



SECTION VI *newsletter*

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NEXT ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 2012

Lunch 11:00 am – Meeting begins at 11:30 am
Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus,
355 Harlem Rd., W. Seneca

ACTION ITEMS

- Combining Schools 2012-13,
- Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests
- Appointments to Section VI positions
(see page 2)
- Committee Recommendations

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 **Megan Karpie** of Grand Island and **Tyler Scheving** from Barker as our 2012 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 for 2012 are Greg Kaszubski- Athletic Administrator Award of the Year, Jim Conley of the NO League – Non-Athletic Administrator Award, Stu Boyar of WGRZ Channel 2 - Community Service Award and Sue Benoit of Barker - Judith Martens Secretarial Award. They will also be recognized by the Section at the May Athletic Council meeting. See page 4 for the biographies. Congratulations to all!

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLAR/ATHLETES AND STATE CHAMPS!!

NYSPHSAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS WINTER 2012 STATE CHAMPIONS

Section VI is pleased to announce that two teams have achieved the State Scholar/Athlete Championship: **Frewsburg Girls Basketball** with a team GPA of **97.920** and **Hamburg Girls Gymnastics (fall team)** with a team GPA of **97.763**! Below are the state champs for all winter sports:

Section	School	Sport	GPA
2	Queensbury	Boys Skiing	95.870
3	Charles W. Baker	Ice Hockey	95.688
5	Cuba-Rushford	Boys Basketball	96.257
5	Harley Allendale Columbia	Boys Bowling	98.443
5	Thomas	Girls Skiing	97.129
6	Frewsburg	Girls Basketball	97.920
6	Hamburg	Girls Gymnastics (Fall)	97.763
8	Farmingdale	Boys Indoor Track	98.998
8	Farmingdale	Boys Swimming/Diving	97.831
8	Farmingdale	Girls Indoor Track	99.729
8	Jericho	Girls Bowling	97.861
8	Jericho	Wrestling	95.641

Congratulations to all the Section VI scholar/athlete team award winners!!

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SECTION VI 2012 WINTER SPORTS STATE CHAMPIONS

(see pages 7-11)

Bowling

- Girls HS Team - Niagara Falls
- Girls Ind. High Series - Hailey Johnson, Niagara Falls
- Girls Ind. High Score - Ashley Fries, Kenmore West
- Boys Section 6 Team
- Boys Ind. High Series - Chad Mee, Frontier

Boys Swimming

- 100 butterfly - Andrew Marsh, Jamestown

Girls Gymnastics

- Section 6 Team
- Vault & Balance Beam - Courtney Bondanza, Lancaster
- Floor - Lily Jagodzinski, Williamsville North

Ice Hockey

- Kenmore East Small Division

Indoor Track

- Boys High Jump - Brandon Joyce, Niagara Falls
- Boys Shot Put - Jordan Kihl, Lancaster
- Girls 55 meter hurdles - Kailyn Acury, Williamsville South
- Girls High Hump - Stephanie Izard, Sweet Home
- Girls Long Jump - Mikayla Pearce, Maryvale

Rifle

- Aggregate (2 other titles) - Dominique Mecca, Orchard Park
- Kneeling - Alyson Sylvester, Alden

Wrestling (Div 1)

- 145 lbs. - Jim Kloc, Iroquois

Wrestling (Div 2)

- 182 lbs. - Tony Lock, Pioneer
- 152 lbs. - Ben Haas, Salamanca

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NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

NYSPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 4 - 5, 2012 at Lake George, Holiday Inn
 An Office Update will be posted at the conclusion of the meeting

NYSPHSAA ANNOUNCES 2012 HALL OF FAME

On August 1, 2012 the NYSPHSAA will be inducting their 10th class into the Hall of Fame. The seven inductees include Dick Bader (Section III), Lou Gianni (Section XI), Anthony Luciano (Section II), Gina Maher (Section I), David Martens (Section V), Judy Salerno (Section VIII) and Don Snyder (Section VIII). These individuals will be honored for their outstanding contributions to the interscholastic athletic program.

2011 - 2012 PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Athletic Directors are asked to remember to complete the Participation Survey. The deadline is May 31, 2012. Please click on this link to access the survey → <http://www.nysphsaa.org/members/>

NFHS FREE COURSES

“Concussion in Sport -What You Need to Know”, “The Role of the Parent in Sport” and “Sportsmanship” free online courses - available at www.nfhslearn.com

NCAA NEWS: DIVISION I ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The NCAA Board of Directors voted to delay implementation of the new NCAA Division I Academic Standards for 1 year! The high school graduating class of 2016 will now be the first class required to meet the new requirements which were originally released in February 2012.

CSEA EXCELSIOR AWARD

Applications for the 3rd annual Excelsior Award are now online at www.nysphsaa.org. The award, sponsored by CSEA and the Association, is intended to recognize non-coaching individuals who have made significant contributions to their school’s athletic programs. Examples include bus drivers, custodial staff and booster club representatives. Nominees are required to be members of CSEA in NYSPHSAA member schools.

SPORTSMANSHIP PROMOTION PROGRAM

Section Sportsmanship Representatives need to forward the list of schools that have completed the Sportsmanship Promotion Survey and have won the Section Plaque Award to the NYSPHSAA office by May 10th. Plaque award winners that will be nominated by the section to be considered for the State Banner Award need to submit supporting documentation to the NYSPHSAA office by June 1, 2012. The

Sportsmanship Promotion Banner winners will be announced in the mid June and recognized at the Summer meeting in August.

BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER COACHES CLINIC

The clinic will be Friday, June 1, 2012 at the SportsPlex in Clifton Park NY. The featured speakers are Mike Russo – Williams College, Eric Watson – Utica College, Molly Morgan– Creative Nutrition Solution, Brian Latella – Hamilton High School, and Ron Annis –Top Form Inc. For more information and registration click on the following link <http://www.nysphsaa.org/news/clinics.asp>

2012 CALENDAR

- May 16** Sections 5, 6, 9
- May 17** Section 8 - 8:00
Bowling - 10:00
- May 18** Scholar Athlete Deadline
Boys Basketball - 10:00
- May 22** Section 1 - 8:30
- May 23** OCF - 8:00 PM
- June 1** B/G Soccer Clinic, Sports Plex, Clifton Park
- June 30** School of Distinction Deadline

UPCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Boys Tennis** May 31 - June 2
USTA Tennis Center
- Boys Golf** June 2 - 4
Cornell University (4)

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Section VI Positions to be Appointed

Appointments will be made at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting in May to the following positions: Principals Rep to the Central Committee, Fall Sports Chairperson positions as well as Girls Ice Hockey, Boys Basketball and Girls Indoor Track Sportchair positions (completing the term being vacated by the chairs stepping down). Any member in good standing of the professional staff of a member school may serve as a Sport Chairperson. The current nominees are listed:

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| Principal’s Rep: Joe Lucenti - Akron, Jim Spanbauer - Niagara Falls, Mark Graff - Eden | |
| Cross Country (Boys)Michael Janisch | Cross Country (Girls)James Zubler |
| FootballKen Stoldt | Football Assistant Adam Stoltman |
| Gymnastics (Boys) Joe Buscaglia | Gymnastics (Girls) Donna Aquino |
| Soccer (Boys) Todd Marquardt | Soccer (Boys) AssistantJon Luce |
| Soccer (Girls) Chris Durr | Soccer (Girls) Assistant Joanna Fildes |
| Swimming (Girls)Bruce Johnson | Tennis (Girls) Mike Venditti |
| Field Hockey Judith Otto | Volleyball (Boys) Walter Stefani |
| Volleyball (Girls) Debby Schrufer | Co-Chairperson Sue Pernick |
| Girls Ice Hockey Rick Hopkins | Girls Indoor Track .. OPEN |
| Boys Basketball OPEN | |

Leagues and Committees are asked to forward nominations to the Section VI office, 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224 cszczesny@e1b.org

Changes in the Section VI office

C.Szczesny who has been an employee in the Section office since 1996, will be retiring in June. A position of Senior Account Clerk Typist was created for the Section office and posted internally in Erie 1 BOCES. A candidate was selected by a committee of league reps after the interview process in April and a recommendation for hire will be presented at the Erie 1 Board of Education meeting for approval May 9. A start date for the new employee is planned for early June. Best wishes are extended to Ms. Szczesny on her impending retirement!

