

The 32nd Annual



**WESBANCO ARENA
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

*Serving the Youth of the
Upper Ohio Valley*



Welcome

The Banquet of Champions is the final event for the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference each spring. The Banquet honors and celebrates the accomplishments of the scholar athletes, coaches, and championship teams for the school year. The Conference is proud to pay tribute to all of you tonight.

This evening, seventy-four championship teams, thirty-eight scholarship winners, five Overall Champions, five Thomas Auto Center Cups, and the Coach-of-the-Year will be honored. You are to be commended for your dedication and accomplishments.

The Banquet committee, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, and our corporate sponsors congratulate you on your outstanding success. We are hoping this evening will be another special memory of a successful year. Good Luck in all you do.

*Molly Feller
Banquet Chairperson*

Banquet of Champions Program

Welcome Molly Feller, Banquet Chairwoman

National Anthem Morgan Carlisle
The Linsly School

Invocation Dinner

Master of Ceremonies Scott Nolte

Jeff Crosier Vice-President, OVAC Executive Board

Chris Karpinski Huntington Bank

John Reasbeck Omni Strategic Technologies

Overall OVAC Champions Tom Rataiczak

Thomas Auto Center Cup Tom Rataiczak

Presentation of Scholarships

OVAC Bill Van Horne Coach-of-the-Year Doug Huff

Presentation of Championship Banners





**OVAC COACH-OF-THE-YEAR
AWARD 2016-2017**

Tony Cirolì

St. Clairsville, Boys' Track

Pat Durkin

Wheeling Park, Girls' Swimming

Sean Grinch

Shadyside, Wrestling

Fred Heatherington

Steubenville, Baseball

Rick Magruder

Wheeling Central, Softball

| <u>SPORT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> | <u>COACH</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Golf | 1A | T. J. Brancazio | Madonna |
| | 2A | Jim Mortakis | Wheeling Central |
| | 3A | Dave Tallman | Magnolia |
| | 4A | Mel Pesuit | Meadowbrook |
| | 5A | Nathan Evans | Warren |
| Boys' Cross Country | 1A-2A | Dugan Hill | Caldwell |
| | 3A | Chrissy Lewis | Martins Ferry |
| | 4A | Doug Drapp | Harrison Central |
| Girls' Cross Country | 5A | Mike Ryan | Morgantown |
| | 1A-2A | Jenna Coyne | Shadyside |
| | 3A | Chris Arno | Bellaire |
| Boys' Soccer | 4A | Tony Cirolli | St. Clairsville |
| | 5A | Ed Frohnapfel | University |
| | 1A-3A | Steve Kopcha | Steubenville Catholic |
| Girls' Soccer | 4A | Jim Luevano | Weir |
| | 5A | Sam Snyder | Morgantown |
| | 1A-3A | Bob Kolanko | Madonna |
| Volleyball | 4A | Joe Jimboy | Weir |
| | 5A | Kat Devlin | University |
| | 1A | Donna Murphy | Frontier |
| | 2A | Sherri Barber | Steubenville Cathloic |
| | 3A | Jeff Beros | Buckeye Trail |
| Football | 4A | Amanda Reed | East Liverpool |
| | 5A | Sarah Lowe | Beaver Local |
| | 1A | John Durdines | Bishop Donahue |
| | 2A | Mike Flannery | River |
| | 3A | Matt Johnson | Barnesville |
| Boys' Swimming | 4A | Reno Saccocia | Steubenville |
| | 5A | Matt Lacy | Morgantown |
| Girl' Swimming | 1A-4A | Bill Brubaker | Linsly |
| | 5A | Steve Lutz | Parkersburg South |
| Cheering | 1A-4A | Nicholas Levi | Martins Ferry |
| | 5A | Patrick Durkin | Wheeling Park |
| | 1A | Dana Mele | Bishop Donahue |
| | 2A | Joey Takacs | Toronto |
| | 3A | Jacque Clegg | Magnolia |
| | 4A | Shawn Tomlan | St. Clairsville |
| | 5A | Shawna Shepherd | Wheeling Park |

