On Sunday, March 8th, 2015, the Section VI Girls Bowling All-Section Team took home a gold medal at the NYSPHSAA State Bowling Championships. A huge 2nd game score of 1,040 gave the team the lead in the tournament, and they never looked back from there. A total pinfall of 5,786 held-off Section XI who made a strong run in the 6th and final game of the tournament, but fell short with a total count of 5,717. The team consisted of high qualifiers from the Section VI Girls Bowling Championships held at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga on February 12th, 2015. At least three of these bowlers are required to be “top averages” from their respective divisions throughout the regular season. On this particular team, all six ladies were amongst the best in their division all season long.

Junior Angela Gabriele (Niagara Falls) was the top individual scorer on the team, grabbing her second gold medal of the tournament with a 285 high game (two strikes away from a 300 game.) She finished with a total pinfall of 1,232 (205 average), which was second overall for the tournament. Senior Haley Carroll (Williamsville South) knocked-down 1,201 pins (200 average), which was good for fourth overall. She took home a silver medal for her high game of 259. Senior Julia Brown (Niagara-Wheatfield) scored 1,159 (8th overall). All six ladies contributed to the championship including Seniors Lauren Pieroni (Lockport) and Alexis Wade (Lew-Port) and Junior Sara Snyder (Depew).

-Standing left to right: Coach Jerry Carroll (Cheektowaga), Sara Snyder (Depew), Angela Gabriele (Niagara Falls), Haley Carroll (Will South), Julia Brown (NiagWheat), Coach and Section Coordinator Ed Ventry (Niagara Falls)
-Kneeling left to right: Lauren Pieroni (Lockport) and Alexis Wade (Lew-Port)
Kellen Devlin - Division II, 126 lb. Class, Amherst

Kellen Devlin defended his 126 pound NYSPHSAA Division II championship. This year, in Albany, he was able to dominate most opponents. He first scored a first round major decision over Chris Donnelly (Section 8). Kellen followed with a 16-0 technical fall in the quarterfinals over Brett Fole (Section 11). His closest match turned out to be in the semifinals, where he defeated Nick Gaiser (Section 5) by a score of 8-1. In the spotlight of the finals, Kellen rolled to a 18-2 victory just thirty-two seconds into the third period over Jake Kurzhals (Section1).

Kellen posted a 46-2 record this year, improving his career record to 209-15. He was also the recipient of multiple Most Outstanding Wrestler awards throughout the year including at the ECIC Championships and the Class B Championships. He is looking forward to pursuing a third state title. This was a feat accomplished by only Ryan Needle (Newfane) and Jeff Prescott (Olean) in Section VI history.

These accomplishments have been made possible because of Kellen’s deep love and commitment to the sport of wrestling. He bought into volume of work required to reach his goals early in 7th grade when he went 36-0 before losing in the Section VI finals. More importantly, Kellen has an ability to monitor and modify his techniques at an incredibly high level. He takes direction and help from all coaches with whom he works. Kellen is a winner with a great sense of humor and perspective. Consequently, all coaches love to work with him.

NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships
Times Union Center, Albany
Friday, February 27 - Saturday, February 28th, 2015

Section VI Noteworthy Placements

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State Champion
Boys Swimming
Matt Marsh - 100 Yard Freestyle, Jamestown

Matt Marsh was crowned ECIC Boys Swimming Class AA Champion in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke making automatic state cut times in both events for states. He broke the pool record at host pool Sweet Home in the 50 freestyle and broke our Jamestown (JHS) team record as well. At our next championship meet, Class A, Matt was Class A champion in the 200 I.M. and the 100 freestyle making automatic state cut times in both of his events. The officials nominated and awarded Matt with the Outstanding Performance Award. He broke the JHS team record in the 100 freestyle.

At the sectional meet championships, Matt won the 50 and 100 freestyles making automatic cut times in states for both events. He also broke both pool records at host pool Maryvale, JHS team records, and achieved consideration for All-American cut time in the 50 freestyle. The coaches nominated him for the Outstanding Performance Award.

Matt elected to swim the 50 and 100 freestyle events at the state meet. He finished 2nd in the 50 freestyle and 1st in the 100 freestyle. He also obtained automatic All-American cut times in both the 50 and 100 freestyles. He broke the Section VI record in the 100 freestyle and both JHS team records.

-Nancy Feenstra, Coach

Regional Champions
Girls Basketball
Chautauqua Lake - Class C

The Chautauqua Lake Varsity Girls Basketball team has managed to compile an impressive record of 67-4 over a span of three years. This season was no different as the Lady Thunderbirds finished the year with a record of 23-2, making it back to the state tournament for the second consecutive year. Chautauqua Lake was able to hold off a comeback attempt by the Randolph Lady Cardinals in the C1-C2 crossover championship game by a final of 66-52. The Far West Regional game was played at Buffalo State College, where Chautauqua Lake would defeat Mynderse from Section V by a score of 56-44. In semi-final action at the state tournament in Troy, NY, Chautauqua Lake would fall 59-50 to then #2 ranked team in New York State- Cooperstown of Section III. Cooperstown would go on to win the Class C State Championship by defeating Northern Adirondack of Section VII by a score of 61-34.

Chautauqua Lake’s Senior, Forward Jenna Einink would finish her career with 1,858 points along with 1,226 career rebounds. Fellow Senior Ashton Alahnesius also surpassed the 1,000 point plateau for her career finishing with 1,031. Courtney Hewes would become the all-time leader in assists and steals for her career at Chautauqua Lake.

-Eric Schuster, Coach
“Why Not Us” and “Better Together” were the themes for this season’s East Aurora (EA) Lady Blue Devils. However, season ending injuries to two Junior, Center/Forwards during the fall soccer season put these themes to a test and only made us stronger as the season developed and called for players to step up, learn their roles, and fill the void with a strong passion and winning attitude. After starting the season by winning the tip-off tournament at Iroquois, EA struggled a bit to identify itself and played some inconsistent basketball. However, EA continued to grow as a team, learned to play together, and the bench support players continued to improve.

After losing to Hamburg in the finals at the Orchard Park Holiday Tournament, East Aurora modified some of their game strategies and went on to win 11 straight games, including a third straight ECIC Division III title with a 12-0 record. The Lady Blue Devils were led throughout the season by the strong play of Freshman, Center/Forward Emma Brinker whose inside post-play was dominant throughout the year. She averaged 16.8 points, 13.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals, and 4.7 blocks. Her outstanding play, in the post-season, opened things up for a trio of guards that played their best basketball during the play-offs. Senior, Shooting Guard Erin Nason (10.6 pts, 4.2 steals, 3.5 rebounds, and 2.5 assists), Sophomore, Point Guard Julianna Misenhiemer (10.9pts, 2.5 steals, 2.75 rebounds, and 3.5 assists), and Junior, Guard Sam Youngman (6.5 pts, 2 steals, 3.5 rebounds, and 2 assists). They all benefited from the double and triple teaming that teams played against Brinker but showed their talents by knocking down key shots and penetrating to the basket for key buckets throughout the season and play-off run. However, Senior, Captain Maddy Kelchlin (1.3 pts, 1.5 steals, 2.5 rebounds, and 1 assist), the unsung hero of the team, was the key spoke in the wheel for EA. She played her role to perfection and helped make the team click. The on court chemistry when Maddy was in the lineup was key to EA’s success. Coming off the Blue Devil bench and playing some critical minutes were Sophomore Kacie Kamicski, Junior Caroline Dudley, Junior Sarah Fiscus, Freshman Emma Oar, and Senior Julia Prychodko. In addition, EA received some outstanding team leadership from tri-Captains Nason, Kelchlin, and Senior Megan O’Donnell. Rounding out the play-off roster were Evelyn Kouya, Allie Kasprzyk, and Emma McNallie.

In the play-offs, EA struggled against division rival Springville, but held on to win by eight in the quarter-finals. However, that win against an opponent they typically struggle against only made the team stronger as they went on to play some great basketball with a semi-final win against Eden and a dominant win verse Tonawanda in the B-1 final. In the crossover, Class B Final, Brinker dominated with 29 points, 16 boards, and 6 blocks in a win over Cleveland Hill. In the regional game verse Livonia, the guards led the EA attack with Misehiemer (20 pts.), Nason (16 pts.) and Youngman (10 pts.) who all had strong outside shooting performances. The strong play by the entire EA team helped the Lady Blue Devils get to the state final four for only the second time in school history and continued to honor the theme “Why Not Us” by playing “Better Together” at the right time of the year.

-Gary Schutrum, Coach

The Panama Lady Panther Basketball Team completed its most successful season in school history. There were many firsts! The Lady Panthers team claimed its first Class D CCAA division title, its first Section 6 title, its first Far West Regional title, and its first birth to the NYS Final Four. The Lady Panthers finished the season with a 19-5 overall record, winning its last 13 games before losing to eventual state champions Heuvelton in the state semi-final game. Senior Brittany Lenart led the team in scoring with 13.3 points per game, 2nd in rebounding with 163, and led the team in steals with 74. Brittany broke the school record for career points with 1,259. Juniors Taylor Bowen and Emilee Sperry averaged 12.5 and 12.1 points per game respectively. The Lady Panthers finished the season as the number 4 team in the state and will return four starters and much depth to next year’s team.

-Jeff Angeletti
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Awards - @ State Record

1. HS Smallbore Plaque, Rotating HS Plaque, 1st place HS Team, 1st place Sectional Team Ribbons  
2. ECIC Large School Champions (second time ever, 1988)  
3. Fox – 1st aggregate, 1st prone, 1st kneeling, 2nd offhand, 1st air rifle  
4. McMurtree – 2nd prone, 7th offhand, 9th kneeling, and 6th aggregate  
5. Arnold – 8th offhand, 8th aggregate, and 8th air rifle  
6. Hart – 10th Aggregate  
7. Saeli – 5th prone, 4th offhand, 5th kneeling, and 5th aggregate  
8. Lichtenthal – 4th prone, 5th offhand, 3rd kneeling, 3rd aggregate, and 9th air rifle  
9. Morgan – 10th air rifle
Regional Champions

Rifle

Alden - .22 Caliber

The winning team at the 2015 Small Bore Rifle Sectionals was Alden with a score of 1077.28. They finished 25 points over their nearest competitor. Firing on the Alden team were Juniors Noah Fox, Isaiah Hart, Mike McMurtree, and Sophomores Maggie Arnold and Carl Aldinger. Fox finished 1st with a score of 284.10, Hart was 6th with a score of 268.05, McMurtree was 7th with a score of 268.05, and Arnold was 11th with a score of 257.08. Aldinger (alternate) finished 16th with a score of 248.01.

