The preparation for the 2013 season began, as always about 2 weeks after the end of the 2012 season. Hamburg Youth Lacrosse conducts summer ball at the Nike Base in Hamburg on Lakeview Rd. Last summer our numbers exploded to 275 boys between K-12th grades. Our select teams traveled to several high level tournaments in the Syracuse and Rochester areas. The local teams competed with other summer teams at several WNY sites. Mark Muskopf, varsity assistant, is the director of the HYL summer season. He and his staff of up to 20 college lacrosse returnees do an amazing job developing our youth and preparing future Bulldogs for middle school and high school spring teams.

After taking August and most of September off, we return to the field for Fall ball. Practices are usually on the weekend, voluntary and less structured, due to the participation in fall sports such as football, soccer and volleyball. With the support of most fall coaches, serious lacrosse athletes will join us for Sunday tournaments across the state. We also meet 2-3 times every week for weight training at Hamburg High School. Fall ball runs from mid-September to early November.

Winter ball begins in early January at Sahliens in Elma and culminates in late February, just before the start of the school season in March. This is when the final pre-planning pieces are put in place. Most of the school coaches get involved at this time with intentions of creating the environment and culture for a successful campaign.

In 2013 our goal was to become the #1 seed for the local playoffs, to repeat as Section VI Class B Champions and then to find a way to win the Far West Regional game. Our annual spring break Virginia trip once again provided excellent competition (1-1 result), as well as valuable team bonding opportunities. We returned to complete an undefeated 10-0 division season, and managed to win non-league games against Canandaigua and Frontier, but dropped a contest to a very talented Timon team.

The season was full of highs and lows, injuries and complicating issues, but always hard work and dedicated effort. We ended with 16 seniors, 10 juniors, 2 sophomores and 1 freshman. Captains Max Maxwell, Nick Wilcox, Adam Gawlak and Lucas Shafer deserve tremendous praise for their leadership. The rest of the team remained focused and diligent in their
Hamburg Girls Lacrosse
Class B Sectional Champions

Orchard Park Boys Lacrosse
Class A Sectional Champions

pursuit of excellence and many young men found ways to make themselves invaluable. The following earned end of season honors:

1st Team All League - Max Maxwell, Nick Wilcox, Christian Hollfelder, Austin Bishop, Lucas Shafer
2nd Team All League - Adam Gawlak, Evan Kuss, Lucas Kramer, Chris Hoover, Ben Ott
1st Team All WNY - Max Maxwell, Nick Wilcox, Christian Hollfelder
2nd Team All WNY - Austin Bishop, Lucas Shafer
Two time HS All America - Max Maxwell

I’m very proud to detail our success in attaining the goals we set...Class B Champions (6x) and Far West Regional Champions for the 2nd time in Hamburg boys lacrosse history.

Jerry Severino, Hamburg Boys Lacrosse Head Coach

Lancaster Girls Lacrosse
Class A Sectional Champions

The Lancaster Girls Varsity Lacrosse team won the Class A Sectional Championship this past May. They defeated Frontier 9-8 in a thriller. Lancaster lead the game 7-2 at the half, but Frontier was relentless and did not give up. Lancaster has won the past 8 out of 9 sectional championships. -Julie Buccieri, Coach

Hamburg Girls Lacrosse Class B Sectional Champions

The Hamburg Girls Lacrosse team won its second straight Section VI Class B title defeating West Seneca East 14-9. First Team All-Americans Taylor Wolf (Niagara University) and Megan Mikolajek (UAlbany) had 4 goals each. Hamburg remained unbeaten in division play for the second year clinching their third straight Division II title (2011, 2012, 2013).

-Katy Ryan, Coach
Amherst Girls Lacrosse
Class C Sectional Champions

The Lady Lax Tigers finished their regular season with a successful season, 9-6 overall record. Their league record was 8-2 with the only losses to Lake Shore. The lady tigers defeated: Springville, Eden, East Aurora and Iroquois.

Journey to Playoffs

Thursday, May 23
It was a nail biting game on the Amherst High School turf. The Lady Tigers managed to pull off a 2 goal win against East Aurora. It was a very competitive game as each team would take the lead every few minutes. By the last buzzer, Amherst was ahead by 2 goals to win 8-6.

