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State Champions Girls Bowling Cheektowaga - Division II



The 2017-2018 Girls Bowling team celebrated their best finish in the history of Cheektowaga Central Athletics. It began with the team winning the 1st annual Section VI invitational tournament featuring the area's top large and small schools in Section VI. They carried that momentum into the sectional tournament as they edged out Maryvale and Pioneer for the Division 2 and Class C championship. This gave the Warriors the right to represent Section VI for the first time at the Division 2 NYS

Championships held in the On Center in Syracuse, NY.

While at the State finals, all 5 girls finished in the top 21 overall. The Warriors were led by Senior Emily Crone who shot a 1,297 over 6 games, which was the highest 6 game total in the entire tournament for boys and girls. The entire team made valuable contributions throughout the 6 games to win the title and beat the 2nd place team from Lansingburgh HS by 208 pins. Teammates Emily Crone, Krista Hoctor, Paige Onisk, Caitlin Kirst, Emma Rome, Sarah Hencinski, and Alyssa Chorazak are proud to be the FIRST EVER Cheektowaga Central NYS TEAM Champions in the HISTORY of our school. Congratulations to Coaches Dan Kaplan, Jerry Carroll, and Courtney Fritsch for a season to be remembered. Way to go WARRIORS!

Alpine Skiing Ellicottville

The Ellicottville girls alpine ski team repeated as NYSPHSAA state champions at Bristol Mountain, thanks to some top-10 performances from freshman twins Hayly and Logan Fredrickson.

The Fredrickson twins each finished in the top 10 in both the slalom and giant slalom competitions. Eighth Grader CeCe Carls added 39th and 40th place finishes for the Eagles.

The team scores use top four results from a team's three skiers in two events - Slalom and Giant Slalom. Ellicottville scored 92 points topping Old Forge's 83 points.



In the slalom, Logan took sixth in 1:46.01 (:53.90, :52.11), Hayly was 10th at 1:47.82 (:53.85, :53.97) and CeCe took 39th at 2:04.10 (1:03.25, 1:00.85). Ellicottville's best run came in the giant slalom, as Logan Fredrickson placed second overall with a total of 2:03.14, just 0.12 seconds behind the winner Katie Carrier (2:03.02) of Victor. Logan's second run down 1:00.73 was the best of any competitor that day and nearly caught Carrier for first overall. Hayly Fredrickson took sixth overall at 2:05.58 (1:03.18, 1:02.40) and CeCe Carls took 40th at 2:21.21 (1:10.56, 1:10.65).

State Champions

Clarence - Alexis Kirk -Kneeling & Overall Aggregate

Alexis Kirk is a sophomore at Clarence Central High School. Alexis tried out for the Clarence Rifle Team as an 8th grader, made the team, and earned a varsity letter as a first year shooter. This year she shot in 12/14 matches, finishing in the top 4 in 11 of the 12 matches. Her 30-shot standing match average this year was 275.20, an increase of 10 points over her average last year. Her 3-Position average this year was 285.43, an increase of 11 points over her last year's average. At sectionals, she finished in 2nd place in the offhand position posting a score of 96-4 centers, 4th place in 30-shot standing with a score of 283-7



centers, and 6th place in the 3-position competition with a score of 290-14 centers. Her league average combined with her strong finish at sectionals earned her Section VI All-star status in both 30-Shot Standing and 3-Position air rifle competition. She traveled to the New York State Regional Air Rifle Championships held at the United States Military Academy @ West Point on March 2-3 with the Section VI team from Lancaster and her brother, Matthew, the other Section VI All-Star. At the state regional rifle match, she finished in first place in 3-position competition posting a score of 293-20 centers, first place in the kneeling position posting a score of 99-7 centers, and 2nd place in the 30-shot standing competition posting a score of 289-16 centers. All three scores were personal bests for Alexis. Alexis also regularly competes in national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. This past weekend she finished in 6th place out of 39 competitors.

Sectional Team -30 Shot Standing & 3 Position



Back row, left to right: Lancaster's Coach Leif Johnson, N. Seth (L), E. Randall (L), K. Mucha (L), M. Kowalski (L), A. Hangen (L), M. Kirk (Cl), and Clarence Coach Bob Neubauer. Front row, left to right: J. Korth (L), J. Clark(L), and A. Kirk(Cl)

Lancaster - Kiersten Mucha -Prone & Standing

Team Captain and Senior Kiersten Mucha concluded her "Legendary" high school marksmanship career with flying colors. Kiersten led the team as the number one shooter helping to claim the 3 Position State Title at West Point Military Academy. In addition, Kiersten is the State Champion in Prone with a score of 99.07 and Offhand (Standing) with a score of 97.05. Kiersten was also recently named a winter 2017-2018 Scholar Athlete, capping her illustrious 5 years of being on the team.



Lancaster - 3 Position



The Lancaster Co-ed Varsity Rifle Team had a phenomenal season this winter finishing the regular season with a 13-1 record. The team was led by Team Captain and Senior Kiersten Mucha. Also assisting with the team's successes throughout the year were Senior Mason Kowalski, Juniors Jessica Clark, Janel Koeth, Emma Randall, Sophomore Alex Hangen, and Freshman Nick Seth. The team swept Sectionals winning both the 30 Shot Standing and 3 Position disciplines, which advanced them to the Regional Championships at West Point. Like most winter teams from Section 6, the Legends found themselves in a pickle trying to travel to compete in the state finals. With a lot of support from the Section and the Lancaster School District, the team was able to arrive safely to compete at West Point where they won the State Title for 3 Position and came in second place for 30 Shot Standing.