Central Management - Assigning/Payment of Officials

Section VI is nearing the end of the fifth year of coordinating the efforts of centralized management and assigning of sports officials through ArbiterSports.

In 2011-12, the evaluation system for sport officials was expanded to include the sports of field hockey and girls ice hockey, as well as boys & girls lacrosse and 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 to the Section Sportchairs as well as the officials organizations in establishing the ranking of sports officials.

This year, lead officials were requested to complete a Game Report after each contest to record team scores where applicable (and yellow card information for soccer). This was extremely helpful to the Soccer Sportchairs and assigners. Scores were immediately available to member school athletic offices and utilized by the Section office posting sectional brackets. Thank you to the officials who cooperated with this request.

Also new in 2011-12, Disqualification Forms and Form X's were submitted on-line. On-line forms are emailed directly to the Section office and automatically entered into a database, streamlining and facilitating the process as well as being more cost-effective.

And lastly, central payment of officials using RefPay in Arbitersports was accomplished this year for girls as well as boys ice hockey throughout the season and soccer (boys and girls) as well lacrosse (boys and girls) for post-season games paid by the Section. Officials opened RefPay accounts and received payments 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 proved efficient and cost effective.

And looking to the future, ArbiterSports has built a scheduling program called ArbiterGame to work in conjunction with the assigning program. This program is being investigated by Section VI as a possible alternative for member schools who use separate scheduling programs such as LeagueMinder or ScheduleStar. Phase one will be released by June 2012 in Michigan with an anticipated date for Phase two (mass release) in the fall and Version 3 planned for January 2013.

Also under investigation, is the central payment of officials through Erie 1 BOCES. This could be very beneficial and accomplished at minimal cost to districts. Erie 1 and Section VI are in the process of applying for a grant for potential funding of the project. More information will be provided to districts as it becomes available.

Note: The 2012-13 Timelines for importing schedules and assigning have been approved and are posted on the Section VI website → [North](#) & [South](#). Adjustments were made again this year for fall sports assigning 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. Assigning for fall sports will begin June 22 with a publish date of July 6.

Reminder of Requirements

Fall officials: Sign-in and update availability on ArbiterSports by the deadline specified in the Timeline (June 20) in order to receive assignments!!! A Reminder (with instructions) will be emailed to officials May 30.

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

Athletic Directors: Comply with the Timelines posted for sport schedules.



Contract with Sports Officials

The Agreement for 2010-2013 between the WNY Sports Officials and the Member Schools of Section VI will expire August 31, 2013. Plans are being made to begin negotiations for the next contract with WNYSO. The Section VI negotiating team will include Mark DiFilippo-NFL, Adam Stoltman-ECIC, Chuck Amo-ECIC and Bob Breidenstein-CCAA. Ken Stoldt-NO will serve as an alternate. Section VI Athletic Directors will be surveyed in the near future to obtain input for the upcoming collective bargaining sessions.

Dates to Remember



- May 1 Deadline for Community Service Challenge – click [here](#)
- May 4-5 State Executive Committee Meeting, Holiday Inn, Lake George
- May 15 Deadline for All-WNY Spring Scholar Athlete applications to the Section office
- May 18 Deadline for Spring Scholar/Athlete **Team Award** Applications to NYSPHSAA
- May 23 NYS Officials Coordinators Federation spring meeting 8pm via teleconference
- June 1 Sportsmanship Promotion Awards: State & Section award winners selected
- June 1 Soccer Coaching Clinic, Sports Plex Clifton Park
- June 13 Executive Committee Luncheon Meeting (location TBA)
- June 12-22 Regents Examinations
- June 30 Deadline for School of Distinction Award Applications
- July 31- Aug. 2 State Central Committee Meeting, Fort W. Henry, Lake George
- August 27 MANDATORY WORKSHOP for Athletic Directors - see below
- August 29 Annual Section VI Recognition Dinner at Columns Restaurant, Elma
- Sept. 12 Annual Veterans' Recognition Golf Tournament & Dinner at Columns Restaurant, Elma
- Sept. 19 Athletic Council meeting, 11:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W. Seneca
Executive Committee meeting, 9:30 am at Erie 1 BOCES, W. Seneca

SAVE THE DATE
→ **AUGUST 27** ←

Mandatory Workshop for Athletic Directors

Section VI will be hosting the annual NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop for Athletic Directors on **Monday August 27** 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.

2012 NYSAAA CHAPTER 6 ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR AWARD WINNERS!!

Section VI extends sincere congratulations to the 2012 NYSAAA Chapter 6 Award winners: Greg Kaszubski, Sue Benoit, Jim Conley and Stu Boyar. They received their awards at the Annual NYSAAA Convention in March and will be honored by Section VI at the Athletic Council luncheon May 16.

GREG KASZUBSKI, ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR AWARD OF THE YEAR

As a graduate of Canisius College in 1981 with a degree in Health and Physical Administration, Greg went straight to graduate school. He received his Masters Degree from West Virginia University in 1982.

For the last 23 years Greg has been the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the Clarence Central Schools. During his tenure, Clarence has been cited by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association six separate times as a scholar athlete school of distinction (2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10). This is an accomplishment that Greg is very proud of. As one of the premier programs in WNY, Greg oversees 85 coaches in 69 sports from the modified to high school level.

Greg has also served Section VI and the Erie County Interscholastic Conference (E.C.I.C.) in many capacities. Here are just a few:

- Erie County Interscholastic Conference - President Elect, President
- Boys Activity Board Member
- Boys League Representative to Section VI
- NYSPHSAA Structure and Policy Review Committee
- Section VI Representative
- Chairman All-WNY Scholar Athlete Program
- Chairman Discipline and Rules Committee
- Section VI Boys Ice Hockey

In 1990, he received the National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors-Athletic Director of the Year for New York State. In 2011 he was selected for the Western New York Educational Service Council-Service Award for Excellence.

Greg and his wife of 29 years, Christina are the proud parents of three children, Melissa, 28 (Attorney in Washington, D.C.), Lauren, 25 (Environmental Scientist in Australia), and TJ, who will attend Hobart/William Smith in the fall of 2012.

SUE BENOIT, JUDITH MARTENS SECRETARIAL AWARD

Susan Benoit started her career at the Barker Central Schools as a teacher's aide. She now serves as the secretary to both the junior high office and the athletic department.

Athletic director, David Carson states "Her work ethic is second to none in our district as she continues to put the service of the Barker Central School District before herself. In addition to her outstanding work as a secretary, Susan is also a terrific head supervisor at the majority of the B.C.S. athletic events. She understands the importance of being a gracious host to our opponents, officials, and guests. She takes care of all of the little details, such as, picking up garbage, mopping up a wet hallway floor during the winter or helping an elderly couple find a seat. Susan takes a great deal of pride in her work and the Barker Central School District. Barker Central School is extremely fortunate to have Susan Benoit as a secretary in the Athletic Department. Susan's professionalism, pride, passion, and work ethic are outstanding examples for all of the employees at B.C.S.

Susan is married and has 4 children and 2 grandchildren. She states "I really enjoy working in the Barker Central School District and being involved with the athletic department.

JIM CONLEY, NON-ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Jim Conley has been one of the pillars of the Niagara-Orleans League for over 4 decades. In 1968 he started as a physical education teacher and coach in the Wilson Central School District. He stayed in Wilson for one year and then he moved on to the neighboring school district to the west, Newfane Central School. It was at Newfane where Jim spent his entire career.

While at Newfane Jim taught Health and Physical Education and coached varsity tennis for 3 years, varsity football for 25 years (head coach for 12 years), head varsity baseball coach for 32 years and served as the school's Athletic Director from 1986-2003.

In 1988 Jim took on the duties as the Executive Director of the Niagara Orleans League, a position he held until 2011. Jim also officiated wrestling for 28 years and served as the Niagara Frontier Wrestling Official Association's assigner for 20 of those years. Jim is now an instructor in Orleans-Niagara BOCES coaching certification program at Orleans-Niagara BOCES.

Jim received his Permanent Teaching Certification in Health and Physical Education in 1972 from The University of Buffalo. He received his Masters in Educational Administration in 1988 from Canisius College.

He has been married to his wife Maureen for 43 years. They have four children, Paula, Krista, Rae and Brian.

STU BOYAR, COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Stu is a graduate of Syracuse University with B.S. in Communications. He started his career at WAXL Radio in Rochester as a 16-year old "go for" in 1972.