In regional competition at West Point, the Alden team fired a 1060.23 and finished 1st in the small bore high school competition. The team was led by Fox with a score of 285.13 (1st place overall). McMurtree was 6th with a 267, Arnold was 8th with a 257, and Hart was 10th firing a 251. Aldinger fired a 263.

-Paul Borkowski, Coach

Left to right: Mike McMurtree, Maggie Arnold, Isaiah Hart, Cailyn Bennett, Noah Fox, Carl Aldinger

Regional Champion

Rifle

Noah Fox - Prone & Kneeling, Alden

Noah is a junior at Alden High School. He has been a member of the rifle team for the past 3 years. This year, Noah’s shooting has reached a new level. He finished the regular season with a league leading average of 283.375 (+ 15 pts. from last year). In league competition, Noah tied for the high prone score - 100.06 (2x), he fired the best offhand (standing) - 95.06, and he had the top kneeling score - 100.06, the high overall score of 290.15, and he led all of the Section VI schools with an air rifle average of 283.14 (+9 points from last year) and a high individual match of 287.13.

Regionals were held at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on February 28th, where Noah, again, led the Bulldogs to a first place finish in the small bore competition as he fired the high overall score in the match - 285.13. He was also first in prone - 99.08, and first in kneeling - 95.03. In the offhand, he fired a 91.02 with the winning score posted as a 91.03. He was one center shot from achieving a clean sweep of the small bore competition. In the air rifle, Noah, set a state regional record as he fired a 294.19 and led the Bulldogs to a 2nd place finish.

-Paul Borkowski, Coach

Left to right (back): Noah Fox (Alden), Mike McMurtree (Alden), Isaiah Hart (Alden), Carl Aldinger (Alden), Jake Saeli (Clarence)
Left to right (front): Cailyn Bennett (Alden), Maggie Arnold (Alden), Rhianna Lichtenthal (OP)

Section VI Team - .22 Caliber

In the Small Bore Regional Competition, Section VI finished in 1st place. The Section VI Small Bore team was made up of Fox, McMurtree, Arnold, and Hart from Alden, Rhianna Lichtenthal (Orchard Park) who finished in 3rd place with a score of 273.02, and Jake Saeli (Clarence) who finished in 5th place with a 270.07. Their two scores when added to Alden’s 1060 gave Section VI its winning total of 1603.23. Lichtenthal and Saeli are both seniors.

-Paul Borkowski, Section VI Rifle Chairman

Left to right (front): Cailyn Bennett (Alden), Maggie Arnold (Alden), Rhianna Lichtenthal (OP)
Jamestown - Class AA

For the 3rd consecutive season and 5th time in the past 6 years, the Jamestown High School (JHS) Red Raiders Boys Basketball team was crowned Section VI Class AA Champions! In addition, they won their 5th straight ECIC Division I Championship as they finished with a perfect 12-0 record.

The Red Raiders finished the season with a 19-4 record and rankings of #2 in WNY and #17 in NYS Class AA. Their only loss to a WNY school this season was a December 20th, 2014 game against Class A Federation Champion Canisius.

In sectionals, JHS defeated Clarence in the quarter-finals (76-49), Lancaster in the semi-finals (71-35), and Niagara Falls in the championship (48-38). In the Far West Regionals, Jamestown lost a heart-breaking, 76-70, game to an undefeated Aquinas team.

Coach Ben Drake, who won his 300th game against Niagara Falls, said, “In my 17 years, this team may have been the hardest playing and most consistent team that I’ve coached. I can’t say that we ever had a bad effort night. If we got beat, it was because the other team was better than us that night, not because we didn’t come to play.”

Senior Point Guard Zack Panebianco will be remembered as one of the best players in Jamestown history and one of the best players in New York State for the past couple seasons. He averaged 21.2 points per game and finished his career with 1,332 career points (#3 in school history), 178 career 3’s (#1), 318 career assists (#3), and 162 steals (#6). For his efforts, he was also named the All-ECIC Player of the Year at the end of the season.

Senior forward Stephen Carlson was named First Team ECIC Division I as he averaged 14.3 PPG and 8.4 RPG (his 456 career rebounds rank him 8th in school history).

In addition, Jamestown also received the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Award and had 3 players named All-Western New York Scholar-Athletes (Zack Panebianco, Stephen Carlson, Matt Nazzaro) and 1 honorable mention selection (Ben Larson). Zack Panebianco and Stephen Carlson were also named to the ECIC All-Academic Team.
Girls Basketball
Sectional Champions

Jamestown - Class AA
The Jamestown Lady Red Raiders had another successful season this year. While compiling a record of 17-6 including 11-1 in ECIC Division 1, the team collected many accolades along the way.

After winning the division in the regular season, the Lady Raiders defended their Section VI Class AA Championship by defeating league rival Williamsville North in the championship game. This marked the 3rd consecutive Class AA Section VI title for the Lady Red Raiders. Despite a close loss to Section V AA Champion Rush Henrietta, the Lady Raiders class of seniors can consider themselves some of the most successful student athletes in Jamestown Girls Basketball history. They will return Junior Kate Tucker and Sophomores: Alexis Grissom, Mackenzie Swanson, and Olivia Reinhardt.

-Timothy Anderson, Coach

Spotlight
Boys Basketball
Congratulations Coach Anastasia!

Olean High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Jeff Anastasia, reaches a coaching milestone on January 21st, 2015 - his 500th career win.

Fun Fact
Did you know...
In 1943, Boys Basketball sectionals were not held due to wartime restrictions on travel.

Please follow us on Twitter @Section VI
Coming into the 2014-15 campaign, the Bulldogs of Kenmore East and their coach Dave Zajac, knew that potential existed on the roster. However, predicting the school’s first ever Section VI Title and a trip to the NYSPHSAA State Championships was another story.

The Bulldogs showed improvement along the way finishing with a 9-5 regular season record and a 4th place finish in the ultra-competitive bowling cauldron of the Niagara Frontier League (NFL). The boys developed down the stretch and were helped by competing in several matches that came down to the last ball thrown.

Throughout the entire season Kenmore East held 3 out of the top ten high averages in the NFL; Dom Germano, Connor Pilarski and 7th Grader Mike Weber. Having three bowlers in the league’s top ten was more than any other league member and the league is dotted with sectional and state champions in recent history.

With the end of the regular season completed, the team placed their collective attention on preparing for sectionals. The boys put in an inordinate amount of practice time and felt good about the shape of their games entering sectionals. Through the first three games in the morning, Kenmore East was the only team to shoot two games above 1,000, but still only led by a mere 64 pins over Tonawanda High School.

In the afternoon games, Kenmore East lost to Tonawanda in the 4th game by roughly 20 pins, but gained it back in the 5th game. The pressure was building and it all came down to the 6th game. Through seven frames of the 6th game, Tonawanda had their neighbors on the ropes ready to steal away the Sectional Title. The see-saw match went into the 10th frame and it all came down to Kenmore East’s Dom Germano versus the Tonawanda anchor bowler. Germano prevailed and Kenmore East captured the overall section title by a mere four pins. As impressive as the bowling was, Tonawanda Coach Ed Ventry displayed tremendous sportsmanship afterwards by being the first to shake the hand of Bulldog coach, Dave Zajac.

With the Section VI title, Kenmore East continued their season in Syracuse competing in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Championships, for the first time since 1973. The Bulldogs represented themselves, their school district, and the Section well, leading the states after Game 1. At the conclusion of the morning rounds, East was in the 5th spot with three games left.

At the end of the day, the Bulldogs battled and finished in 4th place in New York State. Along the way, the boys improved on their sectional winning score by 205 pins, an impressive, gutsy and clutch performance.

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District and Kenmore East-proper is very proud of the season the team had under Coach Dave Zajac and will cherish their 2015 sectional championship.

The 2014-2015 season got off to a successful start as the boys won three of four games from the defending League Champion Gowanda in their first match. They then swept all four games from rival Allegany-Limestone in the fourth match of the season and had a 4 game lead over Gowanda and a 3 game lead on Allegany-Limestone by mid-December.

The team traveled to Thruway Lanes to compete in the Festival of Lights Tournament for the first time. The boys finished 5th out of 34 teams and Bryant Johnson was named to the All-Tournament team as he shot series of 656 and 644. The Warriors finished ahead of some of the top teams in Section VI, beating schools like Orchard Park, Lancaster, Kenmore East (Section VI Class B Champions), North Tonawanda, Maryvale, Iroquois, and Depew.

There were numerous highlights throughout the season. Sophomore Xander Edstrom joined the team and finished as a First Team all-Star with a 194 average and shooting three 600 series, with a high total of 676. Parker Butler rolled his personal best 658 series in a match against Cattaraugus-Little Valley. Michael Collins rolled five 200 games and a personal best total of 616. Four of Michael’s 200 games as well as the 616 series were bowled during tournaments. Eighth Grader Brandon Milanowski improved on his 159 average by jumping 20 pins to 179, finishing as a Second Team League All-Star. Brandon rolled two 600 series, one against Allegany-Limestone in a close match that locked up the league title. Junior Cole Quigley rolled six 200 games for us. Seniors and Co-Captains Bryant Johnson and Matt James were our biggest contributors all season long. Combined, they rolled forty-one 200 games and eleven series over 600. Matt rolled a 268 game and a 725 series against Allegany-Limestone. It was the highest team series in 35 years! Bryant bowled a 279 leaving a 4 pin in the ninth frame. His team high series was 663. Both were First Team League All-Stars. Bryant finished with a 198 average and Matt was right behind him at 197.