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2018 Rifle Intersectionals West Point, March 03, 2018

Results

	30	Shot Offhand		
	Hig	h School Teams		
/	1	Valley Stream (8)	- 1124	
	2	Lancaster (6)	- 1117	
	3	Central Square (3)	- 1110	
	4	Willisboro (7)	- 875	
	5	Massena (10)	- 864	Ī

30 Shot Offhand						
Sec	tional Teams					
1	Section 6	- 1694				
2	Section 8	- 1693				
3	Section 3	- 1663				
4	Section 10	- 1237				
5	Section 7	- 875				

Section 6 Shooters						
		T/1	T/2	T/3	Total	
Alexis Kirk	(Cl)	97.06	97.05	95.05	289.16	2nd
Matt Kirk	(Cl)	95.01	94.00	99.07	288.08	5th
Alex Hangen	(La)	99.06	94.03	94.03	287.12	7th
Kiersten Mucha	(La)	94.05	98.07	94.04	286.16	8th
Mason Kowalski	(La)	91.02	91.03	92.01	274.06	14th
Emma Randall	(La)	91.01	88.01	91.01	270.03	18th

3 Position							
Hig	High School Teams						
1	Lancaster (6)	- 1146					
2	Central Square (3)	-1136					
3	Valley Stream (8)	-1131					
4	Massena (10)	-948					
5	Willsboro (7)	-935					

3 Position						
Sec	Sectional Teams					
1	Section 6	-1722				
2	Section 8	-1696				
3	Section 3	-1694				
4	Section 10	-1329				
5	Section 7	-935				

Sec	Section 6 Shooters									
1	Alexis Kirk	(Cl)	98.08	4th	96.05	4th	99.07	1st	293.20	1st
2	Kiersten Mucha	(La)	99.07	1st	97.05	1st	97.05	5th	293.17	2nd
3	Mason Kowalski	(La)	98.08	3rd	94.01		97.05		289.14	5th
4	Alex Hangen	(La)	98.06		92.03		97.06	4th	287.15	6th
5	Matt Kirki	(Cl)	97.04		96.05	3rd	90.03		283.12	10th
6	Emma Randall	(La)	96.04		89.04		92.03		277.11	16th

"SETTING GOALS IS THE FIRST STEP IN TURNING THE INVISIBLE INTO THE VISIBLE." -TONY ROBBINS

State Champions Girls Gymnastics

2018 New York State Girls Gymnastics High School Championship Results

Team			
2nd	Section 6	183.825	
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All-Arou	All-Around								
1st	Madison Penetrante	Will North	38.225 (New Section 6 Record 2018)						
7th	Cali Czarcinski	Frontier	37.10						
9th	Zoe Kyriakopoulos	Will North	36.25						

Vault					
2nd	Madison Penetrante	Will North	9.575		
6th	Kirsten Maybach	Clarence	9.20		
8th	Cali Czarcinski	Frontier	9.125		
9th	Kelly Rose Devine	Lancaster	9.10		
25th	Alison Wojciechowski	Lancaster	8.45		
28th	Zoe Kyriakopoulos	Will North	8.25		

Bars	Bars				
2nd	Madison Penetrante	Will North	9.40		
5th	Zoe Kyriakopoulos	Will North	9.30		
6th	Gabbi Gare	Will South	9.275		
11th	Cali Czarcinski	Frontier	9.00		
15th	Alison Wojciechowski	Lancaster	8.70		
16th	Kelly Rose Devine	Lancaster	8.60		



State Team

Beam				
2nd	Madison Penetrante	Will North	9.60	
4th	Cali Czarcinski	Frontier	9.525	
8th	Zoe Kyriakopoulous	Will North	9.325	
18th	Kirsten Maybach	Clarence	8.80	K
20th	Courtney Ando	Lancaster	8.725	
24th	Bri Blaszak	Clarence	8.50	

Floor					
2nd	Madison Penetrante	Will North	9.65		
5th	Cali Czarcinski	Frontier	9.45		
8th	Zoe Kyriakopoulous	Will North	9.375		
13th	Kayleen Jenkins	Kenmore	9.15		
14th	Courtney Ando	Lancaster	9.10		
20th	Kirsten Maybach	Clarence	8.875		

Sportsmanship Award

Kelly Rose Devine

Lancaster



Madison Penetrante - 1st Place, All-Around

State Champions Wrestling

Niagara Falls - Willie McDougald - Division I, 132 lbs.



Niagara Falls High School Sophomore Willie McDougald became the school's first Wrestling State Champion. Willie was the first ever Wrestling State Champion from the new Niagara Falls High School and only the second in the history of the City of Niagara Falls. Willie's 2018 season was a vision quest for him to accomplish his goal of becoming a state champion.

Starpoint - Anthony Robinson -Division II, 285 lbs.



This season, Anthony Robinson won the New York State Division II, 285 lb., Wrestling Championship. Anthony compiled a season record of 41-6, and a career record of 110-31. He accomplished this in only three years of wrestling. This season, he was 4th at the Eastern States Classic, 4th at the

NFWOA, ECIC Champion, Ken-Ton Champion, Section VI Class B Champion, Section VI Division II Champion, Pioneer All-Tournament Team, Tonawanda All-Tournament Team, and New York State Division II Champion. In addition, Anthony is also an All-League and All-Western New York running back for Starpoint CSD. He is a versatile athlete that competes with passion and at a high level.

