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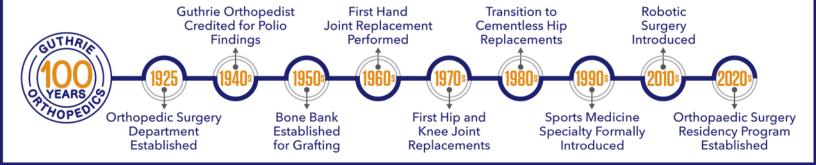
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Welcome and Introduction of Honored Guests

Master of Ceremonies - Nick Karski
Operations Manager & Host of Between the Lines, Weekdays 5-6 pm

Recognition of Business Partners

Todd Mallinson President, Vizella Media

Presentation of Fall, Winter & Spring Sports Awards

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

Athletic Director Appreciation Award

Erich Kramer, Watkins Glen

Senior Leadership Awards

Olivia Genson, Moravia Greg Taylor, Newfield

Coach of the Year for a Girls Sport

Pam Quinlan, Candor Volleyball Sponsored by Guthrie

Coach of the Year for a Boys Sport

Zack LeViere, Dryden Boys Basketball Sponsored by Guthrie

Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Charli Bennett, Southern Cayuga Sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union

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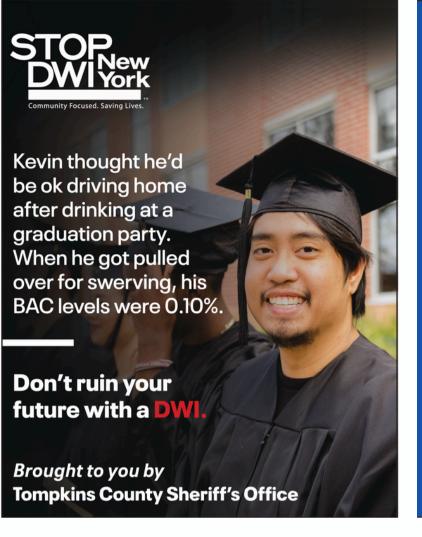
Joe Baylor, Moravia Sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union

Closing Remarks

Nick Karski

Tonight's medals were engraved by the Jewelbox in Ithaca







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Katie Crandall Lansing



Bryan Hoyt Marathon



Todd Mulvaney Moravia



Scott Wandell Newark Valley



Hank Neubert Newfield



Odessa-Montour



Southern Cayuga



Beth Ebel-Ruocco Spencer-Van Etten



Angela McLennan Trumansburg



Todd SallsUnion Springs



Erich Kramer Watkins Glen











Boys Cross Country:

Coach: Brett Jillson, Southern Cayuga **Athlete:** Riley Hubisz, Ithaca

Girls Cross Country:

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

Field Hockey:

Coach: Abby Gentile, Spencer-Van Etten/Candor **Athlete:** Abby Edsall, Marathon

Football:

Coach: Chad Doolittle, Trumansburg **Athlete:** Joe Baylor, Moravia

Boys Soccer:

Coach: Colton Gregg, Southern Cayuga **Athlete:** Noah Banks, Spencer-Van Etten/Candor

Girls Soccer:

Coach: Anthony Ouckama, Trumansburg **Athlete:** Skye Honrath, Watkins Glen

Girls Swimming:

Coach: Heather Rejman, Southern Cayuga **Athlete:** Kendra Fish, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

Volleyball:

Coach: Pam Quinlan, Candor **Athlete:** Phoebe Swartz, Candor









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Winter Sports Award Winners

Boys Bowling:

Coach: Mike Kirk, Candor Athlete: Kody Floyd,

Candor

Boys Swimming and Diving:

Coach: Jonathan Singer, Ithaca Athlete: Connor Lajza, Lansing

Boys Basketball:

Coach: Zack LeViere, Dryden Athlete: Joe Baylor, Moravia

Boys Hockey:

Coach: Paul Zarach, Ithaca Athlete: Owen Simons, Ithaca

Boys Indoor Track & Field:

