

Milestone



**Tenth
Diamond Award**

Donus D. Roberts
South Dakota

Watertown High School's **Donus D. Roberts** has received the NFL's tenth diamond award for excellence in coaching speech and debate activities. He is the only coach in league history to achieve this milestone. For more than 50 years, Roberts has coached and inspired thousands of students, with numerous state and national champions to his credit. He served 25 years on the NFL Board of Directors, including several terms as the board president. Roberts was inducted into the National Forensic League Hall of Fame in 1987 for his legendary service to speech and debate education.

Diamond awards recognize excellence from member coaches over time. The NFL provides diamond awards based on the results of students coached and the number of students during a career. Each diamond represents more than 2,000 debates or speech performances over five or more years.