



# SECTION VI *newsletter*

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**N.Y.S. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2009-2010

September 16, November 18, January 20,  
March 24, May 19

All Athletic Council meetings are held  
at 11:30 am – Lunch served at 11:00 am

Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, 355  
Harlem Rd., W.Seneca, Building B

Mark your calendars!

## Section VI Schools of Distinction to be Honored

NYSPHSAA announced that of the thirteen schools in New York State that achieved the status of Scholar-Athlete “*School of Distinction*” for 2008-09, two were schools in Section VI: **Clarence and Barker**

These schools achieved the “School of Distinction” status by having 100% of their interscholastic varsity sports teams earn above a 90.0% grade point average. Clarence with 30 teams, is receiving the award for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. This is the first year winning the award for Barker High School with 17 teams. The districts will be honored and presented with the award at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting, Wed. Sept. 16 at the Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus in West Seneca.

The “School of Distinction” award, in its seventh year of existence, is the highest award handed out in the Scholar-Athlete program. The purpose of the “School of Distinction” award is to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide honor in addition to the already established Scholar-Athlete Team Award program initiated in 1991-1992 school year. Of the 58 schools that have won the award since its inception in 2002-03, 16 were Section VI schools.

## *Congratulations to Clarence and Barker!!*

## SECTION VI AWARD WINNERS - NYS GOOD SPORTS PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Allegheny-Limestone, Cleveland Hill, Frewsburg, North Tonawanda and Newfane!** These Section VI schools have been recognized by NYSPHSAA through the New York Good Sports Program for outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship in Section VI. All five schools and their Athletic Directors will be honored at the September meeting of the Athletic Council. Congratulation to all!

## SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETE STATE CHAMPIONS

NYSPHSAA announced that two Section VI teams achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship for Spring Sports! **Medina Boys Tennis and Southwestern Boys Golf.** (see page 5). Other spring sport champions include:

SPORT	SECTION	SCHOOL	TEAM GPA
Baseball	11	Harborfields	96.323
Golf - Girls	9	Smithtown East	96.786
<b>Golf - Boys</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Southwestern*</b>	<b>97.971</b>
Lacrosse - Boys	8	Syosset	97.273
Lacrosse - Girls	8	Jericho	98.128
Softball	8	Farmingdale	96.521
<b>Tennis - Boys</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Medina*</b>	<b>97.486</b>
Track & Field - Boys	1	Irvington	98.583
Track & Field - Girls	1	Irvington	99.667

The list of all Section VI Scholar Athlete Team Award Winners is on page 8.

## SPRING SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

(articles on pages 6-9)

### Track and Field

School	Champion	Event	Division
Alden	Jon Osucha	<b>Discus</b>	Division II
Amherst	Ashley Fields	<b>100 M</b>	Division I
Amherst	Ashley Fields	<b>100 M</b>	Fed
Amherst	Ashley Fields	<b>200 M</b>	Division I
Amherst	Ashley Fields	<b>200 M</b>	Fed
Buffalo East	Adrian Dawson	<b>H.Jump</b>	Division II
Cleveland Hill	Rhakeem Wiggins	<b>200 M</b>	Division II
Cleveland Hill	Deim, Campfield, Puntoriero, Wiggins	<b>4x100 M</b>	Division II
Cleveland Hill	Taylor Eldridge	<b>Shot Put</b>	Division II
Cleveland Hill	Taylor Eldridge	<b>Discus</b>	Fed
East Aurora	Scott Anderson	<b>1600/1500 M</b>	Division II
East Aurora	Scott Anderson	<b>3200/3000 M</b>	Division II
East Aurora	Lyle O'Brien	<b>Steeple Chase</b>	Division II
Frontier	Chris Buck	<b>Shot Put</b>	Fed
Hamburg	Will Cole	<b>400 IH</b>	Division I
Hamburg	Will Cole	<b>400 IH</b>	Fed
Lancaster	Melissa Kurzdorfer	<b>Shot Put</b>	Division I
Lancaster	Melissa Kurzdorfer	<b>Shot Put</b>	Fed
Lancaster	Melissa Kurzdorfer	<b>Discus</b>	Division I
Lancaster	Melissa Kurzdorfer	<b>Discus</b>	Fed

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# NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

## ACTION TAKEN BY NYSPHSAA at the Central Committee Meeting August 4-5, 2009

### APPROVED:

- **Football** - For any violation of the practice readiness rule, (3-2-6-4) the head coach will be suspended from the next regularly scheduled contest.
- **Girls and Boys Volleyball** - Timeouts will be 60 seconds.
- **Girls Basketball** - For the 2009-2010 season, with Section approval 16 minutes halves may be used for non-league varsity games upon mutual agreement of both schools.
- **Girls Gymnastics** - The use of the Technical Handbook including the changes for 2009 season.
- **Cheerleading** - The establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of designating competitive cheer a sport.
- **Licensing Resource Group** - Support of the "opt - out" choice for our member schools.
- **Championship Dates and Sites Changes** –  
Boys Tennis, USTA Complex June 3-5, 2010  
Boys Golf, Cornell University June 5-7, 2010  
Girls Golf, SUNY Delhi June 11-13, 2010.

- **Wrestling** - The new Skin Lesion Release Form and revisions to the seeding procedure used for the NYSPHSAA Championship.
- **Code of Conduct** - Procedure to be used when a coach violates the Code of Conduct at NYSPHSAA championship events.
- **Interstate Contests** - No member school will engage in athletic competition, *scrimmage and/or practice* with an out-of-state school....(page 97).
- **Sportsmanship Penalty** - Language to provide clarity for when a disqualification penalty occurs.

### BACK TO SECTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

#### *Postponed to December Meeting*

- **Dues** – For 2010-2011 a dues increase of \$30 per school and \$.03 per student.
- **Boys Basketball:**
  1. To approve the use of NFHS rule 2-2-1 for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-finals and finals adopting the replay review rule if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association.
  2. Officials have to attend a clinic or work some form of a game/scrimmage to have experience in three (3) person officiating in order to work the State Tournament.

### FREE ImPACT Webinar

**September 15, 2009 6:30-8:00 PM**

- One hour of instruction & 30 min Q & A
- Register at [www.impacttest.com/workshops.php](http://www.impacttest.com/workshops.php)
- Suggest three topics for discussion to Lloyd Mott at [Fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:Fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.com)

### NYSPHSAA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### SEPTEMBER 2009

13	Track & Field 10:00
18	Ice Hockey 10:00

#### OCTOBER 2009

2	Modified Committee 9:00
5	Wrestling 10:00
6	Girls Basketball 9:30
7	Safety Committee
8	Boys Basketball 10:00
15	Championship Advisory
18	OCF 9:00
19	Life of an Athlete 10:00
21	Handbook Committee
29	Girls Golf 10:00