Coach: Scott Weeks, Groton Athlete: Noah Hilker, Ithaca

Boys Wrestling:

Coach: Fred Ott, Moravia Athlete: Owen Clark, Lansing

Girls Bowling:

Coach: Marianne Viscardi, Union Springs/Port Byron Athlete: Jenna Jump, Union Springs/Port Byron

Cheerleading:

Coach: Katie Brindisi, Newark Valley Athlete: Kayden Rockwell, Newark Valley

Girls Basketball:

Coach: John Crossgrove, Moravia Athlete: Charli Bennett, Southern Cayuga

Girls Hockey:

Coach: Tyler Wagenet, Ithaca Athlete: Shelby Howells, Ithaca

Girls Indoor Track & Field:

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

Girls Wrestling:

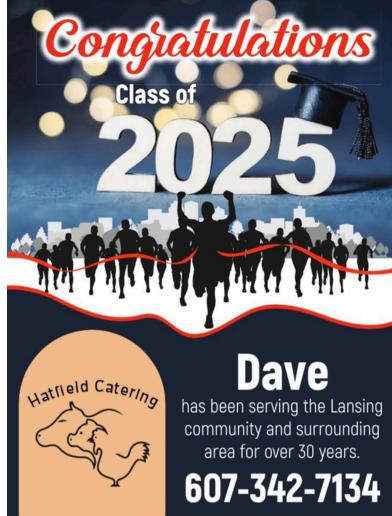
Coach: Jayme Evans, Groton Athlete: Tayah Beach, Spencer-Van Etten/Candor











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Spring Sports Award Winners

Girls Flag Football:

Coach: Jeremy Breddan, Ithaca

Athlete: Ade Miller,

Ithaca

Boys Golf:

Coach: Steve Lott, Groton

Athlete: Michael Culver, Union Springs

Boys Lacrosse:

Coach: Clayton Fickenscher,

Ithaca

Athlete: Owen Simons,

Ithaca

Boys Outdoor Track & Field:

Coach: Ricky Stewart, Newfield

Athlete: Brody Williams, Odessa-Montour

Softball:

Coach: Jim Bona, Union Springs

Athlete: Gracie Chalupnicki, Union Springs

Girls Tennis:

Coach: Helen Evans,

Ithaca

Athlete: Claire Park,

Ithaca

Baseball:

Coach: Scott Voorhees, Trumansburg Athlete: Nik Nelson, Trumansburg

Girls Golf:

Coach: Kelly Baughan, Lansing

Athlete: Hailey Baughan,

Lansing

Girls Lacrosse:

Coach: Kaitlyn Hoffay, Ithaca

Athlete: Reese Cole,

Ithaca

Girls Outdoor Track & Field:

Coach: Becca Lovenheim,

Ithaca

Athlete: Isabel Rossbach, Southern Cayuga

Boys Tennis:

Coach: Helen Evans, Ithaca

Athlete: Enric Lin, Watkins Glen

Unified Athlete:

Coach: Jodi Maddren,

Ithaca

Athlete: Nikolai Huie,

Ithaca









Female Senior Leadership Award



Olivia Genson, Moravia

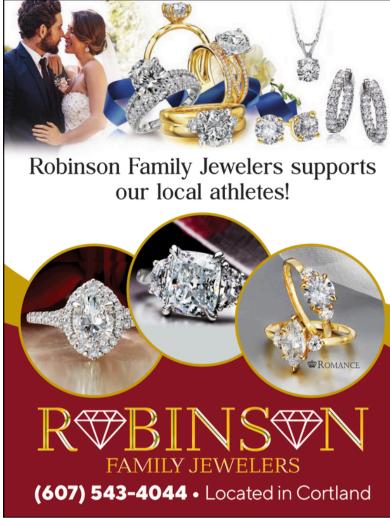
Olivia Genson is a three-sport athlete at Moravia who has been the textbook definition of being a leader in her school and community. Olivia excelled on the course for cross country, making three consecutive trips to the state meet. During the basketball season, Olivia led the Blue Devils to back-to-back IAC championships and played a key part of their state championship team her junior year. Olivia is also a member of the outdoor track and field team. Olivia has also shined in the classroom as the class valedictorian, graduating with a weighted GPA of 98.86 and earning an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and a Science Distinction. She is a three-year member of the Section IV Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and is the president of the local SAAC at Moravia. She is also the president of the school's National Honor Society and a member of the student government. Olivia has given back to the community in many ways, including volunteering regularly at Saturday morning youth events and serving as a role model for younger students. Olivia will be attending the University of Rochester to study biology or biomedical engineering and pursue a career in the military or as a government employee.