Wednesday, May 29
The Lady Tigers defended their title at sectionals for the 9th consecutive time to become the Class C, Section VI Champions! The girls managed to defeat the Lake Shore Eagles 14-7. This victory was a true team effort. Junior attack, Grace Lawson tied her own record for first place in Amherst history by scoring 8 goals in this game. Junior goalie, Emily Bitka made 15 saves! Sophomore midfielder, Kourtney Cox scored a hat trick. Megan Bessel, Angelina Simon, and McKenna Rushford each chipped in 1 goal.

Saturday, June 1
The girls traveled to Irondequoit to play Honeoye Falls-Lima, the number 2 seed in Section V. The girls luck from sectionals didn’t continue on their way to Far-West Regionals. After a long game and only maintaining a few possessions the Lady Tigers’ Season ended.

6 Girls Lacrosse Players Receive Honors:
Grace Lawson (junior, attack) was selected for 1st team All-League and 2nd team All WNY. Grace finished the season with 81 goals and 20 assists and 42 ground balls.
Emily Bitka (junior, goalie) was selected for 1st team All-League and 2nd team All WNY. Emily finished the season with a 59% save percentage, 218 total saves and 351 career saves. Emily is verbally committed to play lacrosse at the University of Albany.
Angelina Simon (sophomore, midfield) was selected for 1st team All-League. Angelina finished the season with 31 goals, 7 assists and a team high of 44 ground balls.
Kathryn Yoder (sophomore, midfield) was selected for 2nd team All-League. Kathryn finished the season with 7 goals, 4 assists and 31 ground balls.
McKenna Rushford (freshmen, midfield) was selected for 2nd team All-League. McKenna finished the season with 17 goals, 6 assists, and 38 ground balls.
Kaela Barnes (senior, attack) was selected for honorable mention All-League. Kaela finished the season with 8 goals, 5 assists, and 16 ground balls.

- Courtesy of Marissa Brown

Chapter VI NYSSAAA Award Winners 2013

Athletic Administrator
Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home HS

Non-Athletic Administrator
Loren Ratajczak, Section VI

Community Service Award
Mark Adair, Upstate Football Weekly

Judith Martens Secretarial Award
Jane Wilson, Starpoint High School
The Top (9) Players in all of Section VI (59 School Districts / Golf Teams) - the Top 1%. The Top (9) qualified for states on May 20, 2013 at Diamond Hawk GC, Cheektowaga, NY in a 27 hole medal play event.

**Roster**

1. Aaron Schauger, 12, Grand Island (NFL) - 2013 Section VI Champion
2. David Berkun, 12, Williamsville North (ECIC) - 2013 Section VI Runner-Up
3. Ben Reichert, 9, Williamsville North (ECIC) - 2013 Section VI 3rd Place
4. Mark Joslin, 12, Hamburg (ECIC) - 2013 Section VI 4th Place
5. Joe Conti, 11, Fredonia (CCAA I)
6. Mark Lesinski, 12, Williamsville North (ECIC)
7. Wil Lockwood, 11, Maple Grove (CCAA II West)
8. Danny Weimer, 12, Silver Creek (CCAA II West)
9. Nolan Ditcher, 9, Randolph (CCAA II East)

**Boys Golf Section VI & State Team Awards**

The 2013 NYSPHAA Section VI State Team Sportsmanship Awards were held at Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY on June 2, 2013

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Award
All State All Star
David Berkun, 12, Williamsville North

All State All Star
Danny Weimer, 12, Silver Creek

Section VI Coaches Award
Aaron Schauger, 12, Grand Island
2013 Girls Golf State Championship Team

It was the 3rd year in a row for Chelsea Dantonio to capture the Section VI Championship title. She played in her first Section Championship winning as a 7th grader and has won as an 8th and now 9th grader.

Section VI Girls Golf Championship & Qualifier Results

The top 9 players after 18 holes will represent Section VI at the 2013 NYSPHSAA girls golf state championships held at SUNY Delhi, June 8 - 9, 2013.