We were in Class D at Sectionals for the first time. We got off to an ok start and ended up with an 83 pin lead on 2nd place (Westfield-Brocton) after the first game. The boys never looked back as they finished 394 pins ahead of Westfield-Brocton. More impressively, the boys placed 15th overall. To the best of my knowledge, it is the first sectional championship for Salamanca in Bowling. The team consists of a talented, experienced group of kids that love to bowl. When someone struggles, someone else steps into the line-up and gets it done. They did this all season long. Equally as impressive are their academic merits. They are an All-WNY Scholar-Athlete team with a 90.073 average.

I am so proud of them and their effort! It has been quite the season for our Warrior bowlers!

-Gene Jankowski, Coach
The Sweet Home Boys Bowling team completed one of the most successful seasons in school history with an overall 11-1 record. The team won the Class A sectional title, overcoming a 96 pin deficit going into the last game. Tony Grucello came up big in the tenth frame to start us off and finished with a 215, his highest game of the day. Chris Weinreich and Jon Mason finished strong with a 213 and 205, both striking in the tenth to narrow the gap with Orchard Park. The success of the season was due in large part to contributions from the entire lineup. Senior Joe Lepertine was the most improved bowler, raising his average 18 pins from last year and anchoring the B Team. Senior Jason Harris was also an integral part of our success, leading off the A Team and establishing himself as a true vocal leader that is sure to be missed. The Panthers only loss of the season was against cross-town rival Clarence. With seven returning juniors coming back in 2015-2016, the Panthers are shooting to make an appearance at the state tournament.

-Thomas Smith

“I don’t want the ‘best’ players… I need the ‘right’ players. You’re looking for players whose team name on the front means more than their own name on the back.”

-Herb Brooks, Olympic Coach

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Awards
Fall 2014

At the end of each season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams that excel in the classroom. This past fall, Clarence’s Girls Tennis team (GPA 98.82) and North Tonawanda’s Football team (GPA 96.31) were honored with this prestigious award.

Clarence - Girls Tennis

North Tonawanda - Football

Left to right: Al Gens, Section VI President-Elect, Robert Coniglio, High School Assistant Principal, Team Captains Kathleen Marzano and Briana Sambuchi, and Greg Kaszubski, Athletic Director.

Left to right: Al Gens, Section VI President-Elect, Michael Mann, High School Assistant Principal, Ryan McDonough, Alex Molik, and Cindy Bullis, Athletic Director.
The Cattaraugus-Little Valley Girls Bowling team is always competitive in the CCAA Division III league even though they compete against some larger schools. Each year, the team looks forward to sectional competition. This season, the team finished second in the league to Allegany-Limestone and felt that they were well prepared for sectional competition. With one of the members carrying the top average in the league and two others with averages in the top fifteen, things looked good for making a good showing at sectionals.

During the course of the day, the Class D group was tightly packed, with team scores only a few pins apart. The Timberwolves’ team found itself in second place after the morning session, and slowly worked themselves into the lead after game five. They were then able to hold onto the lead during game 6 to take the Class D title.

Britney Grey, who has led the team all year, once again was the bowler of the day, placing 11th overall, with a score of 1103. She had top games of 205 and 206. Her sister, Vicki, rolled a 939 total, with a top game of 203. In game 5, two of the team’s middle bowlers rose to the top to take the team into the lead. Anna Gassman rolled a 229—her top game of the year, and Kaitlyn Parmenter bowled a 175. Mindy Pritchards score of 173 in the sixth game helped preserve the team’s victory.

With only one senior on the team this year, the Timberwolves hope to be back next year to defend their title.

-John Busekist, Coach

The Fredonia Girls Bowling team claimed their second straight Section VI Class C Championship on Thursday, February 12th, 2015 at Airport Lanes in Cheektowaga. The girls placed 4th overall out of 42 teams competing. Fredonia rolled 896, 897, and 843 in the morning for a total of 2636. In the afternoon, they followed up with 878, 825, and 764 for a total of 5103.

“It was a tough shot. The oil pattern used (Middle Road) is designed to make it harder to strike. Our spare shooting is what gave us an edge”, commented Coach Pacos. Fredonia was led by Morgan Dispense with 180, 213, and 208 for a score of 601 in the morning and a grand total of 1114. Elizabeth Valvo rolled games of 182, 191, and 225. Genna Riddle had a 180 and a 222. Haley Zebraski had a 185, Taryn Wojtkowiak added a 182, and Maitland Langworthy chipped in a 174.

“It was a solid team effort. It helps going into sectionals with a veteran team. For most of the girls, it was their 5th time at sectionals. They have won it 3 times, and we were runner up twice”, remarked Coach Pacos. Fredonia also took first place in the CCAA Division I West for the third straight year with a record of 36-4. The girls have racked up a total of 171 wins over the last 5 years (out of a possible 200) for an impressive 86% win record.

-American Legionary

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson
This year’s Frontier Falcons Girls Bowling team found success in tournaments. They started the year winning the Maryvale Kickoff Tournament, placed second in the Clover Lanes Tournament in Rochester, and won the Festival of Lights Tournament. After winning sectional titles in 2007, 2009, and 2010; this winter was the first championship since then.

Junior Katie Good led Frontier with a 191.4 average all year. She shot a 211-1,069 in the six games of the NYSPHSAA tournament. Her 178.17 average in Syracuse was second-best on the team.

Eighth Grader Makenzie Yesis held a 165 average all year, but bowled the highest of the team at states. She shot a 213-1,115 during the NYSPHSAA tourney, good enough for eighth overall. She shot a 200 in the first game of the Section VI championships, which eliminated any doubts of her being able to handle that level of competition.

At sectionals, Freshman Brittany McAndrews led the Falcons with the third-best score - 1,165. Her score would have qualified her for the Section VI Girls Bowling team that won the state championship this winter.

McAndrews bowled a 959 series at states. Her 751 series led the Section.

Freshman Taylor Garland was also on the state roster. She held a 160 all year, but can average 180 in a match- which she did three times this season. She is smart and adapts her game to the constant changes necessary to be successful.

Also at states was Junior and first year bowler Allison Imiola. She averaged 139, but found a way to string multiple marks in a row on any given match and can shoot anywhere from 130-180. She has less of a hook on her strike ball and the sectional and state oil pattern calls for shots to remain inside of board five.

Seniors and Captains Kara Kryszczuk (240-1,056) and Kayla Miller (211-1,026) also had solid days shooting at the state tournament, ranking third and fourth on the team, respectively.

Other strong bowlers for Frontier's historical season include Juniors: Sara Woods, Alysa Cole Jr., and Chelsea Simmeth. Cole Jr. (137) and Simmeth are left handed shooters. Cole Jr. led the B Team at times and has a simple approach, while Simmeth (152) made several changes to her game and eventual made her an A team bowler.

Woods (109) finished her first year and has progressed nicely, making changes to her equipment halfway through the year.

Sophomore Halie Wizner (134) and Freshman Katie Barone (116) have also just finished their first years bowling. Wizner helped the B Team with a few games over 160, while Barone, a three-sport athlete, began the year bowling in the 90s and shot over 210 during a match before the year ended.

- Mark Scudder, Coach

The 2014-2015 Williamsville South Girls Bowling team won the Section VI Class B Girls Bowling Championship. It was a true team effort as all of our bowlers contributed to the title. The girls were very focused all day and never had a low score. It was the second time in school history that the team took the championship. Class B is filled with tough competition. Legendary bowling programs such as Maryvale, Depew, and Cheektowaga finished behind us. It was a great day and a well-deserved championship for the girls. I am certainly proud of every bowler in our program and they made this a very special year. At the tournament, Senior Haley Carroll qualified for her 4th consecutive trip to states. Her and the 5 other Section VI all-stars claimed a state championship in Syracuse in March. This was Haley’s second state championship. She definitely solidified her status as one of the best high school bowlers of all-time.

- Steve Delisanti, Coach

From left: Coach Jessica Mamon, Kaitlyn Honer, Melanie Sturtz, Grace Mattie, Pam Myers, Lindsay Zabler, Lizzie Tirone, Haley Carroll, and Coach Steve Delisanti. Missing from the photo: Morgan Cicero, Theresa Batt, Amanda Bernas, Maddie Davison, and Aria Ferloin.
The winning team at the 2015 Air Rifle sectionals was Alden with a sectional record score of 1111.42. The previous high sectional air rifle team score was 1107 fired by Alden in 2012. The Bulldogs finished 16 points over their nearest competitors. Firing for the Bulldogs were Juniors: Noah Fox, Amanda Weinreber, Mike McMurtree, and Sophomores Maggie Arnold and Cailyn Bennett. Fox finished in 1st place, firing a sectional record - 292/300. Arnold was 4th with a 275.11; Bennett was 5th with a 275.09 and Weinreber finished 9th with a 269.06. McMurtree (alternate) fired a 266.

In the regional competition at West Point, the Alden team finished in 2nd place in the High School competition with a score of 1100. The team was led by Fox, who set a state record as he fired a 294 and finished in 1st place. Arnold finished with a 277 (8th), Bennett with a 267 (14th), and McMurtree with a 262 (17th). Isaiah Hart (alternate) had a 259.

In the sectional competition, the Alden shooters were joined by Rhianna Lichtenthal (Orchard Park), who finished 9th with a 277.09 and Morgan DiMaria (Kenmore) who finished in 10th place with a 276.10. The Alden team score of 1100 combined with Lichtenthal’s and DiMaria’s, gave the Section a total of 1653.54 and a 2nd place finish. DiMaria is a junior at Kenmore.

-Paul Borkowski, Coach

Alex Raymond from Clarence High School was rifle sectional champion in the prone position. He shot a score of 98-7c. Alex is a third year shooter and a starter on the Clarence Varsity Rifle Team. He shot in all 15 matches this season, and finished in 10th place in the league with an overall cartridge small-bore average of 253.75. His air rifle average this season was 259.50. His high small-bore aggregate score was 265-6c against Orchard Park, and his high air rifle aggregate score was 263-4c against Alden. He finished in the top 5 ten times and was our top gun once.

