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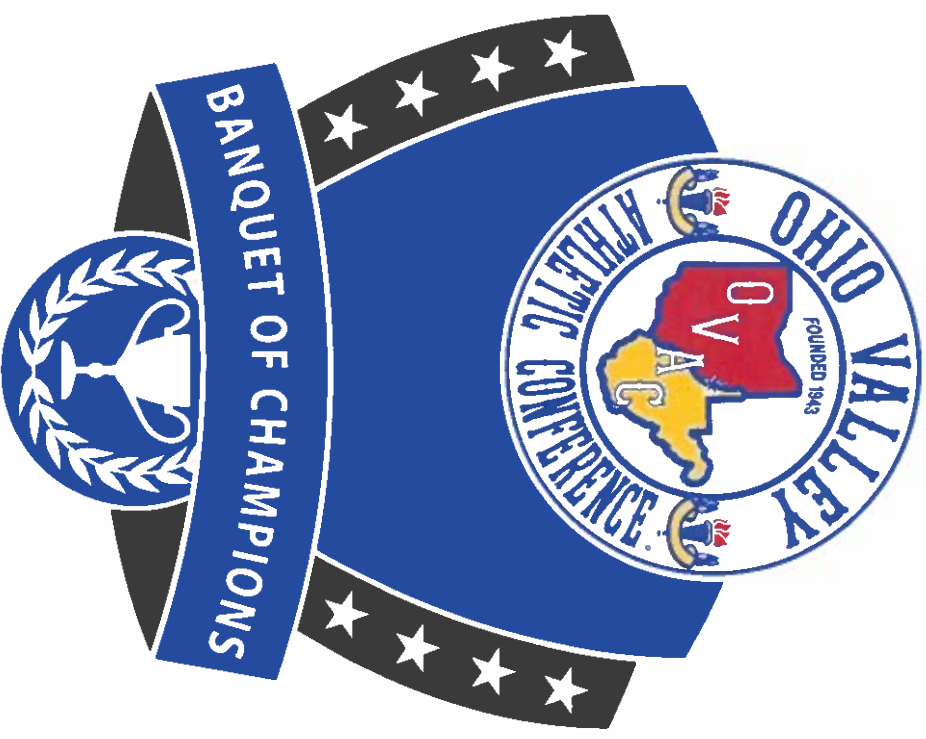
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Welcome.



**WESBANCO ARENA**

**MAY 23, 2023**

Serving the Youth of the Ohio Valley



## 2022 - 2023 OVAC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bill Beattie	President	Edison Local Schools
David Cottrell	Vice-President	Clay-Battelle High School
Dan Enich	Past-President	Weir High School
Eric Lowe	OH Board Member	Beaver Local High School
Corey Murphy	WV Board Member	Brooke High School
Jerry Narcisi	OH Board Member	Shadyside High School
Dr. Walt Skaggs	OH Board Member	St. Clairsville City Schools
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### OVAC COMMISSIONERS' BOARD

Bill Beattie	Baseball	Richmond
Tom Bechtel	Softball	Wheeling
Doug Costain	Basketball	Wheeling
Donnie Giffin	Assistant Basketball	St. Clairsville
Bryan Gaus	Assistant Basketball	Wheeling
Rick Deluca	Standings/Ratings	Rayland
Dr. Dan Doyle	Wrestling	Wheeling
Dugan Hill	Cross Country/Track	Caldwell
Sam Jones	Football	Yorkville
Rick Moore	Assistant Football	Rayland
Wayne Ogilbee	Volleyball	St. Clairsville

### CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

North	Sean Blumette	Brooke High School
West	Ray Hibbs	Harrison Central High School
South	Mark Romick	River High School
Central	John Traver	Shadyside High School

As we conclude another successful year of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, we hold the final event of the year – the 38th Annual Banquet of Champions. Tonight we celebrate the accomplishments of our student athletes, coaches, and the Conference itself. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be part of the Conference and its dedicated service to the youth of the Ohio Valley.

This evening we will acknowledge the Overall Champions in each class, as well as the Student-Athlete Achievement Award powered by Belmont College. As always we strive to recognize the hard work of student-athletes on and off the playing field. Many student-athletes will be awarded scholarships through the Conference. You are commended for your dedication and accomplishments.

The Banquet committee, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, and our corporate sponsors congratulate you and your outstanding success. We are hopeful that this evening will be another special memory of a successful year.