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**Boys Tennis**

**Section VI Results**

**Doubles**

Senior August Bruno and Junior Tommy Baldinger from Orchard Park competed in and won the Section VI Doubles Championship. The results are as follows:

1st match Bruno/Baldinger def. Stayner/Richardson (Lew-Port) 6-1, 6-3
2nd match Bruno/Baldinger def. Ahlers/Strauss (Clarence) 6-4, 6-0
Semi-final Bruno/Baldinger def. Podgorsak/Broardt (Williamsville South) 7-6 (6), 6-1
Final Bruno/Baldinger def. Lemar/Lemar (North Tonawanda) 6-4, 6-2

In addition, Bruno and Baldinger made All-WNY for doubles, Bruno was named a First Team All Star, and Baldinger was named Second Team All Star.

**Singles**

He may just be in eighth grade, but Harry Wang isn’t afraid of the big stage. The 13-year-old Casey Middle School student breezed through the Section VI field on his way to a championship before an estimated 100 fans at Lancaster High School on Wednesday [May 22]. Wang used his quick feet and precisely placed serve and forehand to beat senior and returning sectional finalist Mike Rusk of Williamsville East, 6-2, 6-0, in the finals.

“I lost in the second round last year” to eventual champion Mike Kranz, “so I really wanted to win it this time around,” said Wang, who is unbeaten on the season and will attend Williamsville North in the fall. “In the offseason I hit a lot, worked out a little and improved my speed, forehand and serve. Last year it would have been tough for me because I wasn’t nearly as fast. This is really fun and it means a lot to me to win this title.”

-by Nate Beutel, Special to the News,Courtesy of The Buffalo News

Wang, Rusk and Williamsville South junior Joe Bartoli advanced to the New York State Championships at the USTA Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows.

Pictured: Harry Wang Section VI boys singles tennis champion

Courtesy John Hickey/Buffalo News
Portville Baseball
Class C Sectional Champions

This year’s Section 6 Class C Finals pitted the Westfield Wolverines against the Portville Panthers. Westfield jumped out to the early lead, 4-1, a lead which they would maintain until the top of the 6th inning, when Justus Elliott led off with a double to start the rally. Slowly but surely, one run at a time, the inning did not end until Portville had scored 5 runs, to take a 6-4 lead. In the top of the 7th, Portville would add an insurance run via a double steal manufactured by Cameron Miller and Brandon Muniga. In the bottom of the 7th, Portville’s junior lefthander Brett Marcellin engineered a perfect 1-2-3 inning and clinch Portville’s first baseball title in since 1998. Junior Justus Elliott was named the Player of the Game, after going 3-4 and recording the assist on the final out.

-Michael Matz, Head Coach

Williamsville South
Baseball Class A Far West Regional Champions

The Williamsville South baseball team had a memorable 2013 season as the squad finished with an overall 19-3 record. The Billies won the ECIC Division II Championship, the Class A Section VI Championship, the New York State Far West Regional Championship, and competed in the New York State Class A Championship Game in Binghamton, NY. In the state semi-finals versus downstate 9 section I) opponent John Jay HS the Billies won 2-1 and were powered by Damian Powers one-hitter and Tyler Utz’s game winning RBI in the bottom of the 6th to secure a spot in the championship game against #1 state-ranked Bayport-Blue Point HS from Long Island(9 section XI). The game was tied at 2-2 going into the 6th inning when Bayport-Blue Point pulled ahead and eventually won 5-3. Participating in the championship game marked only the second time in school history that the team had advanced to the state championship game. The other time was in 2006. The 2013 team was led by 1st ECIC Division II all-league selections Damian Powers, Pitcher and team MVP, Mike Calandra, Catcher, Steve Zaprowski, 2B, Billy Hartford, Designated Hitter, and Tyler Piasecki, Shortstop. Tyler Piasecki also set the school record for hits in a career with 93. Other valuable members of the team included Tyler Utz, Jacob Huber, Tyler Johnson, Adam Tucker, Madison Maley, Ryan Czerwinski, Zach Otero, Patrick Stasiak, Brian Bookbinder, Darin Geska, Brett Baker, Erik Gorenflo, and Ryan Woods. The team success was attributed to hard work, and tremendous teamwork.

-Kraig Kurzanski, Head Coach

Fredonia Baseball
Class B Far West Regional Champions

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-Kraig Kurzanski, Head Coach
Clarence Softball
Class AA Sectional Champions

The Clarence varsity softball team defeated Lancaster 5-3 to win the section 6 class AA championship. Moriah Harris had the winning RBI and Katrina Buczkowski pitched the complete game for her 20th win of the season. The team also was the ECIC Division 1 champions this year.