In 1978 after he graduated from Syracuse University he was working 4 jobs; WAXL Radio, WHCC-TV as weekend sports anchor, sold bus tickets at Trailways and was the PA announcer for the Rochester Red Wings. In 1985 he landed a job with WGRZ-Channel 2-Buffalo, the company he has worked for the last 27 years. At Channel 2, Stu has had just about every assignment imaginable.

In 2009 Stu was the catalyst to expanding Channel 2's high school sports coverage on the 6:00 and 11:00 news cast. Soon after that Channel 2 spread their wings even further to numerous on-line endeavors. The WGRZ website posted schedules, previews of events and instantaneous results of high school games in Section VI. Most recently with Stu as the driving force, Channel 2 began to stream games live. Over the past few years, Stu has streamed both the Football Federation playoffs and the Section VI basketball championships live on the internet for viewers around the world to see. For their work, both Stu and Ben Hays received an award for the best programming for their play by play of the sectional boys basketball finals in 2011. Recently Stu earned Dick Gallagher's award for the best football reporter in WNY.

Stu and his wife Susan have two daughters, Rachel, 15 and Jamie, 13. They are both budding athletes.

Heartfelt Thanks

Section VI would like to express sincere gratitude to the following individuals who are stepping down from their respective positions within the Section: **Jim Dunnigan, Jim Walker, Jim Rusin and Emilio Mancino.**

Emilio Mancino is stepping down from his position as the Girls Indoor Track Chairman. During his 7 year tenure as chair for Section VI Emilio produced more efficient scheduling formats, stream lined and adjusted League Policies where necessary, implemented Coach of the Season recognition, and introduced automated entry system. In addition, he assisted in facilitating Bill Wendé's Section6Runs web site as our primary PR source. Emilio has been a science teacher and coach at West Seneca Central for 17 years and is a runner himself. He is also a counselor at a cross country camp in the summers and organizes a USATF sanctioned track and field/cross country club.

Jim Rusin, not only worked diligently to develop Girls Ice Hockey as new sport in Section VI but he also assisted in the establishment of Girls Golf as a new sport in Section VI. He served as the girls Golf Chair from 2006 through 2008 and is now turning over the helm of Girls Ice Hockey after serving in that slot since his appointment in September of 2010. Jim has been the Athletic Director for Williamsville Central for many years.

Jim Dunnigan has worn many hats in his 18 years of service to Section VI. He began in 1995 as the Principals Rep on the Athletic Council for the NFL League. In September 1999 he was appointed as President-Elect to complete the

term vacated by Mr. Penale. During that time he was the Chairperson for the Sportsmanship Committee. In 2000, he took on the leadership of the Section as President for 2 years. Following that term, he took on the duties as the Principals Rep to the Central Committee for the Section for 10 years, the position from which he is now stepping down. Jim also served as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Mixed Competition since its formation in September 2004. He is planning retirement from the Ken-Ton district in 2013 where he has been the Assistant Principal at Kenmore East High School since 1993. Jim also taught Social Studies in the district and coached football and baseball from 1974-1985. For the 8 years in between, Jim was the Coordinator in Continuing Education for Erie 1 BOCES at the Administration Center and Assistant Principal for OSP at Potter Road.

And last but (by far) not least is our Boys Basketball Chairman. After 22 years of persistently dedicated service to Section VI, **Jim Walker** is stepping down from this position. Jim has handled the massive task of planning the Sectional post-season boys basketball competition arranging venues and administrative personnel from pre-quarter final contests to regionals. In addition, he took on and successfully handled the challenge of collecting the data needed and calculating the standings throughout the regular season, providing this information to the section office on a weekly basis for posting on the website. Prior to being basketball chair, Jim served a one year term as President-Elect on the Section VI Athletic Council. The Niagara Frontier League has also

benefited from Mr. Walker's devotion to athletics with his service as Executive Secretary/ Treasurer since 2003 as well as President in the 90's.

Throughout all that time, Jim held full-time positions at Lewiston-Porter High School as Athletic Director/ Assistant Principal (1990-2000) and Physical Educator Teacher (1967-1990) as well as coach for various levels of baseball, softball, boys basketball and football. After retirement from Lew-Port, Jim took on an interim AD position at Grand Island Central for one year and Director of Physical Education (2010-present). Jim, a Lew-Port Hall of Famer, is the recipient of multiple coaching awards, the NFL Key Person Award and the NYS Basketball Coaches Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

ERIE 2 COURSE SCHEDULE

Courses are held at LoGuidice Educational Center, Fredonia, NY

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

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES, AND ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS IN EDUCATION

Instructor: Linda Finn
July 30, 31, Aug. 1,2,3, 2012
8:30 am – 4:00 pm \$257.00
Online course May 14-August 31, 2012
\$372.00

HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING

Instructor: Linda Finn
May 7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17, 2012
5:30 pm- 9:30 pm \$257.00
Online course May 14-August 31, 2012
\$372.00

THEORY AND TECHNIQUES OF COACHING

Instructor: Linda Finn
July 23 & 24, 2012 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
\$257.00
Online course May 14-August 31, 2012
\$372.00

FIRST AID SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Instructor: Linda Finn
August 6,7,8,9, 2012 - 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

ADULT CPR/AED

July 16, 2012 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm \$97.00
August 15, 2012 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm \$97.00

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INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHING CERTIFICATION COURSES SUMMER 2012 - ERIE 1 BOCES

For all current course offerings check the [Section VI website](#) click on the Bulletin Board

THEORY & TECHNIQUES OF COACHING \$165.00

June 5, 7 and 12, 13
Tues./Thurs. and Tues./Wed. 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Registration Deadline: May 31, 2012

CHRIS DEMARCO

Sweet Home High School
1901 Sweet Home Road
Amherst, NY 14228

PHILOSOPHY, PRINCIPLES & ORGANIZATION OF ATHLETICS \$165.00

July 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 2012
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Registration Deadline: July 5, 2012

KEN STOLDT

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

HEALTH SCIENCE APPLIED TO COACHING \$165.00

July 16, 17, 18, 19, 2012
Mon. -Thurs. 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
plus balance of this course (15 hrs) will be taught online.
Registration Deadline: July 12, 2012

CHRIS KAPLAN

Maryvale High School,
Alumni Hall
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Cheektowaga, NY 14225

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AthletiCare: 923-4837, Matt Zibrock 870-8275

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CERTIFICATION OFFICE: Janice Kilijanski 821-7194, Cindee Haynes 821-7456

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Sect. (Cinda) 821-7091

CONGRATULATIONS Section VI Winter Scholar/Athlete Champions

Section VI is pleased to announce that two of our teams have achieved the distinct honor of State Scholar/Athlete Championship for winter sports!! Sincere congratulations are extended to **Frewsburg Girls Basketball** and **Hamburg Girls Gymnastics!**

FREWSBURG GIRLS BASKETBALL 2012 State Champion with a team GPA of 97.920

Off the court, the Frewsburg Bears girls basketball team showed that as a group they are some of the top students in the sport. Together the Bears notched a 97.920 grade-point average, the highest amongst any girls basketball team in the state, to earn the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar/Athlete Team State Champion Award for the 2011-2012 season.

On the court, the Bears are one of the best squads in the area. They picked up their second Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association Division 2 title, 11-1 in league in as many seasons and reaching the Section 6 Class C-2 semifinals once again. They compiled an impressive 17-4 record and finished the season ranked No. 14 in Class C in the New York State Sportswriters Association's final poll. Congratulations Frewsburg!



The team is pictured (L-R): Head Coach Jeff Colver, Bethany Steele, Emily Hair, Shawna Raymond, Emily Foy, Reyanne Strong, Kati Winterburn, McKenzie Cass, Morgan Knight, Annie Berg, Athletic Director Bob Goad.

HAMBURG GIRLS GYMNASTICS 2012 State Champion with a team GPA of 97.763

Congratulations are also due to the Hamburg High School varsity girls gymnastics team for being named New York State Scholar Athlete Champion for the 2011-2012 season. The girls had an overall average of 97.763%, the highest average out of all the other NYS high school gymnastic teams. This is the fourth time that the Hamburg high school girls team has accomplished this feat. Coach Tim Nyhart said "Coach Mastrangelo and I always talk about the importance of staying on top of their school work and looking ahead to see what tests or assignments might be due during a week where there are many competitions"

Section VI, Hamburg High School, the administrators, and the community are proud of the girls for their academic and athletic achievements.