**WRESTLING CLINIC: OCTOBER 30, 2009**  
**RITClark Gymnasium**

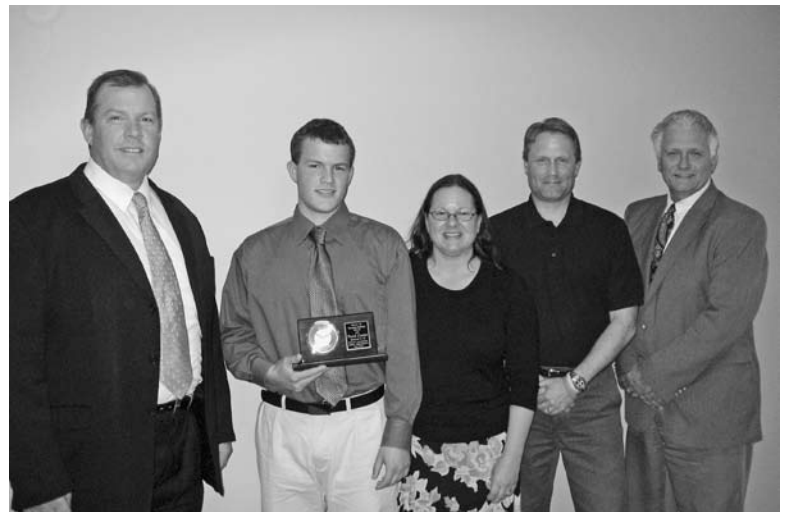
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## NIAAA Scholar Athletes

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) asked that each state nominate a male and a female scholar-athlete. The criteria included athletics, academics, community service and leadership. Our state recognized the importance of this great honor and asked each Section to create a process by which, names from across the Section are pushed to the state level. After much deliberation and a difficult selection process, Section VI honored **Caroline Tolli** from Lockport High School and **Daniel Coulter** from East Aurora High School as our 2009 honorees. Lockport's Tolli went on to win the honor for both New York State as well as Region 1 which encompasses all of New England. She is one of eight finalists from the entire United States. Both students are tremendous athletes, students and leaders dedicated to their communities. Congratulations to both Caroline and Daniel!



(photo L-R) Her mom Karen Tolli, Caroline Tolli,  
Lockport AD Pat Burke



(photo L-R) Section VI President Dr. Michael Wendt, Daniel Coulter,  
parents Susan Coulter and David Coulter,  
East Aurora AD Fred Thornley

## Update - Central Management and Assigning of Officials in TheArbiter

Section VI is now into the third year of coordinating the efforts of centralized management and assigning of sports officials through TheArbiter, now called ArbiterSports.

To maintain compliance with Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, the Section VI Superintendents mandated in Sept.2003 that all sports officials who work contests in Section VI must be fingerprinted. In keeping with this mandate, all sports in all leagues will be assigned in the system where the data base of fingerprinted officials is managed. Section VI is ensuring compliance with SAVE legislation by requiring that all officials are assigned by their corresponding assigner in ArbiterSports by June 2010.

The complete Football schedule with corresponding assignments can now be found in ArbiterSports. Boys & Girls Gymnastics schedules are in the system and assignments will be added by the assigners in early September. The Indoor track schedule and assignments will be entered in the near future and Southern Tier Basketball will be fully compliant this upcoming season. In spring, baseball and softball assigner for WNY Umpires Association will assign officials for Section VI member schools in the Section VI account of ArbiterSports.

### Reminder of Requirements

**Officials:** All assignments for Section VI sports will be made using ONLY the officials that are signed-in to the Arbiter. **All winter sports officials must sign-in and update their availability on ArbiterSports by September 25 in order to receive assignments!!!** A Reminder (with instructions) will be emailed to winter officials by September 11.

**Assigners:** All individual sports assigners must verify their rosters and rankings in ArbiterSports and notify the Section office of any updates required for their season before assigning begins. Comply with the following timeline for 2009-10.

**Athletic Directors:** Comply with the following timeline for 2009-10 sport schedules:

#### 2009-2010 TIMELINE for schedules and assignment of officials

	North	South
Officials Rankings from coaches/chairs due	8/21/2009	NA
Subassigners begin review of rosters in ArbiterSports for accuracy. Changes must be reported to the Section office.	8/28/2009	8/28/2009
Draft schedules complete	9/4/2009	9/4/2009
Final schedules complete including non-league games Import of schedules to TheArbiter begins	9/18/2009	9/18/2009
Officials registered & availabilities listed*	9/25/2009	9/25/2009
Final date: ALL schedules must be in TheArbiter	10/1/09*	10/1/2009
Varsity & JV assignment of officials begins	10/19/09*	10/19/2009
Assignments released to the OBR's for 72-hour review	10/26/09*	NA
Round Table (with OBR's) to finalize assignments	10/29/09*	NA
Publish assignments (4 days to accept)	10/29/09*	Set by assigners

\*Updated 8/28/09

### 2009-2010 Section VI Directory Updates:

Page # Please mark the following changes (noted in bold) on the appropriate pages of your directory.

- 18 BASCS: New Superintendent **Ismial Unlusoy unlusoy@bascs.org**,  
Dean of Academics **Linda Marszalek marszalek@bascs.org** AD: **Kevin Garcia garcia@bascs.org**
- 22 Depew HS: AD Dan McGrath phone: **686-5077**, Secretary Dana Mang **686-5078**
- 24 Falconer: Athletic Director Dave Nelson cell phone correction - **397-2634**
- 30 Lackawanna HS: Heidi Steckstor office phone and fax: **827-6733** **Principal:** Joseph Gentile (interim)
- 37 Pine Valley: New extension for the AD Mark Chase: **x4472**
- 38 Pioneer HS: Email format change from "@pion.wnyric.org" to "**@pioneercsd.org**"
- 48 Group# 7 (IAABO 39): Boys AND Girls Assigner is Bob Patterson, Secretary is **Thomas Heppeler, 301 Arlington Ave., Jamestown, NY 14701** 485-8213 (C) 665-5124 x272 (W)
- 53 Swimming Group 27: New email address for Cherril Castle **cherrilw@windstream.net**



### Dates to Remember 2009-2010

- Sept. 1 Annual Sportchairs Recognition Dinner
- Sept. 2 Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting via teleconference 9:00am - noon
- Sept. 9 Annual Veterans' Recognition Golf Tournament/Dinner
- Sept. 16 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca  
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- Sept. 30 Winter Sports pre-season meeting 7:00pm Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca Room B1  
Spring sports post-season meeting 8:00pm Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca Room B1
- October 6 NYSPPHAA Mandatory Conference on Eligibility and Standards - 10:00 am NYSPPHAA office
- October 13 Finance Committee Meeting noon at the Section VI office
- October 14 Executive Committee Meeting via teleconference 9:00am - noon
- October 28 Sectional/Intersectional Committee meeting via teleconference 9:00am - noon
- October 30 Deadline for submission of BEDS date to the Section VI office
- October 30 Wrestling Clinic at Cornell University
- Nov. 15 Deadline for All-WNY Fall Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
- Nov. 18 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca  
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca
- Dec. 4 Deadline for Fall Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications to the state
- Dec. 6-7 State Executive Committee meeting, Holiday Inn-Wolf Rd, Albany
- Dec. 15 Nominations for 2010 NYSPPHAA Hall of Fame are due to the state office
- Dec. 16 Executive Committee Christmas Luncheon Meeting noon at location TBA

## COACHING COURSE SCHEDULE FALL/WINTER 2009-10 ERIE 1 BOCES

Phil Coyle (W) 821-7530 (C) 913-7120 (Fax) 821-7409 (Sect) 821-7091  
Additional courses are posted → <http://www.section6.e1b.org/> click on the *Bulletin Board*

### PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS

**CHRIS DEMARCO**

October 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 and November 3, 5, 2009  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
Limit: 25 participants

**Registration Deadline: September 30, 2009**

Sweet Home High School, Rm. 501  
1901 Sweet Home Road  
Amherst, NY 14228

**\$165.00 per participant**

### HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

**PAUL PIGNATARO,  
TOM HANEY, KURT HOLME**

October 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 and  
November 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 2009  
Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
Limit: 22 participants

**Registration Deadline: October 8, 2009**

Erie 1 BOCES, Building A, Rm. A-3  
355 Harlem Road  
West Seneca, NY 14224

**\$165.00 per participant**

### THEORY & TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

**KEN STOLDT**

Dec. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 2009 (last date to be determined by instructor)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
Limit: 22 participants

**Registration Deadline: November 25, 2009**

Erie 1 BOCES, Building A, Rm. A-3  
355 Harlem Road  
West Seneca, NY 14224

**\$165.00 per participant**

### PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS

**CHUCK AMO**

January 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 and February 2, 4, 2010  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
Limit: 22 participants

**Registration Deadline: December 23, 2009**

Hamburg High School, Rm. 216  
4111 Legion Drive  
Hamburg, NY 14075

**\$165.00 per participant**

### THEORY & TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

**CHUCK AMO**

March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 2010 (last date to be determined by instructor)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
Limit: 22 participants

**Registration Deadline: February 25, 2010**

Hamburg High School, Room 216  
4111 Legion Drive  
Hamburg, NY 14075

**\$165.00 per participant**

### PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS

**CHRIS DEMARCO**

March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 and April 6, 2010  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
Limit: 25 participants

**Registration Deadline: February 24, 2010**

Sweet Home High School, Rm. 501  
1901 Sweet Home Road  
Amherst, NY 14228

**\$165.00 per participant**

### HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

**CHRIS KAPLAN**

April 12, 14, 26, 28 and May 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 2010  
Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
**plus balance of this course (15 hrs) will be taught online.**  
Limit: 22 participants

**Registration Deadline: April 7, 2010**

Maryvale High School, Alumni Hall  
1050 Maryvale Drive  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

**\$165.00 per participant**

### FIRST AID & C.P.R. - IF NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT:

1. Sharon Barley: 574-8254
2. American Red Cross: 886-7500 ask for Safety Services
3. AthletiCare: 517-3334

**CHILD ABUSE:** Patricia Riegler, 822-3333

**SAVE - Violence:** Robert Carlson, 821-7550

## INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHING CERTIFICATION COURSE SCHEDULE ERIE 2-CHAUTAUQUA- CATTARAUGUS BOCES

### FALL/WINTER 2009-10

716-672-4371 ext. 2062

Additional information is posted [http://  
e2ccboces.wnyric.org/programs/intercoach.html](http://e2ccboces.wnyric.org/programs/intercoach.html)

### PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES AND ORGANIZATION OF

#### *Athletics in Education*

Sept. 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, Oct. 5, 6, 7, 2009  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Instructor: John Bogardus

### HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

Nov. 2, 4, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 2009  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Instructor: Marty Hemmer

### THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

December 7, 8, 9, 10, 2009

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Instructor: Marty Hemmer

### ADULT CPR/AED

#### Session A:

October 8, 2009  
6:00pm - 10:00 pm

**OR**

#### Session B:

Oct. 26, 2009  
6:00pm - 10:00 pm

### SED CPR

October 14, 2009: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

### FIRST AID SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE UPDATE

October 13 & 15, 2009  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### FIRST AID SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

October 26, 27, 28, 29, 2009  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### ONLINE COURSES

#### \*\*\*\*\* THEORY & TECHNIQUE OF COACHING ONLINE

September 15, 2009 - December 31, 2009

#### \*\*\*\*\* HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING ONLINE

September 15, 2009 - December 31, 2009

#### \*\*\*\*\* PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION ONLINE

September 17, 2009 - December 31, 2009

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Section VI 2009 SPRING

### State Scholar/Athlete Champions

Section VI is pleased to congratulate Medina Boys Tennis and Southwestern Boys Golf for achieving the State Scholar/Athlete Champion Award!

**Medina Boys Tennis - State Champion** with a team GPA of 97.486



By virtue of an unweighted team average of 97.486, the Medina Varsity Boys Tennis team won the New York Public High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Team State Championship for the sixth consecutive year which sets the record for the sport. "This is a terrific honor for our team, our school, and our community," observed varsity coach Chris Horgan. "Overall, the players take very challenging course

loads laden with Advanced Placement classes from the sophomores through the seniors. In the past five years, two valedictorians and three salutatorians have been starters for the tennis team. These players haven't just excelled in the classroom during this time, but have also done extremely well in competition, going 60 and 12 in league play over the past six seasons."

*The members of the Mustangs 2009 squad (L to R): Bottom Row - Chris Horgan, Margaret Craft, Shannon Horgan, Keith Pane, Anthony Pane; Middle Row - Gregory Wright, Cory Freeman, Corey Ambrose, Darren Canham, Holly Lederhouse, Brianna Pasknik, Michelle Mayes, Taylor Wilamowski; Top Row - Coach Chris Horgan, Courtney McNeil, Zachary Busch, Kevin Snyder, Ketan Mehta, Adam Hellwig, Stephen Wright, Matthew Toussaint. Not Pictured - Kelsey Allen, Mitchell Holbrook and Jesse Pask.*

**Southwestern Boys Golf - State Champion** with a team GPA of 97.971



The 2009 Southwestern Golf Team of 28 varsity members placed first out of 207 teams in the state with a combined average of 97.971. This GPA of 97.971 is the 2nd highest GPA in the 18 year history of the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Program. The team was presented the state banner on June 6, 2009 noting this honor. This marked the third consecutive year the boys golf team has been recognized and the 5<sup>th</sup> time that a team from Southwestern High

School has won this award in the history of the program. Members receiving recognition were: Robbie Newell, Jake Yartz, Joe Caprino, Joe Triscuit, Jon Drake, Ryan Schutte, Peter Mueller, DJ Johnson, Paul Morris, Joe Pintagro, Jason Carlson, Elliott Domagola, Troy Flintbaugh, John Hughes, Kevin Marsh and Duncan Moore. The team is coached by Mark Sleggs.

## Search for Section VI Executive Director Nearing Closure

For several years the Section VI Athletic Council has been addressing the need for a full-time Section Executive Director to manage the increasing needs of members schools and subsequent services provided by the Section office.

In September 2008, an Ad Hoc Committee was created to develop the job description of an Executive Director for Section VI in conjunction with a review of the general structure of the Section VI office and the current office positions. The goal of the position is to provide consistent and visionary leadership in carrying out the mission and administering the policies, rules, and expectations of Section VI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The Executive Director will serve as ambassador and liaison with school district administrators, while providing support to athletic directors, leagues, coaches, officials, and the public in all matters related to Section VI Athletics.

The position was posted in June 2009 with interviews conducted in July and August. Final approval of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Executive Committee's recommendation for the appointment is scheduled for mid-September. Stay tuned for an update in the November Newsletter!

