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OHSAA’s Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Honors 30 Schools

Prestigious Harold A. Meyer Award goes to 20 schools

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity (SEI) Committee has announced that 30 member schools have been selected to receive school sportsmanship awards for the 2010-11 academic year. Twenty of those schools will receive the prestigious Harold A. Meyer Award and have also met the newly-created ‘Respect the Game Challenge,’ while 10 schools have met the ‘Respect the Game Challenge.’ The list of recipients was accepted by the OHSAA Board of Directors at its regularly scheduled meeting last Thursday, October 20.

This is the first year the OHSAA’s revised three-tiered process for the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity school awards has been implemented.

In order to meet the ‘Respect the Game Challenge,’ schools must complete a form that confirms they have emphasized sportsmanship, ethics and integrity within their school. Besides developing a well-planned, educational program on sportsmanship, the form reminds schools to develop a comprehensive student-athlete campaign; a coaches campaign; a student body, student support group, parents and fan campaign, and a public address announcers campaign. Schools that have met the challenge will receive a “Respect The Game” award with a sportsmanship pledge that can be displayed in a prominent area of the school.

Meeting the ‘Respect The Game Challenge’ is the precursor to being considered for the Harold A. Meyer Award. That award, named in honor of the late OHSAA commissioner from 1969 to 1977, is presented to schools that demonstrate via a PowerPoint presentation they have completed an eight-part program that promotes sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in their schools and communities. The applications and presentations were judged by the student-run Sportsmanship Council at The Ohio State University and several members of the OHSAA staff. Schools that win this award receive the Harold A. Meyer banner and appropriate numerals signifying the year they won if they had previously received the award. The Meyer Award has been presented every year since 1992.

The last tier of the SEI awards is the Commissioner’s Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship. The SEI committee is still determining which schools will receive this award, but finalists come from the Harold A. Meyer Award entrees and will be honored at the state basketball tournament. The following is the list of schools that have been selected for the ‘Respect the Game Challenge’ and the Harold A. Meyer Award.

Respect the Game Challenge Recipients (10)

Chagrin Falls Kenston High School
Cincinnati Oak Hills High School
Clayton Northmont High School
Creston Middle School
Johnstown-Monroe High School
Loveland High School
Norwood High School

Pataskala Licking Heights Central Middle School
Uniontown Lake High School
Waynesville High School

Harold A. Meyer Award Recipients and Respect the Game Challenge Recipients (20)

Ashville Teays Valley East Middle School
Avon High School
Batavia Amelia High School
Bay Village Bay High School
Cincinnati LaSalle High School
Cincinnati Nagel Middle School
Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy
Columbus Bishop Watterson High School
Commercial Point Teays Valley West Middle School
Coshocton High School
Creston Norwayne High School
Dublin Sells Middle School
Germantown Valley View High School
Hamilton Ross High School
Millersburg West Holmes High School
North Ridgeville High School
Stow-Munroe Falls High School
Vandalia Butler High School
West Carrollton High School
Wilmington High School

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