Anthony is Starpoint's first ever State Wrestling Champion. Over three seasons, he devoted himself to improving during the offseason by training and competing in nationally recognized events. This improvement and dedication showed in each of his two seasons following his first year as a sophomore. As a junior, he won the NFWOA tournament and placed in every other event that season. He broke the school's single season wins record by going 45-10. His senior year, he improved on his weak areas and accomplished his goal of being a state champion. For his hard work, accomplishments, and dedication to the sport of wrestling, Anthony has been awarded the Hein Award that will be presented at this year's Ilio DiPaolo banquet. Willie set his goal at the end of last season. He knew that in order for him to become a state champion, he had to train harder than ever before. He traveled all over the state to face the best competition. He would wake up early on Saturday mornings to run the Niagara Gorge. He spent the season listening and trusting his coaches because he focused on growing and learning from each one of his matches. He also knew he had to be at his strongest. In order for him to get to his strongest, whenever the team did exercise and sprints, Willie would always do more than what was required.

When Willie stepped on the mat for his state finals match, he was focused and composed. He knew that his hard work and preparation had him ready to perform at the highest level. In his finals match, he took on the returning state champion. It was a grind of a match with the score being tied 1-1 going into the third overtime. All of Willie's extra exercises and sprints, early morning runs, and lessons from his coaches, paid off because in the final ten seconds, he scored twopoints to win the match 3-1.

Willie has been a trailblazer for the Niagara Falls Wrestling Program. He was not only the first State Champion, but he was also the first 3-time Section 6 Champion, and the first two-time State place finisher. Willie is also a great teammate and a leader to the Wolverine Wrestling Program. With a humble demeanor, he has been an image for his teammates to be inspired by. His selfless attitude and great character has also helped to make those around him better.

Congratulations to our Niagara Falls High School Sophomore and 2018 New York State Wrestling Champion Willie McDougald!

Chautauqua Lake - Bryce Rowe -Division II, 160 lbs.



State Champions Girls Indoor Track

Dunkirk / Silver Creek -Emilee Hanlon - High Jump

Iroquois -Rachel Donner - Shot Put





Boys Indoor Track _____ Lancaster - Jon Surdej - Shot Put



State Champions Boys Basketball

East High School - Class D



Boys Ice Hockey Sweet Home - Division II



State Champions Girls Ice Hockey

Frontier / Lake Shore / Orchard Park



Regional Champions Boys Basketball

Health Sciences - Class B



Regional Champions Girls Basketball

Allegany-Limestone - Class C

Williamsville South - Class A



Franklinville - Class D



Boys Ice Hockey _ West Seneca West - Division II





Williamsville North - Division I



Sectional Champions Boys Basketball

Tapestry - Class C



Niagara Falls - Class AA



West Seneca West - Class A



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Sectional Champions Girls Basketball

Fredonia - Class B

Orchard Park - Class AA



Girls Bowling Amherst - Class B

Orchard Park - Class A



Gowanda - Class D





Sectional Champions Boys Bowling

Frewsburg - Class D





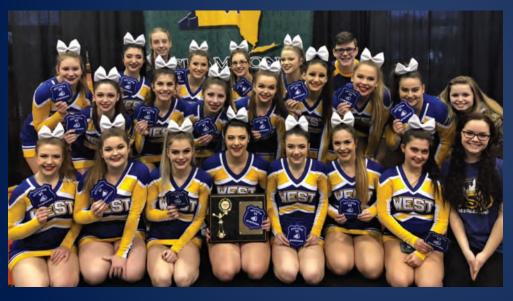
Hamburg - Class B



Maryvale - Class C

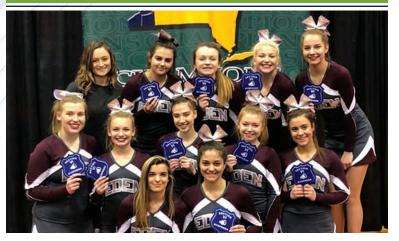


Cheerleading West Seneca West - Co-Ed



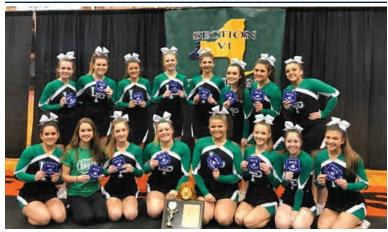
Sectional Champions Cheerleading

Eden - Division II, Small Schools, Class D



Frontier - Division I, Small Schools

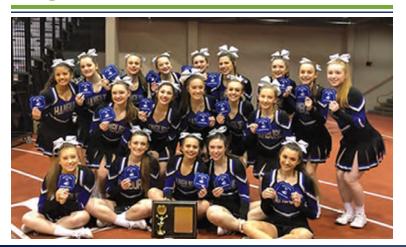
Lewiston-Porter - Division II, Small Schools, Class C

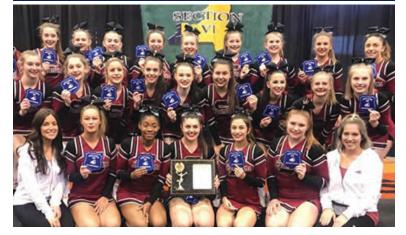


Starpoint - Division II, Large Schools

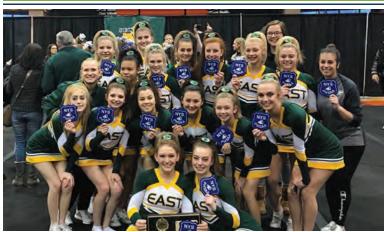


Hamburg - Division I, Large Schools





West Seneca East - Division II, Small Schools, Class B



Sectional Champions Wrestling

Iroquois - Class B



Chautauqua Lake / Westfield / Panama / Clymer - Class D



Grand Island - Class A



Falconer / Cassadaga Valley -Class C



Lancaster - Class AA



Sectional Champions Wrestling Dual Meet Champions

Lancaster - Division I

Falconer/Cassadaga Valley -Division II





Rifle

Lancaster - Kiersten Mucha -30 Shot Standing



Pioneer - Linxin Zha - Offhand



Lancaster - Jessica Clark -Kneeling & Aggregate



Lancaster - Emma Randall - Prone



Sectional Champions

Lancaster - 30 Shot Standing & 3 Position Team



Alden - Miranda Koch - Kneeling



"OUR GREATEST WEAKNESS LIES IN GIVING UP. THE MOST CERTAIN WAY TO SUCCEED IS ALWAYS TO TRY JUST ONE MORE TIME." -THOMAS A. EDISON