## Section VI Hosts Athletic Director Workshop

In May 2007, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the requirement that all school district Athletic Directors attend an annual MANDATORY NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop. The rationale supporting this recommendation was to ensure compliance with all NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations and to minimize student athletes from being deemed ineligible.

Erie 1 BOCES in West Seneca was the site of the 2009 Section VI Workshop on August 31. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director NYSPHSAA and Bob Stulmaker, Assistant Executive Director conducted a very informative and interactive session on Eligibility and Standards in the morning for over 80 Athletic Directors in Section VI, as well as a more in-depth review for the new Athletic Directors afterwards.

Thank you Nina and Bob for sharing your time and wisdom!!!

## Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express sincere gratitude to the following people who have stepped down from their respective positions within the Section this past June. We are truly grateful to have benefited from their passion and enthusiasm for their sport!

**Art Jaspe** has served as the Section VI Boys Soccer Sportchair since 2000. He coached soccer for a number of years at Williamsville North and North Tonawanda High Schools. Art, who is a Social Worker at North Tonawanda, remains quite active in the sport as a National Assessor of Referees in youth and collegiate soccer as well as at the professional level.



*Art Jaspe (L)  
next to Bob  
Dinse (R),  
Section VI  
Executive  
Secretary*

**Paul Bona** has been on the Section VI Athletic Council as a Superintendents' Representative for the Niagara Orleans League since 2003. He retired from his position as Superintendent at Royalton-Hartland this past June.

Art and Paul, as well as **Larry Lash** past Softball Co-Chairman, **Pat Anderson** past Assistant Boys Soccer Sportchair and **David Coates**, past Girls Tennis Chairperson were presented plaques of appreciation at the Section VI Recognition Dinner in August.

Additional thanks are extended to two members of the Section VI Athletic Council who are stepping down from their positions due to the merger of the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Leagues into Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association (CCAA). **Mel Swanson** served as the Boys Rep for the Chautauqua League since 2005. He also held the position of Girls Basketball Sportchair from 1993 to 1998 and was presented a plaque for that service in 1998. **Paul Ksionzyk** has served as the Girls Rep for the Cattaraugus League since 1990 as well as the league rep on the Sectional Intersectional committee for many years. He is still active in his dedication to Section VI athletics as the Boys Track Sportchair.

These individuals have each given immeasurable time and energy in service to the Section for interscholastic athletics. We thank each of them for their tireless efforts, and endless dedication to high school sports and Section VI athletes and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors!



## Section VI Athlete Daryl Johnston - NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee

Daryl P. Johnston was inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame on August 5, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid, NY. His significant contributions to high school athletics in New York State have made him stand out from his fellow student athletes.

**Daryl**, a former Lewiston-Porter High football star and All-Pro fullback of the Dallas Cowboys, led the Lancers football team to two straight Section VI titles in 1982 and 1983. Johnston, a native of Youngstown, NY, was a running back, punter, place kicker, and defensive back for Lewiston-Porter. After earning 1983 Western New York Player of the Year honors and breaking numerous records his senior year, he went on to Syracuse University where he was an All-Big East honoree in 1988 and an All-American in 1989. Following four Super Bowls in the NFL and an 11-year career with the Cowboys, Johnston is currently one of the top NFL color commentators for FOX.

Mr. Johnston was one of ten individuals inducted into the 2009 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame, made possible by the generous support from Pupil Benefits, Inc. Congratulations to Mr. Johnston for this outstanding achievement!!

## East Aurora Tracksters Race to State Titles

The East Aurora Track and Field Teams showed why they are one of the best teams around as they turned in season best performances to take top honors at the New York State Track and Field Championships at Cicero North Syracuse High School in Syracuse this past June.

The track team picked up the pace from where they left off when the girls team won the ECIC and Sectional Team Titles and the boys placed third, by winning three New York State Division II Individual Championships and meddled in several other events by placing in the top six.

Leading the East Aurora charge was **Scott Anderson** who set a new standard for Section VI and East Aurora runners. Scott raced to a Division II State Championship in the 3200 meter run with a 9:03 which was not only broke a school record previously held by Steve Repko (9:07 in 1981), but he also broke the Section VI record held by Ron Markezich from Williamsville North (9:05.69 set in 1985). Scott went on to win the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:13 which broke the school record of 4:17 held by Mark Hulme, Tim Dowdall, and Bill McLaughlin and just missed the Section VI mark of 4:13.1. Scott Anderson will attend Edinboro University this fall where he will compete in cross country and track and field.



*Scott Anderson*

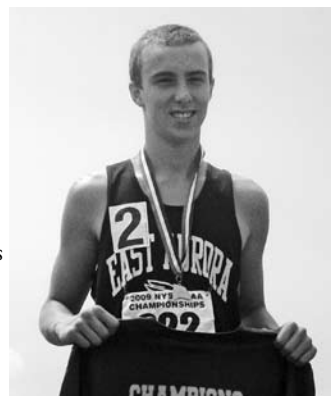
**Lyle O'Brien** rose to the challenge as he came off a 4th place finish in the 3200 with a personal best time of 9:31 to win the 3000 meter steeplechase in a time of 9:43. Lyle easily won the first of two heat of his race and won the State Title as his time bettered two competitor in the second heat. Lyle O'Brien will compete in cross country and track and field at Leigh University.

Catherine Phillips represented EA and Section VI in the 3000 and 1500 meter runs where she turned in outstanding times to place 3rd and 7th. Kirsten Weberg placed 10th in the 3000 meter run and despite a hard fall in the steeplechase placed 7th. Kirsten joined forces with Erin Holbrook, Ashley Beyer and Marta McLaughlin in the 3200 meter relay where they won their heat and finished 3rd with a season best time of 9:21.

The boys 3200 meter relay of Ben Kolich, Alex Weberg, Lyle O'Brien and Scott Anderson placed 12th at the end of two long days of competition.

Catherine Phillips, Kirsten Weberg, Marta McLaughlin, Erin Holbrook, Ashley Beyer, Scott Anderson and Lyle O'Brien qualified for and participated in the Nike Outdoor National Track and Field Championships in North Carolina.

Coaches Walt and Marty McLaughlin were very pleased with the teams performances and said "It's so exciting to see these athletes train all season to put themselves in a position to have such great successes. It is amazing how fast some of our athlete have become but it's not surprising...they have prepared and have done what it takes to get to that level. It doesn't just happen. They made it happen and that is what is truly great about their accomplishments."



*Lyle O'Brien*

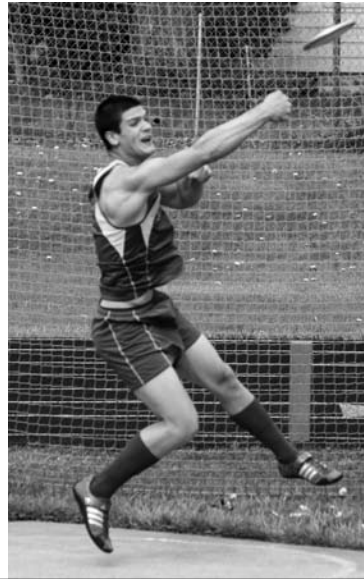
## Jon Osucha – Two-time State Discus Champ

The Alden High School Track team is proud to announce a 2009 state champion athlete. **Jon Osucha**, a senior at Alden High School, won the Division II Discus Title on Friday, June 12, 2009. The State Meet was hosted by the North Syracuse-Cicero High School.

