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## IESA Celebration of Excellence

The DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois  
April 23, 2024

- 12:30 pm .....Arrival of Guests  
12:40 pm .....Group/Individual Pictures  
1:15 pm .....Welcome: Emcee, Dick Luedke  
1:20 pm .....Opening Remarks: Tony Ingold, Board of Directors President  
1:25 pm .....Scholar Attitude Award Winner Presentation  
2:45 pm .....IESA thank you and appreciation:  
Nicole Schaeftbauer, Exective Director  
2:50 pm .....Fine Arts, 20-year Officials, Division Sportsmanship  
Award Presentation  
3:45 pm .....Closing







## Presley Schneck

Hawthorn Middle School South

Principal: Mr. Robert Natale



Presley Schneck is the Board of Directors Division A Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Presley stated in her application, “Sports have helped mold who I am as an individual. I have made incredible friends and learned lessons for a lifetime. I will never forget the little details that have changed my perspective on how important sportsmanship is to being a good person. I take a lot of pride always trying to improve, but what I am most proud of is helping my teammates improve to help reach their potential.”

Presley participates in Volleyball, Softball, Track and Field, and Choir. Her volleyball coach had this to say about her, “Presley is amazing! She continues to impress everyone around her with her selflessness and positive personality. Her work ethic is unmatched. Presley’s desire to lead, help her team and others, is mature for her age. Her ability to stay positive and strong through adversity is unwavering.”

Outside of athletics, Presley is involved with her school’s Teens Reaching Youth program. She also volunteers with Ronald McDonald House Charities and Lurie Children’s Hospital.

It is Presley’s hope that the world stop judging a book by its cover and live in happiness while being the person you are.





# Aaliyah Singleton

Hampton Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Jake Klipsch



Aaliyah Singleton is the Board of Directors Division B Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Aaliyah has tremendous passion for her school. In her application, “I feel that I am fortunate to attend a school that values me as a person. In my nine years at Hampton, I have made amazing friendships with people who have become more like family than just my friends. These individuals are supportive of my dreams, and they encourage me to do what I need to do to reach those dreams.”

Aaliyah participates in Track and Field, Basketball, Cheer, and Student Council. She was the 7th grade girls shot put state champion in 2023. Her teachers and coaches had this to say about her, “It’s hard to capture what kind of person she is through words because she has so many great qualities. One of those qualities is her genuine willingness to help other people. I see this every day at school whether it’s helping a young student in the primary grades, welcoming a new student, being involved in student council, or lending a helping hand to a teacher or a staff member. She seeks the greater good and does it without being asked.”

Aaliyah is an honor roll student, student council treasurer, and volunteers within her school and Wildwood Church.

Aaliyah believes that leadership is the ability to influence others through connections. To her- “If there is no connection, people will not be willing to follow someone’s advice or actions. To be a leader, you must model the behavior that you want to see from others.”





## Miya Moraga

Cambridge Lakes Charter School

Principal: Mr. Sean Masten



Miya Morgan is the Board of Directors Division C Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Miya has been an active member of the Hydration Station, Art Club, Track Team, Cross Country Team, and Running Club. Miya enjoys participating in a variety of activities, but mostly enjoys the presence of her friends. Miya says, “My friends play a vital role in my life, offering unwavering support and genuine kindness. Their kindness, understanding, and affection guide me toward becoming a better version of myself. Growing together as a group to improve as individuals has instilled lessons of empathy, compassion, and generosity.”

Miya’s teachers praise her leadership. Ms. Choate, Miya’s teacher, and coach had this to say-, “Her leadership abilities are evident both in the classroom and on the field. She has a natural talent for inspiring her peers to strive for excellence, and her positive influence contributes significantly to the overall team dynamic.”

Miya volunteers her time at Willow Creek Community Church. She says, “simple words of kindness can help motivate another athlete for years to come and start a chain reaction of good sportsmanship.”





## Leah Corrigan

Oak Prairie Junior High School

Principal: Mrs. Susan Forcash



Leah Corrigan is the Board of Directors Division D Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Leah is proud to maintain a perfect 4.0 GPA while juggling numerous sports at Oak Prairie. She says, “One of the most important things is having helpful, determined, and caring teachers. Oak Prairie does a wonderful job at providing that for every student.”

