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Welcome and Introduction of Honored Guests

Master of Ceremonies - Nick Karski
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Sponsor and Staff Recognition

Todd Mallinson President, Vizella Media/ESPN Ithaca

Presentation of Fall, Winter & Spring Sports Awards

by Ryan Gineo, ESPN Ithaca Play-by-Play Announcer/Reporter

Athletic Director Appreciation Award

Hank Neubert, Newfield

Senior Leadership Award

Johnny VanScoyk, Watkins Glen Anna Kotaska, Ithaca

Co-Coaches of the Year for a Girls Sport

Nicole Lamie, Lansing Volleyball John Crossgrove, Moravia Girls Basketball Sponsored by Guthrie

Coach of the Year for a Boys Sport

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Female Athlete of the Year

Lauren Millspaugh, Trumansburg Volleyball, Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field Sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union

Male Athlete of the Year

Kyler Proper, Moravia Football, Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field Sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union

Closing Remarks

Nick Karski







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Todd Kwiatkowski

Dryden



Mark Triolo

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Samantha Little

Ithaca



Katie Crandall

Lansing



Todd James

Marathon



Todd Mulvaney

Moravia



Scott Wandell

Newark Valley



Hank Neubert

Newfield



Greg Gavich

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Boys Cross Country:

Coach: Neil Clifford, Trumansburg **Athlete:** John Garrison, Spencer-Van Etten

Girls Cross Country:

Coach: Becca Lovenheim, Lansing **Athlete:** Tsadia Bercuvitz, Ithaca

Field Hockey:

Coach: Karen Funk, Marathon **Athlete:** Catherine Newkirk, Marathon

Football:

Coach: Fred Ott, Moravia **Athlete:** Kyler Proper, Moravia

Boys Soccer:

Coach: Jonathan Billing, Ithaca **Athlete:** Parker Cullen, Southern Cayuga

Girls Soccer:

Coach: Scott Morse, Watkins Glen **Athlete:** Skye Honrath, Watkins Glen

Girls Swimming:

Coach: Jason Westervelt, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour **Athlete:** Thalia Marquez, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

Volleyball:

Coach: Nicole Lamie, Lansing **Athlete:** Kayla Palmer, Lansing









Winter Sports Award Winners

Boys Bowling:

Coach: Lee Christopher, Lansing

Athlete: Kody Floyd, Candor

Cheerleading:

Coach: Katie Brindisi, Newark Valley Athlete: Rachel Parisot, Newark Valley

Boys Basketball:

Coach: Todd Mulvaney, Moravia

Athlete: Abram Wasileski,

Moravia

Boys Hockey:

Coach: Paul Zarach,

Ithaca

Athlete: Owen Simons,

Ithaca

Boys Indoor Track & Field:

Coach: Scott Weeks,

Groton

Athlete: Riley Hubisz,

Ithaca

Girls Bowling:

Coach: Marianne Viscardi, Union Springs Athlete: Jenna Jump, Union Springs

Boys Swimming and Diving:

Coach: Jason Westervelt, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour **Athlete:** Connor Lajza, Lansing

Girls Basketball:

Coach: John Crossgrove, Moravia Athlete: Cha Gardner, Newark Valley

Girls Hockey:

Coach: Tyler Wagenet,

Ithaca

Athlete: Kaylee Dickerson-Holly,

Ithaca

Girls Indoor Track & Field:

Coach: Karen Weaver,
Dryden
Athlete: Tsadia Bercuvitz.

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Wrestling:

Coach: Eric D'Arcy, Newark Valley **Athlete:** (Boys) Daniel Parker, Ithaca (Girls) Willow Moylan, Ithaca









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Spring Sports Award Winners

Girls Flag Football:

Coach: Keisha McBean, Ithaca

Athlete: Ade Miller.

Ithaca

Boys Golf:

Coach: Jason Hodge, Trumansburg Athlete: Nico Potenza,

Trumansburg

Boys Lacrosse:

Coach: Colton Oliver,

Dryden

Athlete: Nick D'Alleva,

Watkins Glen

Boys Outdoor Track & Field:

Coach: Becca Lovenheim,

Ithaca

Athlete: Kyler Proper,

Moravia

Softball:

Coach: Jim Bona,

Union Springs

Athlete: Brooklyn Walker,

Lansing

Girls Tennis:

Coach: Helen Evans,

Ithaca

Athlete: Mary Kate Vitale,

Southern Cayuga

Baseball:

Coach: Kyle Lumpkin,

Union Springs

Athlete: Luke Landis,

Moravia

Girls Golf:

Coach: Kelly Baughan,

Lansing

Athlete: Hailey Baughan,

Lansing

Girls Lacrosse:

Coach: Kaitlyn Hoffay,

Ithaca

Athlete: Ella Thomforde,

Ithaca

Girls Outdoor Track & Field:

Coach: Becca Lovenheim,

Ithaca

Athlete: Tsadia Bercuvitz,

Ithaca

Boys Tennis:

