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Welcome Aboard!!

Congratulations and welcome to the new Section VI Chemical Awareness Chairperson appointed at the March Athletic Council meeting: **Matt McKenna, Lackawanna**. Section VI is grateful for his interest and concern for Section VI athletes and looking forward to sharing his energy and enthusiasm for interscholastic sports!

A warm welcome is also extended to **Jeff Rabey** who has taken on the Presidency of Section VI! Diane Munro has stepped down from the Presidency with her impending move to central New York in the near future. (see page 2)

Two new Athletic Directors are on now task at Orchard Park Central. Welcome to AD **Terrence Tyron** and Assistant AD **David Lilleck!!** Their contact information is ttryon@opschools.org 209-6223 and dlilleck@opschools.org 209-6220.

NIAAA Scholar Athletes and NYSAAA Winners to be Recognized

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 selected **Molly Curry, Wilson** and **David Moore, Fredonia** as our 2011 honorees. Both students are tremendous athletes, students and leaders dedicated to their communities. They will be recognized at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting in May. Congratulations to the athletes and their families!

NYSAAA Chapter 6 awards winners will also be recognized by the Section at the May Athletic Council meeting. See page 6 for the biographies. Congratulations to all!!

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLAR ATHLETES AND STATE CHAMPS!!

NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS WINTER 2011 STATE CHAMPIONS

Section VI is pleased to announce that the **Clarence Boys Indoor Track Team** has achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship **with a team GPA of 97.608!** (See page 7) Below are the state champs for all winter sports:

Section	School	Sport	GPA
2	Schuylerville High School	Boys Skiing	96.517
5	Aquinas Institute	Ice Hockey	96.168
5	Harley Allendale Columbia	Boys Bowling	95.776
5	Haverling High School	Girls Skiing	96.909
5	North Star Christian Academy	Girls Bowling	97.600
5	Odyssey & Greece Athena	Girls Gymnastics (Fall)	98.540
6	Clarence High School	Boys Indoor Track	97.608
5	Fillmore High School	Boys Basketball	96.626
8	Jericho High School	Girls Basketball	98.812
8	Jericho High School	Boys Swimming/Diving	98.787
8	Jericho High School	Girls Indoor Track	98.013
8	Jericho High School	Wrestling	96.381

Congratulations to all the Section VI scholar athlete team award winners!! (see page 10 & 12)

SECTION VI 2011 WINTER SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

(see articles page 5, 7-9)

Girls Gymnastics, Vault	Courtney Bondanza, Lancaster
Girls Indoor Track- Hurdles	Kailyn Arcury, Williamsville South
Rifle	Dominique Mecca, Orchard Park
Wrestling Division 1- 145#	Jim Kloc, Iroquois
Wrestling Division 2- 145#	Ben Haas, Salamanca
Boys Ice Hockey	Williamsville North

A Tribute to Daniel P. Hagen – Section VI Veteran and Friend

Mr. Dan Hagen, Eden's long time teacher, coach and athletic director, died on August 26, 2010 at age 89. Mr. Hagen taught physical education, coached and was the athletic director from the 1950's until his retirement in January 1980. He was instrumental in organizing the Erie County Interscholastic Conference (ECIC) and served as the Executive Secretary of the ECIC for several years. Additionally, Mr. Hagen was one of the key individuals in developing the rules and regulations of Section VI and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Section at a time when Section VI was cited as being the best-run section in the State. In these leadership capacities, Mr. Hagen was proactive in high school sports and an advocate for safety in athletics.

Mr. Hagen coached numerous sports during his tenure at Eden, most notably cross-country and track. He founded the cross-country team in 1955 and coached many successful teams including the 1958 team inducted into the Eden Hall of Fame in 2008. His track teams dominated the division for years. As athletic director, Mr. Hagen oversaw many changes and additions to the athletic program at Eden including the addition of the volleyball program. He was one of the founders of the Eden Athletic Hall of Fame and a charter member in 1991. In Mr. Hagen's honor, each year the Dan Hagen Award is presented to a deserving Eden High School senior male athlete.

Mr. Hagen was a long time resident of East Aurora and a graduate of Ithaca College. He was an avid golfer and a member of the East Aurora Country Club. A Memorial Service was held on September 12th at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in East Aurora. He was predeceased by his wife, Elynor and is survived by his children Paul, Cheryl and Douglas.

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - MAY 6-7, 2011

ACTION ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Cross Country - In the State Championship, athletes from each Section will wear their sectional colored t-shirts, providing there is no cost to the individual Section's budget.

Safety Committee - Recommends the safety meeting mandate be required every other year.

Boys and Girls Tennis - Commitment to Compete Form. "Failure to honor your commitment to complete the tournament for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility from next season's NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament. This incident will also be reported to the student's school administration."

Ice Hockey - Recommends a waiver of NFHS rule to allow a maximum of 2 game disqualifications per contest for a coach or player.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Gate Lists - Schools that are participating in the semifinal and finals of the Baseball, Softball, Boy's Lacrosse, and Girl's Lacrosse Championships are reminded that the School Championship Gate List is to be sent to the NYSPHSAA office two days prior to the championship event. Athletic Administrators can obtain a copy of the Championship Gate List at www.nysphsaa.org under championships.

Community Service Challenge Award - You Can Help Change The World. Application and program information is available online @ www.nysphsaa.org. Deadline for Section Award is May 1. Program deadline for NYSPHSAA Award - **June 1.**

Sportsmanship Promotion Award - Sections are to submit their Sportsmanship Promotion Plaque winners to the NYSPHSAA office by May 10, 2011. Sections will need to identify one or two of those schools to be considered for the Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award. Schools that are nominated for the Banner Award will need to submit supporting documentation by **May 20th** to the NYSPHSAA office.

Concussion Management - Schools are encouraged to develop a Board of Education approved concussion management policy. A draft policy and guidelines can be found on the NYSPHSAA website. Educate your coaching staff through a FREE on-line course at www.nfhslearn.org.

NFHS Licensing Program Information - The LRG agreement is non-exclusive so schools who want to continue local agreements with their booster clubs for fund-raising and with others may do so. Questions, please contact the NFHS or LRG. NFHS Marketing: 317-972-6900, LRG: Dick Welsh 513-492-9278 or Tom Lagone: 616-395-0676. Schools may also sign-up for the NFHS/LRG program and find more information at www.nfhslicensing.com.

2011 Spring Championship Events

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| Boys Tennis | June 2-4 at US Tennis Center (NYC) |
| Boys Golf | June 4-6 at Cornell University (4) |
| Boys Lacrosse Semi Finals | June 8 at White Plains HS (1) and St John Fisher (5) |
| Girls Golf | June 10-12 at SUNY Delhi (4) |
| Track and Field | June 10-11 at Caledonia Mumford (5) |
| Girls Lacrosse | June 10-11 at SUNY Cortland (3) |

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| Boys Lacrosse Finals | June 11 at Cicero North Syracuse (3) |
| Baseball | June 11 at Binghamton Area Fields (4) |
| Softball | June 11 at Adirondack Sports Complex (2) |

NYSPHSAA State Tournament tickets for Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball and Outdoor Track and Field can now be purchased online at www.nysphsaa.org or www.nysphsaa.ticketleap.com. Please let your schools know of this convenience.

