



Foundation News

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Providing Scholarship, Leadership, and Service Opportunities for Ohio's Student-Athletes

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2008 Leadership Conferences

The OHSAA Foundation Leadership Conferences will resume this fall in each of the six athletic districts across the state for over 1,200 captains and team leaders. These all-day sessions address leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, role-modeling, and citizenship. As a result of the generous support of our host sites and donors, there are no registration fees for attendees. The final conference schedule is as follows:

Day	Date	Location
Tues.	9/16/08	Lorain County Community College
Thurs.	9/25/08	Kent State – Stark County Campus
Tues.	9/30/08	Wright State University
Thurs.	10/9/08	University of Findlay
Tues.	10/21/08	Ohio State University
Wed.	10/22/08	University of Rio Grande



Registration information can be found online. Sites are filling up quickly!

Foundation Service Week Update

The Foundation's new service initiative is being kicked off with the inaugural Foundation Service Week this fall in conjunction with the beginning of high school basketball across the state. Service Week provides a wonderful opportunity for OHSAA member schools to make a positive impact in communities across the state, while providing educational experiences for their student-athletes, by demonstrating that their students are

"Kids Who Care"

The deadline for member schools to submit their application to participate is Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Foundation Games will be taking place across the state from Friday, November 21 through Saturday, December 6, 2008.

Make plans to support Foundation Games in your area!

Eastmoor Alumnus Archie Griffin to Assist Columbus City Schools

Taking advice from his former college football coach, the legendary Woody Hayes, that a person "can never pay back; but you can always pay forward," former Ohio State great Archie Griffin has donated funds to ensure that all of the Columbus City League's varsity basketball teams are able to participate in the 2008 Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation Service Week's "Foundation Games." Griffin, the president and CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association, is an alumnus of the Columbus City League, having graduated from Eastmoor Academy in 1972.

As part of its continued efforts, the OHSAA Foundation is launching a new statewide service initiative. Many schools already incorporate community service as an extension of learning in the classroom. "Foundation Service Week" provides an opportunity for OHSAA member schools to participate in a community service project(s), as well as a platform to highlight the community service activities schools already participate in throughout the year. Foundation Service Weeks are highlighted by "Foundation Games," where participating schools are permitted to use one of the five allotted basketball scrimmages to play a live game under all normal game conditions (does not count on a team's record). The inaugural statewide OHSAA Foundation Service Week will take place November 21 through December 6, 2008.

"Foundation Service Week provides a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact in our communities and with young people across the state," said Griffin, the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy. "I think it's great that the Foundation has developed Service Week, and I am honored to be able to contribute."

Griffin created the Archie Griffin Scholarship Fund, which benefits Ohio State's Olympic sports programs. Through his efforts, Griffin has built the Scholarship Fund to its current status exceeding \$1 million. In order to generate proceeds for Olympic sports at OSU, the 18th Annual Archie Griffin Scholarship Fund Golf Outing and Dinner was held this past July 28 in suburban Columbus at The Lakes and Medallion Golf Country Clubs. This year, Griffin is sharing some of those proceeds from the event to ensure that all high schools in the Columbus City League are able to participate in the OHSAA Foundation Service Week's Foundation Games.

As part of Foundation Service Week, all participating schools will identify a community service project that is meaningful for their school and community. Proceeds from the Foundation Games go directly to the selected community service project, minus a \$250 donation per school to the OHSAA Foundation to be used for scholarships and leadership conferences.

Scholarship Update

The OHSAA Foundation continues to provide \$30,000 annually in scholarships to Ohio student-athletes. Scholarship recipients are selected based on a point system which rewards students for grade-point averages; ACT and SAT scores; varsity letters earned; individual and team athletic honors, and an essay. The recipients are selected by a special committee within each of the six OHSAA athletic districts. Recipients of athletic scholarships from NCAA Division I or II institutions are not eligible for the award.

The top two student-athletes from each of the six OHSAA athletic districts receive \$2,000 scholarships provided by Foundation, as well as six \$1,000 minority scholarships for a student-athlete from each athletic district. In addition, the OHSAA provides thirty-six \$1,000 scholarships. Together, the OHSAA and the OHSAA Foundation provide scholarships to 54 senior student-athletes each year. This year's Scholar-Athlete Banquet took place on June 20, 2008 in Columbus.



2008 Minority Scholarship Recipients

Holly Tu (Columbus Academy) – Central District

Holly graduated from The Columbus Academy in Gahanna with a 4.0 GPA. She earned eight varsity letters, four each in both tennis and track and field. Holly received four all league selections in tennis and qualified twice to the state tennis tournament earning two top four finishes. In track and field, she qualified to the state tournament three times. Holly is currently undecided as to her college choice and major.