Leah participates in cross country, track and field, and swimming. She is also part of the Nation Junior Honors Society and is Junior Aces Peer leader. Leah’s teacher Mr. Bond says, “Leah is a consistent, dependable individual who without a doubt will be a successful person when her formal schooling is completed.”

Leah volunteers at Gigi’s Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center, Lockport Public Library, and at numerous school events.

Leah says, “having the capability to be kind and understanding to others when things don’t go your way is crucial in being a kind and competitive athlete. I wouldn’t have been able to get to where I am today without the athletic experience I’ve gotten. I am overly appreciative of the experiences I’ve gotten and wouldn’t trade it for anything.”





## Reagan Fundell

Tonica Grade School

Principal: Chris Waca



Reagan Fundell is the Board of Directors Division E Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Reagan believes that leadership is having the ability to take responsibility for leading people in the right direction, even if it's not the popular direction. She says, "The lessons learned from sportsmanship and leadership have allowed me to have a healthy mindset not only while still competing, but also during my day-to-day life as a student athlete."

Reagan participates in Track and Field, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Scholastic Bowl, Band, and Student Council. Her coach Ms. Rapp says, "Reagan is the prime example of "Team First" and fits our athletic motto of "one for each other." She regularly chooses the team attitude over her individual recognition despite being one of the first people in the gym and one of the last to leave."

She is very proud of her school's co-op. Reagan says, "The co-op has allowed me to make relationships with both students and parents who I otherwise wouldn't know. While the community is small, it's had an impact on my life and others, which most definitely isn't small."

Reagan volunteers with her local church organization, girl scouts, and does many community service projects. Reagan says, "I feel that people often focus too much on the negatives in life and fail to remember how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful world."







## Dominic Rumman

St. Vincent de Paul School

Principal: Miss Sarah Hogan



Dominic Rumman is the Board of Directors Division F Scholar Attitude Award winner based on his leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Dominic's believes that sportsmanship is being able to learn from your mistakes and being more thoughtful around others. He says, "As I have gotten older, I have realized that I have a choice in how I will react to every situation. I was told that I needed to let my performance reflect my training, and let my actions reflect the person I am. This means that it's not always about the game, it's about the people playing it."

Dominic participates in Basketball, Baseball, Track, Scholastic Bowl, Chess, Soccer, and Music. He also volunteers with Sophia's Kitchen and Boy Scouts of America. His teachers say, "Dominic comes to class well-prepared for the day with a great work ethic and a willingness to participate, which likely accounts for his 4.0 GPA and his yearly listing on the high honor roll. Dominic is a friend to everyone. All my students would like to work in a group with Dominic because he is easy to get along with and welcomes everyone's ideas."

Dominic is proud to come from a school and community who is loving and supporting. He says, "When I am out with my friends or camping with Boy Scouts, I am proud to say that my friends look up to me as a person who does the right thing. Being a leader and doing the right thing is what I am most proud of in my life."





## Genevieve Kvasnicka

Manteno Middle School

Principal: Mr. Kyle Flanigan



Ginny Kvasnicka is the Board of Directors Division G Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Ginny says, "Participation in athletics and activities at Manteno Middle School has offered many opportunities to learn about and demonstrate sportsmanship. These lessons will continue to impact my participation as I move into high school and beyond because the values I have learned are not only important in athletics but also in life."

Ginny participates in Softball, Cheerleading, Scholastic Bowl, and Chorus. Her teachers and coaches say, "Ginny's desire to succeed is evident in every facet of her life. Ginny has always been an individual that is trustworthy, dependable, and caring."

Ginny volunteers her time to girl scouts, her local church services, and numerous youth sporting events.

If Ginny could make a change in the world, she would stop and prevent bullying. She stated in her application, "If social media is only used positively this can make sure people aren't getting hurt online and instead would help to build people up. Without bullying, people would be more willing to be themselves, making the world a better place."





## Graciella Van Hoof

Tri-Valley Middle School

Principal: Mrs. Sara Burnett



Graciella Van Hoof is the Board of Directors Division H Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Gracie believes that it is important to have a united community. She says that her community is like family. In her application she wrote, “In my community, we all show each other kindness and hospitality to become friends. It is great when you realize that you are surrounded by people you enjoy being around and who help you when you need them.”

