Steve Hoffman was a multi-sport athlete who excelled on the field, mat, and in the classroom. He helped lead SC to the 1986 9A State Football Championship, was Class of 1987 Salutatorian, and was a dominant wrestler for the Buffaloes.

Steve played football four years for Coach Dave Tate, two as a starting offensive guard and linebacker. His junior year (1985-86) the Buffaloes finished 7-3, losing to McLaughlin in the playoffs. Steve’s senior year (1986-87) the Buffaloes went 12-0, outscored opponents 379-61, and beat Tripp-Delmont 26-8 to win the 9A State Football Championship. Undersized for his positions, Steve was named the Most Valuable Lineman of the game, chosen for the Western Athletic All-Conference Team, and was SC’s Most Valuable Lineman.

On the wrestling mat, Steve was a four-time state tournament qualifier for Coach Glenn Dozark. As a sophomore, Steve finished 6th at State and the Buffaloes finished 4th. As a junior, Steve finished 2nd at State and the Buffaloes finished 7th. As a senior, Steve finished 8th at State, the Buffaloes finished 3rd, and he was named Academic All-State. It was his junior year that Steve was the talk of the tournament, however. He upset defending –and undefeated—state champion Doug Wright of Redfield in the 2nd round. Facing never-beaten Kirk Wallman of Freeman in the finals, Steve was a crowd favorite. The SD Wrestling Coaches Association recognized Steve as their Outstanding Citizenship Award winner.

Steve finished his wrestling career 161-57-5, which at the time was the most wins in SC history. He still holds the school record for most career reversals (168). When he graduated, Steve held several State B wrestling records: 2nd most takedowns, 7th most escapes, 4th most victories and 1st in reversals for a career.

Following his highly successful athletic and academic high school career, Steve graduated from the University of South Dakota with a B.S. in Business Administration and is a Chartered Financial Analyst. He is a published author and motivational speaker.