



Foundation News

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

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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 recently updated mission is to provide scholarship, leadership, and service opportunities for Ohio's student-athletes.

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. Conferences are scheduled as followed:

District	Date	Location
C	10/21/08*	Ohio State University
E	9/8/08	Kent State – Stark County Campus
NE	9/16/08	Lorain County Community College
NW	10/9/08*	University of Findlay
SE	TBD	Ohio University
SW	9/30/08	Wright State University

* Tentative Dates

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 is scheduled for June 20, 2008 in Columbus.

Foundation Service Week Initiative

Based upon the original proposal by Board of Trustee Bill Hosket, the OHSAA Foundation is excited to launch a new state-wide community service initiative. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Clark Kellogg and Katie Smith have signed on as 2008 Honorary Chairs in support of our efforts.

Many schools already incorporate community service as an extension of learning in the classroom. Foundation Service Week provides an opportunity for member schools to participate in a community service project, as well as a platform to highlight community service activities the schools participate in throughout the year. Foundation Service Week is highlighted by a "Foundation Game."

For each Foundation Game, participating schools are required to select a community service project(s). Member school administrators are encouraged to identify a local service project where students from both schools can participate together in the service activity during Service Week. Then, the Foundation Game provides the platform to highlight their community service activities and an opportunity to generate proceeds for the same service project or for a different one.

Four pilot games were conducted during the 2007-08 basketball season with resounding success, where students helped flood victims, provided food for a local food pantry, raised money for local scholarships, and raised over \$10,000 for an education fund for the children of a coach that passed away unexpectedly. See more about their stories on the reverse page.

As part of the Foundation Game, each participating school makes a \$250 contribution to the OHSAA Foundation, which will be returned to the schools in the form of scholarships, leadership conferences, and educational materials for ALL student-athletes.

Foundation Service Week 2008 is scheduled for...

Friday, November 21 – Saturday, December 6, 2008

Make plans to support Foundation Games in your area!

Foundation Website

The Foundation has recently launched a new website at www.ohsaafoundation.org. The site provides information about the Foundation and its many initiatives. Visit us regularly for updated information!

Foundation Service Week 2007 – 08 Pilot Games

LOGAN ELM vs. IRONTON – November 16, 2007

Rumpke sponsored the game and made a contribution to the Foundation on behalf of both schools. Fans in attendance received a coupon to be used at either of Rumpke's locations in Ironton and Circleville. Tickets were \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. All proceeds from ticket sales were split between Ironton and Logan Elm. Ironton's split was used to support the Tiger Clan Scholarship Program and Logan Elm's split went to the Community Soup Kitchen in Circleville.

"This was a positive experience for the kids in our program and made them feel as though they can make a difference."

Coach Doug Stiverson - Logan Elm High School

FINDLAY vs. MANSFIELD SENIOR – November 21, 2007

All athletes (not just basketball) participated in the service project assisting with flood cleanup. Many students helped with tearing drywall out of homes and removal of flood damaged items. Participating schools split the proceeds from their Foundation Game and both used the money raised (\$600 to each school) for scholarships on a local basis. Funds were raised through ticket sales (\$5 for adults and \$4 for students).

"The OHSAA Foundation game allowed us to publicly recognize the service that our student-athletes provide. It is a vital component of educational based athletics and this venue allowed us to recognize these efforts. Additionally, revenue was generated to provide scholarship money for BOTH schools that participated in this event. Upon learning the purpose of this game, fans overwhelmingly supported it."

Jerry Snodgrass, Athletic Director - Findlay High School

PRINCETON vs. ST XAVIER – January 5, 2008

Participating schools 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 (\$6 for adults and \$3 for students), 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 County Basketball Officials Association also made a contribution to the Education Fund.

"This opportunity provided us with the proper venue to pay tribute to our Varsity Head Coach, Bill Brewer, who passed away on November 2, 2007. This evening helped provide our community with closure – closure that could not have occurred in any other setting. Dr. Ross, my sincere appreciation to you and Mr. Hosket for allowing us to be part of this pilot program."

Scott Kaufman, Athletic Director - Princeton High School

NEW PHILADELPHIA vs. HARRISON CENTRAL – January 8, 2008

Members of the varsity football and basketball teams worked for two days at the Salvation Army, assisting with food and gift basket sorting, packing and distributing. Instead of charging admission, fans attending the Foundation Game were asked to donate canned goods. The participating schools then divided all the canned goods that were received and donated them to food pantries in each community. In addition, participating schools created a "Shooting for Scholarships" program where all basketball student-athletes sold paper basketballs for a \$1 each for approximately a month leading up to their Foundation Game. The paper basketballs were then displayed in the school. Through the "Shooting for Scholarships" program, the participating schools generated over \$1,300 for local scholarships. Each school secured a local sponsor who made the Foundation contribution on behalf of each school. One of the sponsors was a local radio station who also promoted the event in advance and provided live coverage of the game itself.

"The Service Foundation Game was a big success in our community. Our basketball players worked at the Salvation Army unloading food, packing boxes and then distributing these "care packages" at Christmas time. Our young men found it very gratifying and humbling to be able to brighten someone's day. Hopefully, everyone gets on board with this idea. Everyone wins."

Coach Phil Tidrick - New Philadelphia High School