

## **2016 WISTCA Merit Award**

Many know Peter Henkes from his vast amount of work in the sport of Cross Country. That work and dedication landed Peter in the WCCCA Hall of Fame (2001), and also in the Foot Locker Cross Country Hall of Fame (2006). During his years, Peter has also been very active in the sport of Track & Field. He is a former high school track and cross country coach from Racine, Wisconsin, and is currently the director of the Wisconsin Runner Racing Team. The WRRT has had nine runners qualify for the USA World Cross Country Team in the past fifteen years. The WRRT has won the USATF men's club team title and has had five individual men and women win individual crowns.

Besides being the Co-founder/Director/Coach of the former Bird Legs Track Club in Racine, Wisconsin, in 1992 Peter started officiating and is currently a Master Level USATF Official. Mr. Henkes has served as the state and regional Junior Olympic meet director in both track and cross country.

Coach Henkes was the 2014 USATF Head Coach of the USA World Half Marathon team that competed in Copenhagen, Denmark. Mr. Henkes currently serves as Director of Cross Country Course Operations at the University of Wisconsin - Parkside. He is the race director of all UWP meets, most notably the Foot Locker Midwest Regional Meet. Peter Henkes is a rare individual who has been able to serve athletes/coaches/organizations at the local, state, regional, national and international levels!

