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The 39th Annual



WESBANCO ARENA
MAY 21, 2024

Serving the Youth of the Ohio Valley



Welcome

As we conclude another successful year of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, we hold the final event of the year – the 39th 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 Awards 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

BOYS' TENNIS:

1A-4A Linsly Tyler Bickford
5A University Tom McClellan

GIRLS' TENNIS:

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

SOFTBALL:

1A Conotton Valley Jeremy Bleininger
2A Frontier Eric Rinard
3A Central Catholic Buck Davidson
4A Weir John Leary
5A Morgantown Lorri Lipscomb

BASEBALL:

1A Madonna T.J. Miller
2A Toronto Brian Perkins
3A Central Catholic Todd Cover
4A St. Clairsville Tom Silva
5A Morgantown Pat Sherald

BOYS' TRACK:

1A-2A Shadyside Jeff Campbell
3A Linsly Nate Cumberworth
4A St. Clairsville Darin Wilson
5A Morgantown Steven Blinco

GIRLS' TRACK:

1A-2A Catholic Central Bob Stanko
3A Barnesville Mark Brown
4A St. Clairsville Darin Wilson
5A Morgantown Steven Blinco

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CHEERING - NON TUMBLING:

1A-5A Edison Casey Mazingo

DUAL MEET WRESTLING:

1A-2A Shadyside Chase Kinemond
 3A Barnesville Jayson Stephen
 4A Oak Glen Joshua Cornell
 5A Steubenville Lucas Huffman

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

1A Cameron Holly Pettit
 2A River Rick Isaly
 3A Martins Ferry Dave Reisbeck
 4A Indian Creek Steve Eft
 5A Wheeling Park Ryan Young

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

1A Cameron Tom Hart
 2A Monroe Central Mason Lang
 3A Union Local Zach Delman
 4A St. Clairsville Ryan Clifford
 5A Morgantown Dave Tallman

BOYS' BOWLING:

1A-3A Wellsville Dale Palmer
 4A Weir Bob Babinchak
 5A Wheeling Park John Chacalos

GIRLS' BOWLING:

1A-3A Conotton Valley Brian Baxter
 4A East Liverpool Brian Rudibaugh
 5A Parkersburg So. Thomas Boso

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 Schools
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
Dr. Dianna Vargo	WV Board Member	Wheeling University

OVAC COMMISSIONERS' BOARD

Bill Beattie	Baseball	Richmond
Mike Cox	Assistant Baseball	Martins Ferry
Tom Bechtel	Softball	Wheeling
Ed Chiy	Assistant Softball	Wheeling
Doug Costain	Basketball	Wheeling
Donnie Giffin	Assistant Basketball	St. Clairsville
Bryan Gaus	Assistant Basketball	Wheeling
Rick Deluca	Standings/Ratings	Rayland
Barbara Sleek	Assistant Standings	Beverly
Dr. Dan Doyle	Wrestling	Wheeling
Jeff Crozier	Assistant Wrestling	Barnesville
Dugan Hill	Cross Country/Track	Caldwell
Sam Jones	Football	Yorkville
Rick Moore	Assistant Football	Rayland
Wayne Ogilbee	Volleyball	St. Clairsville

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

North	Mark Ferrell	Toronto High School
West	Ray Hibbs	Harrison Central High School
South	Mark Romick	River High School
Central	John Triveri	Shadyside High School

Dirk DeCoy, Executive Director

Barbara Sleek, Assistant Executive Director

Corey Murphy, All-Star Football Game Director

2024 OVAC BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

Welcome (6:30pm)	Dirk DeCoy, Executive Director
National Anthem	Lola Anderson, St. Clairsville HS
Invocation	Bishop Michael Toliver
Dinner	Hall of Fame Catering Angel Porter
Master of Ceremonies	Scott Nolte
Introduction of Guests (7:30pm)	Scott Nolte
OVAC Comments:	President Executive Director Basketball Commissioner
Bill Beattie	
Dirk DeCoy	
Doug Costain	
Varsity Board	Luke Parsons, Varsity Board Director
Sponsor Recognition:	
Belmont College	
Huntington Bank	
OVAC OverTime Awards	Dirk DeCoy
Scholarship Presentations	Scott Nolte
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	Morgantown High School
OVAC Bill VanHorne Coach-of-the-Year	
Ken Maisel	Wrestling University High School
Holly Pettit	Girls Basketball Cameron High School
Jayson Stephen	Wrestling Barnesville High School
Dave Tallman	Boys Basketball Morgantown High School
Ed West	Softball John Marshall
Ryan Young	Girls Basketball Wheeling Park
Overall Champions	
1A	Trinity Christian School
2A	Shadyside High School
3A	Barnesville High School
4A	St. Clairsville High School
5A	Morgantown High School