-Todd Banaszak, Varsity Softball Coach

Falconer Softball
Class B Sectional Champions

The Falconer Central School Lady Golden Falcons, seeded sixth in the B-2 divisional playoffs, took to the road in the quest for the 2013 Class B Section VI Championship. In the B-2 quarterfinals, the Lady Falcons defeated Defending Sectional Champion and Third Seeded, Cleveland Hill by a score of 6 to 1. Abby Courtney tossed a 4 hitter with 8 Ks and 3 BBs. Jenna Fellows led the offense going 4 for 4 with a double, triple, RBI and 3 runs scored. Brianna McFall added 2 hits and Kaylei Russell belted a Home Run for Falconer in the victory.

In the B-2 Semifinals, Falconer came back from a 3 run deficit to top the Number Two Seed, Fredonia, 7 to 3. Courtney threw a six hitter this time with 12 Ks and 2 BBs. Brianna McFall had three hits and scored 2 runs, Katie Hines drove in 3 and had two hits with a double, while Jenna Fellows and Shannon Gunnell each had two hits and an RBI, and Courtney helped her own cause with a 2 RBI double.

In the B-2 Sectional Championship game, the Lady Golden Falcons eliminated Fifth Seeded Roy-Hart by the final score of 8 to 4. Once again, Courtney was stellar in the circle, tossing an 8 hitter, striking out 6 while walking only 1. Fellows aided the cause by belting out 3 hits and had an RBI, Shannon Gunnell added 2 doubles and 2 RBI, while Kaylei Russell also had two hits, one a double, and drove in 2 runs on the way to the B-2 crown.

In the Class B Overall Championship game, Falconer took on the equally Sixth Seeded Team from Eden, the B-1 Champions. In this game, the Lady Falcons only managed two hits, but that was all they needed as Abby Courtney spun a one hitter with 7 Ks and only 2 BBs as Falconer waited out a two day rain delay before resuming the suspended Championship game. When play finally continued, the Falcons held onto the 1 to 0 lead they jumped out to, to win the overall Section VI Class B title by that very score. Kaylei Russell drove in the only run of the game with a two-out RBI triple in the second inning following Katie Hines who reached on an error. Brianna McFall had the only other hit for Falconer.

In the Far West Regional against Wayland-Cohocton, the Falconer team got off to a 3 to 0 lead only to see the Section V champs come back to take an overall 7 to 3 lead. With that same score and only one inning left, the Lady Golden Falcons scored 3 times and had two runners on before falling to Way-Co by the score of 7 to 6. Brianna McFall had 2 hits and an RBI while Courtney, who took the loss in the circle, belted a three-run home run, and Kaylei Russell hit a two-run home run in the loss.

-Paul Lombardo, Varsity Softball Coach
In 1991, NYSPHSAA established the scholar athlete team award. In keeping with the understanding that student athlete participation enhances academic performance, varsity teams that earn a 90% or higher average during a sport season qualify for the award.

### Baseball

- **Alden** 92.709
- **Barker** 90.500
- **Cheektowaga** 91.255
- **Clarence** 91.840
- **Cleveland Hill** 90.515
- **Grand Island** 90.364
- **Hamburg** 93.390
- **Iroquois** 92.225
- **Jamestown** 90.669
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- **Lancaster** 94.065
- **Lewiston Porter** 91.598
- **Lockport** 94.457
- **Medina** 90.932
- **Newfane** 91.154
- **Niagara Falls** 92.364
- **Niagara-Wheatfield** 90.491
- **North Tonawanda** 90.022
- **Orchard Park** 93.277
- **Portville** 92.283
- **Southwestern** 93.879
- **Starpoint** 90.450
- **West Valley** 90.465
- **Williamsville East** 91.404
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### Boys Lacrosse

- **Alden** 93.139
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- **Orchard Park** 94.851
- **Portville** 90.109
- **Southwestern** 92.973
- **Sweet Home** 95.691
- **West Seneca East** 95.350
- **West Seneca West** 96.447
- **West Valley** 90.853
- **Elicottville** 90.038
- **Ellicottville** 96.964
- **Williamsville East** 97.470
- **Williamsville North** 95.541
- **Williamsville South** 90.288

