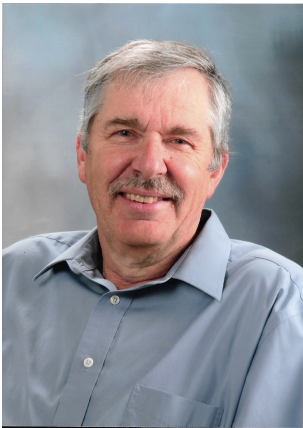


Bruce Benson - 2023 Hall of Fame Inductee



Bruce Benson spent thirty years as a teacher and coach at Madison High School and is one of the most well-respected speech arts coaches in the state of Idaho. After working as a teacher and coach at Grantsville High School in Utah for one year, Bruce moved to Madison in 1986. He was a 9th grade assistant football coach for four years, the head speech coach for twenty-seven years and the head debate coach for twenty-five years. In addition, he served numerous terms on the Idaho Speech Arts Teachers Association executive board as well as the District VI Board of Control. Over the course of his career, Bruce helped modify how the State Debate tournament was scored and was instrumental in bringing Congressional Debate to Idaho's schools. His teams placed in the top four at State Speech and State Debate an amazing eleven times with his debate team winning two state titles (2014 and 2015) and his speech team winning one (2018). Bruce received many awards over the course of his career including Debate Teacher of the Year, Speech Teacher of the Year, Speech Arts Teacher of the Year and the NFHS Outstanding Speech Arts Educator award. He was inducted into the ISATA Hall of Fame in 2010.