*Front Row (L-R): Marissa Williams, Julia Vale, Allison Graser, Julia McGorry, Meaghan Doyle, Claire Eichner, Clarissa Ott
Second Row (L-R): Mrs. Mastrangelo, Katherine Dehlinger, Alyssa Krawczyk, Meghan Hagerty, Brianna Fenzl, Erika Wicher, Taylor Thurnherr, Clare Niver, Amanda Lenau, Mr. Nyhart
Third Row (L-R) Hannah Sheehan, Brooke Dehlinger, Priscella Comas, Krista Syracuse, Carey Murzynski, Melissa Roseman, Renne Meinhold, Lindsay Jensen*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE SCHOLAR ATHLETE CHAMPIONS !!!

Section VI Wrestlers Shine at State Competition

JIMMY KLOC 2-TIME STATE CHAMPION WRESTLER

Excerpted from J. Nadolinski's article, East Aurora Bee

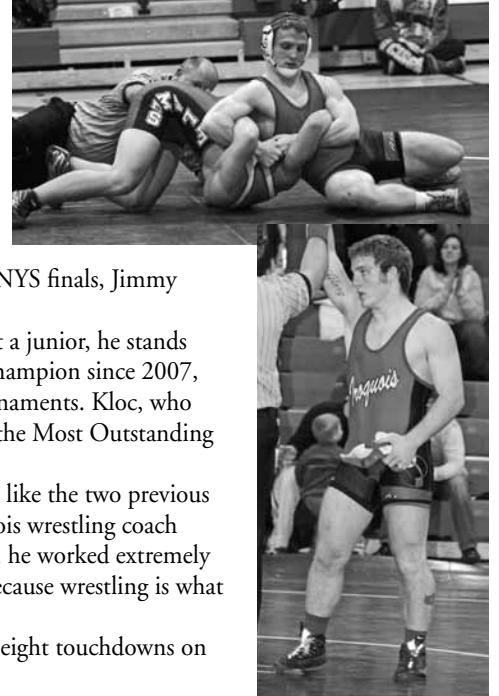
Iroquois' **Jim Kloc** rose above the challenges presented to him to join elite company by claiming the Division I state wrestling title at 145 pounds and finish with a 50-1 record for the season. That success not only led to him becoming Iroquois' all-time career leader in wins (206), but also played a large role in Kloc being named The East Aurora Bee's Male Athlete of the Year for the 2010-11 school year.

Jim went undefeated at states to claim his championship despite suffering a nasty injury during the final bout. In the first round, he defeated Matt Matouzzi by fall in 1:03. In quarterfinals, he beat JT Romagnoli by the score of 14-11. Semis was a victory against Evan Wallace 3-2 and in the NYS finals, Jimmy defeated Corey Rasheed from Section 11 with a score of 7-4.

Kloc's current varsity record stands at 206-15, and if he has another season as a senior like he did at a junior, he stands a very good chance of finishing second all-time for wins in Section VI history. As Iroquois' first state champion since 2007, he also achieved tournament titles this season at both the Sweet Home and ECIC Championship tournaments. Kloc, who wrestles anywhere from one to three times a week during the offseason if he's healthy, was also named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Wrestling Officials Tournament at Niagara County Community College in January.

"Jim's gotten more comfortable with the big match and the big tournament pressure to where now, like the two previous state champions from Iroquois, he should be a top-notch (NCAA) Division I recruit next year," Iroquois wrestling coach Keith Maute said. "He has tremendous natural ability, and after he took second at states the prior year, he worked extremely hard to get into a lot better shape. He works hard in the room, and he runs and lifts weight at night because wrestling is what he wants to do."

Kloc's physical abilities also helped him lead Iroquois football team's rushing attack, 712 yards and eight touchdowns on 132 carries, despite the fact that he didn't even play in all of Iroquois' games this season.

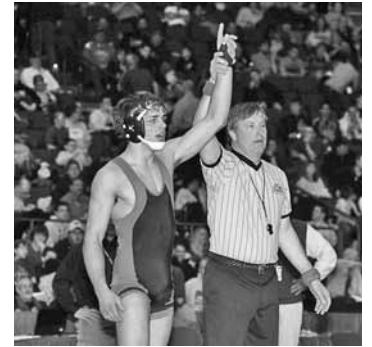


BEN HAAS CLAIMS STATE TITLE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Kloc wasn't the only two-time champion from Section VI. Senior **Ben Haas** of Salamanca squeezed out a 4-3 victory over senior Derek Pfluger of III-Sandy Creek in the Division II 152-pound final. He trailed twice in the match, overcoming both deficits with reversals and took a 4-3 advantage in the third period. Following a break in the action, Haas started on top with only 58 seconds separating him from his second straight title. Pfluger tried desperately to gain control, but Haas hung on. **Round 1-** Maj. Dec. 12-0 over Tyler Spann of Adirondacks, **Round 2-** Tech Fall 16-0 over Conner Fox of Midlakes and **Round 3-** Haas Pinned Tyler Newton of Bolivar Richburg in a time of 4:30

Haas, who also won the 145-pound title a year ago, finished 2011-12 with a season record of 48-1 and Career Record 241-40.

Ben also competed at the High School Nationals Tournament in Virginia Beach going 3-2. First round he defeated Clayton Bass of IL 13-2. In the second round he overcame Dane Nielson of UT with a score of 8-1. In the third round he beat Leo Cordero of GA. In the fourth round of the competition Ben came up short with a hard fought loss to Jason Elliot a two-time CA state champion. Ben then battled Sal Mastriani of NJ and fell short with a score of 7-1. Ben will continue his Wrestling Career at the University of Lehigh where he will also major in Engineering program.

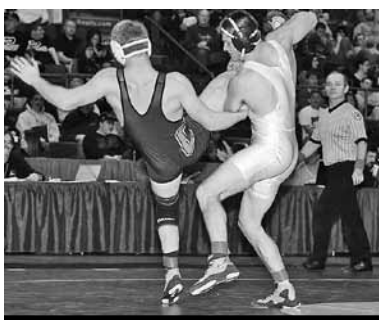


PIONEER'S TONY LOCK COMPLETES PERFECT WRESTLING SEASON

Excerpted from articles by Betsy Veysman and Paul Post

Senior **Tony Lock** of Pioneer won the Division II 182-pound title with a 4-0 victory over senior Keegan Cerwinski of Section IV-Greene. Last year, Lock lost to Craig Scott, currently at Cornell, by a 3-0 margin in the finals. Lock's wrestling career began in the seventh grade, when he went undefeated at 145 pounds. He jumped to the varsity level the following campaign. Despite his late start in the sport, he rapidly improved, taking fourth in New York as a sophomore at 171 pounds, and he followed that up with his runner-up finish a year ago. This season, he was completely dominant, not allowing a single takedown and breezing through the state tournament without yielding any points.

Lock went on to complete a perfect season in Virginia Beach where he received his award as the 182-pound NHSCA National Champion April 1. In a field that boasted six wrestlers ranked in the top 20 nationally, the unranked Lock earned gold with a 5-4 victory in the tiebreakers over Oklahoma's Nolan Boyd. In winning the championship against Boyd, ranked #16 in the country by WIN Magazine, Lock exceeded his goal of simply earning All-American status in Virginia Beach. He also ended his high school career with his winning streak intact, having registered a 51-0 record in the Empire State this season on his way to his first state title.



(L-R) Asst. Coach Joe Necci, Tony Lock, Coach Chris Edwards

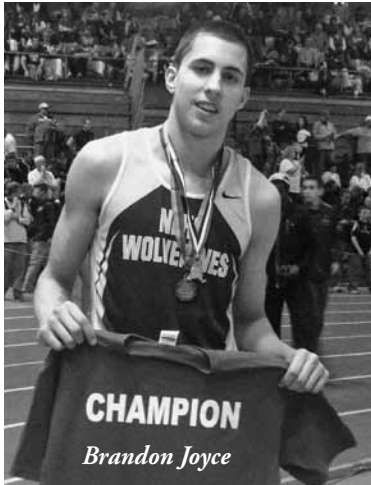
"Tony works harder than any other kid I've been around and I have coached three different sports in 15 years," said Pioneer Head Wrestling Coach Chris Edwards. "His drive and focus are just unbelievable." This is one of the reasons Edwards believes Lock will make a smooth transition to college wrestling, where he will compete for the University at Buffalo, likely at 184 pounds. "I'm so proud of Tony," Edwards said. "On or off the wrestling mat or football field, he's just an awesome kid to be around."