2011 CALENDAR

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| May 1 | OCF |
| May 2 | Boys Golf |
| May 6-7 | Executive Committee, Liverpool |
| May 12 | Strategic Planning Committee |
| May 13 | Transfer Coordinators |
| May 19 | Bowling Committee |
| May 24 | Classification of Schools |

2011 CLINICS

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| May 13 | Cheerleading, Rochester |
| June 3 | Soccer @ Utica, Field of Dreams |

*** **BASEBALL COMPOSITE BATS: FOR A LIST OF APPROVED BATS FOR THE 2011 SEASON VISIT WWW.NFHS.ORG**
Keyword BAT

*** **SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARD DEADLINE → MAY 20, 2011**

*** **SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION AWARD DEADLINE → JUNE 30, 2011**

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Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express sincere gratitude to **Diane Munro** who has stepped down from her position as the President of Section VI. Ms. Munro, who has served the athletes of Section VI since July 2008, as President –Elect for two years and as President since July 2010, has accepted a Superintendent position at a district in Florida, NY. Diane has given immeasurable time and energy in service to the Section for interscholastic athletics. We extend our thanks for her tireless efforts, and endless dedication to high school sports and Section VI athletes. Congratulations Diane and the best of luck in your future endeavors!

A warm welcome is extended to Jeff Rabey who has taken on the Presidency, vacating the position of President- Elect (see Nominations Being Accepted page 3). Section VI is looking forward to your leadership and continued enthusiasm for interscholastic athletics.

Section VI Athletic Council to Appoint Positions May 18

An action item for the Athletic Council at the next meeting on May 18 is to appoint the following Section VI positions: **President Elect**, **Boys Sports Representative** to the Central Committee and **Winter Sport Chairpersons**. The President-Elect will serve three years: the completion of (now-President) Jeff Rabey's term until 6/30/12 and the two-year term (7/1/12 - 6/30/14). The Boys Sports Representative will serve a term of four years (9/1/11 - 8/31/15). The Winter Chairpersons will be appointed for a three-year term (7/1/11 - 6/30/14). Athletic Council members who are planning to nominate an individual from the floor, are asked to bring the nominee to the May 18 meeting to present his/her qualifications. The meeting will be held at 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd. West Seneca. Forward nominations to tslade@e1b.org.

Current Nominations include:

- Section VI President Elect: Brett Banker, Ken-ton (NFL)
- Boys Sports Rep to the Central Committee: Don Scholla, Olean (incumbent)
- Winter Sportchairs. Current nominations are all incumbents:

Sport	Nominee	Sport	Nominee
Basketball (Boys)	Jim Walker	Indoor Track (Boys)	Peter Szymanski
Assistant	Jon Roth	Indoor Track (Girls)	Emilio Mancino
Basketball (Girls)	Leo Kaminsky	Rifle	Paul Borkowski
Assistant	Chris Durr	Swimming (Boys)	James Graczyk
Bowling (Boys)	Dan Kaplan	Co-Chair	Al Fritzingier
Bowling (Girls)	John Seeley	Wrestling	Mike DeBarbieri
Ice Hockey (Boys)	Mark DiFilippo	Co-Chair	Israel Martinez
Ice Hockey (Girls)	Jim Rusin		

SAVE the DATE → AUGUST 29 ← Mandatory Workshop for Athletic Directors

Section VI will be hosting the annual NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop for Athletic Directors on **Monday August 29** beginning at 8:30am at Erie 1 BOCES, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca. Attendance is mandatory for Athletic Directors so *save the date!!* Additional information will be emailed to Athletic Directors before the event.

Dates to Remember



May 20	Deadline for Spring Scholar/Athlete Team Award Applications
June 1	Good Sports Assessments: State & Section award winners selected
June 3	Soccer Coaching Clinic, Hall of Fame Oneonta
June 15	Executive Committee Luncheon Meeting - location TBA
June 22	Fall Sports pre-season meeting 3:00pm Erie 1 BOCES, W.Seneca Room B1
June 15-24	Regents Examinations
Aug. 2-4	State Central Committee Meeting, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid (Section 7)
August 11	North Football Heat Clinic – Cheektowaga HS
August 29	MANDATORY WORKSHOP for Athletic Directors
August 31	Annual Sportchairs Recognition Dinner

Central Management and Assigning of Officials – Arbitersports

Section VI is nearing the end of the fourth year of coordinating the efforts of centralized management and assigning of sports officials through Arbitersports. This four-year process has achieved compliance with Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation and Section VI Superintendents' mandate in 2003 that all sports officials who work contests in Section VI must be fingerprinted. All assigners are to be commended for their cooperation, efforts and accomplishments!!

In 2010-11, sectional contests and scrimmage levels were added and assigned in Arbitersports. Also, the evaluation system for sport officials was expanded to include the sports of boys and girls lacrosse as well as boys ice hockey which used the system last year. Coaches for these sports login to arbitersports after each game to rate the officials on a variety of criteria. The results are valuable in establishing the ranking of sports officials.

Now available from each official's Arbitersports account is access to the NEW on-line Disqualification and Form X forms. The hot-line for DQ's is no longer necessary and the paper trail is eliminated since each on-line form is emailed directly to the Section office when submitted.

And lastly, with the finances of the Boys Ice Hockey Federation handled directly by the Section office, central payment was accomplished this year for boys ice hockey officials using RefPay in Arbitersports. Hockey officials opened RefPay accounts and received payments for league games in the method of their choosing: direct deposit, payment to a debit card or a check. The need for social security numbers on vouchers was eliminated and funds were available to officials within hours of release from the Section. The process was efficient and cost effective. Section VI is moving forward with this method of payment for boys and girls lacrosse officials for contests paid by the Section office (semis and finals for these sports) this spring. Under evaluation is the possibility of using RefPay in 2011-12 for all payments to officials for certain levels of sectional contests made from the Section office.

Note: The Schedule Import and Assigning Timeline for 2011-12, posted on the Section VI website, has been adjusted for fall sports in consideration of potential athletic program changes within districts following budget votes this May. Due to the current fiscal crisis in NYS, athletic programs may be eliminated or reduced. Athletic Council members, sportchairs, assigners and officials are requested to remain flexible and understanding. All are encouraged to contact Executive Director Timm Slade with budget/program issues. North Assigning will begin June 24 with a publish date of July 7.

Reminder of Requirements

Fall officials: Sign-in and update availability on Arbitersports by the deadline specified in the Timeline (June 22) in order to receive assignments!!! A Reminder (with instructions) will be emailed to officials June 1.

Sub-Assigners: Verify rosters and rankings in Arbitersports and notify the Section office of updates before assigning begins.

Athletic Directors: Comply with the Timeline for 2011-12 for sport schedules.



