

OVAC COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	SPORT
1969	Frank Baxter	Bridgeport	Basketball
1970	Henry Lazasz	Warren Consolidated	Basketball
1971	Charles Watt	Steubenville	Basketball
1972	Tom Korab	Steubenville Catholic	Football
1973	Lou Nocida	Magnolia	Football/Basketball
1974	Bill Hinegardner	John Marshall	Wrestling
	Jay Circosta	Woodsfield	Football
1975	Rich Wilinski	Toronto	Football
1976	Sam Andy	Wheeling Park	Basketball
1977	Tom Vichich	Shadyside	Track
1978	Terry Leggett	Buckeye Trail	Basketball
1979	George Strager	St. Clairsville	Football
1980	Jim Thomas	Wheeling Central	Football
1981	John Stanko	Bishop Donahue	Basketball
1982	Mel Coleman	Wintersville	Basketball
1983	George "Skip" Prosser	Wheeling Central	Basketball
1984	Mark Huffman	Skyvue	Basketball
1985	Reno Saccoccia	Steubenville	Football
1986	Paul "Bud" Billiard	Brooke	Football
1987	George Strager	St. Clairsville	Football
1988	David LaMotte	Bridgeport	Wrestling
1989	Reno Saccoccia	Steubenville	Football
1990	Charles Watt	Steubenville	Basketball
1991	Paul "Bud" Billiard	Brooke	Football
1992	Jim Potts	Cameron	Wrestling
	Gene Ford	Cambridge	Basketball
1993	Dave Kovalick	Barnesville	Football
1994	Fred Heatherington	Steubenville	Baseball
1995	Sam Andy	Wheeling Park	Basketball
1996	John Magistro	Bellaire	Football
1997	Mike Linsky	John Marshall	Football
1998	Dee Davis	Wheeling Park	Basketball
1999	Wayne Neely	Weir	Football
2000	Larry Shaw	Oak Glen	Wrestling
2001	Terry Edwards	Wheeling Central	Baseball
	Ty Fleming, Shadyside, Football; Carrie Hanna, Wheeling Park, Soccer; Bubba Kapral, St. John, Basketball; Jim Thomas, Wheeling Central, Football		
2002	Craig Schneid	Magnolia	Track
	Ty Fleming, Shadyside, Football; Russ Hutchins, Wheeling Park, Soccer; Jim Miller, Shadyside, Basketball; Dave Wojcik, Wheeling Central, Basketball		
2003	Jim Thomas	Wheeling Central	Football
	Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye, Basketball; Jim Miller, Shadyside, Basketball; Dave Tallman, Magnolia, Basketball; Dave Wojcik, Wheeling Central, Basketball		
2004	Gene Ammirante	Bellaire	Basketball
	Larry Shaw, Oak Glen, Wrestling; John Magistro, Bellaire, Football; David Smith, Oak Glen, Basketball; Dan Wesson, Shenandoah, Football		
2005	Nikki Hardman	Magnolia	Basketball
	Larry Shaw, Oak Glen, Wrestling; Bob Kramer, Weirton Madonna, Football; Fred Heatherington, Steubenville, Baseball; Nikki Hardman, Magnolia, Basketball; Mel Stephens, Wheeling Central, Basketball		