Osucha, who is coached by Ken Partell, was seeded first in the state going into the competition. On his first attempt, he launched a personal record throw of 176'4." Through the finals, he had throws in the upper 160's and low 170's, but it was that first throw that won the state championship for Osucha. The next best competitor threw 169'11."

Jon's throw at states furthered the school record he already set as a junior. This is his second consecutive year winning the Division II State Championship. Prior to Osucha's school record throw, the record of 152'9" had been held by Mike Durso since 1981. Jon served as a team captain for the past two years. He has been the boy's letterman winner for field events for two years running. During his senior year, he earned 48 out of a possible 50 points for the team through the discus throw and the shot put.

Jon's work ethic is second to none. He is often the last track athlete at practice. He has been an enormous aide to teaching beginning throwers. Jon plans to attend Brockport College in the fall, where he will be a member of the track team.



## Cleveland Hill Boosts Four Track State Championships

The Cleveland Hill Track program had their most successful State Meet performances ever this past June at Syracuse North-Cicero High School as the Eagle athletes secured four Division II NYPHSAA Championships amongst the 21 State titles earned by Section 6 athletes.

**Taylor Eldridge** earned her fourth and fifth State Championships of her career. Just a junior, Taylor earned her first State meet appearance in the eight grade and her first championships as a freshmen. This year she doubled in the shot put (42' 3/4") and discus (131'7"). Her win in the shot put avenged her loss in 2008 to Rachel Roberts from Remsen High School in Section 3.

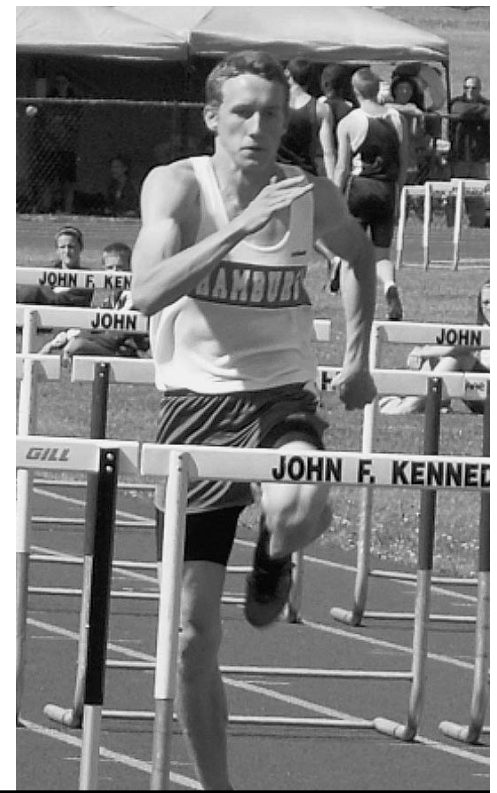
**Rhakeem Wiggins** won the 200-meter dash (22.12) and anchored the winning 4-x100 meter relay (43.08). Wiggins also took third in the 100 meters behind teammate Nick Campfield and defending Division II Champ Darnell Cummings from Millbrook High School. **Wiggins, Nick Campfield, Matt Diem and Joe Puntoriero** made up the winning 4-x100 meter relay. All except Diem are seniors.



*Taylor Eldridge*

## Hamburg's Cole 3-peat State Champion

Hamburg's **Will Cole** finished the 2009 track season with his 3rd consecutive State Championship and 2nd consecutive Federation title in the 400 Hurdles with a Section VI record time of 52.69. Will was recognized for his achievement from Gatorade by being selected the Gatorade New York State Track athlete of the year.



*The athletes are pictured left to right Rhakeem Wiggins, Nick Campfield, Joe Puntoriero and Matt Diem.*

# NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR/ATHLETE TEAM AWARD PROGRAM

The NYSPHSAA, Inc. believes that the athletic participation of students enhances their academic performances. To support this belief, The Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program was begun in 1991. Varsity teams who earn a 90.0% or higher average during their sport season qualify for the NYSPHSAA award. The Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. became the co-sponsor of the program in 1995.

## Section VI Team Award Winners – Spring 2009

\*\* State Champion

### BASEBALL

Sweet Home	94.872
Lake Shore	93.684
Clarence	93.673
Niagara Falls	93.000
Falconer	92.916
Dunkirk	92.907
Williamsville East	92.366
Iroquois	92.248
East Aurora	92.138
Lockport	92.102
Lancaster	92.017
Cassadaga Valley	91.996
Hamburg	91.852
Albion	91.440
Southwestern	91.286
Niagara-Wheatfield	91.262
Frontier	91.249
Clymer	90.587
West Seneca West	90.378
Allegany-Limestone	90.345
Barker	90.287

### BOYS GOLF

<b>Southwestern **</b>	<b>97.971</b>
Allegany-Limestone	92.943
Cassadaga Valley	92.583
Olean	92.293
Falconer	91.826
Salamanca	91.266
Ellicottville	90.889
Pine Valley	90.764
Fredonia	90.633
Chautauqua Lake	90.060

### BOYS LACROSSE

Lockport	94.683
Hamburg	94.064
Lancaster	93.842
Iroquois	92.994
Clarence	92.926
Frontier	92.674
Williamsville North	92.673
Sweet Home	92.483
Niagara-Wheatfield	91.609
Williamsville East	91.443
Wilson	91.125
East Aurora	90.674
West Seneca East	90.345
Grand Island	90.008

### BOYS TENNIS

<b>Medina**</b>	<b>97.486</b>
Allegany-Limestone	95.989
Barker	95.960
Albion	95.936
Williamsville East	95.839
West Seneca West	95.664
Cassadaga Valley	95.192
Cheektowaga	95.086
Depew	95.037
Southwestern	94.610
Hamburg	94.559
East Aurora	94.428
Williamsville North	94.409
Clarence	94.354
Sweet Home	94.292
Lake Shore	94.121
Jamestown	93.977
City Honors School	93.539
Amherst	93.476
Westfield	93.202
Iroquois	92.869
Niagara Falls	92.556
Falconer	92.313
Kenmore West	92.275
Cleveland Hill	91.826
Niagara-Wheatfield	91.593
Chautauqua Lake	91.424
West Seneca East	91.355
Akron	91.294
Maryvale	91.043
Dunkirk	91.014
Grand Island	90.174
Fredonia	90.074
Wilson	90.000

### BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Clarence	97.355
Hamburg	96.700
Southwestern	96.567
Royalton Hartland	96.563
Williamsville East	96.271
Albion	95.780
Lancaster	95.481
Iroquois	95.230
East Aurora	94.972
Westfield	94.860
Frontier	94.796
Lake Shore	94.590
Olean	94.558

North Tonawanda	94.500
Tonawanda	94.381
West Seneca East	94.333
Starpoint	94.218
Barker	94.180
Dunkirk	94.077
Williamsville North	93.978
Portville	93.809
Sweet Home	93.675
Akron	93.581
Falconer	93.524
Wilson	93.473
West Seneca West	93.405
Medina	93.367
Lockport	93.200
Allegany-Limestone	93.058
Clymer	93.052
Holland	92.892
Chautauqua Lake	92.183
Cleveland Hill	92.176
Cheektowaga	91.352
Franklinville	91.086
Grand Island	90.834
Kenmore East	90.769
Niagara-Wheatfield	90.585
Kenmore West	90.467
Fredonia	90.365

