editor for twenty-two years. Kermit is also remembered for his Birmingham Seaholm HS coaching career where he had an outstanding record before retiring in 1976. In elderhood, Kermit kept active in Track and Cross Country as an official. Kermit served as MITCA Officer Emeritus until 1998.

This award recognizes outstanding service to the sport of Cross Country, school, community, and MITCA. In brief, it is given to someone who epitomizes "coach". The Ambrose Award recipient is made a member of the MITCA Hall of Fame, receives a watch and a MITCA lifetime membership.

Consideration for the award is made by written nomination providing strong evidence of meeting the award criteria (see below). NOTE: the nominee may not be a Chuck Sweeney Award recipient.

Criteria

Worked to further the sport of Cross Country through any of the following:

-MITCA Committees

-MITCA Executive Board

-Any other capacities dealing with Cross Country such as officiating, meet management

Year	Name	School
2025	Nancy Smith	Northville
2024	Asa Kelly	Benzie Central
2023	Dan Wytko	Portage Central
2022	Angelina Bauer	Saugatuck
2021	Brian Salyers	Milford Highland
2020	Ben Watson	Rockford
2019	Mark Carpenter	Dearborn Divine Child
2018	Ray Antel III	Wayland
2017	Steve Porter	Milan
2016	Dean Blackledge	Hanover-Horton
2015	Dave Foley	Cadillac
2014	Tamara Benjamin	Middleville Thornapple Kellogg
2013	Bill Fries	Portage Northern
2012	Kevin Hanson	Sterling Heights Stevenson
2011	Dan Roggenbaum	Vandercook Lake
2010	Lowie van Staveren	Gobles
2009	Don Dickmann	Petoskey
2008	Larry Steeb	Whitmore Lake
2007	Mike Woolsey	Jackson Lumen Christi
2006	Art Kraii	Wyoming Lee & East Kentwood
2005	Gary Meehan	Brighton
2004	Bill Grebe	Midland Bullock Creek
2003	Robert Glover	Kingsley
2002	John Soderman	Caledonia
2001	Pete Moss	Benzie Central
2000	Kernie Gilliam	Gladwin
1999	Dave Bork	Monroe
1998	Pat Richardson	Grass Lake
1997	Ron Waldvogel	St Joseph
1996	Wayne Roberts	Sandusky
1995	Kim Spalsbury	Fowler
1994	Don Sleeman	Ann Arbor Pioneer
1993	Patsy Arpino	Jackson Lumen Christi
1992	Jerry Lascieski	Akron-Fairgrove
1991	Rich Tompkins	Fremont
1990	Pete Spieles	Charlevoix
1989	Tony Magni	Detroit Catholic Central
1988	Don Baese	Carson City Crystal
1987	Jack Boughton	Hazel Park
1986	Jim Murray	Niles Brandywine
1985	George Bruder	Fennville
1984	Jack Grant	Sturgis
1983	Bob Stallcup	Grand Blanc
1982	Lee Averill	West Bloomfield
1981	Tom Gauerke	Grosse Pointe North
1980	Lou Miramonti	Royal Oak Shrine
1979	Jack Edwards	Grosse Pointe North
1978	Bruce Waha	Detroit Redford & Howell
1977	Varnard Gay	Flint Central