Sectional Champions Alden Central Schools

Rifle Sectionals - February 17, 2018

Results of the 2018 Section 6 Rifle Sectionals in which 8 schools, 6 high school teams and 84 individuals participated in 3P Air Rifle and Air Rifle.

	Air Rifle Team		3P Air Rifle		
	Lancaster	1139.43 *	Lancaster	1157.51*	
	Clarence	1114.32	Pioneer	1154.50	
	Pioneer	1105.26	Alden	1136.41	
	Alden	1102.25	Kenmore	1134.34	
	Kenmore	1095.29	Clarence	1131.31	
	Iroquois	1080.25	Iroquois	1110.27	

Section 6 High School Champion - Lancaster (Standing Air) and Lancaster (3P Air)

Individual Sectional Champions:					
Prone:	Emma Randall	Lancaster	100.08		
Offhand:	Linxib Zha	Pioneer	97.05*		
Kneeling:	Jessica Clark	Lancaster	98.06*		
	Miranda Koch	Alden	98.06*		
Aggregate:	Jessica Clark	Lancaster	291.16*		
Air Rifle:	Kiersten Mucha	Lancaster	294.16*		
* Section 6 Record					

Individual Winners - Shields are awarded to the following:

Prone					
1st	Emma Randall	La	100.08		
2nd	Mason Kowalski	La	100.07		
3rd	Bailey Begovich	Ke	100.06		
4th	Miranda Koch	Al	100.05		

Knee	Kneeling					
1st	Jessica Clark	La	98.06*			
1st	Miranda Koch	Al	98.06*			
3rd	Mason Kowalski	La	98.05			
4th	Matt Kirk	Cl	98.04			
4th	Austin Orlowski	Ke	98.04			

Offhand					
1st	Linxin Zha	Pi	97.05*		
2nd	Alexis Kirk	Cl	96.04		
3rd	Matt Kirk	Cl	95.04		
4th	Sarah Golas	Al	95.03		

Aggregate					
1st	Jessica Clark	La	291.16*		
2nd	Mason Kowalski	LA	291.13		
3rd	Linxin Zha	Pi	291.14		
4th	Miransa Koch	Al	290.15		

Air Rifle				
1st	Kiersten Mucha	La	294.16*	
2nd	Michael Dziabo	Cl	285.11	
3rd	Janel Koeth	La	285.12	
4th	Alexis Kirk	Cl	283.07	

"FAILURE WILL NEVER OVERTAKE ME IF MY DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED IS STRONG ENOUGH." -OG MANDINO

Sectional Champions Boys Swimming

Williamsville East - Class A

East Aurora - Class B



Boys Swimming & Diving -State Meet Team



Panama / Chautauqua Lake / Maple Grove - Class C





Sectional Results -Individual/Relay Champions

Event	Name	Grade	School	Time
200 MEDLEY	Andrew Clough	9	Williamsville	1:38.22
RELAY	William Eaton	11	East	
	Michael Clough	12		
	Bryan Hong	12		
200 FREE	Liam O'Connell	12	Hamburg	1:42.50
200 IM	Michael Mauer	12	Hamburg	1:57.10
50 FREE	Benjamin Harper	11	Kenmore	:21.36
DIVING	Jake Minnick	10	Lockport	491.15
100 FLY	Mark Crocker	10	Lockport	:52.38
100 FREE	Benjamin Harper	11	Kenmore	48:00
500 FREE	Liam O'Connell	12	Hamburg	4:42.64
200 FREE	Michael Mauer	12	Hamburg	1:30.14
RELAY	Aydan Stormer	12		
	Brandon Kuppel	12		
	Liam O'Connell	12		
100 BACK	Michael Mauer	12	Hamburg	53.94
100 BREAST	Matthew Walker	11	Kenmore	1:00.23
400 FREE	Andrew Clough	9	Williamsville	3:16.04
RELAY	William Eaton	11	East	
	Michael Clough	12		
	Bryan Hong	12		

Sectional Champions Boys Indoor Track

Lancaster - Class A



Sweet Home - Class B

Cheektowaga - Class C





Sectional Champions Girls Indoor Track

West Seneca West - Class A



Sweet Home - Class B

East Aurora / Holland - Class C





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NYSPHSAA/Federation Indoor Track Championships

Ocean Breeze Sports Complex

Staten Island, New York - Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 Highlights

BOYS

- The Section VI Team finished in the 6th among the NYSPHSAA/ FEDERATION Fourteen Teams with 53 Points
- The Boys Team finished 8th among the 11 Sections with 43 Points
- The Boys Team Medaled in TEN Events
- NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION CHAMPION: JON SURDEJ from Lancaster in the SHOT PUT - 58' 10 ¾"

SECTION VI RECORDS:

Nathaniel Davis (Sweet Home)

- 300 Meters 34.28, January 27th, 2018, Dr. Sanders Invitational at the Armory, breaking his own Sectional VI record set last season - 34.53
- Long Jump 23' 8 ¼", February 23rd , 2018, Section VI State Qualifier Championships at Houghton College. Nathaniel broke a 7-year-old record set by Jailyn Twitty from Amherst back in 2011 - 23' 8"

Ian Russ (Holland/East Aurora)

 3200 Meters - 9:15.60 FAT, March 3rd , 2018, NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships at Ocean Breeze Sports Complex in Staten Island, New York. Ian broke a 31-year-old record set by Charlie Kern from Sweet Home back in 1987 - 9:15.89.