### GIRLS GOLF

Southwestern	96.333
Dunkirk	91.204
Fredonia	90.137

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Lancaster	96.199
East Aurora	95.920
Hamburg	95.855
Clarence	95.840
Iroquois	95.404
Sweet Home	95.333
Lockport	95.307
West Seneca West	95.194
Frontier	94.461
Williamsville East	94.192
Orchard Park	93.801
Niagara Falls	93.427
Williamsville North	92.170
Amherst	91.836
Niagara-Wheatfield	91.621
North Tonawanda	91.264
West Seneca East	91.045

Lake Shore	90.994
Grand Island	90.643

### GIRLS TENNIS

City Honors School	93.118
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### GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Frontier	98.036
West Seneca West	98.014
Depew	97.653
Clarence	97.426
North Tonawanda	97.392
Southwestern	97.253
Westfield	97.148
Falconer	96.958
Lockport	96.791
Allegany-Limestone	96.775
East Aurora	96.713
Williamsville East	96.637
Albion	96.443
Iroquois	96.356
Lake Shore	96.250
Starpoint	96.099
Williamsville North	95.948
Hamburg	95.823
Royalton Hartland	95.670
Cassadaga Valley	95.662
Olean	95.643
Portville	95.549
Barker	95.359
Cheektowaga	95.033
Salamanca	94.912
Maryvale	94.600
West Seneca East	94.539
Lancaster	94.477
Medina	94.358
Amherst	94.046
Dunkirk	93.847
Holland	93.776
Tonawanda	93.688
Chautauqua Lake	93.475
Franklinville & Ellicottville	93.054
Niagara Falls	92.167
Cleveland Hill	91.873
Grand Island	91.448
Niagara-Wheatfield	91.413
Sweet Home	91.005
Akron	90.927
Wilson	90.890
Kenmore West	90.848
Kenmore East	90.780
Clymer	90.606

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**



**Scholar/Athletic Team Award Winners continued...****SOFTBALL**

Southwestern	95.196	West Seneca East	93.784	Iroquois	92.502	Kenmore East	90.720
Depew	95.137	Barker	93.433	Albion	92.368	Allegany-Limestone	90.673
Hamburg	95.059	North Tonawanda	93.427	East Aurora	92.209	Chautauqua Lake	90.495
Wilson	94.915	Holland	93.417	Medina	92.176	Starpoint	90.373
Sweet Home	94.626	Royalton Hartland	93.415	Niagara-Wheatfield	92.094	Westfield	90.308
Ellicottville	94.545	Maryvale	93.364	Clymer	91.855	Cleveland Hill	90.285
West Seneca West	94.378	Cheektowaga	93.336	Williamsville North	91.701	Grand Island	90.111
Pine Valley	94.340	Lockport	93.258	Falconer	91.590	Salamanca	90.051
Cassadaga Valley	93.990	Frontier	93.226	Franklinville	91.471		
Lancaster	93.845	Clarence	92.917	Dunkirk	90.734		
Williamsville East	93.818	Fredonia	92.781	Lake Shore	90.721		

## Melissa Kurzdorfer Takes 4 Titles for the 2nd year in a row

By Coach Chuck Friedmann, Lancaster Girls Varsity Track

For a thrower, there are only four championship titles that can be achieved at the state meet competition, NYSPHSAA shot put and discus, Federation shot put and discus. Lancaster's **Melissa Kurzdorfer** usually beams a smile when she is on the championship award stand for those titles but at last year's competition at the University at Buffalo the smile gleamed from ear to ear. It was her first success at winning all four titles.

This season's state meet at Cicero-North Syracuse High School saw Kurzdorfer repeating that achievement with a smile that was just as big. Her best shot put for the weekend was 48'-3" for the Federation title and six inches shorter for the NYSPHSAA title. That put her 14 inches away from the state title of 49'-5".

In the discus, she threw 158'-9" for the Federation title which was eight inches better than her NYSPHSAA title. She considers the unscored weight throw is probably her best event. At 57 feet and better, she leads New York State.

Kurzdorfer's work and dedication paid off again. Benching 215 pounds and squatting 465 pounds is not just talent. It's hard work. That's how she got to where she is. Her tremendous talent and top notch coaching by George Rak is not enough. She is self-motivated but when that ebbs a little, she falls on the support of her coach and parents who are with her all the way.

Leaving her junior year, she has one last year to keep her sights on the state records. Based on her performance trend since her seventh grade start, it will be a year to remember.



## Frontier's Chris Buck Takes Shot-Put Title

**Chris Buck** became the New York State Federation champion in shot put this past June with a throw of 57'1". This is Frontier's first Federation Champion in the shot put. He also claimed the Section VI shot put championship title for both indoor and outdoor track and finished 3rd in the NYSPHSAA shot put competition. Chris will be attending Lehigh College this fall studying engineering, playing football and throwing in indoor and outdoor track.



## Fields Claims Two State championships - Sets Multiple Records

**Ashley Fields**, a tenth grader from Amherst High School, claimed two state titles at the NYSPHSAA Championships in Syracuse in June. In the 100 meter dash, she was the Division I Champ with a time of 11.76 that set a Section VI and school record. She also placed first in this event at the Federation with a time of 11.85. In the 200 meter dash, her time of 23.88 secured the state championship, but she beat that time at the Federation with 23.66 taking first place and setting another Section 6 and school record.

Ashley, who is very motivated to be successful, was also part of the 400 meter relay with Katie Gross, Rebekah Larson, Alli Rogers setting a Section 6 record with 48.67 and placing fourth. She was undefeated throughout the season in the 100M and 200M events earning her status as an ECIC Champion and Section 6 Champion.

Those who know Ashley agree that she is a very personable well-rounded athlete. In addition to her many athletic skills, she maintained a GPA of 3.45 has been a team leader. Ashley is coached by Jason Cyrek.