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2006	Reno Saccoccia	Steubenville	Football
	Robert Kapral, St. John, Track; Donnie Madzia, Harrison Central, Basketball; Eric Meek, Weir, Football; Gene Monteleone, Wheeling Park, Wrestling; Reno Saccoccia, Steubenville, Football		
2007	Reno Saccoccia	Steubenville	Football
	Larry Shaw	Oak Glen	Wrestling
	Dave Cisar, Magnolia, Baseball; Tom Wise, Bishop Donahue, Boys' Basketball; Mike Young, Wheeling Central, Football		
2008	Robert "Bubba" Kapral	St. John	Track
	Michael Jebbia, Wheeling Park, Boys' Cross Country; Penn Kurtz, Wheeling Central, Girls' Basketball; Brett McLean, St. Clairsville, Football; Mike Young, Wheeling Central, Football		
2009	Robert "Bubba" Kapral	St. John	Track
	Mel Stephens	Wheeling Central	Basketball
	Troy Baker, Monroe Central, Girls' Basketball; Jeremy Midei, St. John, Boys' Cross Country; Mel Pesuit, Meadowbrook, Golf		
2010	Bob Kramer	Madonna	Football
	Ed Andes, Shadyside, Boys' Basketball; Tom Bruney, Brooke, Football; Paul Jackson, Parkersburg South, Wrestling; Heidi Mooney, St. Clairsville, Girls' Cross Country		
2011	Mark Holenka	Shadyside	Football
	Mark Batton, Magnolia, Football; Paul Jackson, Parkersburg South, Wrestling; George Vargo, Madonna, Boys' Basketball; Tina Yates, Shadyside, Girls' Basketball		
2012	Mike Young	Wheeling Central	Football
	Mike Blackburn, Steubenville, Wrestling; Kim Clifford, Boys' Basketball, St. Clairsville; Paul Jackson, Parkersburg South, Wrestling; Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye, Boys'/Girls' Basketball		
2013	Brett McLean	St. Clairsville	Football
	Mike Blackburn, Steubenville, Wrestling; Kim Clifford, Boys' Basketball, St. Clairsville; Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye, Girls' Basketball, Brett McLean, St. Clairsville, Football; Ed West, John Marshall, Softball		
2014	Justin Clifford	Harrison Central	Baseball
	Mike Denniston, Cambridge, Tennis; Don Headley, Wheeling Park, Golf; Mel Stephens, Wheeling Central, Boys' Basketball; Doug Taylor, Madonna, Football		
2015	Dave Tallman	Magnolia	Basketball
	Mike Blackburn, Steubenville, Wrestling; Dan Demchak, University, Cross Country; Ben Porter, Union Local, Boys' Basketball; Jason White, Morgantown, Volleyball, Girls' Basketball		
2016	Jillian Ongley	Shadyside	Softball
	Chris Daugherty, Wheeling Park, Football; Sean Grinch, Shadyside, Wrestling; Dave Tallman, Morgantown, Boys' Basketball; Jason White, Morgantown, Girls' Basketball		
2017	Rick Magruder	Wheeling Central	Softball
	Tony Ciroli, St. Clairsville, Track; Pat Durkin, Wheeling Park, Girls' Swimming; Sean Grinch, Shadyside, Wrestling; Fred Heatherington, Steubenville, Baseball		
2018	Reno Saccoccia	Steubenville	Football
	Penn Kurtz, Wheeling Central, Girls' Basketball; Shaun Smith, Parkersburg South, Wrestling; Lou "Scooter" Tolzda, Meadowbrook, Boys' Basketball; Mike Young, Wheeling Central, Football		
2019	Eric Huck	Fort Frye	Football
	Ernie Banks, St. Clairsville, Swimming; Joe Schmidle, University, Boys' Basketball; Ed West, John Marshall, Softball; Jordan Williams, Beaver Local, Wrestling		
2020	Brian Perkins	Toronto	Baseball
	Ted Arneault, Jr., Oak Glen, Football; Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye, Girls' Basketball; Morgan Polling, Oak Glen, Volleyball; Lou "Scooter" Tolzda, Meadowbrook, Boys' Basketball		
2021	Ernie Banks	St. Clairsville	Swimming
	Carrie Hanna, Wheeling Park, Girls' Soccer; Brett McLean, St. Clairsville, Football; Eric Mercer, Shadyside, Volleyball; Holly Pettit, Cameron, Girls' Basketball		

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2022	Brian Leggett	Wheeling Park	Wrestling
	D. J. Butler, Barnesville, Baseball; Dan Ifft, Dover, Football; Holly Pettit, Cameron, Girls' Basketball; Lou "Scooter" Tolzda, Union Local, Girls' Basketball		
2023	Kaye Sechrest	Union Local	Volleyball
	B.J. Depew, Linsly, Football; Holly Pettit, Cameron, Girls' Basketball; Jayson Stephen, Barnesville, Wrestling; David Tallman, Morgantown, Boys' Basketball		
2024	Jayson Stephen	Barnesville	Wrestling
	Ken Maisel, University, Wrestling; Holly Pettit, Cameron, Girls' Basketball; David Tallman, Morgantown, Boys' Basketball, Ed West, John Marshall, Softball; Ryan Young, Wheeling Park, Girls' Basketball		
2025	Mason Lang	Monroe Central	Boys' Basketball
	Mel Stephens	Wheeling Central	Boys' Basketball
	Mike Cottis, Indian Creek, Baseball; Ken Maisel, University, Wrestling; Holly Pettit, Cameron, Girls' Basketball		
2026	Ken Maisel	University	Wrestling
	Todd Cover, Wheeling Central, Baseball; Sherrie Garner, Oak Glen, Softball; Mike Haney, Steubenville, Boys' Basketball; Mel Stephens, Wheeling Central, Boys' Basketball		

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COACH-OF-THE-YEAR BREAKDOWNS

SCHOOLS

Steubenville: 8
Wheeling Central: 8

Magnolia: 4
St. Clairsville: 4
Wheeling Park: 4

Shadyside: 3

Barnesville: 2
Bellaire: 2
Bridgeport: 2
Brooke: 2
John Marshall: 2
Oak Glen: 2
St. John: 2
Toronto: 2

Bishop Donahue: 1
Buckeye Trail: 1
Cambridge: 1
Cameron: 1
Fort Frye: 1
Harrison Central: 1
Madonna: 1
Monroe Central: 1
Skyvue: 1
Steubenville Catholic: 1
Union Local: 1
University: 1
Warren Consolidated: 1
Weir: 1
Wintersville: 1
Woodsfield: 1

SPORTS

Football: 24
Basketball, Boys': 18
Wrestling: 8
Basketball, Girls': 2
Track: 4
Baseball: 4
Softball: 2
Swimming: 1
Volleyball: 1

GENDER

Males: 59
Females: 4

STATE

Ohio: 36
West Virginia: 27

MULTIPLE WINNERS

Reno Saccoccia, Steubenville (5)
1985, 1989, 2006, 2007, 2018

Sam Andy, Wheeling Park (2)
1976, 1995

Paul "Bud" Billiard, Brooke (2)
1986, 1991

Robert "Bubba" Kapral, St. John (2)
2008, 2009

Larry Shaw, Oak Glen (2)
2000, 2007

Mel Stephens, Wheeling Central (2)
2009, 2025

George Strager, St. Clairsville (2)
1979, 1987

Jim Thomas, Wheeling Central (2)
1980, 2003

Charles Watt, Steubenville (2)
1971, 1990

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