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES:

NYSPHSAA/Federation

- Nathaniel Davis (Sweet Home) in the Long Jump 2nd
- Ian Russ (Holland/East Aurora) in the 3200 Meters 3rd
- Sweet Home's 4 x 200 Meter Relay Team of Anthony Williams, Eric Johnson - Tommy Rivera, and Nathaniel Davis - 3rd
- Tommy Rivera (Sweet Home) in the High Jump 4th
- Caleb Nickens (Sweet Home) in the Weight Throw 4th
- Cal Puskar (Orchard Park) in the 1600 Meters 5th/6th
- Peter Borzillieri (West Seneca West) Long Jump 6th
- Andy Pietrantoni (Lancaster) in the Shot Put 6th
- Kaleb Lutton (Sweet Home) in the Triple Jump 6th

GIRLS

- This is the first-time ever that the Section VI Girls Team finished in 3rd among all Sections at the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track & Field Championships and 5th among the FEDREATION Teams from across the State of New York
- The Girls Team finished 3rd among the 11 Sections with 75 Points
- 5th among the Sections, plus the PSAL CHSAA & AIS with 71 Points
- The Girls Team Medaled in 14 events

NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION CHAMPIONS:

- Rachel Donner (Iroquois) in the Shot Put 42' 1"
- Emilee Hanlon (Dunkirk/Silver Creek) in the High Jump 5' 7"

SECTION VI RECORDS:

Jenna Crean (Orchard Park)

 55 Meter Dash - 7.09, February 9th, 2018, Section VI Team Championships at Houghton College. Jenna broke a four & eighteen-year-old record that was set by Ashley Grazen from Lancaster back in 2014 and Tirana McDermott from Jamestown back in 2000 - 7.14

OTHER TOP PERFORMANCES:

NYSPHSAA/FEDERATION

- Jenna Crean (Orchard Park) in the 55 Meter Dash 2nd/3rd
- Jenna Crean (Orchard Park) in the 300 Meters 2nd/4th
- Leah Pasqualetti (Orchard Park) in the Pole Vault 2nd
- Natalie Surdej (Lancaster) in the Weight Throw 2nd
- Christina Ward (Kenmore West) in the Triple Jump 2nd
- Corrin Sacilowski (Springvill/West Valley) in the Race-Walk 4th
- Nia Stevens (Tapestry) in the 300 Meters 4th/7th
- Christina Ward (Kenmore West) in the 55 HH 4th/7th
- Nisa Raqib (Hutch Tech) in the 55 High Hurdles 5th/8th
- Christina Ward (Kenmore West) in the Long Jump 5th
- Kaynia James (Lockport) in the 55 Meter Dash 6th
- Anna Rybczynski (West Seneca West) in the 1000 Meters 8th

2018 Alpine Skiing Sectional Results

Girls		
Name	Place	School
Logan Fredrickson	1st	Ellicottville
Candice Kasahara	2nd	Williamsvillle
Hayly Fredrickson	3rd	Ellicottville
CeCe Carls	4th	Ellicottville
Megan Kelsch	5th	Williamsville
Joran Lyford	6th	Ellicottville
Hannah Kalaf	7th	Williamsville
Courtney Sexton	8th	Ellicottville

Boys		
Name	Place	School
Nolan Evans	1st	Williamsville
Mitchell Azcarate	2nd	Ellicottville
Adrian DeOrbe	3rd	Ellicottville
Hunter Haslett	4th	Gow
Jesse Both	5th	Ellicottville
Cambell Wilson	6th	Gow
Casey Koenig	7th	Williamsville
lan Jarosz	8th	Williamsville
Ewan Mcguigan	9th	Gow
Colin Benecki	10th	Gow
Ryan King	11th	Williamsville

Girls Team

1st - Ellicottville (Logan Fredrickson, Hayly Fredrickson, CeCe Carls, 23 points)

2nd - Williamsville (Candice Kasahara, Megan Kelsch, Hannah Kalaf, 37 points)

Boys Team

1st - Ellicottville (Mitchell Azcarate, Adrian Deorbe, Jesse Both, 20 Points)

- 2nd Williamsville (Nolan Evans, Casey Koenig, Ian Jarosz, 34 Points)
- 3rd Gow (Hunter Haslett, Cambell Wilson, Ewan Mcguigan, 41 points)

NYSAAA Chapter 6 Awards

Doug Ames, Newfane CSD, Athletic Director of the Year



Douglas Ames was born and raised in Lockport, NY, where he graduated from Lockport City School District. While attending Lockport High School, he lettered in football, wrestling, and baseball. Doug went on to earn his BS in Health, Physical Education from Niagara University in 1982. He completed his Master of Education in 1989 and his School District Administration from Niagara University in 2002. Doug currently resides in Lockport, NY with his wife, Cindy of 31 years, and their sons, Matthew (28) and And<u>rew (24).</u>