-Bob Neubauer, Coach

In sectional competition on February 14th, 2015, Noah Fox led the Alden Bulldogs to both the small bore title and the air rifle title. In small bore, Noah was first in offhand with a score of 94.04, fired the top aggregate with a score of 284.10, and set a sectional record with a score of 292.16 in the air rifle.

-Paul Borkowski, Coach
# Rifle Sectional Results

## Alden Central Schools

**February 14, 2015**

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Section VI High School Champion - Alden (.22 and Air)
The 2014-2015 season marked another successful year on the mats for the Falconer Wrestling team. The Golden Falcons claimed another Class C championship, marking the third year in a row the team has accomplished this feat. The team had 11 sectional qualifiers advance to the sectional tournament, which ended with the Falcons having 3 finalists and 5 overall place finishers: Freshman Dylan Ingro (2nd), Sophomore Cameron Page (2nd), Sophomore Jake Peru (3rd), Junior Scott Green (5th), and Senior Jake Penhollow (2nd).

Congratulations to all members of the Falconer Wrestling team on yet another successful season.

During the regular season, the Iroquois Wrestling team finished second in the ECIC tournament, second in the Ken-Ton Tournament, and second in the ECIC Division II. Heading into the post season, the Iroquois Chiefs Wrestling team wanted to make a statement by taking first place in tournament competition…and that's exactly what they did. The Chiefs' took first place at the 2015 Class A championships and had 14 place finishers. Cory Day (8th) and Tristan Almeter (11th) captured first place titles. Connor Day (10th), Anthony King (12th), and Mitch Mariacher (11th) fell in the finals finishing in second place. Alex Wozniak (9th) and Justin Hoffman (11th) finished strong with third place. Jacob Vergien (8th), Dylan Vernen (11th), and Cole Sturm (11th) rounded out the qualifiers by taking fifth place. Iroquois finished with 212.5 points. Lake Shore came in second place with 181.5 points, respectively.

At the Section VI state qualifier, Iroquois had seven placers. Anthony King (12th) finished with sixth place, Cole Sturm (11th) took fifth place, Dylan Vernen (11th), and Mitch Mariacher (11th) ended up in fourth, and Cory Day (8th) finished strong with a third place finish. Both wrestlers went to the New York State wrestling tournament to represent Section VI at their respected weight classes. Unfortunately, both fell short of achieving their goals of making the podium, but will have next year to compete for a state title.
The Maple Grove Wrestling team finished off a record breaking year in February. The Dragons carried first place team finishes in the MG Kickoff Classic, Cheektowaga Duals, Dunkirk Duals, STOWA, and Falconer tournaments in the regular season, and kept the ball rolling in the post-season, finishing the year as league, Class D, and Section VI champions, as well as the number 1 ranked small school team in Western New York. The team also sent a record 7 wrestlers to Albany to compete in the New York State Wrestling tournament, finishing with 4 wrestlers on the podium: Brian Westerdahl took 4th, and AJ Putt, Bradley Bihler, and Howie Nolan all placed 6th. This year, the team had a mix of youth and experience. With 4 of the 7 state qualifiers returning for next year, the team will look to continue their success in the next season.

-Timothy Shrout, Coach

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“\textit{You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.}”

-Zig Zagler
Niagara Falls - Class AA Champions

Wrestling Sectional Champions

Donny McCoy

- 120 lbs. Section VI Champion
- 46-6 Record
- 4 year team captain
- 5 year letterman
- First ever 2x sectional champ in school history
- First ever sophomore sectional champion in school history
- Holds school record in career pins with 121
- Batavia tournament champion
- St. Francis duals all-tournament team
- Alden duals all-tournament team

Ryan Garner

- 220 lbs. Section VI champion
- 37-8 record
- Team captain
- Class AA champion
- Alden duals all-tournament team

Jemone Carter

- 113 lbs. at large bid winner
- 48-6 record
- Team captain
- Class AA champion
- Batavia tournament champion
Wrestling Sectional Champions
Pioneer - Class B

Pioneer Central School sent 15 wrestlers to the Section VI, Class B Wrestling sectional qualifier tournament, and all but two placed Saturday night. While two Pioneer boys earned class titles, 13 placed in the top six and 10 moved on to the Section VI championships.

In Class B, with 222 points, Pioneer topped Olean (181.5) for the team title. “I think the big thing was it was a total team effort,” Pioneer coach Chris Edwards said. “Thirteen kids placed, 10 [moved] on to sectionals, the second-place team was over 40 points away. I think that shows how consistent the kids were.”

Mytchell Collingridge (195) and Jacob Hoffman (170) each took first. Collingridge defeated OHS’ Jordan McLaughlin, 8-4, in the championship. Also for Pioneer, Tyler Smith (160), Tyler Mummery (182) and Kris Riordan (152) took second; Doug Ciszak (99), Sam Fahy (126), Caleb Riordan (138) and Foster Dell (195) were third; Trey Wiedeman (106) took fourth; and Kyle Jirak (138), Roland Marsh (145) and Keith Spencer (152) sixth.

Courtesy: Olean Times Herald

Section VI Wrestling State Qualifier Championship Results
Saturday, February 14th, 2015

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Kenmore Girls Ice Hockey

The Kenmore Girls Ice Hockey team captured their fourth straight Section VI title with a 6-3 win over Williamsville. The team defeated Lancaster/Iroquois in the semi-finals, 2-0 to advance. The ‘Devil Dogs’ then represented the Section at the Frozen Four held at Harbor Center. After beating Thousand Islands/Alexandria Bay in the semi-finals, 2-1, they fell to Massena in the state title game, 3-0.

Kenmore finished the regular season with a 7-2-3 record. The team was led by three All-WNY first team selections; Ana Orzechowski, Olivia Smith, and Lauren Pray. Grace Simmons was selected for the 2nd Team. The top three point-getters were Smith (19 pts), Emily King (18 pts), and Taylor Story (18 pts). Smith led the team in scoring with 12 goals.

The team was very strong defensively with Federation Player of the Year, Pray in goal. The Senior finished her final season with sparkling statistics of a 1.10 goals against average and a save percentage of .943. Orzechowski (signed a collegiate scholarship with RPI) and Simmons manned the blueline and made it difficult to get to Pray. The team gave up only 14 goals in 12 league games.

“All season long our team preached selfless team hockey”, said head coach Jeff Orlowski. “They absolutely played for each other. In a league that is so close in talent, to win four straight Sectional titles is amazing. I am so proud of what they accomplished”.

Boys Ice Hockey

Niagara Wheatfield - Division I

Sectional Champions
Boys Swimming
Sectional Champions
Hamburg - Class A

Points of Interest:
1. 10-0 Dual Meet Record (first undefeated season in school history)
2. ECIC Large School Champions (second time ever, 1988)
3. Section 6 Class A Champions (second Sectional Championship ever, 1988)
4. 3 school records- medley relay, 200 free relay, backstroke-Maurer
5. 4 events at the NYS championship meet: medley relay, 200 IM (Michael Maurer), 50 freestyle (Kyle Griffin), breaststroke (Luke Kennedy)

The Section VI Class A Championship Meet:
1. Medley relay places first with a state qualifying time (Maurer, Kennedy, Wittmeyer, Griffin)
2. Michael Maurer- 3rd in the 200 IM
3. Kyle Griffin wins the 50 freestyle
4. Tim Madden and Cody Wittmeyer place 5th and 7th in the 50. Hamburg scores 46 points in this event.
5. Ian Wilson - 3rd in diving
6. Cody Wittmeyer-5th in the fly
7. Griffin 3rd , Madden 6th in the 100 freestyle
8. Liam O’Connell - 8th, Braden Feasley - 10th in 500
9. 200 free relay - 2nd place (Wittmeyer, Maurer, Madden, Griffin)
10. Michael Maurer wins backstroke
11. Luke Kennedy wins breaststroke

Michael Maurer, Freshman
- Won backstroke at the ECIC’s and Class A
- School record holder in medley relay, 200 free relay, and backstroke
- Undefeated in dual meets this year, 36-0 in his events
- Qualified for states in medley relay and 200 IM

Luke Kennedy, Sophomore
- Only breaststroke loss in the dual meets was to Matt Marsh
- School record in medley relay
- Dropped 5 seconds in the breaststroke from the final dual meet to states
- Swam a 59.44 at states - 0.27 off the school record for breaststroke
- Qualified for states in medley relay and breaststroke

Cody Wittmeyer, Junior
- School Record holder in Medley Relay and 200 free relay
- Qualified for states in Medley Relay
- Dropped 4 seconds off 100 Fly time from last year
- Dropped 5 seconds off 100 free time from last year

Kyle Griffin, Junior
- Won 50 freestyle at the Class A meet
- Won 100 freestyle at the ECIC’s
- State qualifier in 50 freestyle and medley relay
- School record holder in medley relay and 200 freestyle relay
- 39-1 in his dual meet events, only loss to Matt Marsh in the 50 freestyle
- Team captain

Kyle Griffin, Cody Wittmeyer, Luke Kennedy & Michael Maurer
200 Yard Medley Relay
Hamburg

Left to right: Kyle Griffin, Cody Wittmeyer, Luke Kennedy, Michael Maurer
Boys Swimming
Sectional Champions
Matt Caldwell, Matt Marsh, Charlie Simons, & Matt Roehmholdt
200 Yard Freestyle Relay - Jamestown

The Jamestown (JHS) Red Raider swim team held on to the 200 freestyle title all the way from the ECIC AA championships, Class A championships, and sectionals. That final win entitled them another berth at the state meet in a relay. Hamburg High School was on our wake and we won by 2/100ths of a second. What a race! The 200 free relay consisted of our main three - Matt Caldwell, Matt Marsh, and Charlie Simons plus Eighth Grader Matt Roehmholdt. The JHS boys’ swim team has not sent a relay to states since 1999.

The 200 medley relay of the main three relay swimmers - Matt Caldwell, Matt Marsh, and Charlie Simons took 3rd place in the medley with the fourth swimmer Karsen Terry and made the automatic state cut time to qualify them for the 200 medley relay.