Section VI Claims Five Titles at Indoor Track State Competition

Jordan Kihl, a Senior at Lancaster High School, won the NYSPHSAA shot put title at Cornell on March 3, 2012 with a toss of 54' 1/4". His other accomplishments this season include winning the Indoor League and Section titles in the shot put and setting the school record at 54' 1/4". Jordan, who also made the medal stand at the Indoor and Outdoor State meets as a junior, will attend SUNY Binghamton in the fall of 2012. Jordan is coached by Kevin Carriero.



Jordan Kihl



Brandon Joyce

The High Jump was truly a Section VI event this year with both the boys and the girls title won by our athletes. **Brandon Joyce**, a Senior at Niagara Falls High School, claimed the Boys High Jump Championship. His season best prior to state competition was 6'-6", but he broke that mark with a jump of 6'-10" to secure the crown. This was Brandon's 2nd time at state competition and he achieved the 2nd State Title for Niagara Falls, the first being won by Brian Archie in 2008 in the Long Jump. Brandon's coach is Jonathan Robins, Head Track Coach Niagara Falls High School.

Stephanie Izard took the 2012 NYS High Jump Champion Title with a jump of 5'6" and was also a State medalist as a junior with 5th place in the high jump. Stephanie, who is a senior at Sweet Home High School, qualified for state competition for 3 consecutive seasons for indoor track. She had a 4th place finish at nationals in the high jump-high jump and a 2nd place finish at

nationals in the pentathlon earning All American status in both events. Stephanie, coached by Brian Lombardo, holds the following school records for both indoors and outdoors in the high jump, long jump, triple jump, and indoor pentathlon:

TJ-37'3 indoors,	36'9" outdoors
LJ- 18'2" indoors,	18'3.5" outdoors
HJ-5'7 indoors	5'5 outdoors
Pent 3522 indoors	

Stephanie, who earned All WNY Scholar athlete in the fall for tennis and in the winter for indoor track, is the vice president of the Honor Society and will be attending Cornell in the fall.



Stephanie Izard



Kailyn Arcury

Kailyn Arcury, a Senior at Williamsville South, was named the Indoor Track NYSPHSAA and Federation 55m Hurdle champion with a winning time of 8.01. This was the second consecutive year she earned this honor. Just after the semi final race she rolled her ankle and was in a lot of pain. She had no intention of dropping out of the finals and her hard work and dedication definitely paid off. Not only is she a state champion for two straight years, but she also will become a Division One student athlete in college. Kailyn, who is coached by Dan Syracuse, signed her letter of intent to Kent State in January, where she will be running hurdles.

Mikayla Pearce, a senior at Maryvale High School, has been a 5 time indoor track state competitor. She started her career as the youngest person at the state

meet, placing in the top 10 from her freshman through senior years. Mikayla won the state championship in the long jump and received the NYS sportsmanship award this year. She has both long jump and triple jump section records. At Nationals, she placed 7th, earning All American Honors.

In outdoor track, Mikayla has been to the state meet 3 times and has been section champion in the long jump, triple jump, and high jump. She has won meet MVP awards and has been selected as the Cheektowaga Bee *Athlete of the Year*. Mikayla also holds school records in the 55 dash, long jump, triple jump, high jump, 100m dash, 200m dash, 400m dash, 100 hurdles, 4 x 200 m relay and 4 x 100 relay. Miss Pearce is coached by Jill Darling at Maryvale.



Mikayla Pearce

Section VI Bowlers Shine at State Competition

By Dan Kaplan and John Seeley, Section VI Bowling Sportchairs

The Section VI School and All Section Teams in both the girls and boys division performed admirably at the 2012 NYSPHSAA State Bowling Championships in Waverly, NY March 3-4, 2012.

The **Niagara Falls** girls team came in **FIRST** place out of 10 teams with a six game total pinfall of 5526. **Hailey Johnson** (10th grader) was the gold medalist 1st high series with a six game total pinfall of 1243. Angela Gabriele (8th grader) was the bronze medalist 3rd high series with a six game total pinfall of 1198. Brooke Seiwell (12th grader) was selected for the Sportsmanship Award for her team

After starting matches and tournaments slow, or so it seemed, all season, the NF ladies started strong at the State Tournament and after the first three-game set they were in 2nd place. With the top three teams neck and neck, they knew the afternoon session would be challenging. The tournament came down to the final frame of the final game vs East Islip HS from Long Island. The two teams were separated by only 1 pin heading into the 10th frame. In the tenth, three NFHS ladies threw double strikes to help seal the title, including Luxsurie Sistrunk, gold medalist Hailey Johnson, and bronze medalist Angela Gabriele. A split conversion by anchor Justine Lansberry in the tenth frame was the icing on the cake.



The girls are pictured kneeling (L-R): Hailey Johnson (10), Angela Gabriele (8), Kaylee Narkiewicz (10), Staci Biondi (10) and standing (L-R): Coach Ed Ventry, Luxsurie Sistrunk (8), Megan Maurer (12), Brooke Seiwell (12), Justine Lansberry (10), Coach Bill Rodgers.

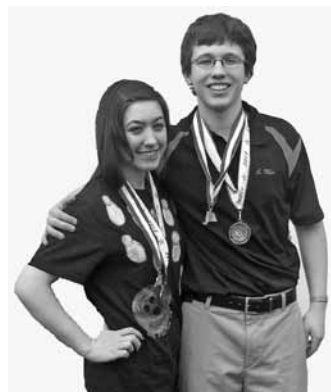
The Niagara Wheatfield boys team came in **SEVENTH** place out of 11 teams with a six game total pinfall of 5395. Greece-Athena (Section 5) was the champion. Anthony Mangione (11th grader) was selected for the Sportsmanship Award for his team.



For the All Section Teams, the Section VI Girls, represented by five schools Kenmore West, Williamsville South [2], Maryvale, North Tonawanda, and West Seneca East, finished in **SECOND** place out of 10 teams with a six game total pinfall of 5790. **Ashley Fries**, 11th grader from Kenmore West, was the gold medalist for her 1st high game of 242. Ashley was also selected for the Sportsmanship Award for her team. Melanie Hannon, 11th grader from Maryvale, was the silver medalist for her 2nd high game of 237. (Photo by John Hickey/ Buffalo News)

The **Section VI Boys Team**, represented by Amherst, Frontier, Silver Creek, Lockport, Eden and Lackawanna, came in **FIRST** place out of 10 schools with a six game total pinfall of 6372. **Chad Mee**, 10th grader from Frontier, was the gold medalist for his 1st high series of 1344. Eric Michalski, 12th grader, was selected for the Sportsmanship Award for his team.

The students who represented Section VI did so in a very mature and dignified manner. Their behavior was above reproach and they were one of the best groups of students the Section has ever taken to the state championships. The Section VI bowling chairpersons are really pleased to have taken this group to the state championships.



Hailey Johnson and Chad Mee



Pictured are (standing L-R) Coach Matt Burt, Tyler Laubacker (Lockport), Chad Mee (Frontier), Eric Michalski (Amherst), Coach Bill Rodgers, (kneeling L-R) Christopher Gable (Lackawanna), Shane Ryan (Silver Creek), Andrew Herbert (Eden).

State Champions Girls Gymnastics!!



The Section VI Girls Gymnastics Team became State Champions this March with a composite score of 185.875! The team broke the state vaulting team record of 46.625 previously held by Section 6 (2002) with a score of **46.975**. In addition, our gymnasts had several top 10 places in NYSPHSAA-too numerous to type!

Courtney Bondanza, a 9th grader at Lancaster High School, took two titles at the NYSPHSAA Championships. She earned the State Championship in Vault for the second consecutive year with a score of 9.65 which tied the Section and the school records. She also claimed the State Title on the Beam scoring 9.675, a new school record. Courtney led the Lancaster squad to their 5th straight sectional title this season, coming out on top as the Section 6 All-Around Champion. She led the Section 6 State team by finishing 2nd All-Around missing first place by .125! This is the third year in a row, Courtney has competed at the State Championship.



