

BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS

SPORT	CLASS	COACH	SCHOOL
Football	A	Dave Caldwell	Beadsville
	AA	Mike Herrick	Wingo
	AAA	John Magistro	Bellaire
	AAAA	Reno Saccoccia	Steubenville
Ohio Volleyball	A	Adrienne Burkhardt	Skyvue
	AA	Tom Antinone	Steubenville
	AAA	Robert Shansky	Catholic Central
	A-AAA	Floyd Deaton	East Liverpool
W. Va. Volleyball	AAA-AAAA	Ethel Riser	Wheeling
	A	Roger Smith	Central Catholic
	AA	George Fisher	Oak Glen
	AAA	Bill Keller	Bishop Donahue
Golf	AAA-AAAA	Steve Fusco	Toronto
	A	Donna Joseph	Buckeye South-
	AA	Wayne Fethy	West
	AAA	Herd Fitzer	Edison South
Cross Country (Boys)	AAAA	Ken Steiner	Shadyside
	AAA	Tom Tribett	Magnolia
	AA	Jeff Kepreos	Meadowbrook
	AAA	Gene Amtrante	Wheeling Park
Cross Country (Girls)	AAAA	Dave Reither	Bishop Donahue
	AAA	Larry Finnegan	Wheeling
	A-AAA	Richard Pannett	Central Catholic
	AAA-AAAA	Kim Traversa	Brooke
W. Va Basketball (Girls)	AA	John Nese	Central
	AA	Frank Savarese	Bellaire St. John
	AAA	Mike Donahue	Central
	A	Joel Davia	Cadiz
Wrestling	AA	Rink Link	Union Local
	AAA	Nick Trombetta	East Liverpool
	AAAA	John Kapolka	Shadyside
	A	Mark Hoobler	Edison North
Track (Boys)	AA	Gordon Downie	Marlins Ferry
	AAA	Dick Del	Wheeling Park
	AAAA	Donna Joseph	Shadyside
	A-AAA	Gordon Downie	Marlins Ferry
Track (Girls)	AAA	Mike Derrow	John Marshall
	AAAA	Phil Kelly	East Liverpool
	AAAA	Michelle Smusz	Oak Glen
	AAAA	Cathy Bishop	Wheeling
Tennis (Boys)	Overall		Central Catholic

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Softball	A	Barry Closser	Buckeye SW
	AA	Sue Fodse	Brooke
	AAA	Gary Sprague	Linsly
Baseball	A	Harry Bush	River
	AA	John Reiton	Wintersville
	AAA		
	AAAA		

OVAC BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Kroger Scholarship.....	Stacy I. Morgan, Tyler County
Presented by Jim Wylie, Director of Operations, Krogers	
McDonalds' Scholarship.....	Jay Sayre, St. Clairsville
Presented by Ak Didriksen	
Pepsi-Cola Scholarship.....	Denise Beisel, River
Presented by Jim Oviws	
Wheeling National Bank Scholarship.....	Anthony J. Reilly, Bishop Donahue
Presented by Harold Thomas	
Baseball Coaches' Scholarship.....	David Angalich, Bishop Donahue
Presented by Alan Gillich	Larry McQuain, Buckeye Trail
Football Officials' Scholarship.....	Andy Hayes, Paden City
Presented by Tom Bechtel	
Dave Bierkorte Award.....	Mark Emmertling, East Liverpool
Presented by Sandy Hughes	
Daniel M. Burke Wrestling Scholarship.....	Dave Wood, Cameron
Presented by Pete Cuffaro	
George Kovalick Memorial Wrestling Scholarship.....	Reed Case, Cadiz
Presented by Mike Kovalick	
Cal Giffin Memorial Track Service Award.....	Wilbur Coates, Shadyside
Presented by Mike Stucky	Agnes Timmons, Barmesville High School
OVAC <i>Wheeling News-Register</i> Coach-of-the-Year.....	
Presented by Bill VanHome	

APPROXIMATE TOTAL VALUE OF ALL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: \$10,000

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and its member schools extend their heartfelt thanks to the contributors above who care so much for the youth of the Ohio Valley and the future of their education!

Guest Speaker

JAY DEFUSCIO

Head Basketball Coach, Wheeling Jesuit College Cardinals

Jay Defuscio, who coached Wheeling Jesuit College's men's basketball team to the greatest season in the school's history, is the main speaker at this year's OVAC Banquet of Champions.

"We are very excited about having Coach Defuscio as our dinner speaker," said Jerry Vinci, banquet chairman. "He relates very well with young people. The fact that he is a successful local coach makes it all the more attractive for us to have him at this time."

At 28 years of age, Defuscio is the youngest head coach and athletic director in the West Virginia Conference. In just his second year as boss man of the Cardinals, he directed Wheeling Jesuit to a school-best 31-4 record.

Highlights included Wheeling's first-ever West Virginia Conference regular season and NAIA District 28 Championships and victories over Guilford (N.C.), 82-74, and Drury (Mo.) by 99-72 before bowing to Central Washington in the quarterfinals of the NAIA tournament played at Kansas City's Kemper Arena.

The Cardinals, who began the campaign with a school record 22 straight victories, clinched the regular season title with nearly two weeks to go. They were upset by Concord in the WVC tournament finals but then swept the Mountain Lions in the best-of-three District 28 playoff to earn their initial national tournament bid.