Dirk DeCoy  
OVAC Executive Director

Dirk DeCoy, Executive Director  
Barbara Sleek, Assistant Executive Director  
Corey Murphy, All-Star Football Game Director

## OVAC SCHOLARSHIPS

## 2023 OVAC BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

### TEALL PROPERTIES GROUP SCHOLARSHIP (2007)

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

Welcome

Dirk DeCoy, Banquet Chairperson

National Anthem

Lola Anderson, St. Clairsville HS

### 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  
*Carson Barr, Oak Glen High School*

Invocation

Bishop Michael Toliver

Dinner

Hall of Fame Catering  
Angel LaMotte

### MIKE ROSE MEMORIAL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP (2021)

Given in memory of Coach Mike Rose by his St. John High School Class of 1982 classmates. Recipients must play in three sports all four years. Value: \$500 each  
*Will Robinson, Shadyside High School*  
*Lillian Masters, Martins Ferry High School*

Master of Ceremonies

Scott Nolte

Introduction of Guests

Scott Nolte

OVAC Comments:

*Bill Beattie*  
*Dirk DeCoy*

President  
Executive Director

One of the Conference's longest running scholarships, made possible through the support of community-minded WesBanco. Value: \$1,000  
*William McGinnis, Paden City High School*

### WESBANCO SCHOLARSHIP (1988)

*William McGinnis, Paden City High School*

Varsity Board

Luke Parsons, Varsity Board Director

### 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  
*Anthony Gross, Madonna High School*

Sponsor Comments:

*Belmont College*  
*Huntington Bank*

Matthew Belcher, Enrollment Services Advisor  
Kim Powell, Business Banking Market Manager

### PEGI BANNAN VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS' SCHOLARSHIP (2014)

Made possible through the donations from members of the West Virginia-Ohio Volleyball Officials' Board, in honor of the longtime valley official. Value: \$500  
*Tori Kildow, Union Local High School*

OVAC OverTime Awards

Dirk DeCoy

Scholarship Presentations

Scott Nolte

### JIM KOVALO MEMORIAL SHOT PUT SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete who competed in shot put, made possible by the Kovalo family. Value: \$250 each  
*Leah Delaney, Hundred High School*  
*Brock Burkhart, Barnesville High School*

Student-Athlete Achievement Award (powered by Belmont College)

1A *Madonna High School*  
2A *Shadyside High School*  
3A *The Linsly School*  
4A *St. Clairsville High School*  
5A *Wheeling Park High School*

### OVAC BOWLING SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each  
*Mikel Henderson, Wheeling Park High School*  
*Chey DeLong, The Linsly School*

OVAC Bill VanHorne Coach-of-the-Year

*BJ Depew* *The Linsly School*  
*Holly Pettit* *Girls Basketball Cameron High School*  
*Kaye Sechrist* *Union Local High School*  
*Jayson Stephen* *Wrestling Barnesville High School*  
*Dave Tallman* *Boys Basketball Morgantown High School*

### RON MAUCK MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Given in memory of Ron Mauck, namesake of the OVAC's Wrestling Tournament, made possible by the wrestling coaches' association and the Mauck family. Value: \$1,500  
*Dominic Paterra, Indian Creek 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: \$1,500 each  
*Charles J. Spencer, Indian Creek High School*  
*Eric Williams, East Liverpool*

Overall Champions

1A *Conotton Valley High School*  
2A *Shadyside High School*  
3A *The Linsly School*  
4A *St. Clairsville High School*  
5A *Morgantown High School*

# 2022 - 2023 OVAC HIGHLIGHTS

**\$1 STUDENT TICKETS FOR ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME, VOLLEYBALL**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**OVAC HELMET STICKERS FOR FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL, AND BASEBALL**

**TEAMS**

**PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOUR FOR VARSITY BOARD MEMBERS**

**HIRED FIRST EVER FEMALE AS ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**30 DIFFERENT OFFICIALS WORKED BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**RELOCATED ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CAMP TO WHEELING UNIVERSITY**

**SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS EXPANDED TO TWO DAYS AND ADDED A**

**CLASS 4A CHAMPION**

**19 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

**INAUGURAL ALL-STAR BOWLING MATCH**

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS RECRUITMENT POSITION ESTABLISHED**

**OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP BACKDROPS PURCHASED FOR 'SELFIES'**

**OVAC FIGHT SONG ENTITLED "EYES & EERS" DEBUTED**

**FIRST TIME EVER THAT FEMALE OFFICIALS (4) WORKED BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**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  
*Quinton Velas, Wheeling Park 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  
*Marshal Bier, River High School*

**LUCAS D. SEDGEMER 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  
*Dylan Ward, Martins Ferry 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  
*Douglas Butts, Union Local High School*

**PERRY WEST 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 each

*Tre Rex, Harrison Central High School  
Anthony Earley, Weir 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

*Kenzy Beckett, Shadyside High School  
Sophia Porter, Bellaire High School*

**OVAC COMMISSIONERS' SCHOLARSHIP (2017)**

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

*Preston Dawson, East Liverpool 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

*Gavin Goodrich, Wheeling Park High School*

**OVAC CROSS-COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP (2023)**

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each

*Siera Taylor, John Marshall High School  
Lee McKittrick, Shadyside 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

*Emalee Laswell, 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  
*Chloe Stuber, Conotton Valley High School*

**OVAC SWIMMING SCHOLARSHIP (2023)**

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of  
the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each  
*Kasy Ruegsegger, Dover High School*  
*Sharon Botache, The Linsly School*

**BOB BATTISTA MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2022)**

Given by the Battista family in memory of Bob Battista, long time coach and educator at  
Shepard Middle School and OVAC All-Star Basketball Game staff member.  
Value: \$500  
*Brennan Sobutka, John Marshall High School*

**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  
*WV, Sophie Abraham, Wheeling Park High School*  
*OH, Megan Malin, St. Clairsville 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  
*WV, Kohlon St. Clair, Clay-Battell High School*  
*OH, Ty Long, River High School*

**PAM AMMIRANTE MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2018)**

Given in memory of Pam Ammirante by her husband, Gene, and children. Value: \$250  
*Brett Phillips, Wheeling Park High School*

**SUSAN KAY STANKO MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2013)**

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

**RICHARD SAFFIELD MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2017)**

Given in memory of Rich Saffield, basketball coach at Union Local and longtime mem-  
ber of the all-star basketball game committee, by his wife, Carol. Value: \$250  
*DJ Burts, Union Local 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  
*WV, Eden Gibson, University High School*  
*OH, Maddy Butler, Caldwell 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  
*WV, Luke Armaismeyer, Madonna High School*  
*OH, Bede Lorr, Caldwell High School*



**COACH-OF-THE-YEAR**

**B.J. DEPEW**

Football  
The Linsly School

**HOLLY PETTIT**

Girls Basketball  
Cameron High School

**KAYE SECHREST**

Volleyball  
Union Local High School

**JAYSON STEPHEN**

Wrestling  
Barnesville High School

**DAVE TALLMAN**

Boys Basketball  
Morgantown High School

# OVAC BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,024,147 POPULATION
- 53,500 DOLLARS OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AWARDED ANNUALLY
- 18,134 SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS
- 5,200+ SQUARE MILES
- 1,282 PARTICIPANTS IN VARSITY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 709 PARTICIPANTS IN JR HI TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 652 HEAD COACHES
- 442 PARTICIPANTS IN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
- 392 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
- 136 MEMBER ALL-STAR BAND
- 80 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES AWARDED
- 79 YEARS YOUNG
- 76 YEARS OF ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAMES
- 70 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
- 51 MEMBER SCHOOLS
- 49 HIGH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 32 JR HI SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 20 COUNTIES
- 14 SPORTS
- 11 ALL-STAR GAMES
- 10 CITIES HOSTING OVAC CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 5 CLASSES: 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A
- 3 JUNIOR HIGH CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 2 STATES
- 1 OVAC

## OVAC TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each  
*Josh Dominguez, John Marshall High School*  
*Sundance Lewis, Parkersburg South 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  
*Marshal Sayre, Caldwell 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  
*Abigail Starkey, Indian Creek High School*

## OVAC SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one male and one female athlete, made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$500 each  
*Jordan Palmer, Beaver Local High School*  
*Anthony Persohn, Beaver Local High School*