Courtney Bondanza



Lily Jagodzinski

Lily Jagodzinski, a 6 year starter for the Williamsville North team, claimed her 1st state title this year with a score of 9.50 in the floor exercise. She also scored her personal best of 9.55 on the balance beam placing her 5th in that category and came home with the NYS Sportsmanship Award. Lily, a Scholar Athlete and National Honor Society member, has led her Spartans squad as captain for the past 2 years. She was the Section 6 floor exercise champion this season and competed at the State Championships for the third year in a row. In the fall Lily will be attending The College of Brockport: State University of New York majoring in Adapted Physical Education. She will be playing Division 3 Gymnastics.

Congratulations again to our gymnasts and coaches Donna Aquino, Kurt Stumpf, Sean Tylenda, Rene Weinreib, Bob Rine, Sarah Pici!

Marsh is First Jamestown High School State Swim Champion

Excerpted from The Post-Journal

Andrew Marsh became the first Jamestown swimmer ever to win a state title on Saturday March 3. Marsh won the 100 butterfly with a school-record time of 49.75 at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Swimming and Diving Championships at the ECC Flickinger Center. His time was well below the 49.81 standard that was needed to be an All-American. Andrew had just set a school record of 50.16 in the Friday preliminaries after breaking the previous mark of 51.61. "I am so excited for Andrew," said Jamestown coach Nancy Feenstra about the senior headed to West Virginia University on a scholarship. "He is one the best swimmers we have ever had in Jamestown." Marsh also placed third in the 100 backstroke with a 50.97 among the public schools and sixth overall with catholic schools included. That time is good enough to be considered for All-American. The standard is 50.44.



Amazing Precision shown by Section VI Athletes at Rifle Championships

Alyson Sylvester, an 11th grader at Alden High School, has been on the rifle team and has fired in the State Regional match every year since she was in 8th grade. Alyson's strongest discipline is air rifle and this year she set a WNY high school record when she fired a 286/300. At this year's regional match at the West Point Military Academy, Alyson fired 95 (prone), 83 (offhand) and 95 (kneeling) for an aggregate score of 273 and a 4th place overall finish. Her kneeling score 95.03 was the top score kneeling and won her the state kneeling championship. Alyson also finished 4th in air rifle with a score of 282.12/300. Alyson is coached by Paul Borkowski, who is also the Section VI Rifle Sportchair.



Dominique Mecca has been on the Orchard Park Rifle team for five years and has shot at the State Regional competition for four years. Last year at West Point she took first place in off hand (Standing), first place in kneeling, first place in total score and she tied for first place in the prone position. She also set the off hand record by shooting a 95 out of 100 points. All the scores were State Regional records. In this year's competition, also held at West Point, Dominique placed first in prone, first in off hand, first in total score and second in kneeling. a 95 out of 100 points. This year she broke that offhand record from last year by shooting 96 out of 100 points.



In the last five years, Dominique has set every ECIC record, some of which have stood since 1990. She also has been state champion twice for shooting in a Junior Olympic match. In doing so, she has been invited to shoot at the Olympic Training Center. Dominique is coached by Richard Ortlepp.

Kenmore East Varsity Hockey Team

The **Kenmore East** Varsity Hockey Team captured its first New York State Championship on March 11th, 2012 in Utica, New York. The team defeated Oswego from Section III in the final by a score of 6-3. On Saturday, March 10th the Bulldogs won an exciting overtime game in the semi-final defeating Pelham from Section I by a score of 3-2. Senior Dan Giliforte had the overtime goal. Andy Sturtz was named tournament MVP after scoring three goals in the final. Also making the All Tournament Team were Mike Davern, Dan Giliforte and Brad DeLand. Senior Captain Don Battista was named the New York State Player of the Year in Division II. Also making the state team was Taylor Davis while Nick Pagliacci received an honorable mention award.

The Bulldogs captured the Section VI Championship by defeating Williamsville East 9-2 in the final at First Niagara Center. East had defeated Hamburg in the Section Quarter-Finals and Sweet Home in the Section Semi-Finals. The team finished with an overall record of 22-2-1. Earning All-League honors were Don Battista and Nick Pagliacci. Andy Robinson and Taylor Davis were both a Division IV Second Team All-Star. The Bulldogs were honored by the Board of Education upon their return. They also had a pep rally at school honoring their achievement.

Head Coach Kyle Pray and his assistants Mike Kluge, Tom Diehl and Jim Kluge were named New York State Coaches of the Year.

In the photo are

(Floor L-R): Mike Davern, Derrick Ford, Trevor Taggart, (1st Row L-R): Anthony Amoia, Brenon Sarratori, Robert Burket, Brad DeLand (Asst. Captain), Don Battista (Captain), Austin Ford (Asst. Captain), John Mirabella, Colin Farrell, Taylor Davis, (2nd Row L-R): Tom Diehl (Asst. Coach), Kyle Pray (Head Coach), David Hazelet, Mike Diliberto, Nick Pagliacci, Robert McNamara, Mitchell Calkins, Josh Kluge, Jim Kluge (Asst. Coach), Mike Kluge (Asst. Coach), (Back Row L-R): Dan Giliforte, David Hopfer, Andy Robinson. Missing from Photo: Andy Sturtz



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 341 nominations for the winter award. 119 were selected as winners, 28 were repeat winners from fall and 194 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.

** indicates repeat winner from fall

Winter Scholar Athlete Winners

Allegany-Limestone

Boys Basketball Kyle Trietley

Amherst

Boys Basketball Edward Doherty
Boys Ice Hockey Thomas Kaszubski
Boys Ice Hockey Zachary Lesswing
Girls Basketball Annie Garcia**
Girls Basketball Myriah Magaris
Girls Basketball Kelley Mitchell
Girls Ice Hockey Katie Friech
Girls Ice Hockey Emily Keable

Barker

Girls Basketball Eliza Dewart
Girls Swim Rachel Anderson**

Bishop Timon-St. Jude

Boys Basketball Kyle Kobis

Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart

Girls Bowling Kristen Herle
Girls Indoor Track Emilia Federice

Canisius

Boys Basketball Brendan Tenney
Boys Swim Brian Windschitl

Cassadaga Valley

Girls Basketball Taylor Storer
Wrestling Steven Seibert

Checktowaga

Boys Indoor Track Micheal Morganstern**

City Honors

Girls Basketball Erica Christian
Girls Basketball Yanava Hawkins
Girls Basketball Fiona Hennig**
Girls Basketball Alison Roach**

Clarence

Boys Ice Hockey Robert Lang
Boys Ice Hockey Nicholas Smith
Boys Indoor Track Justin Bender
Boys Indoor Track Brandon Stevens
Boys Swim Tim Graziano
Boys Swim Tim Hoff**
Boys Swim Ryan Saenger
Girls Basketball Nicole Cerza**
Girls Basketball Victoria Nappo
Girls Basketball Emily Spoth**
Girls Bowling Gabrielle Damin
Girls Indoor Track Justina Bonaventura
Girls Indoor Track Kaitlyn McCadden**
Rifle Daniel Ecker
Wrestling Conor Fitzhenry

Dunkirk

Boys Swim Jonathan Fountain

East Aurora

Girls Basketball Christina Wright

Falconer

Boys Bowling Tyler Dykstra**

Forestville

Boys Basketball Nathan Stott

Fredonia

Boys Swim Noah Rankin

Frontier

Boys Basketball Remington Heil
Boys Basketball Alexander Warren**
Girls Basketball Laura Hintermeier
Girls Bowling Jessica Deyoe
Girls Indoor Track Emily Krasinski

Grand Island

Boys Basketball Josh Miller
Boys Basketball Ryan Miller
Girls Basketball Megan Karpie*
Girls Indoor Track Maggie DeMarco

Hamburg

Boys Indoor Track Benjamin Brucker
Boys Indoor Track Jared Brucker
Girls Basketball Alexis Smith
Girls Basketball Nicole Thiel
Girls Basketball Samantha Villarini
Girls Indoor Track Carey Murzynski

Holland

Boys Bowling Mitchell Maloy
Boys Indoor Track Jacob Lips
Girls Basketball Candis Kapuscinski**
Girls Basketball Katherine Shanahan

Iroquois

Boys Swim James DePlato
Boys Swim James Haefner
Girls Basketball KC Sokolski

John F. Kennedy

Boys Basketball Kenneth Minorczyk
Girls Basketball Briana Gist
Girls Basketball Stacy Kochanowski