Other noteworthy accomplishments include:
ECIC academic award - Matt Caldwell, Matt Marsh, and Matt Roehmholdt
Scholar-athlete team status in both relays - Jamestown Boys Swim team
Matt Marsh - ranked 39th in the 100 freestyle and 43rd in the 50 freestyle for All-American status
-Nancy Feenstra, Coach

Olean

On Saturday, February 7th, 2015, Seth Farrand & Josiah Farrand along with 10 other Olean, Portville, Franklinville, and Allegany-Limestone swimmers represented our school at sectionals. Josiah Farrand participated in the 50 Freestyle, finishing with a personal best time of 24.08 and placing 9th overall, and the 100 breastroke finishing with a personal best of 1:07.24 and placing 5th overall. He also swam on the 1st place 200 medley relay of Seth Farrand, Josiah Farrand, Geoffrey Broadbent, and Josh McGraw with a time of 1:41.14; breaking the Olean varsity record. The 200 freestyle relay of Josh McGraw, Josiah Farrand, Ryan Brown, and Brady Stein finished 2nd overall. Seth Farrand swam in the 100 freestyle breaking Olean while taking down Rick Bull’s Franklinville varsity record with a time of 48.54 and winning the event posting a state qualifying time. He won the 100 backstroke and was a part of the 200 medley 1st place relay. He anchored the 400 freestyle relay helping to secure the 1st place finish along with his teammates of Josh McGraw, Geoffrey Broadbent, and Brady Stein with a time of 3:22.51. Keep up the hard work!
-Carol Farrand, Coach

Seth Farrand
100 Yard Backstroke
Olean/Portville/Franklinville/Allegany-Limestone

Geoffrey Broadbent, Josh McGraw, Brady Stein, & Seth Farrand
400 Yard Freestyle Relay
Olean/Portville/Franklinville/Allegany-Limestone
**Boys Swimming**

**Sectional Champions**

Jake Ortiz

1 M Diving - Orchard Park

Jake, we believe, is the first diver from Orchard Park (OP) to ever qualify for the high school state meet. He now holds both the 6 and 11 dive OP school records. He will be attending the University of Illinois at Chicago on a scholarship, both athletic and academic.

-Tom Lengel, Coach

**Springville - Class C**

Springville Boys Varsity Swim team won the Section VI Class C Championship this past winter season. Thirteen swimmers competed at this meet. The 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay team of Don Piatek, Trey Aebly, Nolan West, and Mitch Bunic once again took 1st place and remained undefeated for the year. Mitch Bunic also earned 1st place in the 100 fly and the 100 breaststroke. Trey Aebly earned 2nd place in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Don Piatek earned 2nd in the 100 fly and 2nd in the 100 backstroke. Nolan West earned 2nd places in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Brad Zifra earned 3rd in the 200 IM and 3rd in the 100 fly. This finish earned Springville 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the 100 fly. Greyson Louth earned 6th places in both the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. Garrett Olrogg earned his 1st patch of his career with a 4th place in the 100 backstroke while also earning 8th in the 200 IM. Jake Gorski also earned 12th places in both the 200 IM and the 100 Breaststroke. Divers Christian Krasnek and Hunter Louth earned 3rd and 4th place respectively. The 400 freestyle relay of Brad Zifra, Garrett Olrogg, Jake Gorski, and Greyson Louth earned 6th place. Matt Soboda, Justus Hamm, and Kurt Ushold all dropped time in their events. This is the 1st time the Boys Swim team has won the class meet. The 2nd place team was 80 points behind.

-Duane Boberg, Coach

**Throwback to...1994**

Grover Cleveland’s Swim Team

Pictured: Coach Jim Graczyk (current Pioneer HS Athletic Director and Section VI Boys Representative) with his team.
Indoor Track
Sectional Champions

Aubrey Rockoff - Pole Vault - Amherst

In just her second year of pole vaulting, Aubrey led the Section VI rankings from start to finish this winter, highlighting her season with a sectional title against a strong local field at Houghton College in February. Her task was made more difficult by the absence of practice facilities at Amherst, forcing her to travel to a variety of outside sites for training. She finished in a tie for fifth at the state meet at Cornell University. An outstanding athlete, Aubrey also qualified for the indoor state meet in long jump and helped the Lady Tigers break the school record in the 4x200 relay.

-Robert LeFauve

Tyler Summage - Triple Jump - Cheektowaga

Sophomore Tyler Summage is an outstanding athlete who is just at the beginning of understanding his potential. He had been the athlete that was getting better and better each and every week of competition coming up to the week of sectionals. He was competing in the long jump, triple jump, and the 55 meter dash. On the week leading up to sectionals, we had some one-on-one time in order to work specifics in the phases in the triple jump where I thought he needed the most help / improvement - specifically in the 2nd phase [the step phase].

On the day of the meet, Tyler showed that he was ready for all competition by making it all the way to the finals in the 55 meter dash, finishing in 2nd place, beating his teammate Naeem Shah who wound up taking third, qualifying for the state meet and breaking the school record along the way.

He also finished 2nd in the long jump, leaping 20’ 11.75” [a personal best] and less than 2” from another school record and also qualifying for the state meet in this event too. Saving his best performance, the triple jump, for his last event of the day, Tyler was sitting in 2nd place right from his 1st attempt. He needed a huge jump to over-take 1st place, and then ‘it clicked’ as he came down the runway on his last attempt of the day and of the competition. He ended up jumping 43’ 7.75”, improving on his personal best by almost 2.5’ and winning the event to claim his ticket to the state meet in his third event. So after realizing everything that had just happened during the day, he approaches us and says he wants to concentrate on the jumps at the state meet. He dropped out of the 55 meter dash state qualifying performance allowing his teammate, Naeem Shah, to move up a spot to 2nd place, thus joining him in going to the state meet. This shows Tyler’s true T.E.A.M. character and makes him the kind of athlete coaches are extremely proud of.

He finished in 15th place out of 39 athletes in the long jump (20’ 9.25”) and 19th place out of 39 athletes in the triple jump (42’ 8”) at the state meet held at Cornell University. Tyler is hoping to improve on that next year as he was only 1 of 2 sophomores in the events - the rest being juniors and seniors.
Indoor Track
Sectional Champions

Nick Serafin - High Jump & Long Jump
Depew

Nick Serafin is a 4 time section champion. During his junior year, Nick earned a section title as a football player in 2013. The Wildcats made it to the state final 4 during that season. In addition, Nick won the outdoor track and field section title for Division 2 high jump in 2014 with a clearance of 6 feet 4 inches. At the state meet, Nick took 15th place in the federation and 8th place for Division 2 in the high jump competition.

During his senior year, Nick was a double sectional champion during the indoor season. Nick won the long jump with a school record jump of 21 feet 1.75 inches. Nick followed that up by winning the high jump as well with a school record clearance of 6 feet 3 inches. At the state meet, Nick took 10th in NYSPHSAA and 13th in the Federation in the long jump with a distance of 20 feet 10.50 inches, and in high jump he took 9th place in NYSPHSAA and in the Federation with a height of 6 feet 2 inches.

-Justin McElligott

NYSAAA
Student Essay Award Recipients

Christopher Sweeney - Barker

Christopher Sweeney has always stood out as one of the top student-athletes at Barker Central School. He has a tremendous work ethic and his competitive drive has resulted in him receiving post-season honors and awards for cross-country, basketball, and track & field. As a junior, Christopher was the leader of three undefeated regular season varsity teams. This past fall, his cross-country team finished 2nd in New York State. In addition to being an outstanding leader and role model to Barker’s student-athletes, Christopher has had a tremendous impact on all of the student body and community. He is very involved in his church, accelerated classes, the musical, band, 4-H, his family farm, and countless other community and school organizations. Most impressive is he is able to do all of this while excelling in the classroom with a G.P.A. of 97.19. Christopher will be major in Animal Science at Cornell University this fall.

-Dave Carson, Athletic Director

Amanda Metz - Iroquois

Amanda Metz is an outstanding student-athlete that truly embodies the Iroquois motto “Striving to be the best.” She is a two-sport athlete that is just as fiercely competitive in the classroom as she is on the volleyball court or softball diamond. She is also committed to her school and community as evidenced by the many clubs, activities, and community service events she is involved in. Her caring nature towards her fellow classmates shines through on and off the field and she is genuinely deserving of this recognition by the NYSAAA.

Academically, Amanda is a standout. She is member of the National Honor Society, has consistently ranked in the top 10% of her graduating class, and this past fall, she was recognized individually as an All-WNY Scholar Athlete. In addition, she has spent her senior year participating in a highly selective honors level medical program. A two-sport athlete, Amanda is a role model on the court and field. Since becoming the starting pitcher for Iroquois, she has pitched 228 innings posting an impressive 1.77 era with 272 strikeouts and only 18 walks. This season, she will only continue to add to these remarkable statistics. She has been selected to multiple ECIC, WNY and NYS teams for softball since her sophomore year. These honors not only reflect her athletic ability but her character and sportsmanship as well.

The fall of this year, Amanda will be attending Edinboro University where she will study Nursing and has committed to play Division II softball.

-Duke Ziegler, Athletic Director
Cheerleading

Section VI Cheerleading Championship Results

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Frontier - Division 1 Large

This past February, The Frontier varsity cheerleaders took home the school’s first Section VI Cheerleading championship. The team capped off a successful season with this victory. They worked extremely hard on their tumbling and building skills to take home the prize for top team.

The team is coached by Nicolette Bannister and Renee Kumiega. There are 27 athletes on the team including: Hanna Andracio, Lydia Avis, Libby Berry, Madison Carter, Kylee Clohessy, Mclain Duggan, Danielle Faltisko, Halle Gan Orig, Olivia Geary, Tori Guisepetti, Danielle Jarozynski, Rylee Kryszak, Marina Kostadinovski, Alexus McCubbin, Kassidy O’Connor, Julie Reese, Rylie Russo, Amanda Russo, Emily Schrader, Madison Sobaszek, Hannah Wentland, Haley Wright, Haley Willis, Keely Wright, Camryn Zahm, and Julia Zak.
Cheerleading
Sectional Champions

Maryvale - Co-ed

The 2015 Maryvale High School Co-Ed, Varsity Cheerleading squad had an outstanding season with winning the first ever, Section VI Co-Ed Cheer Championship.

