



Press Release For Immediate Release

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The Minnesota Nordic Ski Association (MNSA) is honoring Antonina Anikin and Jan Guenther as the 2022 Minnesota Nordic Skiing Lifetime Achievement Award recipients. They will be honored at the MNSA Lifetime Achievement Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 10th starting at 1:30 pm at the Mora Vasaloppet Nordic Center. The award is given annually to individuals who have contributed significantly to the advancement of Nordic skiing in the state of Minnesota. Antonina and Jan have both made very significant contributions, over the decades, to Minnesota Nordic Skiing and are very deserving of this honor. Caitlin Gregg will be the keynote speaker for the banquet. In addition to the two Lifetime Honorees, MNSA will also be recognizing 2022 Nordic skiers in the following categories: Minnesota High School Individual Pursuit Champions, Minnesota High School Team Sprint Champions, Minnesota Based Collegiate High Achievers, Minnesota Based Biathlon High Achievers, and Minnesota Master Skiers. Award winners are noted below:

2022 Minnesota High School Individual Pursuit Champions:
Sydney Drevlow
Cooper Camp

2022 Minnesota Based Biathlon High Achievers:
Emma Stertz
Leif Nordgren

2022 Minnesota High School Team Sprint Champions:
Liesl Cope-Schaffer and Rowan Bixler
Lars Brinkma and Sam Scott

2022 Minnesota Master Skiers:
Solveig Olson
Tolly Vollen

2022 Minnesota Based Nordic Collegiate High Achievers:
Emma Stertz
August "Gus" Schatzlein

Due to Covid the MNSA Lifetime Banquet was not held the past two years - 2020 and 2021. MNSA is inviting the Lifetime Achievement Award recipients from 2020 and 2021 to attend this year's banquet and be recognized for their Nordic skiing achievements. The awards winners are listed below:

Lifetime Achievement:
2020 – Paula Anderson and Gary Larson
2021 – Dave Paulson and Mark Helmer

Minnesota Based Biathlon High Achiever:
2020 – Amanda Kautzer and Sam Stertz
2021 – Cheresa Bouley and Matej Cervenka

Minnesota High School Individual Pursuit Champions:
2020 – Molly Moening and Henry Snider
2021 – Molly Moening and Roger Anderson

Minnesota Master Skier:
2020 – Nancy Bauer and Odd Osland

Minnesota Based Collegiate High Achiever:
2020 – Emma Stertz and Tammer Mische-Richter
2021 – Ma-Lies Helmer and John Schwinghammer

The awards ceremony will be held April 10th at:

Mora Vasaloppet Nordic Center
401 Nordic Center Drive
Mora, MN 55051

The schedule is:

1:30 PM Social Hour with refreshments
2:30 PM Keynote Speech by Caitlin Gregg, former 2010 Olympic and World Cup skier and 5-time American Birkebeiner Champion
3:30 PM Break and Awards Presentation

The public is invited to attend the banquet. However, for planning purposes, we are asking folks to RSVP to bruce.slinkman@northhomes.org if they are planning to attend the banquet.