ERIE 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES

Schedule is posted → <http://www.e2ccb.org/webpages/lfinn/interscholastic.cfm>

Courses are held at LoGuidice Educational Center, Fredonia, NY

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES, AND ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION

July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2011
8:30 am-4:00 pm \$252.00
Online course Sept. 12-Dec. 30, 2011 \$364.00

HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

July 5, 6, 7, 8, 2011
8:15 am-3:45 pm \$252.00
Online course Sept. 12-Dec. 30, 2011 \$364.00

THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

July 18, 19, 2011
8:00 am-4:00 pm \$252.00
Online course Sept. 12-Dec. 30, 2011 \$364.00

FIRST AID SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Aug. 1, 2, 8, 9, 2011
5:30 pm-9:30 pm \$252.00

CONTACT INFORMATION:

716-672-4371, x2061 or x2062

Linda Finn, Coordinator: lfinn@e2ccb.org

Lisa VerHague, Secretary: lverhague@e2ccb.org

COACHING COURSE SCHEDULE SPRING/SUMMER 2011 - ERIE 1 BOCES

Schedule is posted → <http://www.section6.e1b.org/> click on the Bulletin Board

THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING	CHUCK AMO
June 6, 8, 13, 15, 2011 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Hamburg High School
June 20, 2011 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg 14075
Registration Deadline: June 1, 2011	\$165.00 per participant
PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES, AND ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION	KEN STOLDT
July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2011 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Erie 1 BOCES, Bldg A Room A3
July 18, 2011 8:00 am - 10:00 am (Room C227 if needed)	355 Harlem Rd., W.Seneca 14224
Registration Deadline: July 6, 2011	\$165.00 per participant
HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING	CHRIS KAPLAN
July 18, 19, 20, 21, 2011 8:00am-6:00pm	Erie 1 BOCES, Bldg A Room A4
The balance of this course (15 hrs) will be taught online	355 Harlem Rd., W.Seneca 14224
Registration Deadline: July 13, 2011	\$165.00 per participant
THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING	CHRIS DEMARCO
July 18, 19, 20, 21, 2011 8:00 am - 1:30 pm	Sweet Home High School
	1901 Sweet Home Rd.,
	Amherst 14226
Registration Deadline: July 13, 2011	\$165.00 per participant
FIRST AID & C.P.R. - if needed please contact:	
Sharon Barley: 574-8254, AthletiCare: 923-4837	
CHILD ABUSE: Patricia Riegle, 822-3333	
SAVE - Violence: Robert Carlson, 821-7553	
CERTIFICATION OFFICE: Janice Kilijanski 821-7194, Cindee Haynes 821-7456	
OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS: Phil Coyle 821-7530, (c) 913-7120, (Fax) 821-7409 Sect. (Cinda) 821-7091	

Section VI Loses Another Veteran - Pinky Loughlin

John (Pinky) Irving Loughlin, formerly of Medina, NY and of Rock Hill, NY, died, peacefully, at home Thursday, March 31, 2011. He was born in Herkimer, NY in 1925, the son of Mary T. and Irving Loughlin. He enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17 and served in the Pacific during World War II as quartermaster and navigator aboard the USS C.S. Badger, a destroyer. He returned from the Navy and completed high school where he began a lifelong passion for coaching high school sports.

He graduated from Brockport State Teachers College in 1952 and began teaching health and physical education at Monroe High School in Rochester, NY. In 1955 he moved to Medina, NY, where he began a 26 year career with the Medina Central School district. He served in a variety of capacities including teaching assignments, athletic director, assistant principal and director of transportation. He coached track and baseball, but his great love was football where as head coach he compiled a record of 135 wins, 50 losses and 7 ties over 24 seasons. He took great satisfaction from the Mustangs being league champions 13 times during his career. He also refereed high school and college basketball for almost three decades. During his residency in Medina, he served his community in a variety of capacities including as a Village Trustee, a member of the Board of Education and one of the founding members of the Armory Committee for the YMCA.

"Pinky" was a prominent figure in Section VI and a true servant to our athletes. He served on the Section VI Athletic Council for 15 years as the Boys Sports Representative from the Niagara Orleans League. Pinky was on the Health and Safety Standards and Finance Committees and served as co-chairman of the Sectional Basketball Committee for many years. In March 1971, the Sectional Basketball Program was dedicated to Pinky and Alan MacGamwell. He served as Chairman of the Section VI Officials Coordinating Committee, negotiating several of the contracts with the Sports Officials. Pinky was also a representative on the Section VI Football Federation Committee from its inception and worked on converting Section VI Football from leagues to the present Federation, quite a practical and philosophical undertaking.

In 1992 he moved with his wife, Joanna N. Loughlin to Rock Hill, NY to be closer to their children, residing in metropolitan New York City. In Rock Hill, he served on the Board of Directors of Emerald Green Homeowners Association and the Finance Committee of St. Joseph's Parish of Wurtsboro. He was also a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and, more recently, the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Parish.

John is survived by Joanna, his wife of 57 years; three children, John (and Darlene) of Rye, NY, James of Manhattan, and Joseph (and Suzanne) of Rock Hill, NY; as well as four grandchildren. Visit www.journal-register.com/obituaries for online guest register.



NYSPHSAA Announces 2011 Hall of Fame Inductees

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) has announced the inductees for its Class of 2011 Hall of Fame. Section VI is proud to say that two of the inductees are from our own section: **Dr. Ronald Black** (Administrator, Section VI) and **Stacey Schroeder-Watt** (Athlete, Grand Island). Dr. Black and Ms. Schroeder-Watt along with Gary Clark (Coach, Section V-Fairport), Joe Cuzzo (Coach, Section XI-Ward Melville), Jay Fiedler (Athlete, Oceanside) and Louis Pettinelli (Wrestling Official) were chosen through a two-level selection process involving a screening committee and a selection committee.

Nominations were endorsed by each inductee's member Section of the Association—a preliminary requirement in the nomination process—before going on to the NYSPHSAA screening committee for consideration. The six inductees will be honored this summer at the NYSPHSAA's Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Wednesday, August 3rd at the High Peaks in Lake Placid, NY (Section VII). The Hall of Fame, launched in 2002 and sponsored by Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. and Jostens, is mirrored after the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) program which recognizes individuals in the categories of athlete, coach, official, administrator and related contributor.

DR. RONALD BLACK, Administrator (Akron Central School- Section VI)

Dr. Ronald Black, a long-time administrator in Section VI, was NYSPHSAA's President from 2006-08 and the Section VI President for two terms. For nearly 40 years, he worked in Section VI schools as a teacher and Administrative Assistant to the District Principal at Holland Central School (1961-72) and as a Principal in Akron Central School District (1972-99). An Orchard Park resident, Dr. Black was additionally appointed a long-term seat on the NYSPHSAA's Championship Advisory Committee and served on the Strategic Planning Committee in the early 2000's.

Prior to his administrative career, Dr. Black was a four-sport athlete playing football, basketball, track and baseball at Buffalo Technical High School, then went on to play soccer at SUNY Cortland and later became the coach of the freshman soccer team at Penn State University. He earned his Bachelor of Science from SUNY Cortland and a Master of Science in 1961 from Pennsylvania State University. He additionally earned a Doctorate of Education from SUNY Buffalo in 1970, and in 1973-74 he received a Certificate of Specialization in Education Administration and a Certification of School District Administrators from Niagara University.

Ron has received numerous honors and awards during his career including the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS) Region 12 Administrator of the Year Award (1991) as well as SAANYS New York State Distinguished Secondary Principal (1992) award and the New York State Athletic Administrators Association Distinguished Service Award to Athletics (1992).



