

SPORTS

OVAC Banquet of Champions slated Monday at Civic Center

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The annual OVAC Banquet of Champions, honoring conference champions for the 1996-97 school year in all sports, is slated Monday (May 19) at 6:30 p.m. at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Tickets for the event cost \$13 and are available by calling banquet chairman Ron White at (614) 859-2196 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. or at (304) 277-3599 after 3:30 p.m. or OVAC executive secretary Sam Mumley at (614) 695-5168. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Pre-dinner music will be provided by the Buckeye Local High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Bill Stephens, and the National Anthem will be sung by Jennifer Hajny of Buckeye Local. Pat Clutter will serve as master of ceremonies.

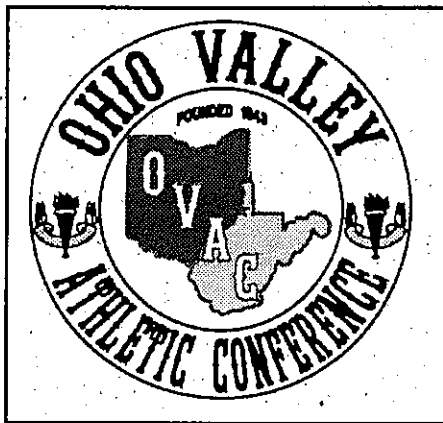
Scholarships totaling approximately \$18,000 will be awarded including: Kroger, OVAC Foundation (2), Pepsi-Cola, Wheeling National Bank, Ohio Valley Football Officials, Samuel A. Mumley, Anthony Bodkin Co. Soccer, George Kovalick Memorial, Henry Lasasz Basketball, Richard L. Potts Basketball, Ollie Olson Track and Cross Country Memorial, OVAC Cheerleader, Daniel M. Burke, James Morris Memorial and Douglas Pilney Memorial Golf.

Special awards include the Dave Bierkorte Memorial award

(wrestling), Cal Giffin Memorial Track Service Award, and News-Register/Bill Van Horne OVAC Coach of the Year Award.

Here's a list of the conference champions (and their head coaches) to be honored at Monday's fete:

Golf _ 1-A/2-A - Wheeling Central (Mickey Duffy); 3-A - St. Clairsville (Richard 'Lefty' Hall); 4-A - John Marshall (Rudy Zatezalo).



Volleyball _ 1-A - Conotton Valley (Michele Eckstein); 2-A - Buckeye Trail (Jeff Beros); 3-A - Oak Glen (Ethel Riser); 4-A - Edison (Karen Lundquist).

Soccer _ overall girls - Brooke (Peter Veltri); overall boys - Weir (Joe Pepe).

Cross Country (boys) _ 1-A - Shadyside, 2-A - Caldwell - Dugan Hill; 3-A - Indian Creek (Carl Ruthem); 4-A - Zanesville (Wayne Clark).

Cross Country (girls) _ 1-A/2-A - Barnesville (Mark Brown); 3-A - Meadowbrook (Herb Fitzer); 4-A - John Marshall (Stewart Rynkivich).

Football _ 1-A - Linsly (Terry Depew); 2-A - Monroe Central (Jay Circosta); 3-A - Bellaire (John Magistro); 4-A - Indian Creek (Sam Fornsgaglio).

Cheering _ 1-A - Linsly (Leslie Dawson); 2-A - Wheeling Central (Sara Spangler); 3-A - Tyler Consolidated (Diana Stender); 4-A - Wheeling Park (Kim Miller).

Swimming _ boys overall - Steubenville (Sandy Grimm); girls overall - John Marshall (Dennis Minor).

Basketball (boys) _ 1-A - Conotton Valley (Mike Masloski); 2-A - Shenandoah (Dan Schwieterman); 3-A - Bellaire (Gene Ammirante); 4-A - Zanesville (Scott Aaronholt).

Basketball (girls) _ 1-A - Conotton Valley (Al Kennedy); 2-A - River (Tom Tisher); 3-A - Martins Ferry (Kim Traversa); 4-A - Wheeling Park (Dee Davis).

Wrestling _ 1-A - Cameron (Jim Potts); 2-A - Cadiz (Reed Case); 3-A - Beaver Local (Rich Wright); 4-A - Buckeye Local (Dan Doyle).

Track (boys) - 1-A - Shadyside (John Triveri); 2-A - River (Tim Frye); 3-A - Magnolia (Craig Scheid); 4-A - Zanesville (Wayne Clark).

Track (girls) _ 1-A - Cameron (Dave Evans); 2-A - Steubenville Central (Andrew Conner); 3-A - Magnolia (Greg Swords); 4-A - Wheeling Park (Bernie Dolan).

Tennis _ boys overall - Wheeling Park (Leo Boissy); girls overall - Linsly (Dave Riethmiller).

Baseball _ champions determined Saturday.

Softball _ champions determined Saturday.