Chealyn Jackson (New Philadelphia HS) – East District

Chealyn is a graduate of New Philadelphia High School. She had a 3.71 GPA and earned eight varsity letters – four in basketball and two each in volleyball and track and field. Her honors included all-league and all-district selections as a junior and senior in both volleyball and basketball, and she helped the basketball team reach the district finals three straight years. Chealyn plans to attend Kent State University or OSU-Newark where she will major in Interior Design and Marketing.

Matthew Ramirez (Toledo St. Francis DeSales HS) – Northwest District

Matthew graduated from St. Francis DeSales High School with a 4.0 grade point average. He earned six varsity letters – four in wrestling and two in football. His honors include two all-league selections in wrestling. Matt plans to attend Yale University where he will study Biomedical Engineering.

Ramone Conley (Waverly HS) – Southeast District

Ramone graduated from Waverly High School with a 3.58 grade point average. He earned six varsity letters, three each in football and basketball. His honors include all-league selections in both sports, and all-district and all-state recognition in football. His football teams won two district titles. Ramone plans to attend Muskingum College and major in Physical Education.

Shaunece Shipman (Cincinnati Princeton HS) – Southwest District

Shaunece is a graduate of Princeton High School. Graduating with a 3.3 GPA, she earned 11 varsity letters – four each in soccer and basketball, two in track and field, and one in softball. Shaunece helped her basketball team win a pair of district championships, and in track and field she earned all-league honors as a sophomore, when she qualified for the state tournament. Shaunece plans to attend Manchester College and major in pre-dentistry.

2008 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Christian Anderson (Marion Pleasant)

A graduate of Marion Pleasant High School, Christian finished with a 3.98 GPA. He earned eight varsity letters - four in football, two in basketball and two in track. His honors included all-league, all-district and all-state selection in football, his team reached the state tournament last fall, and he was on the baseball team that won a state championship in 2006. Christian plans to attend Case Western Reserve University, where he will study biomedical engineering.

Claire Durkin (Worthington Kilbourne)

Claire graduated from Worthington Kilbourne High School. Finishing with a 4.0 GPA, she earned 11 letters - four each in track & field and swimming & diving and three in cross country. Her outstanding talents as a distance runner helped her win the state cross country championship as a senior, and in track she won the state 3,200-meter run the past two years. She also earned all-league honors in swimming. Claire will attend Stanford University and study biology and bio-engineering.

EAST DISTRICT

Staci Grace (Warsaw River View)

Staci graduated from Warsaw River View High School. She finished with a 3.56 grade point average and earned nine varsity letters (three in volleyball, two in basketball and four in track & field). As a senior, Staci earned all-league and all-district honors in volleyball and helped her team win three district championships. She was all-league as a senior in basketball and played on teams that won back-to-back state championships in 2006 and '07. She also was a four-year all-league honoree in track & field. Staci plans to attend Walsh University and major in physical therapy.

Molly Scholl (New Concord John Glenn)

Molly is a graduate of Cambridge High School. She earned a 4.0 GPA and received 12 varsity letters - four each in volleyball, basketball and softball. Her honors included all-league and all-district selections in volleyball, all-league honors in both basketball and softball and she helped both her volleyball and softball teams capture district championships. Molly plans to attend Muskingum College and major in chemistry.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Steven McNeely (Beloit West Branch)

Steven is a graduate of Beloit West Branch High School. Finishing with a 4.0 GPA, he earned 11 varsity letters - four in both basketball and baseball and three in football. Steven earned all-league, all-district and all-state honors as a senior in football. In basketball, he helped his team reach the district finals this past winter. He has not made a college choice but will major in accounting or business.

Jacqueline Nicodemo (North Canton Hoover)

A graduate of North Canton Hoover High School, Jacqueline finished with a 4.0 grade point average and lettered four years each in soccer and basketball. Her honors in soccer included all-league four times, all-district twice and all-state as a senior, when her team reached the district finals. Jacqueline was also a four-time all-league selection in basketball, where her team won

two district championships and twice reached the regional finals. She plans to attend The Ohio State University and is undecided on a major.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Allison Schroeder (Ottawa-Glandorf)

Allison is a graduate of Ottawa-Glandorf High School, where she finished with a 4.0 grade point average. She earned 12 letters, four each in soccer and track & field and two in basketball. Allison was all-league in soccer and basketball, helping both teams earn district championships. In track & field, she was a four-time state qualifier, won the state 300 hurdles as a junior and placed in the top four in three events at the state meet earlier this month. Allison plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in biochemistry and pre-medicine.