STACEY SCHROEDER-WATT - ATHLETE (Grand Island - Section VI)

Stacey Schroeder-Watt was one of the most exceptional track athletes in the state competing at Grand Island High School in Section VI. Her dominance in the shot put and discus led to a remarkable career including two NYSPHSAA State Championships in the shot put (1991, 1992) and one in the discus in 1992 when she shattered the girls state record, which still stands today. From 1988 through 1990 as an underclassman, she also earned spots in the NYSPHSAA State Championships after dominating Section VI in shot put and discus. Overall, Schroeder-Watt won five Section shot put titles and four Section discus crowns to go along with eight Niagara Frontier League championships. Her performances in the shot put and discus led to the honor of All-American status in 1991 and 1992 and being ranked number one in the country in 1992.

Beyond track, Stacey also successfully participated in high school volleyball and basketball. In volleyball, she was a first team League All-Star in 1992 and second team All Star in 1991 while helping her team to a Section championship. As a center on the basketball team, she was a second team League All-Star in 1991 and Honorable Mention in 1990. Her athletic success propelled her to a full scholarship at the University of Florida where she contributed to the Gators success for four years. While in Florida she earned status as an academic All-American, Academic All-SEC and became a two-time NCAA Division I All-American in the discus event. Stacey graduated from UF cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in microbiology and cell science. Following graduation from Florida, Stacey earned a Doctorate of Medicine at State University of New York Health Science Center (Syracuse). After medical school she returned to Buffalo where she completed her training to become a pediatric anesthesiologist. She practices in Buffalo and is program director for the pediatric anesthesiology fellowship program.

Mecca Breaks Multiple Records at Rifle Competition *By Coach Richard Ortlepp*

Dominique Mecca, an 11th grader at Orchard Park High School, has rewritten the ECIC record book this year. She has tied or broken all 5 individual records:

- Prone 100-10C (10 perfect center shots) tied record set in 1988 by James Meger (Lancaster)
- Offhand (standing) 97-07C breaks record (96-06) held by Jacob Genovics, Alden 2003
- Kneeling 100-05C breaks record (99-07) held by Chris Koss, Clarence 2005
- Aggregate (overall) 294-15C breaks record (293.12) held by Brian Curtis, Alden 1990
- League Average 287.12 breaks record (285.75) held by Brian Curtis, Alden 1989-90

The NYSPHSAA Rifle Regionals were fired at the US Military Academy (West Point) on March 5. New this year were the targets the athletes were firing at. The target was the USA 50, a more difficult target used by colleges. This was the first year that the athletes fired at these targets, having used A-36 targets in previous competition.

Dominique fired an aggregate (overall) score of 292/300 (old record 291 on the A-36 target) set in 1991 by Brian Curtis of Alden. Firing in this match were the best of each section. The closest individual had a score of 282. Dominique has the New State Record. She fired a 95/100 in the offhand (standing) position winning 1st place and setting another record. The closest competitor had a 90. Dominique also fired a 98 in the kneeling position, won 1st place set another record.

In the prone she and the winner both fired 99/100, but the winner, Leanne Highby of South Lewis HS, had one more center (perfect shot) or else she would have had a clean sweep of the individual championships.



2011 NYSAAA Chapter 6 Athletic Administrator Award Winners!!

Section VI extends sincere congratulations to the 2011 NYSAAA Chapter 6 Award winners: Jon Roth, Paul Ksionzyk, Keith McShea and Karen Galli!! They received their awards at the Annual NYSAAA Convention in March and will be honored by Section VI at the Athletic Council luncheon May 18.

JON ROTH, ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR AWARD OF THE YEAR

Jon has worked at Grand Island for the last 38 years. He started his career as a physical education teacher/coach and worked in that position from 1973-2005. He became the athletic director in 1994, a position he still holds today.

Jon, a 1967 graduate of Tonawanda High School and a 1969 graduate of Niagara County Community College, went on to receive a Bachelor's degree in Health/Physical Education from the University of Buffalo and a Masters degree from Niagara University.

In his teaching years Jon coached varsity basketball at Grand Island from 1975-1994 earning 200+ wins in that time. He coached varsity football as an assistant to NYS Hall of Fame Coach Gene Masters from 1976-1986. He also was the women's tennis coach at Grand Island from 1986-2005 and coached baseball at Niagara Community College for 7 years (1974-1981). He currently serves Section VI as the assistant boys basketball chairperson, a position he has held since 1997, as well as the Section VI Safety Committee and the NCCC Athletic Advisory Committee for over 10 years each.

Jon has earned an amazing amount of awards in his years as a teacher, coach and athletic director. He is a member of four Halls of Fame: WNY Softball (1992), NCCC Athletics (1993), WNY Baseball (1998) and Tonawanda High School (2002). Jon earned the Ves Pennel Award (sportsmanship) from the WNY Basketball officials in 1978, and the Gordon J. Bukaty Award in 2003 for his dedication to youth.

In 2008 Jon's school, Grand Island, earned the NYS School of Distinction Award because all of his varsity teams were New York State Scholar Athlete teams. In 2009 Grand Island earned the Niagara Frontier League Supremacy Award.

Jon and his wife Jean of 38 years have 2 children, Jeff and Julie, both of who played Division I tennis at Xavier University. Jeff is in his first year as the Director of Physical Education and Athletics at Wilson Central Schools and Julie is an elementary teacher in the Grand Island Schools and the varsity girls tennis coach.

PAUL KSIONZYK, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Paul Ksionzyk, 1972 graduate of Olean High School, was a 3 sport athlete there and earned the George Burlingame Award in the Big 30 All Star football game. Paul graduated from SUNY/Cortland with a degree in physical education in 1977 and a Masters Degree in 1985. He stayed in the Cortland area to coach and teach for a year until he was hired as the head track and field coach at St. Bonaventure University.

In 1980 he returned to his alma mater to teach physical education and to coach the sport he loves, track and field. Paul served as the head boys and girls track coach for 30 years. He also coached cross country for 25 years (1980-2005).

Paul's service to his school, league and Section VI has been outstanding. He has served his league as track chair since 1990 (21 years), Section VI track & Field committee rep for 14 years and Section VI track and field boys chairman for the last 6 years. Paul has also served on the Section VI cross country committee for 15 years and he has served as the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus league girls rep to Section VI for 21 years and on the Section VI Sectional/Intersectional committee for 19 years.

Paul is a member of the Olean High School Hall of Fame (1995) and the Cattaraugus County Hall of Fame (2008). He was an Empire State Game track and field athlete in 1983, 1984 and 1986 and coached the Western Region track team in 1997. In 2008 Paul served as the NYSPHSAA Track and Field Site Chair for the New York State Championships which were held in Buffalo (2009).

Paul and his wife Diane of 32 years have 3 children, Matthew 30, Michael 27 and Stephanie 25.

KEITH MCSHEA, COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Keith McShea graduated from North Babylon (Long Island) in 1990 and University at Buffalo in 1995 with a B.A. in English and a B.A. Special Major in Journalism (two degrees). His experience includes Buffalo News Sports Reporter 1999-present, Ithaca Journal Sports Editor 1998-99 and Ithaca Journal Sports Reporter 1996-98. He also worked as a Buffalo News intern, part-time editor.