### Softball

- **Alden** 93.154
- **Amherst Central** 90.832
- **Barker** 92.769
- **Cheektowaga** 90.709
- **Clarence** 92.677
- **East Aurora** 90.380
- **Medina** 91.604
- **Newfane** 93.382
- **Franklinville** 95.035
- **Frewsburg** 96.093
- **Frontier** 93.915
- **Grand Island** 92.909
- **Hammond** 95.467
- **Iroquois** 93.492
- **Kenmore West** 90.164
- **Lake Shore** 90.599
- **Lancaster** 92.658
- **Lewiston Porter** 92.375
- **Lockport** 93.539
- **Maple Grove** 91.044
- **Maryvale** 95.091
- **Medina** 93.106
- **Newfane** 95.529
- **Niagara Falls** 96.297
- **Niagara-Wheatfield** 94.992
- **North Tonawanda** 92.426
- **Portville** 91.676
- **Southwestern** 93.728
- **Starpoint** 90.697
- **Sweet Home** 92.208
- **West Seneca East** 91.272
- **West Seneca West** 92.529
- **West Valley** 92.451
- **Westfield** 91.055
- **Williamsville East** 92.454
- **Williamsville North** 93.192
- **Williamsville South** 92.114
- **Wilson** 91.640
Lockport Boys Lacrosse
2013 Spring Scholar Athlete Team
State Champion

Row #1 – Bottom (from L-R)
Frank Movalli,
Lockport High School Principal
Pat Bradley,
Varsity Lacrosse Assistant Coach
Ryan Fisher
Christian Hiam
Matthew Linderman
Nathan Landrigan
Billy Hodil
Chris MacDonald
Dillon Olear
Zach Dewey
Michelle Bradley, Superintendent, LCSD

Row #2 (from L to R)
Timm Slade,
Executive Director, Section VI
Karl Griffin,
JV Boys Lacrosse Coach
Nick Perilli
Zachary Brown
Nick Garlock
Joel Schlitzer
Tyler Stickney
William Lyons
Ryan Smorol
Scott Reddinger,
Head Varsity Coach

Row #3 (From L to R)
Zack Montanaro
Kyle Teeter
Andrew Bronson
Sam Nowak
Glenn Cascia
Richard Hillman
Travis Ness
Connor Evans
Patrick Burke,
Director of Health, P.E. and Athletics

Missing from the photo are:
Brennan D’Angelo
Malik Harden
Tracy Maracle-Pitrello
Anthony Pellicano

2013 NYSSAAA Essay Leadership Winners

Pictured (L-R):
Jeff Rabey, Section VI President,
Zachary Eklum, Jamestown,
Lauren Wager, Lockport,
Timm Slade, Section VI Executive Director
Section VI has selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Award for Spring 2013 sports. Of the 629 nominations, 8 were three-time winners, 51 were two-time winners, 133 were selected as first-time winners, and 437 individuals received an honorable mention.

### Akron
- **Softball**: Alexis Kidder (2x)
- **Girls Track**: Angela Wager (2x)
- **Girls Track**: Claire Johnson (W)
- **Girls Track**: Jessica Lobur (W)

### Albion
- **Softball**: Alison O’Hearn (2x)
- **Girls Tennis**: Joyce LaLonde (W)
- **Baseball**: Chris Reed (W)
- **Boys Track**: Allen Sanford (W)

### Alden
- **Boys Track**: Maxwell Arnold (2x)

### Amherst
- **Boys Track**: Mike Merrill (2x)
- **Girls Track**: Emily Irish-Ryan (W)
- **Boys Track**: Adam Murphy (W)
- **Softball**: Morgan Nagy (W)
- **Boys Lacrosse**: Lauton Rushford (W)

### Barker
- **Girls Track**: Meghan Menz (3x)
- **Softball**: Makenzi Strickland (2x)

### Buffalo Acad/Sacred Heart
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Kayla Burt (2x)
- **Girls Track**: Therese Mastrandrea (2x)
- **Softball**: Kelly Farrell (W)