Gracie participates in Cross Country, Track, Band, Choir, School Play, and Student Council. She also is involved with FCA, is a national anthem performer, and is 8th grade class president. Gracie volunteers her time at the Salvation Army, her local church, Briar Nursing Home, and Illinois Spina Bifida Association.

Gracie’s music teacher says, “Gracie has always been a role model for other students. Her positive attitude and willingness to help others learn is vital to the success of our program. The dedication Gracie has shown just within reaching her goals speaks volumes to her character and extends far beyond the classroom.”

In her application, Gracie said, “I’ve learned that sportsmanship is so much more than being good at something. It is keeping a positive attitude, supporting others, and being a trusted leader. I’m so grateful for the experiences of strong sportsmanship in my life, and in return, I try to pay it forward and show good sportsmanship to others. It’s not about how fast you cross the finish line, but how you get there.”





## Addison Campbell

Zion Lutheran School

Principal: Dr. Steve Parry



Addy Campbell is the Board of Directors Division I Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Addy feels that junior high sports and activities have given her the confidence to face any future challenges she may face and describes leadership as being a positive example to others. Addison's teacher, Sarah Puls, had this to say about her, "When I think about Addison, the very first things that come to mind are her incredible work ethic and the kindness she demonstrates to everyone."

Addy is involved in Softball, Volleyball, Track & Field, and Scholastic Bowl at school, as well as travel softball, Central Illinois Track Club, babysitting in her community, co-director of the children's program at her church, volunteering at the Lutheran World Relief tent at the State Fair and her community's pancake and sausage bake sale, being a games and snack leader at vacation bible school, and refereeing volleyball. Her track coach had this to say, "Addison portrays many qualities I feel embody a distinguished Scholar-Athlete: desire, determination, leadership, positive attitude, diligence, focus, perseverance, talent and humility."

Addy's hope for the world is for every person to be empathetic towards others. She says, "If more people had the ability to understand where others were coming from, even if they don't agree with every choice they make, the world would be a better place."







# Nathan Ayres

Virginia Junior High School

Principal: Mr. Jake Stewart



Nathan Ayres is the Board of Directors Division J Scholar Attitude Award winner based on his leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Sportsmanship has taught Nathan to value selflessness over selfishness and respect others for their contributions. Virginia Superintendent, Mekelle Neathery, said of Nathan, "He consistently demonstrates politeness and extends support to others through both actions and words. His commitment to fostering a positive environment is evident in his interactions with peers and staff alike."

Nathan has participated in Baseball, Basketball, and Track at school. He is also Student Council president and a part of the National Junior Honor Society, Be Bold Youth Group, 4-H, Jacksonville United soccer league, tutoring classmates, and being a youth mentor for baseball, while remaining a high honor roll student each quarter!

Nathan thinks that effective leaders should possess certain qualities such as being encouraging to others, reliable, admitting their mistakes, considering everyone's best interest while making decisions, and being available when needed. He strives hard to set an example of such qualities in his own actions. He says, "I have developed lifelong bonds with many people that I may never have met if it wasn't for athletics. I have also learned many valuable lessons that I will take with me throughout my life."





## Chase Anderson

Rantoul St. Malachy School

Principal: Ms. Jennifer Fox



Chase Anderson is the Board of Directors Division K Scholar Attitude Award winner based on his leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Chase has gained valuable insights on how to be a responsible member of a community, exhibit positive behavior, and serve the community while participating in sports. He firmly believes that small actions taken by individuals in their own community can lead to significant changes in the world. By providing support, maintaining a positive attitude, and volunteering their time, people can contribute towards the betterment of the whole community.

Chase's principal, Jennifer Fox, says, "His analytical skills, attention to detail, and critical thinking abilities set him apart from his peers. Chase is not only committed to his own success but also to the success of his classmates. He frequently goes above and beyond to support and help his fellow students in anyway he can."

Chase has participated in Baseball, Basketball, Speech, Scholastic Bowl, and Track & Field while at St. Malachy. He has also assisted with landscaping at his school, made tie blankets for the Crisis Nursery, cleaned up litter with his summer travel baseball team, organized toys at the Bethany Park Clothing Center, and prepped the Knights of Columbus field for baseball.