Keith received the Associated Press Sports Editors top 10 game story honor for the 2007

Daytona 500 and the Dick Gallagher's Stan Barron Award for coverage of high school football. Notable stories include last year's Christmastime feature on Day-Day Morris' impact on the Sweet Home football team and this year's Christmastime feature on volleyball player Meghan Redenbach, who lost her fight with cancer on the day the story was published (Christmas Eve).

Keith counts himself fortunate to not only have a job doing something he enjoys, but doing something that hopefully can have a positive impact within the community. High school sports are becoming more and more a focus in all media with the rise of the Internet and the increased attention on local news. He feels it is a very exciting time to be a part of that with The Buffalo News and buffalonews.com.

KAREN GALLI, JUDITH MARTENS SECRETARIAL AWARD

Karen Galli has been at the Sweet Home High School Athletic Dept. as Administrative Assistant since 2001. Prior to that, she worked as clerk typist for Sweet Home Student Services and part time at Willow Ridge Elementary. Karen has been very active in the PTSA at Willow Ridge holding various offices including President for 2 years. Other activities that this Basketball team "Mom" has been involved in include the mentoring project at Sweet Home HS, Hall of Fame Committee, costumes for musicals and Asst. Advisor to Girls Athletic Association

Karen has been a Sid Oberbaker Award Nominee for 2 years and has been a key player in the successful fundraiser for Jacob Shell of Burnt Hills HS

She says "I have the best job! Working with students & coaches everyday, getting to know them and watching students progress. Having a district that allows everyone to get involved no matter if they are teachers or staff. Our Phys Ed staff is amazing we are very close knit group. We have such a "family" atmosphere in our office. I am so proud of our school - I am originally from Liverpool home of the orange & blue Warriors but now I truly bleed Navy & Old Gold for our Sweet Home Panthers now."

Karen and her husband Doug have 3 daughters: Stephanie married to Doug Stoll, Megan married to Tony Fox and Brianne. They are also blessed with one granddaughter Madison Fox.

CONGRATULATIONS

Section VI Winter Scholar Athlete State Champions

Section VI is pleased to announce that the **Clarence Boys Indoor Track** has achieved the distinct honor of State Scholar/Athlete Championship for winter sports!!

This year's boys indoor track team had forty members on the team, thirty of which earned a 90% average or above for the second marking period. The top 12 students for the NYSPHSAA scholar athlete program earned an average of 97.608 making them the # 1 team of 201 teams in the State of New York.

The boy's indoor track scholar athlete championship marks the fourteenth title that Clarence has won since the inception of the program and the first Section Six Scholar Athlete Championship in the sport of boy's indoor track.

Section VI, Clarence high school, administrators, and the community are proud of the boys for their academic and athletic achievements.

Sincere congratulations are extended to the team and the district!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE SCHOLAR ATHLETE CHAMPIONS !!!



Section VI Gymnast Takes State Vault Championship

By Coach Donna Aquino

Standing only 4'11", 8th grader **Courtney Bondanza** packed a powerful punch over the 4 and half feet high vaulting table at the New York State Public High School State Championships at Shaker High School.

Courtney vaulted her way to a 9.525 score and the 2011 Vault State Champion! This culminated a season that was record breaking for this petite dynamo. Courtney broke the Lancaster teams vault record of 9.35 set in 2007, and she broke the uneven bar record back in October scoring a 9.45, surpassing the previous record of 9.35.

Courtney led her Lancaster High School team this season to their 11th Sectional Team Championship and hopes to continue this reign of success as she enters her freshman year at Lancaster next season.



Iroquois' Kloc Earns State Wrestling Championship

Iroquois junior **Jimmy Kloc** went undefeated at 145 pounds in Division I to lead the Chiefs' contingent of three participants and become the first Chief to be state champion since Matt Mariacher in 2007. Kloc, who placed second at states last year and was fifth two winters ago, finished the season 50-1 overall, which helped him surpass Mariacher (192 victories) as the program's all-time winningest grappler and put him within reach of the Section VI all-time wins record with his current career mark of 206-15.

"It's tough to win a state title, especially in the large schools, so we were extremely happy to make that happen," Iroquois coach Keith Maute said. "Jimmy's put in a ton of hard work, and unfortunately last year, he ran into a kid who was ranked in the top 15 nationally in their weight class. But he just kept plugging away. It's his turn now, and though it's hard enough to just get one title, we're hoping that he can repeat next year. We know there are a ton of factors that play into a state championship, and that you don't see very many two-timers, but we're still hoping we can make it happen."



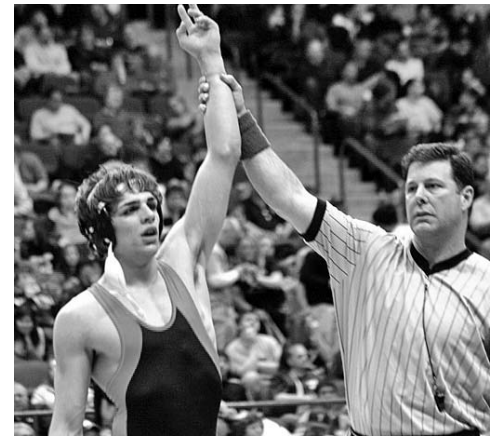
Records Broken and State Championship Achieved by Section VI Indoor Track Athletes

Kailyn Arcury, a junior at Williamsville South high School, was the 2010-2011 Indoor Track State and Federation champion in the 55m Hurdles. She ran the race in a time of 7.96 seconds, .04 off of the WNY record and tying her Personal Best time of 7.96 - FAT. She went into the meet ranked 3rd. Having people to run with in the race pushed her to run her fastest time of the year and become the State and Federation champion. Kailyn is coached by Dan Syracuse. Congratulations to Kailyn and Dan!!

9 Medals were awarded to both the Girls & Boys Teams from Section VI that also included Canisius & St. Joe's on the boys side who medaled in the FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Four records were also broken by our Section VI athletes. Wayne Gordon, a junior from Sweet Home High School lowered his existing Section VI Record in the 55 Meter Dash down to 6.45 - FAT and finished 3rd. Senior Cordell Stewart from Niagara Falls High School broke the 300 Meter Record and finished 4th in 35.71 - FAT. For the girls, Senior Abigail Benson from Iroquois finished 6th in the 1000 Meters and broke the record in 2:54.10 – FAT. The 4 x 800 Meter Relay Foursome of Juniors Emily Krasinski & Shannon Dalton along with Seniors Rebecca Love & Renae Sweeny from Frontier High School finished 6th and smashed the Section VI Record by six seconds running 9:30.75 - FAT.

CONGRATULATIONS to all who had qualified for this Prestigious Meet!



Ben Haas - State Champion Division II Wrestler

The 2010-11 Division II New York State Champion at 145 lbs. is **Ben Haas** of Salamanca. His 2011 New York State Championship Matches were as follows:

- Pre-quarters: 15-0 TF over Jeff Strider (Sec. 11)
- Quarters: 19-5 MD over Aaron Dudley (Sec. 2)
- Semi-Finals: 13-7 Dec. over Nate Silverthorn (Sec. 3)
- Finals: 9-2 Dec. over Phil Czapl (Sec. 6)

Haas had a Season Record (48-3) - 25 pins and a Career Record (192-39). He was a 4-time Section 6 NYS Tournament Representative. The Times Herald named him *Wrestler of the Year* and the Post Journal labeled him *Co-Wrestler of the Year*.