Kenmore West

Girls Basketball Jessica Jolley**
Girls Ice Hockey Katherine Miller

Lake Shore

Girls Indoor Track Megan Dillon

Lancaster

Boys Ice Hockey Adam Oetinger
Girls Basketball Samantha Wozniak

Lewiston Porter

Boys Swim Eric Ebert

Lockport

Boys Swim Ryan Darnell
Boys Swim Daniel Phelps

Mt. Mercy Academy

Girls Bowling Victoria Riso**

Mt. St. Mary's Academy

Girls Basketball Kelly Barrett

N. Tonawanda

Boys Basketball Corey Mis
Boys Ice Hockey Wesley Contangelo
Boys Ice Hockey Robert Newton

Nardin Academy

Girls Basketball Darcy Corr
Girls Basketball Kaitlyn Edbauer
Girls Bowling Stephanie Houser**
Girls Bowling Meaghan McKenna

Newfane

Girls Swim Julia Wright*
Wrestling Darius Matalavage
Wrestling Maxwell Russell**

Niagara Wheatfield

Boys Ice Hockey Alexander Kammerer
Boys Ice Hockey Nicholas McCassey
Boys Swim Gregory Janese

Nichols School

Boys Basketball Tom Noonan**
Girls Basketball Kylie Reinholz
Girls Ice Hockey Julia DiTondo

Olean

Boys Basketball Matthew Witte**

Orchard Park

Boys Swim Andrew Duszynski
Girls Indoor Track Holly Bogdon

Pine Valley

Girls Basketball Kaylee Mathews

Pioneer

Boys Basketball Douglas Rebman

Randolph

Girls Basketball Marah Maycock

Southwestern

Boys Basketball Jake Swan**

Springville-Griffith

Girls Basketball Olivia Emerling
Girls Basketball Alexandra Wiede

St. Francis

Boys Indoor Track Alex Schaffstall
Boys Indoor Track Konner Smith

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute

Boys Basketball Kyle Briggs
Boys Ice Hockey William Mangione
Boys Ice Hockey Tyler Mills
Wrestling William (Liam) Kearney
Wrestling Brian Pilski

Starpoint

Girls Basketball Allison Gillet**

Sweet Home

Boys Indoor Track Joshua Carroll
Boys Swim Jesse Alt-Winzig
Girls Indoor Track Stephanie Izard**
Girls Indoor Track Kristen Milleville**

The Park School	
Girls Basketball	Alexandra Gould
West Seneca East	
Wrestling	John Bauer
West Seneca West	
Girls Basketball	Jennifer Maguder
Girls Indoor Track	Ashley Andrews
Girls Indoor Track	Chelsea Caballero
Girls Indoor Track	Emily Nehl**
Girls Indoor Track	Jennifer Wachala
West Valley	
Girls Basketball	Alyssa Cizdziel**
Williamsville East	
Boys Basketball	Connor Keenan**

Boys Basketball	Joseph Kleinmann
Boys Ice Hockey	Cole Weppner
Girls Basketball	Emma Manuel
Girls Bowling	Ashley Sciandra
Williamsville North	
Boys Basketball	Ryan Winkler
Boys Bowling	Lucas Service
Boys Ice Hockey	Jacob Griebner
Girls Indoor Track	Sarah Jensen
Girls Indoor Track	Maria Pollack
Girls Indoor Track	Alina Versalova
Girls Indoor Track	Laura Weiss
Girls Indoor Track	Olivia Yang
Wrestling	Michael Moeller

Williamsville South	
Boys Bowling	Nathan Helmick
Boys Ice Hockey	Alex Hahn
Boys Ice Hockey	James Spellman
Boys Swim	Ben Greenspan
Girls Basketball	Charlotte Falletta**
Girls Bowling	Jillian Yearke
Wilson	
Boys Basketball	Patrick Diez
Boys Basketball	David Littere
Boys Basketball	Patrick Walch
Wrestling	Cody Kaminska

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 2012

**State Champion

BOYS BASKETBALL		Depew	93.066	Hamburg	95.355	Royalton Hartland	90.443		
Depew	95.484	Williamsville South	92.451	Sweet Home	95.031	Amherst	90.356		
Hamburg	95.109	Holland	92.409	Depew	93.813	Niagara-Wheatfield	90.291		
Wilson	94.939	Lancaster	92.307	West Seneca West	93.363	Maryvale	90.118		
Lake Shore	94.511	Maryvale	92.236	Williamsville North	93.115	Tonawanda	90.051		
Williamsville South	94.094	Clarence	92.219	Iroquois	92.695	GIRLS BASKETBALL			
Lancaster	94.024	Orchard Park	92.121	Lockport	92.299	Frewsburg**	97.920		
Williamsville North	93.994	Williamsville North	91.878	Williamsville South	91.728	Medina	97.444		
Eden	93.849	Williamsville East	91.586	West Seneca East	91.456	Clarence	96.813		
Allegany-Limestone	93.657	Iroquois	91.497	Kenmore West	90.780	Frontier	96.804		
Starpoint	93.594	Eden	91.183	Williamsville East	90.409	Maryvale	96.223		
Akron	93.366	Lockport	91.159	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING				Barker	95.856
Maryvale	93.197	Sweet Home	91.120	Clarence	97.627	Wilson	95.761		
Williamsville East	93.021	North Tonawanda	90.953	Williamsville North	95.557	Hamburg	95.674		
Albion	92.994	Hamburg	90.861	Olean	95.454	Lewiston Porter	95.536		
Olean	92.639	Falconer	90.839	Olean	95.219	Portville	95.420		
Frontier	92.583	Springville	90.183	Williamsville East	95.219	North Tonawanda	95.387		
Alden	92.462	Niagara-Wheatfield	90.154	Medina	94.926	Williamsville East	95.346		
North Tonawanda	92.321	BOYS ICE HOCKEY		Southwestern	94.806	West Seneca West	95.270		
Barker	92.088	Hamburg	94.648	Starpoint	94.779	Iroquois	95.006		
Iroquois	91.804	Frontier	94.448	Lockport	94.693	Southwestern	94.837		
East Aurora	91.519	North Tonawanda	94.439	Hamburg	94.452	Niagara-Wheatfield	94.803		
West Seneca West	91.282	Williamsville South	94.120	Depew	94.217	Kenmore West	94.738		
Tonawanda	91.128	Williamsville East	93.716	Frontier	93.973	West Valley	94.556		
Maple Grove	91.033	Williamsville East	93.716	North Tonawanda	92.993	Allegany-Limestone	94.429		
Kenmore East	91.007	Sweet Home	93.652	West Seneca West	92.989	Franklinville	94.284		
Niagara-Wheatfield	90.834	Williamsville North	93.469	Cheektowaga	92.870	Williamsville South	94.177		
Westfield	90.817	Clarence	91.916	Sweet Home	92.522	Williamsville North	94.170		
Pioneer	90.769	West Seneca West	91.512	Lewiston Porter	92.473	Sweet Home	94.127		
West Seneca East	90.714	Niagara-Wheatfield	91.493	Springville	92.374	Falconer	93.857		
Newfane	90.648	Lancaster	91.005	Iroquois	92.289	Lockport	93.849		
Falconer	90.639	West Seneca East	90.997	Newfane	91.968	Clymer	93.841		
Lewiston Porter	90.476	Kenmore West	90.867	Fredonia	91.861	Lake Shore	93.834		
Portville	90.381	Lockport	90.802	Lake Shore	91.798	Starpoint	93.814		
BOYS BOWLING		Niagara Falls	90.000	Cleveland Hill	91.733	Orchard Park	93.753		
Frontier	94.249	BOYS INDOOR TRACK		Lancaster	91.502	Amherst	93.681		
Alden	94.179	Clarence	97.578	East Aurora	91.295	Pine Valley	93.672		
Cheektowaga	93.810	Frontier	97.271	Albion	91.180	Fredonia	93.595		
Lackawanna	93.075	Lancaster	95.373	Barker	91.013	West Seneca East	93.592		
				Eden	90.732	Tonawanda	93.514		
				Kenmore West	90.564				

Springville	93.497	North Tonawanda	93.204
Eden	92.852	Holland	93.046
Albion	92.830	Kenmore West	92.898
Holland	92.792	Cheektowaga	92.618
East Aurora	92.657	West Seneca West	92.539
Maple Grove	92.646	Iroquois	92.444
Kenmore East	92.012	Niagara-Wheatfield	92.423
Alden	91.615	Cleveland Hill	92.276
Cattaraugus-Little Valley	91.543	Eden	91.931
Ellicottville	91.397	Allegany-Limestone	91.767
Jamestown	91.369	Depew	91.657
Olean	91.347	Southwestern	91.647
Cassadaga Valley	91.326	Hamburg	91.360
Panama	91.307	Pioneer	90.961
Akron	91.196	West Seneca East	90.844
Cleveland Hill	91.179	West Valley	90.217
Salamanca	91.020		
Westfield	90.941		
Lancaster	90.931		
Newfane	90.831		
Brocton	90.784		
Pioneer	90.084		
Depew	90.069		