Coach: Helen Evans,

Ithaca

Athlete: Collin Park,

Union Springs

Unified Athlete:

Coach: Jodi Maddren,

Ithaca

Athlete: Elijah Smith,

Ithaca





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Female Senior Leadership Award



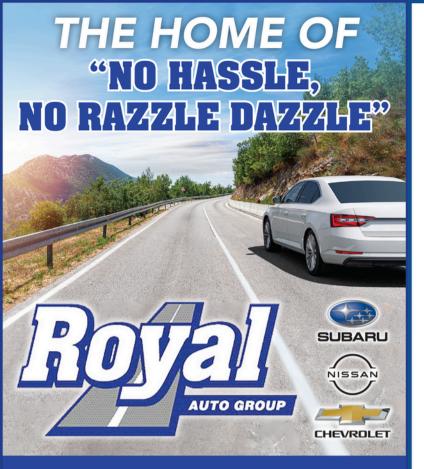
Anna Kotaska, Ithaca

Anna Kotaska is a three-sport athlete at Ithaca who has strongly exemplified what it means to be a leader on and off the field. Anna is the team captain for the girls soccer team and guided the Little Red to a Section IV Class AA co-championship, their first sectional title since 2018. She is also a member of the Unified bowling and flag football teams. Outside of athletics, Anna is part of a boatload of organizations throughout the school, including the National Honor Society, IHS Ambassadors, Scholar Athlete Council, and Youth Activation Committee. As part of YAC, she helped plan activities for students with and without intellectual disabilities, including their first-ever Unified Semi-Formal. Anna also volunteered to help complete their annual yearbook. Anna spends lunches with those with disabilities and strives to make all students feel included and make IHS a better place every day. Anna will be attending Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham Campus to continue her soccer career.









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Male Senior Leadership Award



Johnny VanScoyk, Watkins Glen

Johnny VanScoyk is a three-sport athlete at Watkins Glen who has displayed tremendous leadership during his time with the Lake Hawks. Johnny was the team captain for the cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field teams for three consecutive years. In the fall, he competed at states for cross country. Johnny has been on the Section IV Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the last two years and has attended the state leadership conference. Outside of school, he has volunteered with the local Lions Club for the last three years doing the biannual road clean-up project with their Christmas tree fundraiser. He has also volunteered with toy delivery for the Seneca Santa program. Academically, Johnny is ranked seventh in his class. Johnny will be attending SUNY Cortland to study media production and continue running competitively.









Coach of the Year in a Boys Sport



Todd Mulvaney, Moravia Basketball

The Moravia boys basketball program has been the team to beat in the area under head coach Todd Mulvaney. This season, their dynasty continued in the best way possible. Despite a 1-3 start to the season facing opponents in higher classes, the Blue Devils got better and better as the season progressed. For starters, they claimed another IAC divisional title and their third straight IAC championship. They then repeated as Section IV Class C champions and regional champions to make it back to Glens Falls for the state final four. With an all-senior starting five, they made sure to finish the job and win their second state title in program history and their first since 2017. The Blue Devils ended the season on a 22-game winning streak to finish 23-3, and four players were named to the All-State team. For leading his alma mater to more glory, Mulvaney was named the Section IV Class C Coach of the Year.











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Co-Coaches of the Year in a Girls Sport



Nicole Lamie, Lansing Volleyball

Over the last few years, the Lansing volleyball team has emerged as one of the premier teams in the area, in large part thanks to head coach Nicole Lamie. In her ninth season at the helm, the Bobcats achieved the ultimate glory. After a dominant regular season, the Bobcats overcame losing out on the IAC championship and stormed on to a third consecutive sectional title and their second straight in Class B. It was also the second straight year they made it back to Glens Falls for the state final four. This time around, they made no mistake and coasted to their first state title in program history. It was an incredibly dominant postseason run for the Bobcats, not dropping a single set in the sectional and state tournaments. Lansing finished 35-5-6 with a 19-2 match record and had four players make the All-State team. Lamie was named as the Section IV Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

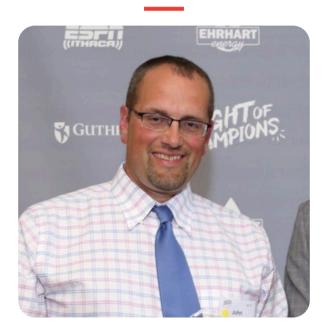








Co-Coaches of the Year in a Girls Sport



John Crossgrove, Moravia Basketball

John Crossgrove has led the Moravia girl's basketball program for many years. There is zero doubt that this season was the most successful one ever, making history—or more fittingly, her story—all year long. The Blue Devils began their unforgettable postseason run by winning their first IAC championship since 2019. They returned to Tompkins Cortland Community College for sectionals, where they came out on top to win their first-ever Section IV title. After triumphing in regionals, it was off to Hudson Valley Community College for the state final four, where they created more unforgettable memories by capturing their first-ever state title. By combining an incredibly well-balanced offense with a stingy and aggressive defense, Crossgrove implemented a style of play that no team in Class C could conquer. At the end of it all, the Blue Devils finished 23-3 and had four players make the Section IV All-Star team. For his invaluable part, Crossgrove was named the Section IV Class C Coach of the Year.