Ben's School Records set this season All-Time Best Season Record for a Junior (48-3), All-Time Most Take Downs in a Season (99), All-Time Most Near Fall 3's in a Season (46) and All-Time Team Points in a Season (244). Other School Records include All-Time Best Season Record for a Sophomore (41-8), For an 8th Grader (37-10) and For a 7th Grader (36-8)

Williamsville North Claims Ice Hockey State Championship for the 4th Year in a Row

Williamsville North Hockey had a dominant season, going undefeated throughout the regular and post season with a 24-0-2 final record. They outscored their opponents 141-26, Parker Gahagen had a state record 16 career shutouts with a win over Orchard Park in the Federation semifinals. They went on to beat Frontier in the Fed final with a 6-0 final score. The road to Super Sunday was just as exciting in a game that had North's leading scorer, Scott Sims take a feed from Jeff Mc Andrews in front of the net at 46 seconds in the 4th overtime! Jake Rosen, Scott Sims and Parker Gahagen were named to the State All-Star team. Parker Gahagen was named New York State Player of the Year and Bob Rosen was named New York State Coach of the Year. This is Williamsville North's 4th state title; it's first since 2006 and the first season in which North won a Federation and state championship in the same year.



CONGRATULATIONS to the SECTION VI All WNY Winter Scholar Athletes

Section VI has selected the winners of the All WNY Scholar Athlete award for Winter sports. There were 296 nominations for the winter award. 112 were selected as winners, 17 were repeat winners from fall and 167 received Honorable Mention. 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.

Winter Scholar Athlete Winners

** indicates repeat winner from fall

<u>School/Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>
Albion		Holy Angels		Southwestern	
Girls Basketball	Chelsea Beecher	Girls Basketball	Margaret Christ**	Boys Basketball	Riley Smith
Amherst		Girls Basketball	Brianna Pullo	St. Francis	
Boys Basketball	Michael Derr	Hutch Tech		Boys Basketball	Joseph Cauley
Boys Basketball	Peter Wright**	Girls Basketball	Hannah Durand	Boys Ice Hockey	Shawn Hanley
Boys Bowling	Tom Pera	Girls Basketball	Patricia Luko	Boys Ice Hockey	Paul Herrmann
Boys Ice Hockey	Austin Smith	Iroquois		Boys Ice Hockey	Christian Matthews
Boys Ice Hockey	Michael Thompson	Boys Basketball	Steve Wheeler	Boys Ice Hockey	Michael Menard
Boys Ice Hockey	Josh Zalis	Jamestown		Boys Indoor Track	Anthony Pivarunas
Boys Indoor Track	Zachary Fox**	Boys Basketball	Joseph Champion**	St. Joseph's	
Girls Bowling	Jessica Banning	Girls Basketball	AshleyFrederickson	Boys Basketball	John Murray**
Wrestling	James Mullane	John F. Kennedy		Boys Basketball	Connor Rehbaum
Barker		Boys Basketball	Sean Fox	Boys Bowling	Evan DePaolo
Girls Basketball	Jessica Hillman**	Kenmore East		Boys Ice Hockey	Donald MacIntyre III
Girls Basketball	Larissa St. Louis**	Girls Basketball	Kathryn Blanch	Boys Ice Hockey	Samuel Ministero
Girls Swimming & Diving	Taylor Gallo	Lackawanna		Boys Ice Hockey	Robert Neff
Canisius		Boys Basketball	Shayne Daley**	Boys Indoor Track	Daniel Courtney
Boys Basketball	Gordon Lyons	Lancaster		Boys Indoor Track	Andrew McGloin
Boys Ice Hockey	Patrick Dengler	Girls Basketball	Kelly Leonard	Boys Indoor Track	Joseph Schnitter**
Boys Ice Hockey	Christopher Kuchta	Mt. St. Mary's		Boys Swimming & Diving	Kevin Gibas
Boys Ice Hockey	Brian McCall	Girls Basketball	Nadia Gathers	Boys Swimming & Diving	Christopher Reinhardt
Boys Indoor Track	Thomas Fiorica	Girls Ice Hockey	Emily Terranova	Wrestling	Brian Herzog**
Boys Indoor Track	Timothy Hartigan	Nardin		St. Mary's of Lancaster	
Boys Indoor Track	Thomas Spulecki	Girls Basketball	Alicia Jancevski	Boys Ice Hockey	Matthew Cronmiller**
Boys Indoor Track	Cole Townsend**	Girls Basketball	Lauren Nigrelli	Girls Basketball	Nicole Gangloff
Boys Indoor Track	Derik Wagner	Girls Basketball	Brianna Robbins	Girls Bowling	Amy Kawa
Boys Swimming & Diving	Andrew Monte	Girls Basketball	Chloe Wingerter	Sweet Home	
Cheektowaga		Newfane		Boys Ice Hockey	Joshua Reich
Wrestling	Kevin Brooks	Boys Basketball	Andrew McCullough	Boys Swimming & Diving	Taylor Jones
Wrestling	Jacob Petroski	Boys Basketball	Rohn Pierce	Girls Bowling	Kristine Ellsworth
Clarence		Nichols		Girls Bowling	Kaylee Kaminski
Boys Basketball	Tyler Funk	Boys Ice Hockey	Matthew Benedict**	Timon-St. Jude	
Boys Bowling	Zach Dziadaszek	Boys Ice Hockey	James Randaccio**	Boys Basketball	David Scarello
Boys Ice Hockey	Michael Marino	Girls Basketball	Gaelin Carrig	West Seneca West	
Boys Indoor Track	Alex Polino	Girls Basketball	Kerry Collins	Boys Ice Hockey	Adam Johnson
Boys Swimming & Diving	Scott Florentino	North Tonawanda		Williamsville East	
Boys Swimming & Diving	George Hermance	Boys Ice Hockey	Timothy Whetstone	Boys Basketball	Andrew Milbrand
Girls Basketball	Nicole Curtis	Girls Bowling	Brianna Larson	Boys Basketball	Eric Stolzenburg
Girls Indoor Track	Megann Kaiser	Girls Indoor Track	Staci Czaja	Boys Ice Hockey	Sean Mahon
Rifle	Nicholas Ader	Orchard Park		Boys Indoor Track	Vasikan Vijayashanthar**
Dunkirk		Boys Basketball	Ryan Lindquist**	Boys Swimming & Diving	Kevin Fan
Girls Indoor Track	Chelsea Tuggle	Girls Indoor Track	Laura Hoelzl	Girls Basketball	Shannon Hughes
Franklinville		Girls Indoor Track	Brittany Porter	Girls Basketball	Bailey Weigel
Boys Swimming & Diving	Alexander Wright	Panama		Williamsville North	
Frontier		Boys Basketball	Chris Enlow	Boys Bowling	Joel Gough
Boys Basketball	Darius Edwards	Park		Boys Ice Hockey	Parker Gahagen
Girls Ice Hockey	NicoleDeci	Girls Basketball	Madeline Connors	Boys Indoor Track	Collin Preston
Girls Indoor Track	Cara Costa	Sacred Heart		Boys Swimming & Diving	Max Blumberg
Girls Indoor Track	Kayla Hennessy	Girls Basketball	Jessica Prater	Wrestling	Mackenzie Gage
Girls Indoor Track	Rebecca Love	Girls Basketball	Kristen Russo	Williamsville South	
Girls Indoor Track	Rachel Stoklosa	Girls Indoor Track	Jessica Sainz	Boys Basketball	Aaron Adams
Girls Indoor Track	Renae Sweeney	Girls Basketball	Sarah Pawlak	Boys Basketball	Joseph Licata
Gowanda		Girls Bowling	Emily Mrozinski	Boys Basketball	Kevin O'Connell
Wrestling	Ian Briggs	Salamanca		Wilson	
Grand Island		Boys Bowling	Luke Stewart	Boys Basketball	Brennan Moxham
Boys Basketball	Stephen Vitello**	Silver Creek		Girls Basketball	Molly Curry
Holland		Girls Basketball	Lauren Johengen	Girls Basketball	Ashley Smith