They came out of the ECIC’s in a 2nd place finish to a tough Sweet Home team and had left Alden in the 3rd place position. They were determined to finish in first place at sectionals at Buffalo State College.

The fantastic leadership of our captains, and our seniors that began in early December and continued up to and thru sectionals in February proved to be powerful. Seniors and Captains Nicole McElligott, Joshua Tanyi, and Amber Scherer, along with underclassman Captains Jaelah George, Miranda Zambron, and Haley Mutton helped show that a true team competes with dignity and never quits until there is no time left on the clock. The underclassmen were open to the leadership of our seniors and captains. They stepped onto the mat with a very talented group and adapted quickly, and soon they realized what they were capable of if they worked as a team. They knew then that their abilities were endless.

Once this year comes to a close, we do lose our two guys on the team, Zak Nelson and Joshua Tanyi, to graduation, which could bring us back into an all-girl division for the 2015 season. We look forward to showing everyone that Maryvale Cheerleading is definitely going to be a force to be reckoned with at ECIC’s, sectionals and states.

-Joanne Strychalski, Coach

Orchard Park - Division 1 Small

After a season of snow days, the Orchard Park Varsity Cheerleaders have been named New York State’s first Section VI Division I Small Squad Champions. Led by Captains Kiara Dreyer and Jessi Jezioriski, the Quakers overcame obstacles and injuries during their first competitive season as an official NYS sanctioned sport.

Consisting of only three seniors and being the school’s smallest squad in recent history, inexperience at the varsity level was Coach Jill DiPasquale’s greatest challenge. After losing several practices to school closures and a major injury to Senior, Flyer, Kiara Dreyer, the Quakers rallied together and focused on the new challenges ahead. There is no lack of talent, skill, and determination amongst this team that took home an ECIC divisional championship and also went on to place fifth at the NYSPHSAA Eastern State Finals.

Congratulations to all of our athletes and seniors, with special recognition to Teale Armknecht, one of the first scholar-athlete cheerleaders in Western New York.

Orchard Park Cheerleading is looking to come back bigger and better next season! Varsquad on 3!

-Lauren Bonilla, Varsity Assistant & JV Coach
West Seneca East
Division 2 Large School

West Seneca East Varsity Cheerleading has had a phenomenal first season as an official sport. The team consists of 23 very hard-working girls who are extremely well deserving of every award and honor they receive. The team placed first at the ECIC competition on January 18th, 2015. They went on to place first, back to back, at the Cheer for the Cure Competition (benefiting Juvenile Diabetes) and the Section VI Championship the first weekend in February.

-Kristin Staychock, Coach

Williamsville South
Division 2 Small Schools

For years, Williamsville South Cheerleading has been a big part of the Williamsville South athletic community. Cheerleaders would be found cheering on the sidelines at South Football in the fall and South Basketball in the winter - getting a chance to show off their tumbling, stunting, and strength and conditioning during the game and mainly at half-time. Then a couple of times each season they would go to cheer competitions; many of which were geared to All-Star cheerleading teams. High school cheerleading competition teams were competing, but who they competed against was based on team size, who entered, etc. There was not a great deal of rhyme or reason. There was one high school only competition each season - that being the ECIC - once in the fall and once in the winter. This was the only chance for high school cheerleaders to have friendly competition against their peers.

Now, as the 2014-2015 winter cheerleading season came upon us - everything changed. Cheerleading became a winter sport in its own right in New York State. High school teams now follow all ECIC guidelines from competing against teams classified as same school size to across the board scoring systems. The most exciting part for the cheerleaders and coaches according to South Cheerleading Coaches Tracey Homberger and Lindsey Calabrese is that “not only do the girls get more of a chance to show off their skills but they are given an opportunity to advance just like other ECIC sports.” With this being the first official season that cheerleading is a sport some guidelines and procedures are still being ironed out. However, the coaches stated that “it is great to have a standard quantifiable forum that is used by all high school teams throughout NYS.”

“It is exciting that there is the potential to continue on to sectionals and regionals now in cheerleading; an opportunity enjoyed by other high school sports. According to Coach Tracey Homberger, “taking that opportunity is exactly what the 2014-2015 Williamsville South Varsity cheerleaders did.” The team came in first earlier in the winter ECIC competition in January. They continued on to take 3rd place at a ECIC “sanctioned” competition at Fredonia, behind 2 very competitive Rochester teams, and then went on to their proudest moment. On Sunday, February 8, 2015 South Cheer competed in the first ever sectional competition held at Buffalo State College and took 1st place out of 9 teams to become the first ever NYS Section VI Cheerleading Champions. It was truly a proud day for the South Cheerleading program. The team then continued on to compete at the Regional ECIC Competition at RIT on Saturday, March 7, 2015, placing 6th. Coach Lindsey Calabrese stated “we enjoyed showcasing our competitive skills and having the opportunity to watch other teams from the region perform. This was a great opportunity for us. There are some very talented teams from the Rochester and Syracuse area and we enjoyed the opportunity to compete with them.”

-Tina Beck

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I’m possible.”
-Audrey Hepburn

Bottom row from left: Haley Ackerman, Courtney Kelly, Jackie Michalski, Jamie Jacoy, Leilah Bates. 2nd Row: Amanda Branicki, Maddie Elminowski, Michelle Miranda, Kylie Homberger, Rachel Wenner. 3rd Row: Kaitlyn Wzontek, Jenna Beck, Caitlyn DiVita, Anna Bachman, Ashleigh Lymburner
Sherman girls basketball head coach Mel Swanson is no stranger to receiving awards. He has earned plenty of those to go along with 579 varsity wins during his nearly 40 years with the Wildcats.

But on Wednesday afternoon Swanson added yet another accomplishment to his expansive resume when he was named the 2014 Northeast Sectional Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

While the award serves as an individual acknowledgement of Swanson’s success as measured against all other girls basketball coaches in the Northeast region, in his eyes it is also a positive reflection on the efforts of everyone who has helped to make Sherman such a great basketball community.

“I know that it is in my name, but it is really honoring a lot of people in our program,” said Swanson, who will be inducted into the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame next month.

The NFHS has been recognizing the best high school coaches in all sports since 1982 at the national, state, and sectional levels. Coaches are first selected at the state level and are then ranked against their peers regionally, and once more on a nationwide scale. Regardless of how you look at Swanson’s career and who you compare the Sherman coach with, the result is the same: He is in an elite group.

“I knew that I had been selected as the New York state girls basketball coach (by the NFHS) and that was back in late October or November,” Swanson recalled. “I got a letter from them yesterday (Wednesday) that confirmed that I was the sectional coach. I was honored. I don’t know really what to say. It is a nice honor for all the years of coaching and all the time that I have put in.

After the best coaches from each state are selected by the NFHS they are then narrowed down to a further list of the best from each region. In this case, Swanson has been selected as the best coach out of candidates from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, and of course, New York.

It is an honor that puts an already great career into perspective.

“When someone says Sherman basketball, you can’t say it without saying (Swanson’s) name,” said Sherman boys varsity coach Cory Emory. “Whether it be on the girls side or the boys side.”

While Swanson has become renowned at the state and local level for his success with the Lady Wildcats (who have won six Section 6 championships, three regional titles, made two state finals appearances and one semifinal appearance), his impact on Sherman basketball has been a comprehensive one.

After joining the school in 1977, Swanson spent one year as the head coach of the JV boys team before earning the head coaching position for the Lady Wildcats a year later.

Since then, his overall coaching record is 1,043-427 between boys and girls varsity and JV games, and Swanson has nine seasons with more than 20 wins starting with his first in 1982-83.

“Any success our girls program has had has been because of him at all different levels because because he has coached at all different levels,” Emory said of Swanson. “Even on the boys side, there were a couple years when he coached while doing the girls also.”

It doesn’t take a long time sitting in the bleachers at a Sherman basketball game to understand that the boys and girls programs are two sides of the same coin. When Swanson’s team takes the court, no one cheers louder than the boys that make up Emory’s roster, and vice versa.

“Our boys program is really tied in with our girls program,” Swanson said. “It is a very close-knit basketball program. Those kind of things have made it very special to have the overall program work so well. Our administration at school has been very supportive.”

Shortly after Swanson read the letter explaining his most recent award, news of the accomplishment began to circulate on Facebook where it was shared between the many basketball players who have called Sherman their home over the years.

“A lot of my players and other assistant coaches and some of the head boys’ coaches have been a really big help in terms of the Sherman program,” Swanson said. “Basketball gets a lot of support in Sherman and it is just such a positive atmosphere to work in. Even on tougher days, there has been a lot of support when after a tough loss everyone feels it. It is just a great basketball atmosphere.”

In Swanson’s eyes, the support of his community and local basketball fans have been a key factor in helping him rack up winning season after winning season, as has been the support of his family.

By: Jay Young
Courtesy of the Post-Journal
The SECTION VI Hall of Fame (HOF) is organized as a means of recognizing athletes, athletic administrators, coaches and contributors. It is the mission of the Section VI HOF to promote our interscholastic programs, our athletes, administrators and coaches while preserving the heritage of Section VI athletics. This recognition is the highest honor an individual can receive from Section VI of the NYSPHSAA. For individuals to be considered for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame they must first be members in good standing of the Section VI Hall of Fame.

Nominations/Criteria
Nominations for the Section VI Hall of Fame must be made by leagues within Section VI or by member schools who are or were members in good standing of Section VI of the NYSPHSAA.