## OHIO UNIVERSITY - EASTERN SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to six student-athletes who competed in either basketball, e-Sports, or volleyball, made possible by Ohio University - Eastern campus. Value: \$1,000 each  
*Kynlie Cline and Kaylee Graham of Barnesville High School*  
*Jason Aubrey and Caden Jackson of Bridgeport High School*  
*Cabot Arbaugh and Madelyn Butler of Harrison Central 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  
*Benjamin Hamm, Dover High School*

# OVAC CHAMPIONS 2022 - 2023

## GOLF:

1A-2A Wheeling Cent Jim Mortakis  
3A Linsly Joey Seabright  
4A St. Clairsville Ryan Clifford  
5A Wheeling Park Don Headley

## BOYS' SOCCER:

1A-3A Linsly Greg Martin  
4A Weir Christopher LeFever  
5A Wheeling Park Mario Julian

## GIRLS' SOCCER:

1A-3A Linsly Chuck Neighoff  
4A Oak Glen Bill Watts  
5A Morgantown Stirin Rivers

## BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY:

1A-2A Southern Kathy Randolph  
3A Barnesville Mark Brown  
4A Oak Glen Travis Simpson  
5A University Ed Fronhapfel

## GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY:

1A-2A Trinity Christian John Barnett  
3A Fort Frye Jason Lipot  
4A St. Clairsville Tony Ciroli  
5A Morgantown Mike Ryan

## FOOTBALL:

1A Cameron Tim Brown  
2A Wheeling Cent Mike Young  
3A Linsly BJ Depew  
4A Edison Mike Collopy  
5A Parkersburg So. Nathan Tanner

## BOYS' SWIMMING:

1A-3A Linsly Nick Levi  
4A St. Clairsville Ernie Banks  
5A Parkersburg So. Ryan Radcliff

## GIRLS' SWIMMING:

1A-3A Linsly Nick Levi  
4A St. Clairsville Ernie Banks  
5A Dover Matt Petricola

## CHEERING:

1A Conotton Valley Gia Harmon  
2A Wheeling Cent Jessie Becker  
3A Barnesville Abby McClelland  
4A St. Clairsville Shawn Tomlan  
5A Wheeling Park Shawna Shepherd

## CHEERING - NON TUMBLING:

1A-5A Edison Casey Mozingo

## DUAL MEET WRESTLING:

1A-2A Shadyside Chase Kinemond  
3A Barnesville Jayson Stephen  
4A Oak Glen Joshua Cornell  
5A Wheeling Park Brian Leggett

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL:**

1A	Cameron	Holly Pettit
2A	River	Rick Isaly
3A	Union Local	Scooter Tolzda
4A	Indian Creek	Steve Eft
5A	Morgantown	Doug Goodwin

**SOFTBALL:**

1A	Conotton Valley	Jeremy Bleininger
2A	Shadyside	Bob Gorrell
3A	Caldwell	Doug Pfeffer
4A	Oak Glen	Sherrie Garner
5A	Steubenville	Gus DiMarzio

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:**

1A	Madonna	George Vargo
2A	River	Mark Romick
3A	Linsly	Dave Wojcik
4A	East Liverpool	Nate Conley
5A	Dover	Bob Von Kaenel

**BASEBALL:**

1A	Cameron	Adam Angel
2A	Catholic Cent	Don Young
3A	Linsly	Jay Cartwright
4A	St. Clairsville	Tom Sliva
5A	Wheeling Park	Steve Myers

**BOYS' BOWLING:**

1A-3A	Conotton Valley	Dennis Gordon
4A-5A	Weir	Bob Baninchak

**BOYS' TRACK:**

1A-2A	Wheeling Cent	Courtney Garloch
3A	Linsly	Nate Cumberworth
4A	St. Clairsville	Tony Cirolli
5A	Morgantown	Steve Blinco

**GIRLS' BOWLING:**

1A-3A	Conotton Valley	Brian Baxter
4A-5A	Dover	Steven Scherer

**GIRLS' TRACK:**

1A-2A	Catholic Cent	Bob Stanko
3A	Barnesville	Mark Brown
4A	Magnolia	Mike Harwick
5A	St. Clairsville	Tony Cirolli
	Morgantown	Steven Blinco

**BOYS' TENNIS:**

1A-4A	Linsly	Tyler Bickford
5A	Morgantown	Sabrina Hall

**GIRLS' TENNIS:**

1A-4A	Linsly	Dave Reithmiller
5A	Morgantown	Ted Greenlee