Overall, Wheeling Jesuit established 16 school records during the season. Wheeling also achieved its first ever national ranking, finishing #8, after having been ranked as high as #4.

In his two years at the helm, Defuscio guided the Blades to a combined 47-17 record giving him a career winning percentage of .734 as a head coach - tops among active cage mentors in the WVC.

The native of Drexel Hill, Pa., started at Monsignor High School in the Philadelphia Catholic League. He later went to Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. The Bears won 64 games during his four years and qualified for the NCAA Division III tournament the last three seasons.

As a junior, Defuscio was the sixth man on the team that set a school record with 23 wins and advanced to the Final Four before falling to eventual national champion Potsdam State, 63-61. Ursinus defeated Otterbein 82-79 in the third-place game.

As a senior, Defuscio captained a team that won 19 games before falling again to Potsdam, 62-44. He earned All-Mid-Atlantic Conference first-team honors and was voted most inspirational player by his teammates.

He stayed on at Ursinus as a basketball assistant for two years following his 1982 graduation with a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration. He earned his M.S. in Business Administration from Wheeling Jesuit in 1986.

Defuscio joined then-head coach Jim O'Brien as a basketball assistant in the fall of 1984. He also was named as assistant AD and sports information director at the school.

Working under O'Brien for three years, he headed the team's recruiting efforts and was largely responsible for putting Cardinal uniforms on the nucleus of what was to become the school's best-ever team.

O'Brien left for the NBA in the summer of 1987 and Defuscio - just 26 years of age at the time - was quickly elevated to the position of head coach and athletic director.

His first Cardinal squad put together a modest 16-13 record but impressed league coaches so much that two of them made Wheeling Jesuit the pre-season pick for the 1989 WVC crown.

By Nick Bedway,
Associate Sports Editor
Wheeling News Register

Banquet of Champions

PROGRAM

"One Moment In Time"

- Dinner Music..... Bellaire High School Jazz Ensemble
May Catherine Allodi, Director
- Welcome..... Jerry Vinci,
Banquet Chairman
- Invocation..... Gordon Hennebert
President OVAC Foundation
- Dinner
- Introduction of Jerry Williams, Kroger Zone Manager..... Jimmy Wyatt,
Tyler County, President of the OVAC
- Master of Ceremonies..... Dave Stucky,
Jostens
- PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS
 - Kroger Scholarship Jim Wygle, Director of Operations, Krogers
 - McDonald Scholarship..... Glenn Didriksen
 - Pepsi-Cola Scholarship..... Jim Oviyes
 - Wheeling National Bank Scholarship..... Paul Donahle
 - Baseball Coaches Scholarship..... Alan Gillich
 - Football Officials Scholarship..... Alan Gillich
 - Wrestling Scholarship..... Tom Bechtel
 - Daniel M. Burke Wrestling Scholarship
 - George Kovalick Memorial Wrestling Scholarship
 - Dave Bierkorff Wrestling Scholarship
 - Cal Giffin Memorial Track Service Award..... Dave Stucky,
Jostens
- Guest Speaker..... Jay Defuscio
Head Basketball Coach, Wheeling College
- Presentation of the OVAC Championship Pennants
- Presentation of the OVAC Coach-of-the-Year
Wheeling News Register Award..... Bill Van Horn
Sports Editor,
Wheeling News Register
- Benediction..... Gordon Hennebert
President OVAC Foundation

WELCOME

On behalf of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, The Kroger Company, and our Executive Board, I want to welcome you to our Fourth Annual Banquet of Champions.

It is our intent through this affair to say thank you and congratulations to all of our athletes and their fine coaches for a job well done. You chose to make the sacrifices necessary to become a champion. We hope that your willingness to succeed and desire to be a winner will continue throughout your lives.

This year we decided to give our banquet a theme which we felt was appropriate for champions. For that reason, our theme is "One Moment In Time." You made decisions at a moment that led to you being a champion. It is our fervent hope that each decision you make in the future, whether it be associated with athletics or more importantly, life itself, be handled as if it is your "one moment in time."

The choices young people must make today are often difficult, but we believe that you have the qualities to make the right decisions regarding your future, saying no to the many temptations that can ruin your life or others, and saying yes to those opportunities that will allow each of you to be leaders for tomorrow.

Life is your "one moment in time." Approach it as you did athletics, and Be A Winner — Always!!

Good Luck!

Jerry Vinci,
Banquet Chairman

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference 1988-1989

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**The OVAC All-Star Softball and
Baseball Ohio-West Virginia Classic**

Monday, June 5, 1989

Bridgeport, Ohio

Softball Game beginning at 5:00 PM

Baseball Game beginning at 8:00 PM

"Come Out And See The Stars Play"

The OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic

Saturday, June 10, 1989

East Liverpool High School

East Liverpool, Ohio

A-AA 1:30

AAA-AAAA 3:30

A-AA 6:15

AAA-AAAA 8:15

Girls' Games:

Boys' Games:

**18th Annual OVAC All-Star Charity
Football Game**

Sunday, July 30, 1989

7:00 PM

Wheeling Island Stadium

Wheeling, West Virginia

OVAC All-Star Band

Queen of Queens' Pageant

**Please Support All OVAC
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**4TH BANQUET OF
CHAMPIONS DINNER**



"One Moment In Time"

Wheeling Civic Center
Wheeling, West Virginia

Wednesday, May 24, 1989
6:30 PM

"Serving the Youth of
The Upper Ohio Valley"