

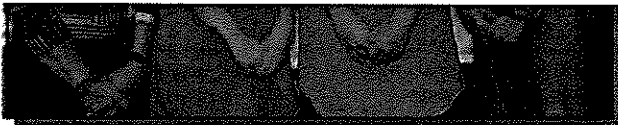
CONGRATUALTIONS

2014 OVAC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY
PICTURED IS one of the recipients of the Betta Ann Ponzo Memorial All-Star Basketball Game Scholarship. From left are Tom Bechtel, Kelsi Johnson (Wheeling Park), Melanie Haswell and John Haswell.





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PICTURED ARE the recipients of the OVAC Cheering Scholarship. From left are Libby Shephard, recipients Kendra Rhodes (Bridgeport), Morgan Abbott (Wair) and Nadeana Cook.



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PICTURED AT left is Briggie Mick (St. Clairsville), the recipient of the Samuel A. Mumley Memorial Scholarship. She's pictured with Mumley's widow, Nancy and grandson, Evan Elliott.



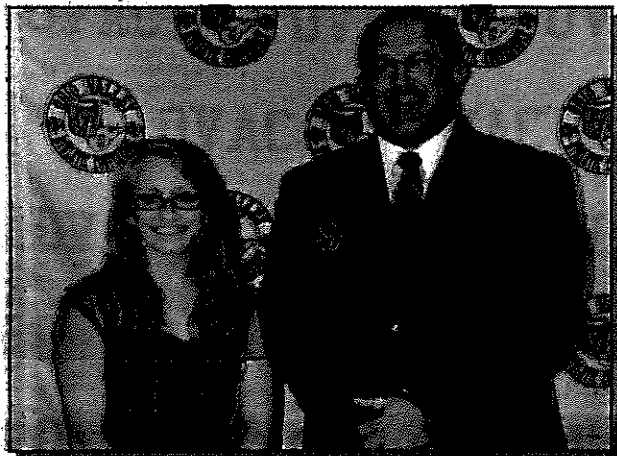
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PICTURED IS Lindsee Perry (St. John Central), the recipient of the DeLuca Realty Volleyball Scholarship. She's pictured with Rick DeLuca.



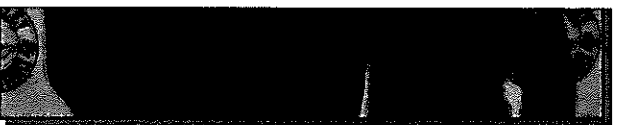
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THE WINNER of the Todd Peyton Memorial Spirit Award was Bethany Hesson of Caldwell. She's joined by OVAC Board member Walt Skaggs.



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THE WINNER of the Amanda Rosepapa Memorial Softball Scholarship was Hannah Absalom (St. John Central). The award was presented by Rose Rosepapa.



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PICTURED IS Elaysla Hill (Bishop Donahue), the recipient of the Clare Kapral Memorial OVAC Track and Field Scholarship. She's pictured with Robert "Bubba" Kapral.



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THE RECIPIENT of the Douglas S. Pilney Memorial Golf Scholarship was Blake Prince of East Liverpool. He's pictured with OVAC Board member Dr. Dan Doyle.



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ONE OF the recipients of the Ray Ponzo Memorial All-Star Basketball Game Scholarship was Zach Willhoite (Magnolia). He's pictured with Tom Bechtel (left), Melanie Haswell and John Haswell (right). Absent was Bryan Duffy (Monroe Central).





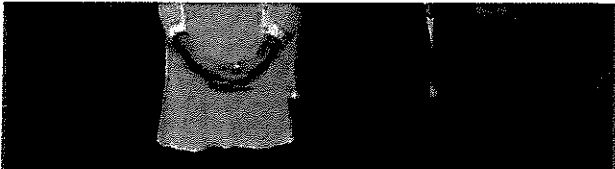
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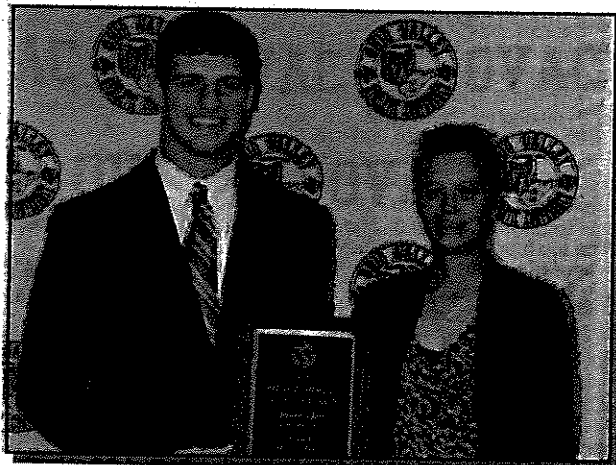
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THE RECIPIENT of the Lucas D. Sedgmer Memorial Scholarship was Blaine Cline (Edison). It was presented by Bobbie Lee Parkinson.



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THE RECIPIENT of the Stephen E. Hannig Memorial Soccer Scholarship was Brianna Sowers (St. Clairsville). The award was presented by Mike Mistovich.