Doug began his teaching career in the Lockport City Schools District where he taught Health & Physical education at the junior high level before being hired full-time at Newfane Central Schools. His career at Newfane began in 1985 as an elementary physical education teacher at Olcott Elementary, moving to Newfane Intermediate, and then to Newfane Elementary. During Doug's tenure at Newfane, he coached Varsity Golf (32 years), Varsity Wrestling (20 years), Varsity Softball (19 years), and Varsity Cross Country (1 year). Doug was named Newfane's Aquatic Director in 2003. During his 14 year tenure as Aquatic Director, he oversaw the capital project and the implementation of the elementary swim program for their K-5 building. Newfane was also awarded the Carol M. White PEP Grant in 2010 of which Doug had an integral part in writing and implementing. Doug was named Newfane's Director of Health/Physical Education & Athletics in 2005 and continues as their Aquatic Director. In the area of professional development, Doug has presented on topics ranging from Coaching for Character Workshops, Sportsmanship Training, and teaching 'The Life of An Athlete' course at the Section level and across the State as a certified Target Trainer for new or aspiring coaches.

Doug has been a member of the Niagara Orleans Athletic League Executive Committee since 2004 where he has served as the golf, wrestling, and football sports chair, the sportsmanship coordinator, and for the past 4 years as the league's Officials Assigner. He currently is the Niagara Orleans Boys Representative on the Athletic Council for Section VI.

Also, at the Section level, he sits on the Football, Wrestling, and Golf Committees overseeing Section level competition for state qualifying events. Three years ago, Doug was instrumental in implementing the Unified Basketball program for Section VI schools as the newly appointed Chairman. Under his tutelage, Section VI has added Unified Bowling for the winter season. Doug currently sits on the State committee for Sportsmanship and Unified Sports.

For 27 years, Doug was on the lead staff for the Western Region Empire State Games holding the position of Regional Director for two years prior to State budget cuts. In his spare time, Doug was active in his sons' Boy Scout troop and coached their summer baseball teams. He retired as their coach when they started high school sports to become their #1 fan.

NYSAAA Chapter 6 Awards

Mike Masters, Cross Training Athletics, Community Service Award



As a former physical education teacher and head varsity football coach, Mike Masters understands the powerful influence that coaches and teachers possess. Through Mike's unique heritage as the son of a very successful coach, he learned early that character is the essential component to reach one's potential and produce a balanced athlete. From this core belief, Cross Training Football (CTF), "Training the Heart of a Champion from the Inside Out" began in 2005. At that time CTF started with football at 4 schools, now Cross Training Athletics (CTA) serves

approximately 45 campuses across WNY and beyond. In 2014, Cross Training Athletics made the jump to the classroom with a new branch called, Inside Out Schools and is presently teaching classes on two WNY campuses.

CTA'S vision is to develop hearts of integrity in leaders and students alike to be men and women of character for others. CTA's sole intention is to serve, encourage, equip, empower, and build a character culture. Mike Masters has been married for 19 years and has 4 grown children. He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Lancaster, New York.

James Spanbauer, Niagara Falls CSD, Distinguished Service Award



Jim Spanbauer's approach into the field of education began at SUNY Cortland where he graduated in 1986 with a degree in Physical Education. Soon after, Jim obtained his master's and administrative degrees from Niagara University. For the past 32 years, Jim has been employed by the Niagara Falls City School District. His duties with the district began at the teaching level where he taught Physical Education for 12 years. From there, Jim began his administrative pathway that included House Principal at Niagara

Falls High School, Chief Educational Administrator for the District, and on to his current role as the Principal of LaSalle Preparatory.

Jim is no stranger to athletics. Early on in his career (1986-1999), Jim coached multiple sports including football, basketball, and track and field. Upon entering his career as an administrator, Jim transformed his passion and knowledge for athletics into the Niagara Frontier League where he served from 2000-2017. Here, Jim participated on several committees and also served as League President during that time. At the Section level, Jim currently serves as the Principals Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee, a position he has held since 2011.

Pegge Cook, Hamburg Central School District, Judith Martens Secretarial Award



Pegge has been employed by the Hamburg Central School District in various capacities since 1998. She began her tenure as HPER administrative assistant in July of 2000. The position is quite challenging as it involves not only athletics, but also health and physical education in 7 buildings plus all athletic facilities requests. Technology has required many procedural changes over the years and Pegge has taken many classes to change with the times. She has become a "go to" person for other ECIC secretaries in regard to Schedule Star and the Arbiter.

Pegge has been recognized by the Athletic Office with the Bulldog Service Award in honor of her hard work and dedication to the many student-athletes, coaches, parents, and community groups over the years.

A graduate of Monroe-Woodbury High School downstate, Pegge moved to Boston, NY in 1989 with her husband and two children. She now enjoys spending time with her granddaughter. She also enjoys reading, sewing, and the NY Giants!

The Hamburg Central School District is proud to honor Pegge Cook with Chapter 6's Judith A. Martens Secretary of the Year award.

"EVER TRIED. EVER FAILED. NO MATTER. TRY AGAIN. FAIL BETTER." -SAMUEL BECKETT

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes Winter 2017-2018

Section VI selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Award for the 2017-2018 winter sports season. Of the 576 nominations; there were 30 repeat winners, 123 winners, and 423 honorable mentions.

Winners are listed below. *indicates repeat winner.