## CONGRATULATIONS to the SECTION VI All WNY Spring Scholar Athletes

Section VI has selected the winners of the All WNY Scholar Athlete award for spring sports. There were 351 total nominations for the Section VI. 105 were selected as new winners, 39 were repeat winners from fall and winter and 11 were 3 season winners for a total of 155 total winners. *Congratulations to all winners and nominees!! The criteria for this award are: Overall grade point average of 90 or above for six semesters, starter or important reserve, seniors only. The nomination form can be found on the section website. Click on Forms and Information, then on All-WNY.*

### SPRING SCHOLAR ATHLETE WINNERS

3x Indicates a 3 season winner • 2x Indicates 2 season winner

Sport	Name	School	Sport	Name	School
Boys Lacrosse	Adam Meier	Akron HS	Boys Track & Field	Charles Ressel	Eden HS
Boys Lacrosse	Dan Cooper	Amherst HS	2x Softball	Erin Pantano	Fredonia HS
Baseball	James Gould	Amherst HS	Softball	Erika Augustyniak	Frontier HS
Boys Track & Field	David Huoh	Amherst HS	Softball	Kristina Brinkel	Frontier HS
Boys Tennis	Joseph Larson	Amherst HS	Boys Lacrosse	Clayton Delprince	Frontier HS
Girls Track & Field	Mikaela Maddock	Amherst HS	Girls Lacrosse	Sarah Gallagher	Frontier HS
Boys Track & Field	Vitaly Sergejev	Amherst HS	Boys Tennis	Corey Wachala	Frontier HS
2x Boys Tennis	Scott Krajna	Amherst HS	3x Girls Track & Field	Caitlin Courtade	Frontier HS
2x Boys Golf	Alex Rockoff	Amherst HS	3x Baseball	Michael Grundtisch	Frontier HS
Baseball	Matthew Fallon	Bishop Timon-St.Jude HS	2x Baseball	Jason Norsen	Frontier HS
Boys Lacrosse	Timothy Walsh	Bishop Timon-St.Jude HS	Boys Track & Field	Jordan Gibson	Grand Island HS
2x Boys Tennis	Connor Kobis	Bishop Timon-St.Jude HS	Baseball	Joe Oliverio	Grand Island HS
Girls Tennis	Christina Douglas	Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart	Baseball	Marvin Pawlowski	Grand Island HS
Girls Tennis	Kelly Mroz	Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart	Girls Track & Field	Jessica Evans	Hamburg HS
Girls Tennis	Karen Schuster	Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart	Girls Lacrosse	Noelle Miller	Hamburg HS
3x Girls Track & Field	Katherine Bougard	Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart	2x Boys Lacrosse	Ryan Tilley	Hamburg HS
3x Girls Track & Field	Natalie Coppola	Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart	Softball	Jackie Maguire	Holland HS
2x Girls Track & Field	Alycia Pontello	Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart	2x Softball	Aimee Lindner	Holland HS
2x Girls Tennis	Emily Rodgers	Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart	2x Softball	Sarah Trent	Holland HS
2x Crew	Catherine Yeksigian	Buffalo Seminary	Crew	Mary Kate Freuenheim	Holy Angels Academy
Boys Tennis	William Butt	Canisius HS	Girls Lacrosse	Alicia Quebral	Holy Angels Academy
Boys Golf	John Danyluk	Canisius HS	2x Girls Lacrosse	Sarah Griebner	Holy Angels Academy
Boys Lacrosse	Anthony Falham	Canisius HS	2x Girls Lacrosse	Katherine Spears	Holy Angels Academy
Crew	Ian Forsyth	Canisius HS	Boys Track & Field	Alex Simon	Hutchinson Tech. HS
Boys Golf	Anthony AJ Manzella	Canisius HS	Girls Tennis	Bich Thi-Ngoc Vu	Hutchinson Tech. HS
Boys Track & Field	Jacob Moy	Canisius HS	Girls Lacrosse	Lindsey Audette	Iroquois HS
Crew	Gregory Thomas Rusch	Canisius HS	Girls Lacrosse	Faith Moore	Iroquois HS
3x Boys Track & Field	John Urschel	Canisius HS	2x Baseball	Nick Veronica	Kenmore East HS
Boys Track & Field	Jeffrey Bulger	Cassadaga Valley HS	2x Baseball	Eric Renn	Lake Shore HS
Baseball	Rigel Johnson	Cattaraugus/LittleValley HS	Boys Lacrosse	Zack Hein	Lancaster HS
Girls Tennis	Clemence Faust	City Honors School	Girls Track & Field	Samantha Wilber	Lewiston Porter HS
2x Girls Track & Field	Meaghan Kelsey	City Honors School	Girls Lacrosse	Lauren Currie	Lockport Senior HS
Girls Track & Field	Adrienne Bianchi	Clarence HS	Boys Tennis	Kevin Miller	Lockport Senior HS
Boys Golf	Jason Eppolito	Clarence HS	2x Boys Tennis	Andrew Smist	Lockport Senior HS
Baseball	Marcus Grazen	Clarence HS	2x Girls Track & Field	Caroline Tolli	Lockport Senior HS
3x Baseball	Josh Geiger	Clarence HS	2x Boys Tennis	Chakriya Chear	McKinley HS
2x Girls Lacrosse	Kim Dunbar	Clarence HS	Girls Track & Field	Meredith Graber	Mt. Mercy Academy
2x Boys Track & Field	Michael Plis	Clarence HS	Girls Tennis	Meghan Mathewson	Mt. Mercy Academy
2x Boys Lacrosse	Josh Rawdin	Clarence HS	Softball	Danielle Vaccaro	Mt. Mercy Academy
Softball	Michelle Green	Depew HS	3x Girls Lacrosse	Melissa Graham	Mt. Mercy Academy
Girls Track & Field	Taylor Schrimmel	Depew HS	Girls Lacrosse	Monica Bailey	Mt. St. Mary's Academy
3x Girls Track & Field	Jamie Wasielewski	Depew HS	Softball	Jacqueline Elliott	Mt. St. Mary's Academy
Softball	Roxanne Herrington	Dunkirk HS	Girls Tennis	Luciana Payne	Mt. St. Mary's Academy
3x Baseball	Zachary Sliwa	Dunkirk HS	Girls Track & Field	Emily Blum	Nardin Academy
2x Girls Track & Field	Alicia Palmatier	Dunkirk HS	Crew	Reka Fogach	Nardin Academy
Girls Lacrosse	Leigh Difilippo	East Aurora HS	Softball	Jamie Hitro	Nardin Academy
Girls Track & Field	Victoria Ferraina	East Aurora HS	Crew	Margot Knab	Nardin Academy
Girls Lacrosse	Haley Keller	East Aurora HS	Crew	Charlotte Lane	Nardin Academy
Girls Track & Field	Kristen Weberg	East Aurora HS	Girls Track & Field	Marina Murray	Nardin Academy
3x Boys Track & Field	Daniel Coulter	East Aurora HS	Crew	Rebecca Papaj	Nardin Academy
2x Girls Track & Field	Erin Crawford	East Aurora HS	Girls Track & Field	Jennifer Werbitsky	Nardin Academy
2x Baseball	Nicholas Robinson	East Aurora HS	2x Girls Track & Field	Laura Sciarino	Nardin Academy
2x Girls Lacrosse	Lauren Schwarzenholzer	East Aurora HS	2x Crew	Erin Wylie	Nardin Academy

