



**2008 Rochester Area Sports Banquet**  
January 28 – Mayo Civic Center Auditorium



**Award Winners**



**Amateur Sports Organization of the Year:**  
**Winner – Rochester Youth Football Association**  
 Minnesota Ice Hawks – Hockey  
 The Clash – National High School Wrestling Duals  
 Rochester Area Disabled Athletics & Recreation (RADAR)  
 Med-City Marathon

**Team of the Year:**  
**Winner – Yellow Jackets Football – RCTC**  
 Spartans Boys' Tennis – Mayo High School  
 Wildcats Football - Goodhue High School  
 Panthers Boys' Hockey – Century High School  
 Spartans Girls' Swimming – Mayo High School



**Coach of the Year:**  
**Winner – Brad LaPlante – RCTC Football**  
 Nick Fatis – MN Ice Hawks  
 John Dzubay – Stewartville Girls' Volleyball  
 Mike Kesler – Lourdes Football  
 Kirk Thompson – Elgin-Millville Boys' Basketball

**Female Athlete of the Year:**  
**Winner – Jenny Shaughnessy – JM/U of M Swimming**  
 Alexa Palen – Lourdes Girls' Tennis  
 Lin Gentling – Marathon Runner  
 Emily Rogers – Century Girls' Tennis  
 Tess Hanson – Mayo Girls' Soccer



**Male Athlete of the Year:**  
**Winner – Matt Penz – Mayo/St. Olaf College Football**  
 Mike Schmitz – Stewartville Wrestling  
 Tyler Sherden – JM/Luther College Football  
 Mario Butler – Mayo Football  
 Barret Anderson – Mayo/Northern Iowa Football

**Special Athlete or Team of the Year:**  
**Winner – Rusty Hagan – Rochester Raiders**  
 Shining Stars Cheer Team  
 Rochester Raiders – Adaptive Floor Hockey  
 Deb Stennes – Special Olympics Basketball  
 Torin Roberts – Special Olympics