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 – Winter 2011

**State Champion

BOYS BASKETBALL

Royalton Hartland	95.961
Portville	95.839
Lancaster	95.089
Frontier	94.696
Hamburg	94.314
Southwestern	94.221
Albion	94.074
Williamsville East	93.977
Depew	93.800
Akron	93.738
Wilson	93.711
West Seneca West	93.697
Alden	93.619
Pioneer	93.254
Springville	93.174
Williamsville South	92.897
Maryvale	92.800
Olean	92.209
Clarence	92.087
Eden	92.051
Grand Island	91.686
East Aurora	91.633
Newfane	91.299
Williamsville North	91.270
Falconer	91.129
Barker	90.906
West Seneca East	90.847
Lewiston Porter	90.830
Pine Valley	90.597
North Tonawanda	90.421
Amherst	90.346
Lake Shore	90.274
Iroquois	90.184
Niagara Wheatfield	90.013

BOYS BOWLING

Frontier	95.181
Cheektowaga	94.542
Alden	93.981
Southwestern	93.261
Williamsville South	92.893
Falconer	92.697
Williamsville North	92.633
Lancaster	92.591
Eden	92.573
Clarence	92.516
Niagara Wheatfield	92.003
Lackawanna	91.863
Dunkirk	91.847
Springville	91.669
Maryvale	91.300
Sweet Home	90.819
Iroquois	90.572

Depew	90.233
North Tonawanda	90.029
Lockport	90.007

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

Clarence**	97.608
Lancaster	95.554
Hamburg	95.406
Frontier	94.648
Williamsville East	94.536
Williamsville South	93.057
Dunkirk	92.815
Depew	92.646
Springville	91.917
Williamsville North	91.828
Iroquois	91.577
Lockport	91.313
Maryvale	90.800
Lake Shore	90.772
Cheektowaga	90.770
Kenmore East	90.643
Amherst	90.513
Grand Island	90.500
Kenmore West	90.493

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Clarence	97.361
Williamsville North	95.813
Williamsville East	95.646
Southwestern	95.402
Medina	95.258
Olean	95.158
Hamburg	94.810
Newfane	94.280
Depew	93.848
East Aurora	93.745
Starpoint	93.739
Sweet Home	93.538
Lockport	93.194
Albion	92.980
Eden	92.814
Barker	92.732
Iroquois	92.429
West Seneca East	92.429
Williamsville South	92.369
Lewiston Porter	92.274
Akron	92.191
Springville	92.018
Fredonia	91.875
Maryvale	91.255
Lake Shore	91.199
West Seneca West	91.058
Dunkirk	90.950

Lancaster	90.947
North Tonawanda	90.830
Cleveland Hill	90.799
Royalton Hartland	90.702
City Honors	90.699
Kenmore West	90.630
Alden	90.500
Grand Island	90.282
Niagara Wheatfield	90.055

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Portville	97.406
Barker	96.747
Alden	96.579
Hamburg	96.461
Wilson	96.409
Clarence	95.910
Albion	95.461
Maryvale	94.614
Williamsville East	94.421
Falconer	94.346
Holland	94.288
North Tonawanda	94.214
Williamsville South	94.159
Lewiston Porter	94.067
Frontier	94.016
Lancaster	94.008
East Aurora	93.836
Lockport	93.712
Pioneer	93.687
Starpoint	93.673
Niagara Wheatfield	93.601
Sweet Home	93.452
Southwestern	93.400
Maple Grove	93.278
Olean	93.120
Williamsville North	93.109
Cattaraugus L.Valley	92.850
Depew	92.817
West Seneca West	92.374
Franklinville	92.360
West Seneca East	92.282
Clymer	92.100
Iroquois	92.075
Amherst	92.028
Kenmore East	91.933
Eden	91.923
Medina	91.885
Newfane	91.735
Grand Island	91.657
Pine Valley	91.561
Cleveland Hill	91.460
Lake Shore	91.376
Westfield	91.346

Cheektowaga	91.114
Cassadaga Valley	91.051
Dunkirk	90.731
Kenmore West	90.515
Springville	90.490
Tonawanda	90.367
West Valley	90.217

GIRLS BOWLING

Maryvale	96.114
Lancaster	95.705
Cheektowaga	95.646
Williamsville South	95.620
Sweet Home	95.144
North Tonawanda	95.079
Alden	94.671
Williamsville North	94.627
Frontier	94.359
Depew	94.300
Southwestern	94.136
Springville	93.904
Clymer	93.714
West Seneca West	92.703
Clarence	92.376
Williamsville East	92.304
Eden	91.612
Amherst	91.305
Niagara Wheatfield	91.244
West Valley	91.176
Cleveland Hill	90.846
Tonawanda	90.773
West Seneca East	90.770
Fredonia	90.549
Iroquois	90.517
Dunkirk	90.457
Lewiston Porter	90.439
Grand Island	90.300
Kenmore West	90.268

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Williamsville South	95.638
Sweet Home	94.414
West Seneca East & West	94.305
Frontier & Orchard Park	92.710
Kenmore East & West	91.059

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

Frontier	97.524
Clarence	97.398
West Seneca West	97.361
Maryvale	96.642
Hamburg	96.286
Depew	96.219
Williamsville North	96.200

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Always A Winner...

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COACH'S SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Administrators, coaches, or league chairmen are encouraged to nominate a coach who illustrates or captures the spirit of "sportsmanship" and deserves recognition. A coach selected to receive this award is one who treats all teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials with the utmost respect and within the standards set by the coach's code of conduct. One coach will be selected from each league to receive this annual award at the Section VI Recognition Dinner at the end of the summer. The Nomination Form is on the Section VI website. Under General Information, click on *Forms and Information*.....the form is listed under "S" for Sportsmanship. Please submit nominations to Doug Beetow at dbeetow@iroquoiscsd.org by June 4.

ALL WNY "GOOD SPORT" PROGRAM- MODELS OF SPORTSMANSHIP IN ACTION

Sportsmanship just doesn't happen...it must be taught! Students learn immeasurable and unique lessons through interscholastic athlete participation. Educators universally agree, of all the goals established as outcomes for secondary students involved in school sports, sportsmanship is primary. Student athletes who learn to value and practice sportsmanship are developing the characteristics of good citizenship. Honesty, generosity, self discipline, a sincere concern for others, ethical behavior and a commitment to fair play are all demonstrated in sportsmanship. These are the criteria for the All WNY "Good Sports" award.