Chase believes that witnessing good sportsmanship has taught him how to build positive relationships, enjoy the game, develop confidence, and how to persevere.





## Colt Wilson

Sullivan Middle School

Principal: Mr. Nathan Ogle



Colt Wilson is the Board of Directors Division L Scholar Attitude Award winner based on his leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Colt mentioned in his application that athletes who exhibit positive sportsmanship tend to stand out from the rest. Demonstrating sportsmanship by being respectful, maintaining a positive attitude, putting in effort, and leading by example sets athletes apart from each other. Colt hopes that when coaches, parents, and fans refer to him, they see him as a leader who has always displayed excellent sportsmanship. Colt has achieved several accolades, including being on the High Honor Roll, participating in the Breakfast of Champions, receiving the Joe Marks Award and the IESA Sportsmanship Pin (Baseball Regional), and holding the position of NEHS Officer. All while participating in Golf, Baseball, Basketball, Track, NEHS, and FCA.

Colt's Principal Mr. Ogle had this to say about him, "Above all things, Colt is a tremendous teammate, always taking account for his actions or failures and encouraging his teammates when they struggle. He is endlessly coachable, always wanting to know why something he did was not successful or how he can improve. He puts in the work like someone who desires to improve, not just going through the motions like so many his age."

Colt wishes that everyone would be more accepting so that trying new things would not be so hard. He believes it is perfectly fine to be different, have different interests, and aspire to different things. However, at the end of the day, we are all ONETRIBE!





# Elizabeth Hockenyos

Springfield, Lincoln Magnet School

Principal: Mrs. Nichole Heyen



Elizabeth Hockenyos is the Board of Directors Division M Scholar Attitude Award winner based on her leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Elizabeth believes that leadership is built through collaboration. She has experienced success both inside and outside the classroom through teamwork. Jodi Mitts, Elizabeth's teacher, has praised her leadership skills, noting that she is involved in various extracurricular activities and consistently strives to be the best version of herself.

Elizabeth is involved in Cheerleading, Scholastic Bowl, Jazz Band, WEB Leader - Where Everyone Belongs, LMS Studio Crew Leader, National Junior Beta Club, State BETA Convention, National BETA Convention - Apple Distinguished School - Student Ambassador, AVID National Site of Distinction - Student Ambassador Informational Open House/Preview Night Student, Leadership Summit - Southeast Missouri State University, Softball, AllCity Band, BETA Officer Training classes all while being a Straight A Student!

Elizabeth's primary passion is to ensure that no one in her community feels food insecurity. She plans to continue her efforts to do good work in this area.





## Carson Fox

Effingham Junior High School

Principal: Mr. Charlie Schwerman



Carson Fox is the Board of Directors Division N Scholar Attitude Award winner based on his leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Carson believes that his positive sportsmanship can impact other people and make the world a better place. The lessons Carson's mom has taught him over the years are a key contributor in those beliefs. There could be a young child in the crowd who wants to be just like you one day and that is something Carson takes to heart.

Carson participates in Baseball, Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. He is also a member of Student Council, Book Club, Library Helpers, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and a New Student Mentor all while being a High Honor Roll Student.

Carson's Baseball and Basketball Coach, Rod Wiethop, had this to say about Carson. "As someone who has been an educator for 35 years, and has coached baseball for 35 years, basketball for 34 years and track for 23 years, I have never worked with a better, more well-rounded young man than Carson Fox. He was everything I hope for in an athlete/student every year."

Carson believes that good leadership is valuing everyone and building relationships with everyone!







## Quincy DeSherlia

Jerseyville Community Middle School

Principal: Mr. Thomas Leslie



Quincy DeSherlia is the Board of Directors Division O Scholar Attitude Award winner based on his leadership and outstanding performance in and out of the classroom.

Beyond academics, Quincy actively contributes to the Jersey Community Middle School community. JCMS Principal, Thomas Leslie said this, "Throughout middle school, he has proudly served as a "Panther Pal," demonstrating kindness and helpfulness to his peers and fostering a positive learning environment. As a member of the Student Council and Blue Crew, Quincy's leadership skills shine through. His dedication to making a positive impact on his school community is truly admirable.