There are four categories of nominees:

A. Athlete- Must have graduated from high school a minimum of 10 years prior to consideration
   i. Must have participated in athletics for a Section VI member school for a minimum of two years and must have graduated from said school.
   ii. Must, during and following his/her career, have exemplified the attitude and conduct that is a credit to Section VI ideals. The athlete must have conducted himself/herself in such a way as to reflect honor on his/her school, sport and Section. The athlete must have exhibited those qualities of character and standards of conduct consistent with their status as a role model. Section VI reserves the right to remove any individual from the Hall of Fame for personal conduct which reflects discredit upon a school, league or the Section as a whole.
   iii. Must complete the Personal Bio Form once they are nominated

B. Athletic Administrator- Must have retired from working at a Section VI member school.
   i. All nominees shall have merited recognition and distinction in athletic administration and long term contributions to interscholastic athletics. Longevity without significant accomplishments does not constitute appropriate credentials for the Section VI Hall of Fame
   ii. All nominees must have exhibited sustained superior performance throughout their career exemplifying the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity, moral character, service, leadership and professionalism.
   iii. All nominees shall be considered on the merits of contribution and achievement to interscholastic athletic administration at all levels-local, state and nationals.
   iv. Must complete the Personal Bio Form once they are nominated

C. Coach- Must have retired from coaching at a Section VI member school.
   i. All nominees must have coached at least one varsity program for a minimum of 10 years
   ii. The Selection Committee will give strong consideration to coaches exhibiting outstanding achievement as defined by career wins, league titles, Sectional titles, state championships.
   iii. All nominees must have exhibited sustained superior performance throughout their career exemplifying the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity, moral character, service, leadership and professionalism.
   iv. Must complete the Personal Bio Form once they are nominated

D. Contributor/Official - Eligibility of outstanding contributions to Section VI Athletics will be at the sole discretion of the selection committee
   i. All nominees shall have merited recognition and distinction while making significant, long term contributions to Section VI Interscholastic athletics.
   ii. All nominees must have exhibited the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity, moral character, service, leadership and professionalism.
   iii. All nominees shall be considered on the merits of contribution and achievement to interscholastic athletic administration at all levels-local, state and nationals.
   iv. Must complete the Personal Bio Form once they are nominated
### Section VI
Hall of Fame Nomination Form
2015
Deadline for Submission: Monday, June 15, 2015

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| **Contact Information for your Nominee** |

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A Personal Bio Form will either be sent to the nominee or closest relative/contact person

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____________________
NEXT STEPS
Once the attached Nomination Form is submitted to the HOF Selection Committee, the nominee or next closest relative/contact person will be sent a Personal Bio Form. You may want to let your nominee know that the following information will be required along with the Personal Bio Form:

Requirements for Consideration:
Only the following package of materials should be submitted for an individual to be considered for induction into the NYSAAA Hall of Fame.

a. Nomination Form: A completed nomination form from a League or School District
b. Personal Bio Form: sent to the nominee or closest relative/contact person
c. Letters of Recommendation: A maximum of three (3) letters of recommendation can be included.
d. Support Material: The total number of support material pages must not exceed five (5) pages. The five pages are in addition to the nomination form and the three letters of recommendation.
e. Photograph: A 4”X 6”or 5”x7” portrait style photograph should accompany the nomination form. Digital photo (jpeg) preferred.

Instructions:
All Nomination Forms must be sent to the Executive Director of Section VI, postmarked by Monday, June 15, 2015.

Timm Slade
Section VI, NYSPHSAA
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355 Harlem Road
West Seneca, NY 14224

Your nominee will need to use the following guidelines when preparing their nomination materials:

1. All materials must be submitted on 8.5”x11” paper.
2. All materials must be presented in typewritten or computer generated form.
3. Do not use notebooks or portfolios with plastic sheet covers.
4. Do not use highlighters to outline specific facts or underline or draw arrows to mark copies.
5. Nomination form must contain all required signatures.
6. Put names on any photo(s).

The Section VI Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held annually in the fall of each year. All inductees or a representative must be present at the induction ceremony. Posthumous inductees will need to be represented by a family member or appropriate individual.
Mark DiFilippo, Williamsville East High School

After graduating from Canisius College in 1995 with his Bachelor’s in Physical Education, Mark started his teaching career at Canisius High School in Buffalo, New York. While at Canisius, Mark obtained his Master’s in Physical Education and an Administrative Certificate from his Alma Mater in 1998. After 4 years of teaching at Canisius High School, he was promoted to the position of athletic director (AD). It was at that time that he became the first full-time AD in the school’s history. He worked at Canisius High School for a total of 8 years in the roles of teacher, varsity ice hockey coach, freshman baseball coach, and athletic director.

Mark then moved on to the Niagara Wheatfield Central School District and became the full-time athletic administrator there. While at Niagara Wheatfield, he served as the Niagara Frontier League Girls Representative to the Section VI Athletic Council. He also served on numerous section-wide committees including the scholastic athlete and transportation committees. He also worked in the Section VI office for a year serving as the Section VI Treasurer. In 2013, Mark earned the prestigious Niagara Frontier Cornerstone Award from the Niagara Wheatfield Central School District.

Mark’s passion has always been in the sport of hockey. He played for the Golden Griffins while in college. Once he became involved in athletic administration, he became a member of the Section VI Ice Hockey Committee (1999). One year later, he became an officer serving as secretary, and in 2003, he became the president; a position he still holds today. Under his leadership, the Section VI Ice Hockey Federation has doubled in size. Because of his hard work, the multiple championship games are now played at the First Niagara Center, home of the Buffalo Sabres.

Mark is now the athletic administrator at Williamsville East High School, a position he has held for two years. Mark is particularly proud that his athletes at both Niagara Wheatfield and Williamsville East have earned the New York State Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction.

Mark has been married to his wife Nicole for 17 years. They have two very athletically gifted children, Salvatore (12) and Gianna (10).

The Chapter VI Athletic Administrators are proud to award Mark DiFilippo the Athletic Administrator of the Year Award for 2015.

Chapter 6 Community Service Award
Pegula Sports and Entertainment

The athletic directors across Section VI are pleased to honor Pegula Sports and Entertainment (PSE) with the Community Service Award. The honor was officially announced in March 2015 at the New York State Athletic Administrator’s Conference in Saratoga.

The impact the Pegula family has had on Western New York is profound and historic. By sharing their business success with Buffalo, they have changed lives and already left a legacy. Their impact has not only been felt at the professional ranks but at the high school and collegiate levels as well. Their investments in Western New York have also challenged other investors; restaurant owners, hotels and other businesses, to commit to Buffalo.

The athletes of Section VI have been fortunate to experience the impact from the Pegula’s in a variety of ways. The Section VI Boys Ice Hockey Championships are held at the First Niagara Center, regular season high school hockey contests are played at the Harbor Center, the girls New York State Championships were held at Harbor Center, PSE traveled to Utica and placed a competitive bid to host the boys high school Frozen Four for the next three years and the Pegula’s continue to follow in the footsteps of the Wilson family in hosting Section VI Championship football at Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Kim Pegula graduated from Houghton College in our southern tier and because of the family’s affinity for the college they donated $12 million toward the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Complex. The complex includes baseball and softball stadiums and a 115,000 square foot field house. That field house served as the site of our Section VI Indoor Track & Field Championships.

For these reasons and so much more, Section VI is pleased to have an opportunity to thank and honor Pegula Sports and Entertainment as its Community Service Award honoree for 2015.

Life’s persistent and most urgent question is ‘What are you doing for others?’ Martin Luther King Jr.

Chapter 6 Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Michael Wendt, Superintendent of Newfane Central and Wilson Central Schools

Dr. Wendt is a Starpoint High School and Cornell University graduate. He received his Master’s degree from Niagara University in 1992 and his Doctorate degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2002.

Dr. Wendt started his teaching career in the Medina Central Schools teaching agriculture and coaching football. His first position in administration was as an assistant principal in the Akron Central School District. From there, he became the middle school principal in Wilson, then on as the director of student services in Medina. In 2000, he was appointed the director of instructional services in Wilson. In 2002, he became the Wilson superintendent. He is now the superintendent of both the Wilson and Newfane Central School Districts.

Dr. Wendt’s dedication to interscholastic athletics at the league and section levels has been outstanding. He served as a member of the Niagara-Orleans League Executive Committee from 2002-2006. He is currently the league president, a role he has had since 2012. He has been a member of the Section VI Athletic Council for 12 years serving as president from 2008 to 2010. He currently serves on the Section VI Executive Committee as the superintendents’ representative to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. He has been in that position for 9 years.

Dr. Wendt has received numerous other awards which include:
• New York State Association for Health, Physical Exercise, Recreation and Physical Education Leader of the Year - Niagara University
• New York State Association for Health, Physical Exercise, Recreation and Physical Education Educator of the Year - Niagara University
• New York State Association for Health, Physical Exercise, Recreation and Physical Education Educational Leader of the Year - Niagara University
• New York State Public High School Athletic Association Orleanis/Orleans Leagues Foundation Award
• Wilson High School awarded Best Places to Work in WNY - 2nd Place
• Wilson School District recognized by Business First as Healthiest Employer
• Educational Leader of the Year - Niagara University

The Chapter 6 Athletic Administrators are proud to honor Dr. Mike Wendt with the Distinguished Service Award for 2015.

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Fall 2014 Football Character Award Winners
Sponsored by Cross Training Football

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Parker Addison Lakeshore
Aseel Albaneh Lackawanna
Conner Allan East Aurora/Holland
Donald Allender LewPort
Chris Aronica Grand Island

B
Frank Barnack Eden/NC
Gustavo Bautista-Gomez Eden
Mike Benton McKinley
Dylan Bergman Panama
Andy Bialy Eden
Randy Bish South Park
Derrick Bishop Bennett
Michael Bowers Randolf
Kenny Brant Gowanda
Andrew Bronson Lockport
Corey Bryerton Southwestern

C
Nick Cafarella West Seneca West
Thomas Callaghan Barker/Roy Hart
Steven Carlson Jamestown
Sam Castranova Williamsville South
Brad Chislett Pioneer
Dan Cicco Niagara Wheatfield
Luke Ciminelli Sweet Home
Jake Concannon St. Mary’s
Keyshawn Crawford Cleveland Hill
Mikeal Crocket McKinley

D
Justin Daull Wilson
Robert Dempsey St. Francis
Jake Dogal Orchard Park
John Domes Springville
Andrew Doricko Niagara-Wheatfield
Ryan Doty Kenmore West
Maysliawn Duddley Cardinal O’Hara
Ryan Dustin Fal/CV

E
Zach Emer Iroquois

F
Matt Foster Williamson South
Byron Fowler Amherst
Charlie Furman Frank/Ell/WW

G
Steve Glinski Nichols
Alex Goupin Starpoint
Roman Greco All-Limestone
Vinny Gregory Amherst
Robbie Gugino Westfield/Brocton

H
Matt Hair Frewsburg
Seth Halftown Gowanda
Mike Hall Lackawanna
Zach Haller Frewsburg
Pat Hannon Springville
Aaron Harm West Seneca West
Cody Hartman Tonawanda

J
Jordan Ingerson Frewsburg
Brenton Johnson Leadership Academy
Keyon Johnson McKinley
Ryan Jones East/Arts/CH

K
Mike Kelleher Maryvale
Joe King Alden
Austin Kozich Depew
Matt Kumro West Seneca East
Austin Kuznik Lancaster

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Matt Lanzalaco JFK
Gino Lattuca O’Hara
Tahji Lewis Williamson East
Josh Lippert All- Limestone
Marquez Lofton Lackawanna

M
Timmy Manney Riverside
Chuck Martin Olean
Shaolin McCray Niagara Falls
Meet the Athletic Director

A new segment to the Section VI newsletter that profiles an athletic director from each league.