| <u>SPORT</u> | <u>CLASS</u> | <u>COACH</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Girls' Basketball | 1A | Scott Murphy | Frontier |
| | 2A | Penn Kurtz | Wheeling Central |
| | 3A | Chris Starr | Buckeye Trail |
| | 4A | Kelley Hanlon | Union Local |
| | 5A | Ryan Young | Wheeling Park |
| Boys' Basketball | 1A | Chris Blair | Madonna |
| | 2A | Mel Stephens | Wheeling Central |
| | 3A | Derek Edwards | Martins Ferry |
| | 4A | Lou Tolzda | Meadowbrook |
| | 5A | Joe Schmidle | University |
| Wrestling | 1A-2A | Sean Grinch | Shadyside |
| | 3A | Brian Valentine | Linsly |
| | 4A | Michael Blackburn | Steubenville |
| | 5A | Ted Zervos | John Marshall |
| Boys' Tennis | 1A-4A | George Whitaker | East Liverpool |
| | 5A | Tom McClellan | University |
| Girls' Tennis | 1A-4A | David Riethmiller | Linsly |
| | 5A | Ted Greenlee | Morgantown |
| Baseball | 1A | Bob Kleeh | Bishop Donahue |
| | 2A | Bo McConaughy | Wheeling Central |
| | 3A | Sonny Bidwell | Fort Frye |
| | 4A | Fred Heatherington | Steubenville |
| | 5A | Mark McCarty | Morgantown |
| Softball | 1A | Chris Conti | Madonna |
| | 2A | Rick Magruder | Wheeling Central |
| | 3A | Staci Smith | Buckeye Trail |
| | 4A | Gus DiMarzio | Steubenville |
| | 5A | Ed West | John Marshall |
| Boys' Track | 1A-2A | Bob Stanko | Steubenville Cathloic |
| | 3A | Shawn Valloric | Bellaire |
| | 4A | Tony Cirolì | St. Clairsville |
| | 5A | Steven Blinco | Morgantown |
| Girls' Track | 1A-2A | Eric Belancic | Wheeling Central |
| | 3A | Mike Harwick | Magnolia |
| | 4A | Tony Cirolì | St. Clairsville |
| | 5A | Steven Blinco | Morgantown |

OVAC SCHOLARSHIPS

BETTE PONZO MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2010)

Given by Melanie Ponzo Haswell and family in memory of her mother, who worked as scorekeeper for the all-star basketball game. Value: \$250 each

*Rachel Baker, Valley High School
Marlo Taylor, Cambridge High School*

RAY PONZO MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2010)

Given by Melanie Ponzo Haswell and family in memory of her father, who worked as scorekeeper for the all-star basketball game. Value: \$250 each

*Dylan Irvin, Valley High School
Justyn Keyser, Bellaire High School*

SUSAN KAY STANKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2013)

Given in memory of Sue Stanko, a long time elementary teacher, by her husband, John, and children. Value: \$250

Brittany Bertoia, Steubenville Catholic Central High School

RICHARD SAFFIELD MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2017)

Given in memory of Rich Saffield, basketball coach at Union Local and longtime member of the all-star basketball game committee, by his wife, Carol. Value: \$250

Josie Daugherty, Wheeling Park High School

HENRY LAZASZ MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (1992)

Given in memory of the Buckeye South High School basketball coach who was one of the four founders of the all-star basketball game. Value: \$500 each

*Taylor Ludewig, Magnolia High School
Alexis Brookover, Frontier High School*

RICHARD POTTS MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (1992)

Given in memory of the River High School basketball coach who was one of the four founders of the all-star basketball game. Value: \$500 each

*Taylor Straughn, Bishop Donahue High School
Michael Scarnecchia, St. Clairsville High School*

BORDAS & BORDAS FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2012)

Made possible through the generosity of the Bordas & Bordas Law Firm and the Bordas family. Value: \$1,000

Lander James, Cameron High School

JEAN FOX HUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2016)

Given in memory of Jean Fox Huff by veteran sports journalist Doug Huff, and his two children. Recipient must letter in three sports his senior year. Value: \$500

Abby Sine, Clay-Battelle High School

HUNTINGTON BANK "Doing the Right Thing" SCHOLARSHIP (2014)

Created by Huntington Bank, this scholarship rewards students who are involved in the school and community through service projects. Value: \$2,500

Monica Minor, Wheeling Central Catholic High School

CLARE KAPRAL MEMORIAL TRACK & FIELD SCHOLARSHIP (2006)

Given in memory of Clare Kapral, St. John Central alumnus ('78), by her brothers, John and Robert. Value: \$500

Chase Wade, Shadyside High School

KINETIC NETWORKING CROSS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP (2015)

Made possible through the generosity of Terry Rataiczak, CEO of Kinetic Networking in Caldwell, Ohio. Value: \$500 each

Abigail Wharton, Barnesville High School

Alex Madzia, St. Clairsville High School

KINETIC NETWORKING SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP (2010)

Made possible through the generosity of Terry Rataiczak, CEO of Kinetic Networking in Caldwell, Ohio. Value: \$500 each