Quincy has participated in IESA basketball and track, while baseball, soccer, and football have been outside of school. He has served as a flag attendant, where he respectfully raised, lowered, and folded the American flag with his cousin each day during his three years at JCMS. He has also been a Panther Pal, where he was assigned a special needs student to talk to and take care of when he sees him around school. Quincy tries to help the student fit in and make good choices at lunch and PE. Sometimes, he needs to advocate for him during PE. While serving on the Student Council, Quincy was acknowledged for using his own money to purchase and donate the most canned goods to the school's Salvation Army food drive. On the Olympiad team, Quincy and his team compete to solve logic, math, science, and construction problems. During Blue Crew, he cheers in the student section at sporting events.

When asked about his perspective on leadership during the application process, Quincy said, "In my eyes, a leader is someone who lifts others up with positive and encouraging words and actions. A leader is a person who everyone wants to be around." Quincy hopes to be that person who uplifts and encourages others.

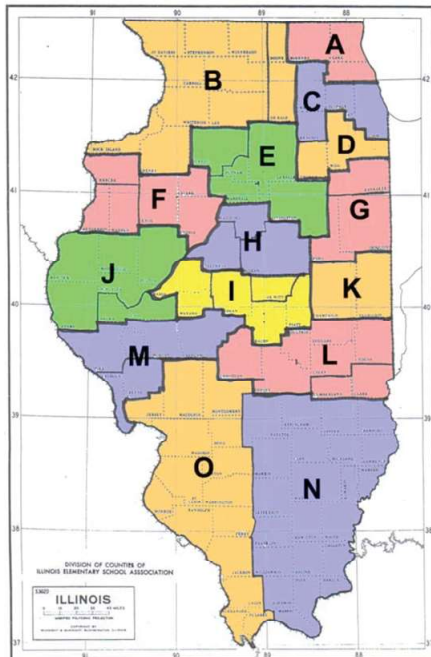


## IESA Board Divisions

### County-by-County Breakdown of IESA Board Divisions

| Div      | Counties                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>A</b> | McHenry, Lake, northern Cook (north of Cermak Road)                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>B</b> | Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb, Lee, Whiteside, Rock Island and Henry                                                                                               |
| <b>C</b> | Kane, Du Page, Kendall, southern Cook (south of Cermak Road)                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>D</b> | Will and Grundy                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>E</b> | Bureau, Putnam, LaSalle, Livingston and Marshall                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>F</b> | Mercer, Henderson, Warren, Knox, Stark and Peoria                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>G</b> | Kankakee, Iroquois and Ford                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>H</b> | Woodford, Tazewell and McLean                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>I</b> | Mason, Menard, Logan, De Witt, Piatt and Macon                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>J</b> | Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Schuyler, Adams, Brown and Cass                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>K</b> | Champaign and Vermillion                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>L</b> | Edgar, Clark, Douglas, Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Shelby and Christian                                                                                                                             |
| <b>M</b> | Sangamon, Morgan, Scott, Pike, Calhoun and Greene                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>N</b> | Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Marion, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, White, Hamilton, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Hardin, Pope, Johnson and Massac |
| <b>O</b> | Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Bond, Madison, Clinton, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Randolph, Perry, Jackson, Union, Alexander and Pulaski                                                          |

## IESA Board Divisions



### Criteria for Scholar Attitude Award:

- Each school may nominate one student.
- The student must be of eighth grade status.
- The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for both 7th and 8th grade school year.
- During each year of their two-year junior high school tenure, the student must have participated in a minimum of one Illinois Elementary School Association sponsored activities in which the school participates in the IESA.
- The student must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship during their junior high school tenure.



## 2024 Fine Art Award Winners

The recipients who earned the Fine Art recognition awards -- the Distinguished Service Award and the Class Act Award -- are teacher-coaches who have set the bar high.

Given for the first time during the 2009-10 school year, the criteria for the two awards is similar. The recipients must be actively involved in IESA Speech. The recipients must demonstrate the ability to develop and promote standards of good performance practices, integrity and life skills within their students. The contributions of both award winners must have positively impacted students and the school community.