GIRLS BOWLING			
Alden	95.408		
Sweet Home	95.261		
Frontier	94.879		
Williamsville South	94.859		
Springville	94.831		
Lancaster	94.708		
Williamsville North	94.201		
Williamsville East	93.597		
Cattaraugus-Little Valley	93.230		

GIRLS GYMNASTICS			
Hamburg**	97.763		
Frontier	97.634		
Lancaster	97.209		
Williamsville North	96.932		
Williamsville East	96.399		
Maryvale	96.350		
Clarence	95.909		
Sweet Home	95.321		
Kenmore West	95.087		
Amherst	92.276		
Kenmore East	90.938		

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY			
West Seneca E & W	95.366		
Sweet Home & Amherst	93.390		

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK	
Frontier	98.353
Clarence	97.322
Iroquois	97.208
Williamsville North	97.014
West Seneca West	96.952
Depew	96.191
Sweet Home	95.995
Lake Shore	95.845
Hamburg	95.818
Williamsville East	95.085
Lancaster	94.922
Lockport	94.443
Cheektowaga	94.314
Springville	93.663
Williamsville South	93.538
Allegany-Limestone	93.097
Pioneer	92.898
Holland	92.790
North Tonawanda	92.749
Fredonia	92.332
Kenmore East	90.655
Kenmore West	90.266
West Seneca East	90.137

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING	
Barker	96.341
Newfane	96.288
Medina	96.039
Akron	95.488
Albion	90.627
Royalton Hartland	90.111

RIFLERY	
Clarence	95.799
Alden	92.717
Kenmore East	92.662
Iroquois	92.039
Kenmore West	90.671

WRESTLING	
Newfane	94.431
Hamburg	93.449
Williamsville North	93.445
Lake Shore	93.106
West Seneca West	92.568
Clarence	92.558
Wilson	92.336
Maple Grove	92.301
Starpoint	92.225
Falconer	92.223
Cassadaga Valley	91.707
Lockport	91.684
Williamsville South	91.682
Albion	91.225
Barker	91.214
Eden	91.062
Depew	91.015
Amherst	90.725
Cattaraugus-Little Valley & Pine Valley	90.580
Niagara-Wheatfield	90.443
Williamsville East	90.419
North Tonawanda	90.412
Alden	90.305
Allegany-Limestone	90.170
West Seneca East	90.090
Maryvale	90.030

Chemical Awareness Corner

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 Committee: April Preston, West Valley (CCAA), Brian Wild, Lancaster (ECIC), John Forcucci, N.Falls (NFL) and Joe Caprio, Akron (NO)

COMMITTEE PLANS

The chemical awareness committee has met several times since the beginning of the new year. We have since developed a partnership with Kids Escaping Drugs and Horizons Health Services. The committee is diligently working on a fundraiser that will benefit Kids Escaping Drugs, but more importantly help educate the student athletes of our districts in Section VI. Next June, the Chemical Awareness committee will host their 1st Annual Section VI district softball tournament. Districts will be registering ANY colleague, secretary, maintenance worker, lunch monitor, teacher etc...to form their softball team. Each team will be assisted by their students to fundraise the entrance fee for the tournament with the proceeds going to Kids Escaping Drugs. Additionally, each district that registers, will receive a "one-on-one" session with the Kids Escaping Drugs "Face-to-Face" program.

The Committee is also in the process of developing a survey that will hopefully meet the needs of our districts. Administrators will be receiving these surveys by the end of May.

PERTINENT ARTICLES

In our travels, we often come across innovative and powerful ideas to deter drug use and underage drinking. We recently discovered a simple letter sent home by the school district in a **State Police** envelope to Parents that have high school seniors. It is a fantastic reminder to parents that they need to increase their diligence during **this** season, filled with celebrations, **many of which are risk laden with alcohol use**. All are encouraged to click here to view the --> [Generic Version of this letter](#) and use it as a template in your community.

If you wish to share any ideas or concerns that have cropped up in your districts, please feel free to contact me at 716-827-6727x5 mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org or the committee rep for your league listed above. Check our great resource page on our Section website under chemical awareness. Click → [Section VI Chemical Awareness Page](#)

Always A Winner...

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SPORTSMANSHIP MATTERS

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has established the promotion of sportsmanship as a major goal. They have created a brochure for distribution to athletes, parents, coaches, etc. that is posted on their website Click here for the **Sportsmanship Matters Brochure**

Promoting participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through interscholastic activities which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.

A recommended PA Announcement prior to athletic events:

BE LOUD BE PROUD BE POSITIVE

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association supports and encourages spectators to enjoy the competition between our student-athletes and cheer for their teams in a positive manner. Negative comments and behavior will be addressed by the appropriate site personnel. Spectators should "Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive" toward all players, coaches, officials and spectators. Thank you for your support and enjoy the game.

ALL WNY SPORTSMANSHIP 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 Sportsmanship 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 Sportsmanship certificate. The names are given to the Section VI Sportchair or directly to the Sportsmanship Coordinator Doug Beetow*. 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 Doug Beetow* with questions or concerns.

Congratulations to the All-WNY Sportsmanship selections for winter 2011 listed below. These athletes will receive a certificate.

Section VI ALL-WNY Recognition for Outstanding Sportsmanship - Winter 2012

Boys Basketball	School	Individual	ECIC 2	Iroquois	KC Sokolski
CCAA 1	Gowanda	Zack Steever	ECIC 3	Springville	Brittany Adamczyk
CCAA 2	Cassadaga Valley	Tim Vender	NFL	Kenmore West	Mary Louise Lindner
CCAA 3	Forestville	Kaled Makuch	NO	Barker	Olivia Denny
CCAA 4	Ripley	NA	Boys Bowling	School	Individual
ECIC 2	West Seneca East	Dakota Michels	CCAA 1	Fredonia	Ryan Wise
ECIC 3	Maryvale	Joe Gabor	CCAA 2	Forsetville	Dakota Griewisch
ECIC 4	JFK	Ken Minorczyk	CCAA 3	Hinsdale	Blake Geiger
NFL	Niagara Wheatfield	Jack Mulcahy	ECIC	Orchard Park	Ryan Kelly
NO	Barker	Chris Sweeney	NFL	Lockport	Tyler Laubacker
Girls Basketball	School	Individual	Girls Bowling	School	Individual
BUFFALO	McKinley	Tiana Wilson	CCAA 1	Fredonia	Amy Seybold
CCAA 1	Olean	Maddy Stavish	CCAA 2	Chautauqua Lake	Heather Sullivan
CCAA 2	Not submitted		CCAA 3	Salamanca	Tiffany Nary
CCAA 3	Chautauqua Lake	Courtney Hewes	ECIC 1	West Seneca West	Harley Tagliarino
CCAA 4	Panama	Andrea Marsh	ECIC 2	Iroquois	Victoria McBride
ECIC 1	Will North	Nikki Charboneau			

...Good Sports Finish First

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ECIC 3	Maryvale	Jessica Schelb
ECIC 4	Eden	Jackie Szabat
NFL	Niagara Wheatfield	Katie Mayes

Rifle		
ECIC	Alden	Krista Wypij
NFL	Kenmore East	Wei Wang

Ice Hockey Boys School	Individual	
Division 1	Clarence	Robert Lang
Division 2	St. Joseph's	Robert Amos
Division 3	West Seneca West	Brendan Barren
Division 4	Grand Island	Brent Fred
Division 5	Lewiston Porter	Rory Mess

Boys Swimming School	Individual	
Class A	Jamestown	Andrew Marsh
Class B	Starpoint	Alec Toth
Class C	Royalton Hartland	Josh Beabout
All WNY	Williamsville East	Kevin Turner

Indoor Track School	Individual	
Boys	Iroquois	Jeff Hejna
Girls	Maryvale	Mikayla Pearce

Wrestling School	Individual	
Small School	Pioneer	Tony Lock
Large School	Kenmore West	Dylan Caruana



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