Madison Smith, Indian Creek High School

Riley Glines, John Marshall High School

OVAC BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP (1987)

Through the efforts of Perry West, veteran baseball coach, this scholarship is funded by the sale of souvenir programs and the baseball showcase. Value: \$500

Robert Davis, Jr., East Liverpool High School

OVAC CHEERING SCHOLARSHIP (1993)

These two scholarships are given each year to students from schools who participated in the annual OVAC Cheerleading Championship. Value: \$1,500 and \$500

Carly McKeegan, Martins Ferry High School

Brianna Leach, Barnesville High School

OVAC COMMISSIONERS' SCHOLARSHIP (2017)

Made possible through the support of ten members of the OVAC Commissioners' Board. Value: \$2,000

Sydney Moffett, Wheeling Park High School

OVAC PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP (2014)

The highest scholarship given by the OVAC, this award goes to a student-athlete possessing strong leadership skills in his school and community. Value: \$3,000

Rachael Cline, Edison High School

OVAC STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP (2017)

Given to replace the former Pepsi Cola Scholarship which was discontinued this year. Value: \$1,000 each

Alexandria Brown, River High School

Colby Sherwood, Shadyside High School

DOUGLAS S. PILNEY MEMORIAL GOLF SCHOLARSHIP (1994)

Given in memory of Douglas S. Pilney, Buckeye South pro golfer, through a bequest by his parents. Value: \$2,500 each

Ciara Bauman, Barnesville High School

Peyton Moore, Magnolia High School

SAMUEL A. MUMLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1994)

Given in memory of Samuel A. Mumley, Executive Secretary of the OVAC for thirty-two years. Value: \$500

Hunter Fabian, Caldwell High School

AMANDA ROSEPAPA MEMORIAL SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2011)

Given by the Rosepapa family in memory of Amanda Rosepapa, St. John High School, Class of 2007. Value: \$500

Taylor DeLong, Meadowbrook High School

SCHOLASTIC SPORTS MARKETING SCHOLARSHIP (2007)

Made possible due to the generosity of James Companion, president of SSM, who handles the Conference's marketing program. Value: \$500

Taylor Lowe, St. John High School

STEPHEN E. HANNIG MEMORIAL SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP (2003)

Given in memory of Steve Hannig, longtime veteran soccer official and WesBanco bank officer, through the support of WesBanco. Value: \$1,000

Chayton Luevano, Weir High School

WESBANCO SCHOLARSHIP (1988)

One of the Conference's longest running scholarships, made possible through the support of community-minded WesBanco. Value: \$1,000

Lindsay Baker, East Liverpool High School

TODD PEYTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2013)

In memory of Todd Peyton, long-time clothing supplier for the OVAC, this award goes to a student who best displays the spirit and attitudes exemplified by Todd. Value: \$1,000

Owen Boyd, Weir High School

SHEILA R. DeLUCA MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2004)

Given in memory of Sheila R. DeLuca, by her husband, Rick DeLuca, volleyball and basketball championship director. Value: \$500

Rachael Zaccirey, St. John High School

JUNE FURDA MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2014)

Made possible through the donations from members of the West Virginia-Ohio Volleyball Officials' Board, in memory of the longtime valley official. Value: \$500

Emma Lewis, St. Clairsville High School

MARTI WOOD STEPHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2012)

Given in memory of Marti Wood Stephan, a dedicated running enthusiast, through the efforts of her family. Value: \$500

Lindsey Furr, Caldwell High School

DANIEL M. BURKE MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (1983)

Given in memory of Danny Burke, a wrestler at Wheeling Park High School, through the efforts of family and friends. Value: \$1,000

Robert David Bozek, Oak Glen High School

GEORGE KOVALICK MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (1980)

Given in memory of Coach K, the father of Ohio Valley wrestling, this scholarship is made possible through the wrestling coaches' association. Value: \$1,000

Riley Preston Nice, Magnolia High School

JAMES "DEAD-EYE" MORRIS MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (1997)

Given in memory of Dead-Eye Morris, a Marshall County wrestling enthusiast, focusing on sportsmanship, by his family and sons. Value: \$1,000

Nicholas Valachovic, University High School

LUCAS D. SEDGMER MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (2005)

Given in memory of Luke Sedgmer, a two-time wrestling champion from Cadiz who lost his life in an auto accident, by his family. Value: \$1,000

Collin Daniel Hunter, Shadyside High School

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CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

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| Class 1A | Fred King | Paden City |
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| Class 4A | Kelly Rine | St. Clairsville |
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