

## **Press Release**

April 15, 2009

### ***Sportsmanship: Let it begin with Me!***

Sportsmanship is an aspect of athletics that has diminished in recent years. The collegiate modeling of sportsmanship from the students, fans and players has been especially disappointing and many times overflows into the high school level. Establishing good sportsmanship in our high school athletic programs continues to be both a challenge and a priority across the state. Our PIAA District Six member schools take this challenge seriously as we search for the best developmental vehicle to take the sportsmanship message to all schools.

The District Six Committee currently recognizes one Senior High School and one Junior High School for their leadership in promoting good sportsmanship, in the “Sportsmanship: The Only Missing Piece is You” program. This program will continue, however, the message and support for good sportsmanship will be delivered to every school this year as each member school will be asked to recognize one male senior athlete and one female senior athlete, for their leadership in the area of good sportsmanship. Names will be submitted to the Sportsmanship Committee and medals will be subsequently sent to the schools for a presentation during an end of year program of their choice. We solicit local media coverage and support as well. All schools are encouraged to submit names and photographs of their sportsmanship recipients to their local news media for recognition. Four male athletes and four female athletes will be randomly selected and awarded \$500.00 for their leadership and accomplishments. Good sports must start somewhere: Let it begin with You!

#### ***Fundamentals of Sportsmanship***

- Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the contest.
- Exercise representative behavior at all times.
- Recognize and appreciate skilled performances regardless of affiliation.
- Exhibit respect for the officials.
- Display openly a respect for the opponent at all times.
- Display pride in your actions at every opportunity.

“One man practicing good sportsmanship is far better than 50 others preaching it.”      Knute Rockne

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**District Six Sportsmanship Leaders Recognized**  
**May 8, 2009**

Fifty Senior High Schools across the ten county area of PIAA District Six, were eligible for \$4,000.00 in scholarship awards, through the Sportsmanship: Let it Begin With Me! Program. This program recognizes two senior students, (one female, one male,) from each of the fifty senior high schools that exemplify leadership in sportsmanship. Each school established a selection process and was asked to submit two names for recognition. Those selected students will receive a sportsmanship medallion during individual award programs, as each school may choose. In addition to the medallion, eight names were drawn from a lottery and each of the selected students will receive a \$500.00 gift certificate in recognition of their accomplishments in the area of good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the recipients of the sportsmanship awards!

Altoona, Aaron Nodolsky, Tamika Lacy, Bald Eagle Area, Shane Robinson, Danielle Reese, Bellefonte, Cole McLarren, Kayla Tubbs, Bellwood Antis, Adam Kovac, Emily O'Shea, Bishop Carroll, Lee Wyland, Christina Rombouts, Bishop Guilfoyle, Chris Brown, Maura Murphy, Bishop McCort, Mitchell Smith, Stephanie Riner, Blacklick Valley, Joe Olsavsky, Gabrielle Dunchuck, Cambria Heights, Devin Lansberry, Lynsey Bodek, Central, Brok Greenleaf, Sara Leighty, Central Cambria, Mike Schloski, Annie Cekada, Central Mountain, Seth Lowery, Erin White, Conemaugh Valley, Steve Ling, Zykia LaRue, Ferndale, William Maris, Breanne Miller, Forest Hills, Shane Gallaher, Brittany Shall, Glendale, Steve Rusnak, Ashley Noel, Greater Johnstown, Paul Weatherly, Lindsey Lovrich, Hollidaysburg, Luke Ottaway, Ashlynn Soellner, Homer Center, Nick Raymond, Hilary Scheuermann, Huntingdon Area, Thomas Burton, Katie Keating, Indian Valley, Joe Short, Bree Shugarts, Juniata Valley, Mark Musser, Tiffany Lightner, Lewistown, Brody Blessing, Ellery Crowder, Ligonier Valley, Alex Burns, Ashton Burns, Marion Center, Matt Cavazza, Mary Seckar, Moshannon Valley, Brandon Morroni, Kierstin Elder, Mount Union, Zack Hicks, Shanee Hockenberry, Northern Cambria, James Jordan Stiles, Rebecca Petrisko, Penn Cambria, Kelsey Creehan, Will

McMahon, Penns Manor, Robert Blystone, Gabrielle Strong, Penns Valley, Matthew Brooker, Kristen Darr, Philipsburg Osceola, Brad Rocco, Kathryn Ritter, Portage, Steven Lutz, Rebecca Eney, Purchase Line, Damian Fry, Kasey Rorabaugh, Richland, Nate Adam, AshtonWalton, Somerset, Andrew Barron, Bethany Buck, Southern Huntingdon, Brennan Cornelius, Jenny Fish, State College, Matt Godwin, Chrissy Cooper, Tyrone, Dustin Elder, Christina Daugherty, United, Garrett Hamrock, Nicole Rensko, West Branch, Matt Sabol, Molly Sabol, Westmont, TJ Keklak, Olivia Flick, Williamsburg, Jesse Adams, Chelsea Saylor.

The following high schools did not submit sportsmanship names. Blairsville, Saltsburg, Claysburg Kimmel, Harmony, Laurel Valley, Bellville Mennonite and Living Water Christian.

Congratulations to the \$500.00 award winners!

Cambria Heights	Devin Lansberry
Central	Sara Leighty
Conemaugh Valley	Steve Ling
Ferndale	Breanne Miller
Johnstown	Paul Weatherly
Homer Center	Hilary Scheuermann
Somerset	Bethany Buck
State College	Matt Godwin

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