

COL. F. DON MILLER SPORTS SERVICE AWARD

The Colonel F. Don Miller Sports Service Award is presented annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation to the person who best reflects the commitment exemplified by Colonel Miller in providing a lasting contribution to the Colorado Springs sports community. The presentation of this award to those locally dedicated to the importance of sports in building young lives is a fitting tribute to Colonel Miller and the thousands of young men and women who benefited from his unparalleled service on behalf of our nation's youth.



DOUG HUGILL

A product of Colorado Springs District 11 and a 1979 Wasson graduate, Hugill spent the majority of his 34+ years of coaching at Wasson & Coronado, winning State team championships at both. His teams achieved 42 League and Regional 1st & 2nd place finishes with 13 teams in the top 5 at State. He cherished the path to victory as much as the win. Creating an environment that fostered positive social growth for students was paramount to his programs. Providing an atmosphere that emphasized non-destructive fun during adolescence was carefully cultivated. Ideals as these, coupled with the message of life-long fitness, resulted in an explosion of popularity for joining his teams. He loved the many years of running with his athletes. Still today, the trails echo his words of encouragement, “You’re better now than you were an hour ago.”

Hugill hosted three high energy meets: Pikes Peak Invitational, Cougar Classic XC, and the Track & Field Invitational. He was twice recognized as the Boettcher Teacher of Excellence and received the Joe Vigil Award for Lifetime Dedication to Cross Country. He won the Colorado High School Coaches Association Teacher/Coach of the Year Award, the Rotary Club Diamond Teacher Award, and was honored by D11 with the Crystal Apple Teacher Award.

“No person is the product of individual effort. If we allow ourselves to be heavily influenced by positive and successful people, we ourselves become a unique version of those people. I hope that’s been the case.” Coach Doug Hugill.