Sport	Name	School	Sport	Name	School
Boys Tennis	Michael Burns	Niagara Falls HS	Boys Lacrosse	David Drozda	St. Francis HS
Boys Tennis	James Szvedo	Niagara Falls HS	Boys Lacrosse	Michael Ganci	St. Francis HS
Baseball	Christopher Gruarin	Niagara Wheatfield HS	Baseball	Alexander Drennan	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
Boys Lacrosse	Benjamin Woodbury	Niagara Wheatfield HS	Baseball	Edward Pyszczynski	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
Baseball	Kevin Hughes	Nichols School	Boys Golf	Brendan Toughey	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
Girls Golf	Rosemary Montani	Nichols School	2x Boys Track & Field	Alexander Haefner	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
Girls Lacrosse	Lee Randaccio	Nichols School	2x Boys Golf	Christopher Kulbago	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
Boys Golf	Christopher Stegemann	Nichols School	3x Baseball	Jess Kelso	St. Mary's of Lancaster HS
2x Boys Golf	Benjamin Meyer	Nichols School	2x Girls Tennis	Victoria Reitz	St. Mary's of Lancaster HS
2x Boys Tennis	Benjamin Meyer	Nichols School	2x Girls Tennis	Allyson Severyn	St. Mary's of Lancaster HS
2x Girls Golf	Alyssa Murrett	Nichols School	Girls Track & Field	Nicole Borner	Starpoin HS
2x Boys Tennis	Derek Robins	Nichols School	Girls Lacrosse	Allison Balcerzak	Sweet Home HS
Softball	Kristin Beaver	North Collins HS	Girls Lacrosse	Erin Hutchinson	Sweet Home HS
Boys Track & Field	Matt Johnston	Olean HS	Girls Lacrosse	Faith James	Sweet Home HS
Boys Tennis	Cameron Lewis	Olean HS	Softball	Jesse Lewandowski	Sweet Home HS
Girls Track & Field	Christa Nianiatius	Olean HS	Boys Lacrosse	Jared McHenry	Sweet Home HS
Boys Golf	Jared Warren	Olean HS	Girls Lacrosse	Leann Stiver	Sweet Home HS
Baseball	Kyle Hoppy	Orchard Park HS	Baseball	David Wantuck	Sweet Home HS
Boys Golf	Kevin Prise	Orchard Park HS	Softball	Tina Schwartzmeyer	West Seneca East HS
2x Girls Lacrosse	Katie Schiffler	Orchard Park HS	Softball	Brittany Rung	Williamsville East HS
Softball	Natalie Fraize	Park School	2x Boys Lacrosse	Dylan Calabretta	Williamsville East HS
Boys Tennis	Jeremy Wadsworth	Park School	2x Softball	Taylor Klun	Williamsville East HS
Baseball	Joel Hallett	Pine Valley HS	2x Boys Track & Field	Fernando Recio	Williamsville East HS
Softball	Jennifer Andrews	Randolph HS	Boys Golf	Ben Cerny	Williamsville North HS
Softball	Molly McEvoy	Royalton-Hartland HS			

## Always A Winner...

By Doug L. Ames, Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator  
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### NEW YORK GOOD SPORTS PROGRAM

The program continues to expand with the number of schools reporting both locally and across the state increasing yearly. Each athletic director has a responsibility to evaluate his/her respective programs of sportsmanship. The NYS Good Sports program offers a vehicle toward that end. The reporting is a self-evaluation and gives us all a chance to reflect on the many good things we have going on as well as plan for the future. Exemplary programs are then forwarded to the state level for recognition.

NYSPHSAA announced that **Allegany-Limestone, Cleveland Hill, Frewsburg, North Tonawanda and Newfane** have been recognized for outstanding efforts in promoting good sportsmanship in Section VI. All five schools and their Athletic Directors will be honored at the September meeting of the Athletic Council. Congratulations to all!

### SECTION VI COACHES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS 2008-09

In recognition of exemplary sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the year as leaders and role models for our athletes, a coach was selected from each league to receive a Sportsmanship plaque and a t-shirt from the Section. Honored at the Section VI Annual Recognition dinner in August were the following coaches: **Buffalo: Kevin Licker**, Emerson Soccer & Baseball; **Cattaraugus: Tim Wangelin**, Franklinville Soccer & Baseball; **Chautauqua: Robin Maycock**, Randolph Volleyball & Softball; **ECIC: John Hunt**, Clarence X-Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track; **NFL: Wayne Ginty**, Lockport Basketball; **NO: Linea Fetzer**, Newfane Girls Soccer and **MMHSAA: David Helak**, St. Mary's of Lancaster Basketball & Softball.

Congratulations coaches!



(L - R)  
 Tim Wangelin,  
 Kevin Licker,  
 Wayne Ginty,  
 & John Hunt.



(L - R)  
 David Helak,  
 Robin Maycock,  
 & Linea Fetzer.

## ...Good Sports Finish First

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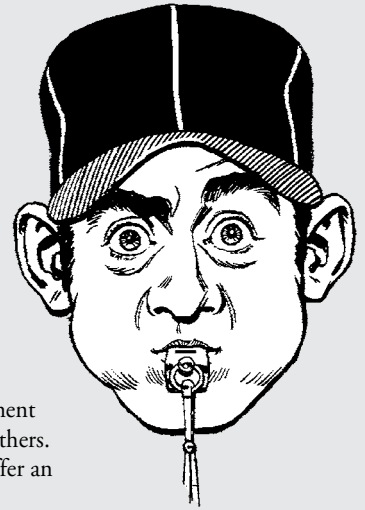
By Tom Cowan/Section VI Officials Coordinator

The month of September rekindles the spirit of interscholastic sports across America. Educators and coaches once again are given the opportunity to prove that high school sports can be excellent educational experience for our children.

A significant role of sports in the overall curriculum should be to instill a sense of determination driven by good character. Coaches who understand the true purpose of athletics will be judged by the successful use of the wealth of teachable moments offered by interscholastic sports, not just the win/loss record.

I would urge all who are involved with athletics in the high school curriculum to step back and take a moment to make sure that we never miss an opportunity to promote the basic principles of citizenship and respect for others. Another September brings a wealth of opportunity. Don't miss your chance to prove that high school sports offer an excellent educational experience for your student-athletes.

As always, on behalf of the staff at Section VI I would like to thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of the student-athletes in the section.



## Section VI Loses a Veteran and Good Friend *(article courtesy of Lew Bartolotti and Buffalo News)*

In 1952, the Detroit Lions drafted Donald K. Grundtisch. Although the Buffalo native probably wouldn't have gone to college if not for sports, he turned down a professional career, family members said because he wanted to join the Navy.

Mr. Grundtisch, retired athletic director of Lake Shore Central Schools in Evans, former president of the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce and a retired naval officer, died at the age of 78.

He graduated from Seneca Vocational High School, where he lettered in 3 sports: football, basketball and baseball and did stints on two Yale Cup championship teams. He then attended Ithaca College, where he was voted Most Valuable Player of the football team while playing two other

sports. He received a bachelor's degree in physical education. Don then attended Navy officer training school and served two years on a destroyer in the Pacific. He remained in the Naval Reserve until 1971, retiring with the rank of commander.

Don may have made his biggest mark in education. After a year of coaching and teaching in Lyons, Mr Grundtisch moved to the Lake Shore Central School District in 1955. Eventually, he was promoted to Director of Health, Physical Education, Recreation And Interscholastic Athletics. While in that position, he increased the number of varsity teams to 18 from 7 and added 8 interscholastic programs for girls. Don served on the ECIC Executive Board for many years and was

also the first Section 6 chapter rep for the NYSAAA.

Mr. Grundtisch also served as president of the Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the credit committee for Lake Shore Central Federal Credit Union, among various local leadership positions.

Don was an avid boater, keeping his boat *Amazing Grace* at his winter home in Ft. Myers Beach. He and his wife Grace were members of Tri County Country Club and have 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The sports world has indeed lost a true pioneer in the world of high school sports. The many athletes that have been touched by him, thank him. May he rest in peace.



### SECTION VI

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