### Chautauqua Lake
- **Boys Track**: Jeremy Lesniowski (W)
- **Girls Track**: Mary Schmitz (W)

### Cheektowaga Central
- **Boys Track**: Dave Kerling (W)
- **Softball**: Allison Nestico (W)

### Clarence
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Allie Benkovich (3x)
- **Boys Lacrosse**: John Binkowski (W)
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Mariah Bona (W)
- **Boys Track**: Ryan Brodziak (W)
- **Boys Track**: Kieran Coffey (W)
- **Softball**: Sarah Quinn (W)
- **Boys Track**: Dan Rogers (W)
- **Boys Tennis**: Jacob Strauss (W)
- **Boys Track**: Zach Wielgosz (W)

### East Aurora
- **Boys Track**: Matthew Nason (2x)
- **Softball**: Kaitlyn Kinsella (W)
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Claudia Moeller (W)
- **Boys Golf**: James Silliman (W)

### Ellicottville
- **Boys Track**: Alex Steinbroner (W)

### Forestville
- **Softball**: Emily Dillenburg (2x)
- **Softball**: Kendra Catalano (W)
- **Softball**: Emily Markham (W)
- **Girls Track**: Meg Phillips (W)

### Fredonia
- **Baseball**: Christian Saden (2x)
- **Softball**: Nicole Szymczak (W)

### Frewsburg
- **Boys Track**: Jacob Caldwell (2x)
- **Softball**: Shawa Ray (2x)
- **Softball**: Reyanne Strong (2x)
- **Baseball**: Brett Johnson (W)

### Frontier
- **Softball**: Hannah Booth (2x)
- **Girls Track**: Mary Shepard (W)
- **Boys Track**: Jacob Wojakowski (2x)
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Hannah Christiansen (W)
- **Baseball**: Kevin Marcinkowski (W)

### Gowanda
- **Girls Track**: Taylor Kickbush (W)

### Hamburg
- **Girls Track**: Brooke Dehlinger (2x)
- **Boys Track**: Zach Stumpf (2x)
- **Girls Track**: Catherine Meissner (W)
- **Boys Lacrosse**: Benjamin Ott (W)
- **Boys Track**: Thomas Reimondo (W)

### Holland
- **Girls Track**: Erin Iziodorka (2x)
- **Girls Track**: Julia Hunt (W)
- **Girls Track**: Jamie Jones (W)
- **Baseball**: Cole Kerlin (W)
- **Girls Track**: Nicole Schwab (W)

### Hutchinson Tech
- **Girls Track**: Jenna Rossi (2x)

### Iroquois
- **Boys Tennis**: Jack Smolarek (2x)
- **Boys Lacrosse**: Craig Callahan (W)
- **Baseball**: Phillip Stolarski (W)

### Jamestown
- **Girls Track**: Olivia Zabrodsky (W)

### Kenmore West
- **Softball**: Shelby Donhauser (W)
- **Girls Track**: Elizabeth Gallagher (W)
- **Softball**: Bridget Gormley (W)
- **Girls Track**: Rebecca Gourlay (W)

### Lake Shore
- **Baseball**: Matthew Kardach (2x)
- **Boys Track**: Kade McGarrity (2x)
- **Boys Tennis**: Connor Goennetio (W)
- **Boys Golf**: Matt Kardach (W)

### Leonardo da Vinci
- **Girls Track**: Gabrielle Pettry (2x)

### Lewiston Porter
- **Girls Track**: Meghan Ireland (3x)

### Lockport
- **Softball**: Kelly Anderson (W)
- **Boys Lacrosse**: Zachary Dewey (W)
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Lauren Wager (W)

### Maple Grove
- **Girls Track**: Sara Crossley (W)
- **Girls Track**: Samantha Scalise (W)

### Medina
- **Boys Tennis**: Christopher Horgan (W)
- **Boys Tennis**: Arsalan Mustafa (W)
- **Softball**: Arden Zavitz (W)

### Newfane
- **Softball**: Shannon Shaw (2x)
- **Softball**: Alexis Moreland (W)

### Niagara Wheatfield
- **Girls Track**: Payton Klidonas (2x)
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Natalie Goedertz (W)
- **Softball**: Alexandra Gonyea (W)
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Dilpreet Kaur (W)
- **Boys Lacrosse**: Robert McMicking (W)
- **Girls Lacrosse**: Elizabeth Raymond (W)

### Congratulations to all winners and nominees!

The criteria for this award includes: 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 VI website; under Site Shortcuts, Scholar Athlete or at http://www.section6.e1b.org/ScholarAthlete
An air of promise saturated Faller Field. Several thousand students competed in New York State high school track and field this year, and only the best of the best advanced to Middletown High School for the state finals. Some athletes had been waiting all year for Saturday.

