

Irene Alder – 2014 Hall of Fame Inductee



Irene Alder was one of the key leaders in the growth of cheer and dance at the high school level – both in her hometown of Malad and throughout Idaho through her work on the state spirit committee. Irene retired in June 2013 after an outstanding twenty-seven-year career as a teacher, coach, activities director, and counselor in the Malad School District. In addition, Irene was a member of the Fifth District Board of Control for twenty-two years, serving as president for eleven years.

Irene was one of the founding members of the Idaho Coaches of Dance and Cheer and was instrumental in creating competitive opportunities for cheerleaders and dancers in the state of Idaho. She served on the NFHS's Spirit Advisory Board from 1996 through 1999 and continued working with the NFHS as a member of the Spirit Rules Committee from 1999-2002. Irene worked tirelessly to create coach and judge training programs for cheer and dance and was active on the IHSA Spirit Interpreter Committee.