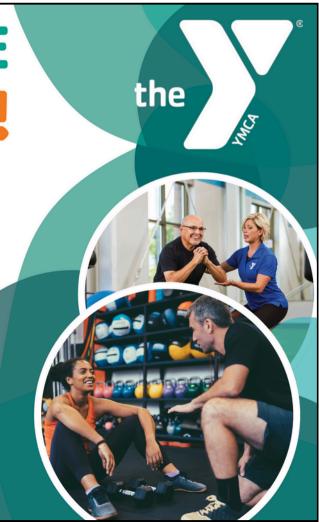


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Male Senior Leadership Award



Greg Taylor, Newfield

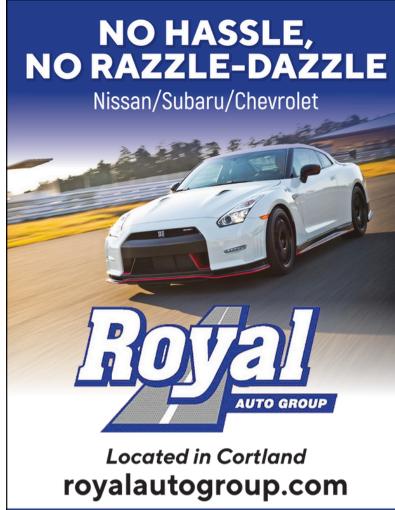
Greg Taylor is a three-sport athlete at Newfield who has exemplified tremendous leadership both on and off the field. He was a team captain for soccer, basketball, and outdoor track & field, earning multiple IAC All-Star honors across all three sports and helped the Trojans basketball team win the Class C state championship his freshman year. Greg excelled in the classroom as the class valedictorian, graduating with a 98.98 GPA. Outside of sports, Greg was heavily involved in other extracurricular activities, including being a member of the Travel Club and Sources of Strength Suicide Prevention Club. He was also an officer in the Newfield chapter of the National Honor Society and served as the Newfield representative to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference. Greg was also a very active volunteer in the community with the local food pantry. Greg will be attending the University of Virginia to earn a degree in Civil Engineering Studies.

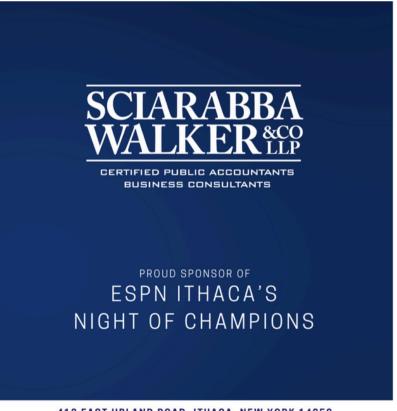












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Coach of the Year in a Girls Sport



Pam Quinlan, Candor

Volleyball

For as long as anyone can remember, Candor has been the cream of the crop when it comes to volleyball in the area, in large part thanks to Pam Quinlan. This year was no exception. The Coyotes won yet another IAC Small School Division title and an IAC Small School title. Their championship pedigree remained through in sectionals, capturing the Class D title for the second straight year (and the 13th title under Quinlan). They also made it back-to-back trips to the New York State Tournament after winning another regional championship, their 10th under Quinlan. After getting through pool play, Candor faced Ellicottville in the championship. The Coyotes fought back from 1-0 and 2-1 deficits and eventually came out on top in a five-set thriller to capture its fourth state title (all under Quinlan) and their first since 2019. Candor finished with a 16-1 overall record. Four players received All-State nods, and Quinlan was named the Section IV Coach of the Year.

