

DEAN FAVONI

2024 MRA Excellence in Volunteering Award

Dean Favoni is in his 33rd year as a math/calculus teacher at Dakota Collegiate where he is also the head coach of the varsity boys' basketball team. His involvement with the Manitoba Marathon began in June 1992 when he volunteered with students from his school at the finish line. He has been part of the Technical Committee of the Manitoba Marathon each year since. He attends each race with approximately 150 staff and student volunteers from his school who work the finish line and are engaged in many aspects of the race including...finish line set up, start line set up, medal presentation, post-race recovery and hospitality station, runner marshalling, runner hugging, clothing/bag drop off, infield recovery, and any other job that needs attention. He was also part of the Manitoba Marathon's Board of Directors from 2003-2009. Dakota Collegiate began sending student volunteers to the Manitoba Marathon in 1984 under the leadership of now retired biology teacher Jerry Ilchyna, and the volunteer opportunity is one that the student body looks forward to each year.