“This is the best experience ever,” said Clarence’s Ben Reinhardt, who finished eighth in the boys 800-meter run. “I think about states all the time, every day.”

Reinhardt was one of the 110 Greater Buffalo-area athletes who competed at the state championships. Six returned home as state public schools champions, while another didn’t capture a championship but did return home as a Section VI record-holder. Lancaster’s Jenn Thill (Division I pole vault) and Frontier’s McKyla Brooks (Division I triple jump) were among the big winners among the girls from Western New York.

Others winning state titles included Maple Grove’s Christina Walter (Division II 100 meter), Alden’s Miranda Daucher (Division II discus), Cheektowaga’s Stephanie Lombardo (Division II shotput), and the Amherst girls Division II 4x100 relay of Josette Dawson, Emily Irish-Ryan, Gabie Montalbano and Amina Lewis won the title in 49.83.

Meanwhile TJ Hornberger broke the 4-year-old Section VI record in the boys Division I 3,200.

Thill, the indoor state champion in the pole vault, added the outdoor title to her resume.

Thill woke up feeling sick to her stomach, which got her blood pumping with nerves. Thanks to some therapy shortly before the final, she wound up pumping her fist in mid-air as she landed the winning vault.

Thill went for a walk while wearing a cold towel and listening to music – a mix her coach, Mike Kozlowski, assembled for the state meet. The strategy worked, as she soared 12 feet, 3 inches, winning via tiebreaker.

“It’s how I always wanted it to end up, going out with a bang,” said Thill, who will compete at UB in the fall.

Brooks is a sophomore who has made the state finals every year since eighth grade. Heading into the meet, she was aiming for first place in the long jump, where she qualified No. 1 and ended up placing fourth. But in the triple jump, it was her leap of 38-8 that proved to be golden.

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Walter, the Maple Grove junior, didn’t let a stress fracture (leg) slow her down. She won the 100 state title for the second year in a row, finishing in 12.20.

A state medal is not the only exceptional honor Walter has attained this year. She also scored a perfect 2,400 SAT.

So, which is better? Walter said states, all the way.

Daucher won the discus with a toss of 133-9. Lombardo finished second with a throw of 128-5.

Lombardo broke through in the shotput, winning with a throw of 39-¾. Williamsville South’s Devon Patterson took second in the boys Division I shot put.

Patterson entered as the No. 1 seed, and he was disappointed with his finish. His throw of 61-1¼ fell short against Benjamin Bonhurst’s 61-11.

“I wanted to throw over 63,” Patterson said. “I just didn’t have it in me.”

Patterson will compete at the World Youth Trials June 25-26. And as for his mentality next year, his senior season?

“It’s gasoline ignited right now,” he said. “I’m coming back with a vengeance.”

“I’ve never felt that fast before,” Hornberger said of his two-mile race time, which bested his 2012 state final by 21 seconds. “I think it was everything: It was the conditions, environment and everyone I was racing against.”

In boys Division II, Gene Baritot of East Aurora took second in the steeplechase (9:31:58). Teammate Sean Phillips took third in the 3,200, while Phillips along with Rob Coulter, Brendan Keany and Matt McLaughlin helped EA place third in the 4x800 relay.

Section VI went 2-3 in the pole vault behind the efforts of state runner-up Justyn Haines (Albion) and Chris Doubek (Randolph). James Hanners of Cheektowaga placed third in discus, while Tonawanda’s 4x400 relay of Jacob Choate, Nathan Holler, Phil Giuga and Robert Liebel also took third.

Western New York took third and fourth in the girls Division I shot put. Lancaster’s McKenzie Kuehlewind tossed 42-3½ and Grand Island’s Jesse Dhaliwall threw 41-10¼”.

The Lockport boys 4x100 relay came in third in Division I in 42.72.

In Division II girls, Falconer’s MacKenzie Wright took second in the triple jump. EA’s Megan Baritot finished third in the steeplechase.

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