Akron		Forestville		International Prep.	
Girls Basketball Girls Basketball	Margo Henley* Sara Hoefler	Boys Basketball	Lewis Markham	Boys Swimming & Diving	Gabriel Cohen
		Fredonia		Iroquois	
Amherst		Girls Basketball	Hannah Gullo	Cheerleading	Hailey Buerk
Girls Bowling	Rachel Banning*	Girls Indoor Track	Lydia Lanski	Boys Bowling	Alex Zygmun
Girls Ice Hockey	Nicole Moore	Girls Indoor Track	Claire Stokes		
Girls Bowling	Kelly Normandin			Jamestown	
		Frontier		Girls Basketball	Katelyn Bennet
Barker		Boys Indoor Track	Fridrik Diehl*	Boys Basketball	, Henry Malarkey
Girls Basketball	Sarah Mason*	Boys Bowling	Brandon Badaszewski		
Girls Basketball	Kylie Miller	Girls Basketball	Abigail Damico	Kenmore West	
		Girls Ice Hockey	Gabriella DeMeo	Boys Indoor Track	Alexander Fusan
Cassadaga Valley		Girls Bowling	Taylor Garland	Girls Indoor Track	Christina Wende
Cheerleading	Mariana Waite				
-		Grand Island		Lake Shore	
Cheektowaga		Girls Indoor Track	Jenette DiLaura*	Girls Ice Hockey	Emily Kromer
Wrestling	Huy Dang	Girls Basketball	Nicole Hoy	Girls ice hockey	Emily Krome
wiesting	They bailing	Girls Indoor Track	Megan Stanley		
City Hannes				Lancaster	
City Honors		Hamburg		Boys Ice Hockey	Zachary Foley
Girls Basketball	Phoebe Elardo	Girls Indoor Track	Megan Kane*	Girls Indoor Track Girls Indoor Track	Ava Gervar Alexis Lima
		Boys Ice Hockey	Brian Beck	Boys Swimming & Diving	Jacob Michalsk
Clarence		Girls Basketball	Jane Chiacchia	Rifle	Kiersten Mucha
Girls Basketball	Ella Rose Eckert	Girls Basketball	Shayna Fitzpatrick		Rebecca Schroede
Girls Indoor Track	Gillian Fedor	Cheerleading	Katherine Leyonmark	Boys Indoor Track	Matthew Skaka
Cheerleading	Allison Flaglor			Girls Indoor Track	Annabelle Vog
Girls Ice Hockey	Jaime King	Holland			
Rifle	Matthew Kirk	Girls Indoor Track	Riley Jones*	Lewiston-Porter	
Boys Basketball	Michael O'Brien	Boys Indoor Track	Jacob Ostrowski	Girls Bowling	Emma Waechter
Boys Bowling	Elliott Pohlman	Boys Basketball	Joshua Ratajczak	Gins Dowing	
		Girls Basketball	Haley Shanahan		
East Aurora		Girls Indoor Track	Kalei Winter	Lockport	
Boys Indoor Track	John Lyons*			Boys Ice Hockey	Brennan Bailey
Girls Indoor Track	Molly McLaughlin*	Hutch Tech		Boys Swimming & Diving	
Girls Basketball	Emma Brinker	Boys Indoor Track	Mark Manue	Cheerleading Boys Indoor Track	Julia LaRose
		Boys Indoor Track	Montaka Shad	Boys Indoor Track Boys Ice Hockey	Simon Powley Brandon Rice
Eden				boys ice hockey	
Cheerleading	Morgan Vullo				

Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes Winter 2017-2018

Maple Grove

Wrestling

Shane Hetrick

Medina

Madison Kenward* Girls Swimming & Diving Girls Swimming & Diving Alyssa Beyer Wrestling **Elijah Sones** Girls Basketball Hannah Sones

Newfane

Girls Swimming & Diving	Erin Harrington*
Wrestling	Caleb Auernhamer
Girls Basketball	Alexa Littman
Boys Swimming & Diving	Zachary Lundy
Girls Swimming & Diving	Lauren Seymour

Niagara Wheatfield

Cheerleading	Amanda Waliszewski*
Boys Ice Hockey	Nicholas Peters
Boys Ice Hockey	Chace Woods
Girls Basketball	Callista Zayatz

Olean

Skiing **Boys Basketball**

Orchard Park

Boys Swimming & Diving Philip Choroser Girls Indoor Track Girls Basketball Emily Henrich Thomas Klenke Boys Bowling Girls Bowling Girls Basketball Boys Swimming & Diving Joseph Swetz Jonathan Visco **Boys Ice Hockey**

Pioneer

Boys Indoor Track Boys Basketball

Wake Kless* **Kyle Burley**

Jesse Both

Erin Gawel

Danielle Milo

Jenna Probst

Lucas Chapman

Randolph

Wrestling Wrestling

Springville

Girls Indoor Track Girls Basketball **Boys Basketball**

Starpoint

Boys Ice Hockey Nicholas O'Brien **Boys Bowling** Matthew Pyskaty **Boys Swimming & Diving** James Sacco **Boys Ice Hockey** Joshua Wildt

Sweet Home

Girls Indoor Track	Lily Hayes*
Boys Swimming & Diving	Patrick Hayter*
Girls Indoor Track	Amanda Andrews
Boys Swimming & Diving	Matthew Ciminelli
Boys Indoor Track	Colin Gerlach
Boys Indoor Track	Samuel Schultz

Tonawanda

Girls Basketball Boys Basketball

West Seneca East

Boys Indoor Track Boys Indoor Track Girls Basketball

Elle Russell*
MacKenzie Enge
Matthew Sion

Matthew Evans*

Wyatt Sluga*

West Seneca West

Boys Indoor Track Joseph Castoire **Girls Bowling** Jordan Fanara Cheerleading Julia Flowers Andrew Jerabek **Boys Swimming & Diving** Cheerleading Andrea MacDonald Grace Paolini Cheerleading **Boys Ice Hockey** Tyler Sacco Girls Indoor Track Mina Stollberg