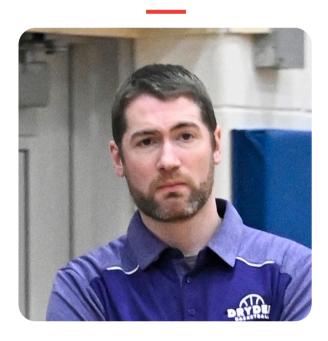








Coach of the Year in a Boys Sport



Zack LeViere, Dryden

Boys Basketball

It was an unforgettable year for the Dryden boys basketball team, led by head coach Zack LeViere. The Lions clawed their way through the regular season en route to their first IAC North Large Division title since 2022. Their dominance continued in the postseason, where the Lions made plenty of history. In the IAC Large School championship, Dryden took down Elmira-Notre Dame in a thriller at nearby Tompkins Cortland Community College to capture its first IAC crown since 1986. Dryden entered the Section IV Class B tournament as the top seed, but it wouldn't be easy facing a pair of STAC opponents. In the semifinals, the Lions defeated Chenango Forks. Then at the Visions Veterans Memorial Arena, Dryden took down the defending champions Waverly to win their first-ever Section IV title and subsequently their first trip to the New York State Tournament. The Lions finished with a 19-4 overall record and had three players earn All-State honors. For his invaluable part in Dryden's historic season, LeViere was named the Section IV Class B Coach of the Year.









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Female Scholar Athlete of the Year



Charli Bennett, Southern Cayuga

(Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field, Swimming)

Charli Bennett will undoubtedly go down as one of the greatest basketball players to grace the Southern Cayuga court. In a varsity career that spans back to seventh grade, Charli's senior season was another special one. After missing a chunk of last season due to a torn ACL and MCL, Charli bounced back brilliantly, averaging 23.3 points per game and recording a double-double nearly every night. Charli was a Class C All-State First Team selection, the Section IV Class C Player of the Year, and the IAC North Small Division MVP, among many other accolades. She ends her illustrious career on the court as the program's all-time leading scorer with well over 1,000 career points, a three-time All-State selection, a three-time Section IV All-Star, a four-time IAC All-Star, and a two-time IAC MVP. Charli also starred on the track this spring, winning the Section IV and IAC Small School title in the 400-meter dash. She also qualified for states and won the IAC overall title in the 400-meter hurdles and helped the Chiefs win the IAC Small School Championship. Charli was also a part of the swimming & diving team, where placed second in the 50 free and the 100 fly. Charli will be attending SUNY Cortland to study business and continue her basketball career.









Male Scholar Athlete of the Year



Joe Baylor, Moravia

(Football, Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field)

It was a comeback year for the ages for Moravia's Joe Baylor. After missing the football and basketball seasons last year with a torn ACL, MCL, and meniscus, Joe flat-out dominated upon his return to the gridiron and court. For football, Joe was the go-to target on offense, leading the team with 50 receptions, 1,008 yards and 17 touchdowns to help the Blue Devils make it back to the 8-man regional championship and earning a spot on the 8-man All-State First Team. Joe continued to be an unstoppable force once basketball season rolled around, putting on a show every time he stepped onto the court with his elite scoring ability and a myriad of slam dunks. He averaged 25 points, 9.3 rebounds, and 3.3 assists per game to lead the Blue Devils to a fourth straight IAC championship, a three-peat of sectional titles, and a third straight trip to the state semifinals. He was selected as the IAC North Small Division MVP and Section IV Class C Player of the Year and earned First Team All-State honors. He ends his basketball career as part of the 1,000-point club. Joe wrapped up his sensational year by taking the state by storm in the high jump. He won the IAC title in the event and capped off his illustrious high school career on the highest of notes with a Class C state title.