For the Distinguished Service Award winner, the contributions must be significant and/or long term for someone involved with Speech for over eight years of coaching. For the Class Act Award winner, the contributions are from someone involved with Speech for at least 3 and not more than 8 years of coaching.

The Ken Bradbury Lifetime Service award is presented to individuals in the Speech community who have given considerable time and talent to the activity.

# *Congratulations*

Deanna Clark, Heather Muzzarelli,  
and Shayla Grantham





## 2024 Fine Art Award Winners



**Deanna Clark** who has coached the speech team for over 10 years at Roanoke-Benson JHS is the 2024 Distinguished Service Award winner. Deanna has always gone out of her way to promote and include the students of Roanoke-Benson in the activity of Speech. Within her school, she has cultivated a program that welcomes a steady stream of new performers each year. She has strengthened her student's ability to speak in front of others, has encouraged their expression of creativity, encouraged a sense of teamwork, and fostered their growth as individuals. Deanna encourages her students to participate in as many performances and activities as possible by working with her colleagues and supporting her Speech families. She has also served the activity as a judge. She is an asset to both the Roanoke-Benson community and the IESA Speech community.



**Heather Muzzarelli**, the coach at Gardner Grade School for 5 years, is the recipient of the 2024 Class Act Award. She is a true advocate for the activity and believes that speech fosters confidence in students, builds camaraderie among team members and promotes a strong work ethic. During the pandemic, she worked to keep her students involved and interested in the activity and this has allowed her program to flourish. Her own participation and experience in Speech have helped her inspire the students at Gardner to get and stay involved. As a result of Heather's leadership, the performing arts are established in Gardner with a solid foundation.



This year the Ken Bradbury Award is being presented to **Shayla Grantham**. Shayla has been a staunch supporter of IESA Speech for over 20 years. She has been part of the Speech Advisory Committee which has shaped and guided the growth of the activity. Shayla served as a coach for many years and built a tremendous program that saw the participation of hundreds of students. She has been a member of the Speech advisory committee and currently serves as Committee Chair. Shayla has shared her knowledge with new and experienced coaches as a workshop presenter. Above all, she is a loyal advocate for students, coaches, and for the activity. Her work as a judge and judge representative has been insightful and supportive. The active support of individuals like Shayla Grantham ensures that IESA Speech remains one of the most significant programs offered by the Association.

## 20 Year Officials

Robert Claton- Springfield (Baseball)

Robert Facker- Eureka (Baseball)

Tim Griffin- Normal (Baseball)

Mark Blickensderfer- Cerro Gordo (Basketball)

Mark Rotz- Mt. Zion (Basketball)

Rich Doman- Gibson City (Basketball)

Tom Hahs- Bourbonnais (Basketball)

Torrey Points- Auburn (Basketball)

Joe Ewers- Bourbonnais (Basketball)

Chad Waterman- Palmer (Basketball)

Lisa Huth- Bloomington (Volleyball)

Jill Dearing- Jacksonville (Volleyball)

Cori Hammer- Clinton (Volleyball)

Linda Wilson- South Jacksonville (Volleyball)

William Beaty- Divernon (Volleyball)

John Thompson- Springfield (Volleyball)

Jay Marshall- Richmond (Track)



*Congratulations*



## Division Sportsmanship Winners

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| A | Antioch Upper Grade School       |
| A | South Middle School              |
| A | Cooper Middle School             |
| B | Geneseo Middle School            |
| C | Old Quarry Middle School         |
| D | Kelvin Grove Jr. High School     |
| E | St. Mary's School                |
| E | Seneca Grade School              |
| F | Princeville Junior High School   |
| G | Cissna Park Jr. High School      |
| H | Eureka Middle School             |
| I | Greenview Jr. High School        |
| I | Hartsburg-Emden Jr. High School  |
| J | Schuyler Industry Middle School  |
| K | Judah Christian School           |
| L | Moulton Middle School            |
| M | Franklin Jr. High School         |
| M | Winchester Elementary School     |
| N | St. Thomas School                |
| N | St. Elmo/Brownstown Co-op School |
| O | Staunton Jr. High School         |



*Congratulations*



The IESA provides the leadership  
and framework to ensure safe, equitable opportunities  
for students who are enriched through participation  
in education-based interscholastic activities.



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