CJ McGovern
Kurt McGowan
Joshua Mead
Taylor Mellott
Steve Mignoli
Ryan Miller
Joe Mistretta
Daryl Moore
Ian Moran
Roderick Morrow
Kyle Morton
Jack Myers

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Jake Nicholas
Newfane

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David O’Dell
Kyle O’Donnell
Wes Olmstead
Jojo Ortiz

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Niko Pannes
Colby Parks
Rahjahn Permey
Nick Peterson
Zach Plenter
Jon Phillips
Rich Pickens
Mike Podlucky
Mike Poletta

Lewiston-Porter
Kenmore East
Barker/Roy Hart
North Tonawanda
Fredonia
Maple Grove/CL
Jamestown
South Park
Pioneer
Burgard/MST
Cattaragus/Little Valley
West Seneca West

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Jake Recor
Jacob Rice
AJ Rivera
Dylan Robinson
Lancaster
Wilson
Lockport
Silver Creek/Forestville

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Billy Seiders
Kyle Seifert
Dylan Sekerturski
Ethan Shattuck
Reggie Simpson
Brandon Smiley
Johnny Smith
Tyler Smith
Troy Smith-Petrella
Coyote Sokolski
Zack Spears
Jeremy Spitzberg
Jahlel St. John
Clayton Staton
Chad Steinwachs
Alex Suchan
Josh Sugg
Tony Swirek
Sweet Home
Clarence
Frontier
Dunkirk
Iroquois
Olean
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Kenmore West
Albion
Williamsville North
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Jarred Tanner
RJ Tantillo
Grayson Taylor

Brady Tehan
Drequon Trotter

Sam Van Valkenburg
Sherman/Clymer

Calum Watt
Matt Webber
Senn Wesley
Trent White
Sherman Williams
Sam Wray

East Aurora
Cheektowaga
Frank/Ell/WV
Lakeshore
Randolph
Kenmore West
Silver Creek/Forestville
Starpoint
Section VI selected the winners of the All-WNY Scholar Athlete Award for the 2014-2015 winter sports season. Of the 494 nominations; there are 31 repeat winners, 129 winners, and 334 honorable mentions. All winners are listed below. * Indicates repeat winner

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# Section VI All-WNY Scholar Athletes

## Winter 2014-2015

### North Tonawanda
- **Boys Swimming**: William Alvarado
- **Boys Basketball**: Adam McNeill

### Sweet Home
- **Boys Indoor Track**: Joseph Gerlach*
- **Boys Indoor Track**: Mitchell Daddario
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### West Seneca East
- **Girls Indoor Track**: Leanne Glaub
- **Boys Bowling**: Kevin Le

### West Seneca West
- **Girls Basketball**: Sidney Bernardoni*
- **Boys Indoor Track**: Joshua Nowak*
- **Girls Basketball**: Margaret Covley
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- **Boys Ice Hockey**: Adam Tobias

### West Valley
- **Girls Basketball**: Jordan Seltzer

### Williamsville East
- **Girls Bowling**: Yue Shi*
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- **Boys Ice Hockey**: Alexander Dimitroff
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- **Girls Basketball**: Andrea Kiely
- **Cheerleading**: Olivia Maranto
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### Williamsville South
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- **Girls Basketball**: Erin Margaret Egan
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### Wilson
- **Girls Basketball**: Mercedes Rees*

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### Pioneer
- **Girls Indoor Track**: Kylie Pleakis
- **Girls Basketball**: McKenna Maycock

### Roy-Hart
- **Girls Swimming**: Lindsay Yates

### Southwestern
- **Boys Basketball**: Patrick Mogenhan*
- **Girls Basketball**: Kara Schutte

### Starpoint
- **Girls Bowling**: Autumn Spina*
- **Boys Basketball**: Ian Emerick
- **Boys Swimming**: Anthony Zanatian

### Orchard Park
- **Cheerleading**: Teale Armknecht
- **Boys Swimming**: Liam Hoover
- **Girls Indoor Track**: Rami Major
- **Wrestling**: William Myers
- **Girls Basketball**: Abbie Probst
- **Girls Ice Hockey**: Megan Urbank

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- **Boys Basketball**: Gregory Delahoy

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Meet the Athletic Director
Family Edition

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Chapter 6 Judith Marten’s Secretarial Award
Jamie Beiter, Niagara Wheatfield Central School

Mrs. Jamie Beiter started her career working in the transportation department in the Niagara Wheatfield Central School District in April of 2006. In 2008, she moved to the athletic department and since her arrival, she has had quite an impact on the program.

In her short time in the athletic office, Mrs. Beiter has:

• Compiled, organized and scanned a large portion of the NFL history documents. She then burned the information on to a CD for the athletic directors.
• Been treasurer of the Niagara Wheatfield Sports Alliance for the past 7 years.
• Spearheaded the revitalization of the NWSA board of directors and was a key person in organizing the “No Falcon Left Behind/Save Our Sports Campaign.”
• She assisted in the NW district entering an agreement to raise $87,000 to reinstate the 15 cut sports.
• Started online fundraising efforts
• Spearheaded, chaired several fundraisers
• Generated all fliers, brochures, etc.

For all of her efforts, Mrs. Beiter was the recipient of the Niagara Frontier League Cornerstone Award from Niagara Wheatfield in 2013.

It is with great pleasure that the Athletic Administrators of Chapter 6 award Jamie Beiter with the Judith Marten’s Secretarial Award for 2015.

Jamie Beiter, Niagara Wheatfield Central School

Jon Roth, Grand Island CSD

Niagara Frontier League

Years of Administrative Service:
21 yrs. as Athletic Director (42 yrs. as PE and AD at GI)

Education:
Tonawanda HS
Niagara Community College Associates Degree
University at Buffalo
BS in Health & Physical Education
Niagara University
Masters in Education

Family:
Jean, wife of 42 yrs., great cook & biggest supporter
Jeff, son, 39 yrs. old, Athletic Director/Asst. Principal at Wilson CSD
Julie, daughter, 36 yrs. old, 5th grade teacher in Grand Island & Tennis coach at Grand Island.
I am so proud of Jeff & Julie.
Grandchildren - Jonathan (7), Jayden (5), Jameson (2), Jayson (1)

Favorite Food:
Steak & any chocolate for dessert

Favorite Movie:
Old School, “42”, The Natural, and all James Bond movies

Hobbies:
Golf, winter swimming with grandson Jayden at Holiday Inn Byblos, going to the Bills and Sabres games, watching and attending all local high school & college sports, and Boys Basketball Sports Chair.

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?
I grew up in a funeral home that my dad and older brother Jay owned. I was a pretty successful athlete and very passionate about playing all sports and coaching young kids, so I chose athletics over being a funeral director. “I made the correct choice”.

Jeff Roth, Wilson

Niagara Orleans League

Years of Administrative Service:
8 years

Education:
Xavier ’98; Canisius ’03

Family:
Wife (Andrea)

Favorite Food:
Tie between pizza and hamburgers

Favorite Movie:
Remember the Titans & Anchorman

Hobbies:
Family, Fitness, Sleep

Why/How did you choose athletics/education?
I always knew that I wanted to work with children and be involved with athletics, if possible. After teaching and coaching for 9 years, I decided to take the leap into administration. I really enjoy my position here at Wilson and the opportunity to work with our outstanding coaches and students.
Winter 2014-2015
Additional Champions

State Champions
Williamsville South
Girls Basketball, Class A

Regional Champions
International Preparatory
Boys Basketball, Class D

Sectional Champions
Williamsville South
Boys Basketball, Class A

Buffalo East
Boys Basketball, Class B

Middle Early College
Boys Basketball, Class C

Starpoint
Boys Swimming, Class B

Patrick Hayter, Sweet Home
Boys Swimming, 200 Yard Freestyle

Brandon Smith, Starpoint
Boys Swimming, 100 Yard Butterfly

Anthony Mariniello, Williamsville South
Boys Swimming, 500 Yard Freestyle

John Zagrobelny, East Aurora
Boys Swimming, 100 Yard Breaststroke

Terionna Ware, Sweet Home
Girls Indoor Track, 300 Meter Dash

Sam Peterman, Sweet Home
Girls Indoor Track, 1000 Meter Run

Tiana Luton, Sweet Home
Girls Indoor Track, 55 Meter Hurdles

Bella Callaway, Tiana Luton, Rachel Roberson, Terionna Ware, Sweet Home
Girls Indoor Track, 4x400 Meter Relay

Sadira Brown, Sweet Home
Girls Indoor Track, Triple Jump

Mitchell Daddario, Sweet Home
Boys Indoor Track, 1600 Meter Run

Mitchell Daddario, Will Schultz, Chris Nowak, Matt Penberthy, Sweet Home
Boys Indoor Track, 4x800 Meter Relay

Talia Williams, Clarence
Girls Indoor Track, 600 Meter Run

Katrina Patterson, Clarence
Girls Indoor Track, 3000 Meter Run

Danuta Warner, Katrina Patterson, Hannah Reinhardt, Talia Williams, Clarence
Girls Indoor Track, 4x800 Meter Relay

Jose Morales, Dunkirk
Boys Indoor Track, 300 Meter Dash

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