Female Scholar Athlete of the Year



Lauren Millspaugh, Trumansburg

(Volleyball, Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field)

This year, Lauren Millspaugh played an instrumental role in a trio of stellar campaigns. The fall was arguably the most successful of the bunch for volleyball. As the captain, Millspaugh guided the Blue Raiders to an IAC championship, their first Section IV Class C title since 2011, and their first state final four appearance in over 20 years. Millspaugh led the team with 350 kills and 79 blocks, being named to the Class C All-State First Team as well as earning IAC MVP and First Team All-Star nods. She also earned the Sportsmanship Award. Then in the winter, Millspaugh helped the Blue Raiders have a remarkable turnaround campaign, going from just one win last season to 10 this time around. She earned another IAC MVP honor for her excellent play. In the spring, she helped the outdoor track and field team finish in third place at IACs, putting in solid performances in the triple jump and discus throw. Of her three sports, Millspaugh will continue her volleyball career at SUNY Cortland.











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Male Scholar Athlete of the Year



Kyler Proper, Moravia

(Football, Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field)

To say Kyler Proper's time at Moravia was successful is putting it very lightly. With so many accolades earned across his three sports, Proper has cemented himself as one of the top student-athletes in school history. In the fall, he played a massive role in the football team steamrolling their way to a first-ever Section IV 8-man title and a state championship appearance. Proper excelled on all three fronts, garnering 1,956 yards of total offense and 37 total touchdowns. He was named as a Section IV 8-man All-Star and made the 8-man All-State First Team. In the winter, he guided boys basketball to a third straight IAC championship, back-to-back sectional titles, and the program's second-ever state title as their point guard. Proper averaged 14.6 points per game and was named to the All-State Fourth Team. In the spring, his blazing speed was on full display for the outdoor track and field team, going undefeated in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes during the regular season. He also holds the school record in both events. Of his three sports, Proper will continue his football career at Wilkes University.









F U E L I N G EXCELLENCE

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2022-2023



Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Southern Cayuga's Brandon Vanacore



Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Odessa-Montour's Hannah Nolan



Coach of the Year

Groton's Joe Manning



Coach of the Year

Union Springs' Andy Kalet

2021-2022

Scholar-Athletes: Brooke Tillotson, Marathon & Mike Wandell, Newark Valley
Coaches: Greg Schweiger, Newark Valley
& Mike Nembhard, Newfield

2020-2021

Scholar-Athletes: Braelyn Hornick, Candor & Jacob

Humble, Newfield

Coaches: Scott Voorhees, Trumansburg & Nicole

Chafee, Watkins Glen

2019-2020

Scholar-Athletes: Diego Castellot, Marathon & Gwen

Gisler, Lansing

Coaches: Chip Stewart, Marathon & Pam Quinlan,

Candor

2018-2019

Scholar-Athletes: Hannah Morse, Watkins Glen & Dylan Houseknecht, Odessa-Montour Coaches: Alicia Learn, Watkins Glen & Benji Parkes, Lansing

2017-2018

Scholar-Athletes: Nick Parkes, Lansing & Mackenzie

Grube, Spencer-Van Etten

Coaches: Chris Bubble, Newfield & BJ Bliss,

Ithaca

2016-2017

Scholar-Athletes: Patrick Hazlitt, Watkins Glen &

Nicole Gates, Candor

Coaches: Alicia Learn, Watkins Glen & Brian

Sherwood, Newark Valley

2015-2016

Scholar-Athletes: Emily Kopp, Southern Cayuga &

Jared Lyon, Moravia

Coaches: Brian Trippany, Newark Valley & Todd

Mulvaney, Moravia

2014-2015

Scholar-Athletes: Lauren Trumble, Ithaca & Vincent

Darpino, Newark Valley

Coaches: Eric Stickel, Lansing & Jim Hodges, Union

Springs





Scholar-Athletes: Matt Gill, Watkins Glen & Eryn Griep, Marathon

Coaches: Lee Stuttle, Dryden & Adam Heck, Lansing







Nominations for Outstanding Scholar-Athletes and Outstanding Coaches come from the Athletic Directors of our 15 area high schools. Recipients are selected based on a nomination and voting process by the Athletic Directors with the final decision made by the ESPN Ithaca Selection Committee.

Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Each award winner has been recognized as a top varsity performer in at least two sports while maintaining a minimum grade average of 85 with no disciplinary issues. The scholar-athlete must be a high school senior, with strong academic and civic contributions.

Outstanding Scholar-Athletes

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