Victoria Spaar (Norwalk St. Paul)

Victoria is a graduate of Norwalk St. Paul High School. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA and earned seven varsity letters, three each in volleyball and basketball and one in softball. She earned all-league and all-district honors in volleyball and helped the team win three district and three regional titles along with the state championship in 2006. Victoria plans to attend Eastern Michigan University and major in occupational therapy.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Emily Bowling (Willow Wood Symmes Valley)

Emily graduated from Willow Wood Symmes Valley. Finishing with a 4.0 GPA, she earned 12 varsity letters - four each in volleyball, basketball and softball. She was named all-league and all-district in all three sports and all-state in softball, where her team won three district championships and one regional title. Emily plans to be a pre-medicine major at The Ohio State University.

Nicholas Cartee (South Webster)

Nicholas graduated from South Webster High School, where he had a 3.59 GPA. He earned 12 varsity letters, four each in cross country, basketball and track & field. Nicholas helped the basketball team earn a state championship his sophomore year, was a four-time all-league selection in cross country and track & field and qualified for the state tournament in track & field as a junior. He is undecided on his college plans.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Nathan Bascom (Cincinnati Madeira)

Nathan graduated from Cincinnati Madeira High School, where he earned a 3.82 GPA. He was a four-year letterman in soccer, where he won all-league, all-district and all-state honors and helped the team win four district championships and qualify for the state tournament in 2006. Nathan plans to attend Ohio Northern University and major in mechanical engineering.

Courtney Chihil (Kettering Archbishop Alter)

Courtney is a graduate of Archbishop Alter High School in Kettering. She had a 3.88 GPA, earned four letters in soccer and four in basketball and was all-league, all-district and all-state in both sports. Courtney helped her basketball team win four district titles and ended her senior year with a Division II state championship. She plans to attend Ohio University and major in physical therapy.

2008 Foundation Service Week High light

Princeton High School and St. Xavier High School participated in one of the Service Week pilot games last year. They honored former Princeton basketball coach Bill Brewer, who passed away unexpectedly on November 2, 2007. The participating schools wanted to assist Coach Brewer's three daughters and focused their efforts on raising money for the Brewer Children Education Fund. The evening generated over \$10,000 for the Education Fund. Funds were raised through ticket sales (adults \$6 / students \$3), t-shirt sales, and wristband sales. In addition, St. Xavier announced that all of their "split-the-pot" earnings for the entire 2007-08 season would be donated and the Butler Co. Basketball Officials Association also made a contribution to the Education Fund.



Coach Brewer spent his entire coaching career in two conferences, the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) and the Greater Catholic League (GCL). His progression in the sport started as an assistant at Moeller High School of the GCL. He then became the head coach at Roger Bacon High School (GCL), where he won a state championship over Akron St. Vincent St. Mary High School and LeBron James. Bill ended his coaching career leading the Princeton Vikings of the GMC.

To honor Coach Brewer, both conferences have agreed to participate in the "**Bill Brewer Memorial GMC / GCL Showcase**" on **Saturday, November 29, 2008** as part of the inaugural Foundation Service Week. The event was conceptualized and is being facilitated by Princeton HS Athletic Director, Scott Kaufman. The Showcase will match up teams from each conference at three sites for an all day, basketball frenzy. Since the leagues do not have the same number of schools, two additional schools have agreed to participate in order to support Coach Brewer and his family. All proceeds will go to support the Brewer Children Education Fund.

All the Showcase match-ups are scheduled for Saturday, November 29 as follows:

Location	Time	Greater Catholic League	vs.	Greater Miami Conference
Princeton HS	11:00 am	Carroll HS	vs.	Indian Hill HS (non-GMC)
	1:00 pm	Chaminade-Julienne HS	vs.	Oak Hills HS
	3:00 pm	Archbishop Alter HS	vs.	Mason HS
	5:00 pm	Roger Bacon HS	vs.	Sycamore HS
	7:00 pm	Elder HS	vs.	Princeton HS
Lakota West HS	11:00 am	LaSalle HS	vs.	Lakota West HS
	1:00 pm	Archbishop McNicholas HS	vs.	Colerain HS
	3:00 pm	Purcell Marian HS	vs.	Fairfield HS
	5:00 pm	Hamilton Badin HS	vs.	Hamilton HS
	7:00 pm	St. Xavier HS	vs.	Middletown HS
Archbishop Moeller HS	TBA	Bishop Fenwick HS	vs.	Madeira HS (non-GMC)
	TBA	Archbishop Moeller HS	vs.	Lakota East HS

Join us for the "Bill Brewer Memorial GMC / GCL Showcase" or another Foundation Game in your area!

About Us

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation was created over ten years ago to provide resources for enhancing educational opportunities for Ohio's student-athletes. The Foundation is a non-profit organization and is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our mission is to provide scholarship, leadership, and service opportunities for Ohio's student-athletes.