This award program is carried out seasonally for all sports in Section VI. Each division for each sport within the league is asked to select a team that best exemplifies good sportsmanship to receive the team award. The team selected then chooses one student athlete to receive the individual award, an All WNY "Good Sports" patch. The names are given to the Section VI Sportchair or directly to the Sportsmanship Coordinator*. The selection criteria, as stated above, will identify the very best we have to offer in Section VI. The award winners are models of sportsmanship in action and this program is designed to recognize and honor them. Contact the Section VI Sportsmanship Coordinator* with questions or concerns.

Congratulations to the All-WNY "Good Sports" selections for winter 2011 listed below. These athletes will receive a certificate and an ALL-WNY Sportsmanship patch.

ALL-WNY Individual and Team Recognition for Outstanding Sportsmanship – Winter 2011

Boys Basketball	School	Individual	Girls Bowling	School	Individual
BUFFALO	McKinley	Dennis James	Buffalo	DaVinci	Darneather Watson
CCAA 1	Southwestern	Justin Funcell	CCAA 1	Falconer	Megan Hummel
CCAA 2	NA	NA	CCAA 2	Chautauqua Lake	Heather Sullivan
CCAA 3	Brocton	NA	CCAA 3	Hinsdale	Samantha Lett
CCAA 4	Ripley	NA	ECIC 1	Lancaster	Colleen Frantz
ECIC 1	Orchard Park	Ryan Lindquist	ECIC 2	Iroquois	Erin Fuer
ECIC 2	Iroquois	Connor Gallivan	ECIC 3	Depew	Laura Schwanborn
ECIC 3	Lake Shore	Ben Senior	ECIC 4	Eden	Jenna Herbert
ECIC 4	JFK	Sean Fox	NO	Lockport	Brittany Wright
NFL	Niagara-Wheatfield	Jake Hughes	NO	NA	NA
NO	Royalton- Hartland	Connor Callaghan	Boys Ice Hockey	School	Individual
Girls Basketball	School	Individual	Division 1	Lancaster	Joshua Graser
BUFFALO Div 1	Hutch Tech	Ngina Drayton	Division 2	Williamsville North	Michael Mangone
BUFFALO Div.2	Emerson/City Honors	Momo Koessler	Division 3	Kenmore West	Sean Dungan
CCAA 1	Olean	Maria Skrobacz	Division 4	Williamsville South	
CCAA 2	Catt/LV	Elizabeth Cappola	Division 5	Lewiston Porter	
CCAA 3	Brocton/Maple Grove	Molly Beaton	Indoor Track	School	
CCAA 4	Brocton/Panama	Andrea Marsh	Boys	Clarence	Alex Polino
ECIC 1	Orchard Park	Laura Clesse	Girls	Iroquois	Abigail Benson
ECIC 2	Williamsville East	Shannon Hughes	Rifle	School	Individual
ECIC 3	Lake Shore	Katie Michalski	ECIC	Clarence	Brittany Belko
ECIC 4	Cleveland Hill	Rasheenah Hamilton	NFL	Kenmore East	Corey Weigand
NFL	Lockport	Caroline Randall	Wrestling	School	Individual
NO	Barker	Olivia Denny	CCAA 1	Allegany- Limestone	
Boys Bowling	School	Individual	CCAA 2	Cassadaga Valley	
Buffalo	Bennett	Myron Walker Jr.	Wrestling	School	Individual
CCAA 1	Dunkirk	Jeremiah Dioniak	CCAA 3	Maple Grove	
CCAA 2	Brocton	John Nickerson	ECIC 1	Jamestown	
CCAA 3	Hinsdale	Blake Geiger	ECIC 2	Williamsville South	
ECIC	Eden	Chad Szymkowiak	ECIC 3	Eden	
NFL	Niagara-Wheatfield	Troy Licastro	ECIC 4	NA	
NO	NA	NA	NFL	Niagara Falls	Henry Beaman
			NO	Akron	Jake Kelkenberg

Girls Ice Hockey will begin selection of Sportsmanship winners in 2011-12.

Boys Swimming does not select winners by league but noted that Kyle Zittel from Eden was the Sportsmanship winner selected at the state competition.

Sportsmanship ...let the players play, let the coaches coach, let the officials officiate ...we then can enjoy the game.

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NYSPPHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP MEETING

On March 17, 2011 the State Sportsmanship committee discussed a number of issues. Please discuss this information at your next league meeting and get back to the section office any information that we need to take back to the state.

- **Ice Hockey – Game Misconducts:** The NYSPPHSAA Ice Hockey Committee has recommended a waiver of the NFHS rule that allows only one game disqualification penalty per contest for a player or coach. The recommendation is to allow a maximum of 2 game disqualifications per contest for a player or coach. This recommendation is fully supported by the Sportsmanship Committee.
- **Wrestling Sportsmanship Concerns:** Some of our sections have expressed a concern about wrestlers that are not being properly supervised immediately following a match. Some of these unsupervised wrestlers are very upset about losing a close match and have caused extensive damage to local venues. In one case a wrestler was arrested and charged with a crime. The committee feels that **all** student athletes need to be properly supervised before, during, and especially after a contest. The committee recommends that a reminder be stated to the NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee and the NYSPPHSAA Wrestling Committee about properly supervising student athletes especially following a match or contest.
- **Sportsmanship during Foul Shots:** Section 8 asked the other representatives if their section had a rule regarding noise during foul shots. No other section had a specific rule regarding noise during foul shots. Most of the sections referred back to the Be Loud Be Proud Be Positive statement. As long as the noise was a positive and not negative toward an individual they did not have a problem with the practice. Noise is allowed during the entire game as long as it is not negative toward and individual or a school or official.

...Good Sports Finish First

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Iroquois	95.815
Lancaster	95.758
Lockport	95.569
Lake Shore	94.570
North Tonawanda	93.807
Sweet Home	93.478
Williamsville South	93.378
Dunkirk	93.138
Williamsville East	92.909
Springville	92.893
Pioneer	92.595
Grand Island	91.600
Holland	91.461
Kenmore East	91.449
Kenmore West	90.288
Cheektowaga	90.269
Amherst	90.022

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

Newfane	97.023
Medina	95.891
Barker	95.121
City Honors	91.899
Albion	91.287
Royalton Hartland	90.032

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Hamburg	95.214
Williamsville North	94.343
Lockport	94.337
Williamsville East	93.964
Williamsville South	93.234
Sweet Home	92.598
Clarence	92.356

Frontier	92.135
West Seneca West	92.013
Niagara Wheatfield	91.701
Amherst	91.134
North Tonawanda	90.975
Lancaster	90.493

RIFLERY

Clarence	97.909
Alden	95.479
Iroquois	92.752
Kenmore East	90.146

WRESTLING

Williamsville North	94.891
Williamsville South	93.498
West Seneca East	93.445

Southwestern	93.174
West Seneca West	93.157
Clarence	92.279
Lockport	92.248
Falconer	92.054
Albion	92.021
Newfane	91.919
Frontier	91.651
Niagara Wheatfield	91.466
Lake Shore	91.157
Maryvale	91.002
Wilson	90.969
Springville	90.959
Eden	90.814
Depew	90.707
Barker	90.698
North Tonawanda	90.185
Amherst	90.039



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