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As of June 2025, ESPN Ithaca has awarded OVER \$48,000 to local booster clubs in recognition of each Student-Athlete of the week.

Leah Antes, Odessa-Montour

Noah Banks, Spencer-Van Etten/Candor
Joe Baylor, Moravia (2)

Charli Bennett, Southern Cayuga
Tsadia Bercuvitz, Ithaca (2)
Nicco Binns, Lansing
Phoebe Bishop, Groton
Carmen Bishop, Groton

Dallas Bohling, Spencer-Van Etten/Candor

Isaac Brozon, Southern Cayuga **Reagan Burnham,** Dryden

Ross Bush, Groton **Noah Butler,** Ithaca

Gracie Chalupnicki, Union Springs **Chris Clarke-Cabezas,** Trumansburg

Daniel Coston, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

Jennie Daum, Union Springs
Maysie Davis, Dryden

Paityn Delaney, Union Springs

Eliza DeRito, Ithaca

Vanessa Downey, Lansing

Andrew Edsall, Marathon

Conor Eldred, Groton

Paige Ells, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

Audrey Ensign, Marathon

Marcos Escalante, Newark Valley

Leontine Evans, Groton

Rowan Fox, Lansing

Jairen Francis, Moravia

Olivia Frazier, Ithaca

Heather Gao, Ithaca

Rachel Hartman, Newark Valley

Noah Hilker, Ithaca (2)

Skye Honrath, Watkins Glen

Kaydee Jackson, Candor

Daniel Johnson, Southern Cayuga

Aaron Johnson, Union Springs

Kristen Johnston, Lansing **Riley Jones,** Moravia

Jenna Jump, Union Springs (2)

Maddy Kalet, Union Springs

Emily LaPorte, Newark Valley

Gavin Lohmeyer, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

Emmi Makie, Candor

Gavin Marsit, Lansing

Trevor Middendorf, Newark Valley

Jay Miles, Dryden

Danny Murphy, Dryden

Levi Murphy, Watkins Glen

Nik Nelson, Trumansburg

Catherine Newkirk, Marathon

Natalee Oliver, Watkins Glen

Addie Oram, Marathon

Ellie Ouckama, Trumansburg

Isabel Rossbach, Southern Cayuga (2)

Xander Scott, Dryden

Max Sgrecci, Odessa-Montour

Jordan Sidle, Lansing

Owen Simons, Ithaca

Cameron Sinn, Spencer-Van Etten/Candor

Liam Smith, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

Nicola Soper, Candor

William Stallone, Lansing

Kathleen Sullivan, Lansing

Zach Szachta, Moravia

Carson Thaete, Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour

Ella Thomforde, Ithaca

Maddie Tuttle, Watkins Glen

Manne Vasquez, Southern Cayuga

Bailey Vliet, Groton

Jack Walters, Union Springs

Dafydd Williams, Trumansburg (2)

Megan Williamson, Spencer-Van Etten/Candor

Braxton Young, Southern Cayuga









The Selection Process

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

Each award winner has been recognized as a top varsity performer in their respective sport, while maintaining a minimum grade average of 80, with no disciplinary issues.

Outstanding Coaches and Coach of the Year

Each award winner has been recognized as a top varsity head coach for their sport for the entire season and is in good standing with their school and Section IV Athletics

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Previous Distinguished Award Winners

2023-2024



Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Moravia's Kyler Proper



Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Trumansburg's Lauren Millspaugh



Coach of the Year

Moravia's Todd Mulvaney



Co-Coach of the Year

Lansing's Nicole Lamie



Co-Coach of the Year

Moravia's John Crossgrove

2022-2023

Scholar-Athletes: Brandon Vanacore, Southern Cayuga & Hannah Nolan, Odessa-Montour Coaches: Joe Manning, Groton & Andy Kalet, Union Springs

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

2013-2014

Scholar-Athletes: Matt Gill, Watkins Glen & Eryn Griep, Marathon Coaches: Lee Stuttle, Dryden & Adam Heck, Lansing







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Todd Mallinson President