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THE RECIPIENT of the Susan Kay Stanko Memorial Scholarship was Luke Saseen (Wheeling Park). The award was presented by Tom Bechtel.

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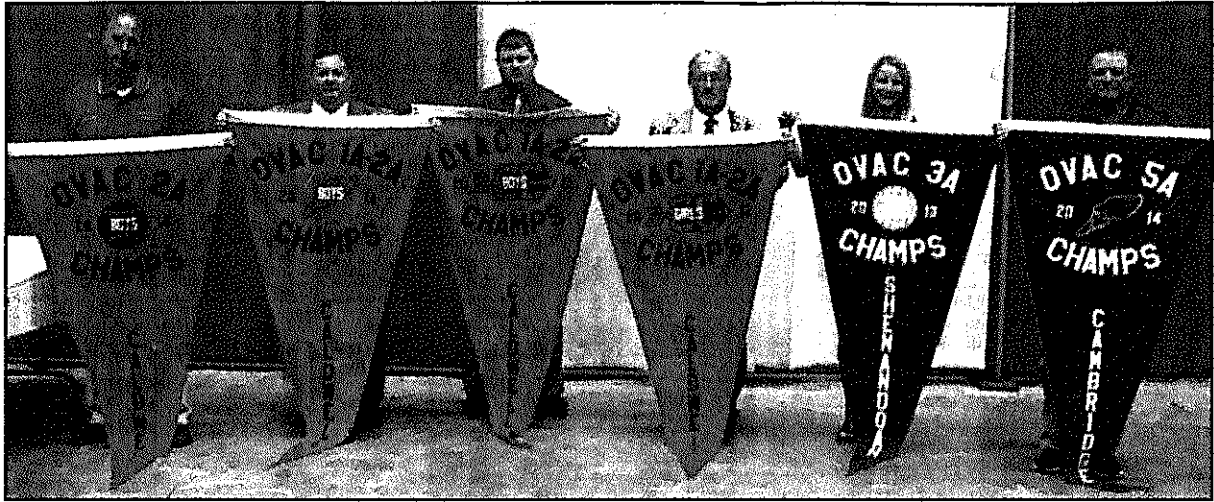
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Scenes from OVAC Banquet of Champions



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 Displaying the championship banners won by area schools during the 2013-14 school year at the conclusion of the OVAC Banquet of Champions are, l to r, Brian Wheeldin, head coach at Caldwell (baseball); Phil Doane, assistant coach at Caldwell (boys' track); Brian Hill, assistant coach at Caldwell (boys' cross country); Dugan Hill, head coach at Caldwell (girls' cross country); Shannon Leasure, head coach at Shenandoah (volleyball); and J.R. Fox, head coach at Cambridge (boys' track).



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian
 Accepting a plaque honoring the late Michael Denniston, long-time head tennis coach at Cambridge High School, for being selected as a finalist for the OVAC Bill Van Horne Coach of the Year were the coach's widow, Barbara, and his daughter Sarah.



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian
 These six student-athletes from the local area received scholarships at the OVAC Banquet of Champions. Front row, l to r, Bethany Hesson of Caldwell (Todd Peyton Memorial Spirit Award); Catie Smith of Buckeye Trail (Pepsi-Cola Scholarship) and Savannah Feldner of Meadowbrook (Marti Wood Stephan Memorial Scholarship); back row, Jacob Warner of Shenandoah (OVAC Basketball Coaches Clinic Scholarship); Ayden Howell of Cambridge (Bordas & Bordas Football Scholarship); and Trevor Wilkinson of Cambridge (OVAC Baseball Scholarship).

Night of Champions

THE OHIO Valley Athletic Conference is putting its best foot forward Monday night.

The nation's largest functioning athletic conference drops the curtain on another successful year of operation when it stages the annual OVAC Banquet of Champions at Wheeling's WesBanco Arena.

The affair is the cadillac of prep fetes.

Teams claiming conference titles this past academic year will be recognized, receiving championship pennants to be hung in their respective schools. More than 60 teams in all will be honored for capturing coveted conference crowns.

Along those athletic lines, five coaches have been singled out as finalists for the prestigious Bill Van Horne/Wheeling News-Register Coach of The Year Award.

The finalists are Justin Clifford (Harrison Central baseball), Michael Denniston (Cambridge tennis), Don Headley (Wheeling Park golf), Mel Stephens (Wheeling Central basketball) and Doug Taylor (Madonna football).

The winner will be announced as

one of Monday night's highlights, an award of major significance as the conference boasts more than 500 head coaches.

But the OVAC Banquet of Champions is more than just athletic recognition. Far from it.

More than \$25,000 in scholarships, encompassing some 30-plus awards, will be handed out.

That is a most noteworthy and generous statement from individuals and companies who believe in the conference. It's a refreshing investment in the future of our student-athletes.

While Monday night's banquet plays out seamlessly in a few hours, it is a happening which takes countless amounts of time to put together. That is the thankless task expertly executed via the leadership of Ron White.

Athletes and coaches will gain much of the banquet's limelight, but what should not be overlooked is the selfless actions of scholarship donors, OVAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Tom Rataiczak, the conference's executive board and White.