Williamsville East

Boys Bowling	William Elliott*
Boys Ice Hockey	Eric Metz*
Boys Indoor Track	Nicholas D'Amico
Boys Swimming & Diving	Bryan Hong
Boys Swimming & Diving	John Kraus

Williamsville North

Boys Ice Hockey	Colin Begley
Boys Ice Hockey	Benjamin Michalowski

Williamsville South

Girls Indoor Track Girls Ice Hockey Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Girls Indoor Track

Molly Moore* Jenna Woods* **Gregory Dolan** Lauren Lassiter **Emily Shea**

Wilson

Girls Basketball Girls Basketball **Boys Basketball** Wrestling

Madeline Mocarski* **Emily Kelly** Macgregor Musall Jacob Sanborn

Joshua Glaub*
Jake Grzebinski

Samanatha Kmiotek

Hope Balling*

Josh Mouton

Section VI Hall of Fame

Class of 2017

On Friday, December 8th, 2017, the 4th annual Section VI Hall of Fame ceremony was celebrated at The Columns Banquets in Elma, NY.

The Section VI Hall of Fame was established to honor and recognize those, within its organization, who excelled in their roles as athletes, administrators, coaches, officials, or contributors who have provided meritorious service.

The commitment to athletics made by those who comprise the Hall of Fame has contributed to the promotion, continuation, and development of programs within Section VI.

Inductees:

Judith Coleman-Otto Dick Diminuco Charlie Garfinkel John Hayes Rich Kilgour Patrick Monti Lou Rosselli Dr. James Rusin* Art Serotte Matthew Szydlowski* Jim Trampert Harris Wienke (*posthumous)

- Coach Coach Athlete Athlete Athlete Coach Athlete Administrator Athlete Administrator Administrator Administrator
- Barker Albion Bennett HS/Buffalo Public Niagara Falls Niagara Wheatfield LaSalle Senior HS/ Niagara Falls Royalton-Hartland Williamsville Grover Cleveland/Buffalo Public Maryvale Orchard Park Niagara Wheatfield



Standing from left to right: Kevin Lawson on behalf of Lou Rosselli, Jim Trampert, Dick Diminuco, Patrick Monti, John Rusin on behalf of Jim Rusin, Phil Coyle, and Bill Ross on behalf of Rich Kilgour. Seated from left to right: Harris Wienke, John Hayes, Judith Coleman-Otto, Mary Lou Rusin on behalf of Jim Rusin, Art Serotte, and Charlie Garfinkel

Meet the Athletic Directors & Sports Chairs

Julie Arnold, Athletic Director, Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association, Brocton Central School District



Years of Service: 4

Education: Bachelor of Science in Education from The College at Brockport; Master of Science in Education from Canisius College

Family: 1 older brother and a ton of amazing extended family members!

Favorite Food: Sweet Potato

Favorite Movie: A League of Their Own

Hobbies: Anything outdoors (hiking, kayaking, golfing) and reading

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

My passion is playing sports and I love teaching children. Being a physical education teacher was the best path for me to pursue. Sports have taught me the work ethic and character that has helped me be successful thus far. I chose Brockport because I knew that it had an excelled physical education program, as well as an adapted physical education program, which was my concentration during my undergraduate work.

Israel Martinez, Wrestling Co-Chairman



District: Niagara Falls

Years of Service: 29 years (the first 11 years I taught at LaSalle and Niagara Middle). The past 18 years at Niagara Falls High School. I have coached Wrestling, Track and, Cross Country. I have been the Section Wrestling Co-Chair since 2005 and I am the NFL League Chairman in Cross Country.

Education: Lockport High School (1985); B.S. in Spanish (with a minor concentration in French), Master's in Spanish / Foreign Language Education from the University at Buffalo.

Family: Live in Grand Island with wife Amanda and Daughters: Hannah 13 and Hailey 12

Favorite Food: A nicely grilled filet mignon (medium)

Favorite Movie: Forrest Gump

Hobbies: I enjoy golf, getting exercise/working out. Binge watching shows on Netflix when the weather is bad.

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?

I decided to go into teaching /coaching because some of my junior high/ high school teachers and coaches (in both Medina and Lockport) were very strong positive influences. They were selfless teachers/coaches who committed their time to help me achieve and grow as a student-athlete.

Todd Sukdolak, Athletic Director, Niagara Frontier League, Lockport City School District



Years of Service: 27

Education: AAS Transportation, AAS Airfield Operations, BS Elementary Education (Daemen College), MS Admin/Supervision (Niagara University), and MS Sports Administration (Canisius College). In addition, I just received my CAA from NIAAA (October 2017).

Family: Wife - Gretchen, Sons - Baxter and Taylor

Favorite Food: Seafood (love Cajun food)

Favorite Movie: Jungle Book (original animated version), love Blue the Bear

Hobbies: Outdoors - hunting/fishing, travel anywhere, and vintage automobiles

Why/How did you choose athletics/education? I chose education because I love kids. I took my first class at sea when I was in the Navy and I was hooked. I also have a love for coaching and sports in general. I am a very competitive person and becoming an athletic director has certainly filled that role. I love attending all of our school events, it's very rewarding.

Section VI Executive Committee

President Al Gens, Dunkirk

President-Elect Adam Stoltman, Alden

Superintendents Representative* Jeff Rabey, Ph.D., Depew

Principals Representative* Jim Spanbauer, Niagara Falls

Girls Sports Representative* Marisa Fallacaro, Eden

Boys Sports Representative* Jim Graczyk, Pioneer

> **Past President** Brett Banker, Ken-Ton

Executive Director Timm Slade

> **Treasurer** Don Scholla

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Administrative Assistant Beth Fadeley