VOLLEYBALL:

1A	Wellsville	Sherry Allen
2A	Caldwell	Cloe Siddle
3A	Shenandoah	Megan Grywalski
4A	Oak Glen	Morgan Saddler
5A	Warren	Ann Skufca

FOOTBALL:

1A	Cameron	Tim Brown
2A	Toronto	Jaret Aubiel
3A	Barnesville	Blake Allen
4A	Weir	Frank Sisinni
5A	Wheeling Park	Chris Daugherty

BOYS' SWIMMING:

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

GIRLS' SWIMMING:

1A-3A	Linsly	Nicholas Levi
4A	St. Clairsville	Ernie Banks
5A	Brooke	Kelsie Blumette

CHEERING:

1A	Madonna	Courtney Zemerick
2A	Toronto	Kelli Naylor
3A	Barnesville	Abby McClelland
4A	St. Clairsville	Shawn Tomlan
5A	Wheeling Park	Shawna Shepherd

OVAC CHAMPIONS 2023 - 2024

BOYS' GOLF:

1A-2A	Monroe Cent	Jared Highman
3A	Fort Frye / Linsly	Tony O'Linn / Joey Seabright
4A	St. Clairsville	Ryan Clifford
5A	Morgantown	Joel Barrett

GIRLS' GOLF:

1A-5A	Fort Frye	Ryan Layton
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BOYS' SOCCER:

1A-3A	Trinity Christian	Dan Lohman
4A	Beaver Local	Joseph Zirillo
5A	Wheeling Park	Mario Julian

GIRLS' SOCCER:

1A-3A	Linsly	Chuck Neighoff
4A	Weir	Jeremy Angelo
5A	Morgantown	Brianna Frontuto

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY:

1A-2A	Trinity Christian	John Barnett
3A	Shenandoah	Chris Estadt
4A	St. Clairsville	Darin Wilson
5A	University	Ed Fronhapfel

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY:

1A-2A	Trinity Christian	John Barnett
3A	Fort Frye	Jason Lipot
4A	Edison	Dawn Cable
5A	Morgantown	Mike Ryan

2023 - 2024 OVAC HIGHLIGHTS

\$1 STUDENT TICKETS FOR ALL OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS IN CELEBRATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OVAC.

OVAC HELMET STICKERS FOR FOOTBALL, SOFTBALL, AND BASEBALL TEAMS.

30 DIFFERENT OFFICIALS WORKED BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

4 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.

INAUGURAL GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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

NEW ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CHEERLEADING UNIFORMS PERSONALIZED

WITH SCHOOL NAME ON BACK.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP T-SHIRTS.

NEW MERCHANDISE VENDOR: SHIRTS-N-MORE.

80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COINS FOR ALL ATHLETIC

DIRECTORS.

OVAC HEADQUARTERS RELOCATED TO THE ECO CENTER.

WRESTLED THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIA-

TION ALL-STAR TEAM IN COLUMBUS, OHIO.

BEAT PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STAR WRESTLERS.

EXPANDED TO CLASS 4A IN SWIMMING AND BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OVAC SCHOLARSHIPS

TEALL PROPERTIES GROUP SCHOLARSHIP (2007)

Made possible due to the generosity of James Companion, Executive Vice President of TPG, who supports the Conference's marketing program. Value: \$500
Emilee Dobbs, Cameron 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
Whitney Haught, The Linsly School

MIKE ROSE MEMORIAL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP (2021)

Given in memory of Coach Mike Rose by his classmates of St. John Central High School class of '82. Recipients must play in three sports all four years.
Value: \$500 each

*Alayna Cook, The Linsly School
Carter Bennett, 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
Mayson Sochor, Bellaire 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 attitude exemplified by Todd. Value: \$1,000
Kaelee Stewart, Shadyside 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
Jerad Marsh, Wheeling Park High School

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
*Gabriella Chico, University High School
Preston Stamp, Frontier High School*

TOM BROWN MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2024)

Given in memory of Tom Brown, coach and supporter of Shadyside High School athletic programs. Value: \$500
Julie Broussard, Union Local 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 their senior year. Value: \$500
Jacqueline O'Karma, Catholic Central 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
Gabriel Blissenbach, Southern Local High School

COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

KEN MAISEL

Wrestling
University High School

HOLLY PETTIT

Girls Basketball
Cameron High School

JAYSON STEPHEN

Wrestling
Barnesville High School

DAVE TALLMAN

Boys Basketball
Morgantown High School

ED WEST

Softball
John Marshall High School

RYAN YOUNG

Girls Basketball
Wheeling Park High School

OVAC BY THE NUMBERS

- 1,024, 147 POPULATION
- 45,250 DOLLARS OF SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AWARDED THIS YEAR
- 18,349 SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS
- 5,200+ SQUARE MILE FOOTPRINT
- 1,287 PARTICIPANTS IN VARSITY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 768 PARTICIPANTS IN JR HI TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 652 HEAD COACHES
- 445 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
- 424 PARTICIPANTS IN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
- 138 MEMBER ALL-STAR BAND
- 80 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES AWARDED
- 80 YEARS YOUNG
- 77 YEARS OF ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAMES
- 63 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
- 51 MEMBER SCHOOLS
- 48 HIGH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 38 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

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
Logan Davis, Oak Glen 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
Shawn Young, Weir 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
Hunter Bittinger, Harrison Central High School

DAVE BIERKORTTE WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (1980)

Given in memory of Dave Bierkorte, a Wheeling Central wrestler who lost his life in a tragic accident in high school, by friends and alumni of Wheeling Central. Value: \$1,000
Gage Wright, Parkersburg South High School

BILL MARLING MEMORIAL WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (2024)

Given in memory of Bill Marling. Value: \$500
Makiya Powell, Parkersburg South 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
Kaden Dowler, Fort Frye High School
Hunter Mueller, Central Catholic 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. Made possible through the generosity of the OVAC Executive Board. Value: \$1,500 and \$500
Ashlynn Stock, St. Clairsville High School
Emma Smith, Beaver Local 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
Landon Spiker, University 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
Alanta Updegraff, John Marshall High School
Shiv Patel, Magnolia High School

STEPHEN E. HANNIG MEMORIAL SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP (2003)

Given in memory of Steve Hannig, longtime veteran soccer official and WestBanco bank officer, through the support of WestBanco. Value: \$1,000
Oluwatobi Adebulu, Parkersburg South 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
Danielle Lude, Martins Ferry 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
Abigail Heilman, Wheeling Park High School
Richard Tollot, Dover High School

BOB BATTISTA MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2022)

Given by the Battista family in memory of Bob Battista, long time coach and educator at Sherrard Middle School and OVAC All-Star Basketball Game staff member. Value: \$250
Mayson Sochor, Bellaire 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
WY, Jillian Huffman, Wheeling Park High School
OH, Ashley Shroades, Southern Local 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
WY, G Cross, Weir High School
OH, Zach Huffman, Fort Frye High School

PAM AMMIRANTE MEMORIAL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2018)

Given in memory of Pam Ammirante by her husband, Gene, and children. Value: \$250
Charlie Parry, Buckeye Trail 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
Kylie Anderson, Indian Creek 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
Riley Bettinger, Monroe Central 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
WY, Roxie Huggins, Hundred High School
OH, Kianna O'Brien, Fort Frye 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
WY, Quinton Burlenski, Central Catholic High School
OH, Austin Cline, Beaver Local 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
Evan Yost, St. Clairsville High School

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
Taylor Broadwater, Wheeling Park High School
Peyton Vulgamore, East Liverpool 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
Maddox Rader, Parkersburg South 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
Delaney Florence, St. Clairsville High School
Spencer Zoladz, Wheeling Park High School

OHIO UNIVERSITY - EASTERN SCHOLARSHIP (2023)

Awarded to one student-athlete who competed in either basketball, e-Sports, or volleyball, made possible by Ohio University - Eastern campus. Value: \$1,000
Faith Smith, Martins Ferry 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
Paige Grimes, East Liverpool High School
Cole Bloomfield, The Linsly School

TOM BROWN MEMORIAL SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP (2024)

Given in memory of Tom Brown, coach and supporter of Shadyside High School athletic programs. Value: \$500
Taylor Fulton, Shadyside High School

ISSAC DEGENOVA SCHOLARSHIP (2024)

Given in memory of family friend by the Jim Kovalo family. Value: \$250
Evan White, Union Local High School

OVAC COMMISSIONERS' SCHOLARSHIP (2017)

Made possible through the support of the OVAC Commissioners' Board. Value: \$2,000
Jasmine Yohe, Buckeye Local High School

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
Ava McFarland, Barnesville 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
Reese Stephen, Barnesville High School