

PAST INDIVIDUAL HONORS Most Promising Official Awards

C.O.S.O.A. Willis Award	L.C.S.O.A. S.Wenger, D.H.Smith Award
2024 Grant Weihrauch	2024 Jason Ulbrich
2023 Charles Sattler	2023 Christopher Meyer
2022 Matt Braunstein	2022 Zach Abramowitz
2021 Lucas Blanchong	2021 David Westin
2019 Alex Kallinicou	2019 John Thiel
	2018 Jeremiah Jemison
2017 Gerrod Bede	2017 Brandon Pfeiffer
2016 Josh Braunstein	2016 Matt Moberly
2015 Eric Feucht	2015 James Potter
2014 Adam Warner	2014 Drew Siegel

Special Association Honor Awards

Central Ohio S.O.A.	Licking County S.O.A.
2024 Joint Association Honor -	Mike Althoff and Lynnwood Dawson
2022 Joint Association Honor -	Jim Rose
2018 Jeff Bickley	
2017 Gary Krieger	Mike Althoff
2016 Joint Association Honor -	Kim Zaborniak, Jennifer Flanagan, Chris Williams
2015 Joint Association Honor -	Janet James, Jim and Betty Shipp, Don Muenz
2014 Joint Association Honor -	Howard Lewinter, Jim Sturm and Jim Simpson
2013 Joint Association Honor -	Henry Zaborniak and Connie Scherpf
2012 Philip Sticksel	Wolfgang Wiewel

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Sunday, February 1, 2026

2025 SOCCER SEASON EXCELLENCE IN SPORTSMANSHIP BANQUET

Master of Ceremonies.....Jim Reuther

Invocation.....Dennis James

Welcome, Introduction of Officers, Past Presidents and Guests

Guest Speaker

Angela Boyce, Columbus Eagles FC

Angela Boyce is a midfielder wearing #17 on the Columbus Eagles FC, Columbus's women's professional soccer team, which plays in the Major Arena Soccer League Women (MASLW). She has played organized soccer since she was 4 years old at every level: recreational, club, high school, the Michigan Rush, the University of Akron, and now professionally for the Eagles. In high school, she also played volleyball, was a gymnast, and a soccer referee. She is currently coaching U9 and U10 club teams. Having seen soccer from almost every angle, Angela is uniquely qualified to speak with our scholarship winners and their families about the game.

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Birhan Ayele	William Gaither III	Tom Radcliffe
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Michael Barga	Beau Hummel	Jeffery Russell
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Aaron Bump	Jared Kennard	Joseph Stranges III
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Buonarotti DeGracia	Koen Kulken	Daniel Thurmond
Roger Davis	Mike Mareya	Bob Van Horn
Phillip Denen	Larry Meadows	Thomas Vasiloff
Bryan Dumford	Christopher Meyer	Kurt Wiewel
William Dyer	Gabriel Norris	Trey Wilson
Robert Forche	Karsten Poole	Steven Wootton

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Sean Bichsel	Rodolfo (Rudy) Garcia	William Slade
Jeffrey Bickley	Courtney Hayworth	Jose Sousa Jr
Matt Braunstein	Thomas Hemlebem	Grant Weihrauch
Paul Camper	David Irick	David Westin
Phillip Denen	Benjamin Lanka	Jeffrey Williams
Frank Dunne	Ken McMahon	

O.H.S.A.A. Meritorious Service Awards:

15 Years: Gerrod Bede	20 Years: Roger Quay
25 Years: Emeka Anyadoh	40 Years: Jeff Bickley

CURRENT HONOREES

Most Promising Official Award

C.O.S.O.A. Mick Willis Award.....	John Yoder
L.C.S.O.A. Steve Wenger-Daniel H. Smith Award.....	Isaac Burnham

Coaches' Distinguished Merit Awards

The Chris Williams Boys' Coach Award.....	Jet Ridenour Whitehall H.S.
The Chris Williams Girls' Coach Award.....	Genelle Castro Columbus School for Girls

Team Sportsmanship Award

Boys' Team Award.....	Cristo Rey H.S.
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Player Sportsmanship Awards

Excellence in Sportsmanship Scholarship.....	Jethro Bioh Cristo Rey H.S.
Excellence in Sportsmanship Scholarship.....	Lillian Gaal Teays Valley H.S.
Excellence in Sportsmanship Scholarship.....	Mwavita Ngelelo Northland H.S.
Excellence in Sportsmanship Scholarship.....	Sam Gabrielli St. Francis DeSales H.S.
Friends of EIS Scholarship	Reagan Smith Granville H.S.
Walter F. Ersing EIS Scholarship.....	Stella Bowman Licking Valley H.S.

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PAST PLAYER AND COACH HONOREES

Coaches Distinguished Merit Awards

	Girls'	Boys'
2024	Genelle Castro	Chris Vonau
2023	Matt Evans	Binh Huynh
2022	Chip Wall	Shane Harber
2021	Genelle Castro	Andy Cousens
2020	Tim Darling	Jon Sprunger
2019	Elizabeth Higginbotham	Chris Kowalski
2018	Mark Wise	Derek Hone
2017	Scott Nichols	Jamie Dato
2016	Sarah Gantz	Terry Smith
2015	Jon Quackenbush	Josh Eaton

Team Sportsmanship Awards

	Girls' Team	Boys' Team
2024	Franklin Heights H.S.	Mifflin H.S.
2023	Teays Valley H.S.	West H.S.
2022		Cristo Rey H.S.
2021		Beechcroft H.S.
2020	Bishop Hartley H.S.	
2019	Teays Valley H.S.	Teays Valley H.S.
2018	Tree of Life H.S.	Beechcroft H.S.
2017	Pleasant H.S.	Fairbanks H.S.
2016	DeSales H.S.	Columbus Academy H.S.
2015	Newark H.S.	Worthington Kilbourne H.S.

Player Sportsmanship Awards

	Female	Male
2024	Olivia Collins, Emma Gilbert, Avery Williams	Yonis Abdullahi, Nate Hettler, Dennis Odoom, Celestino Ramirez
2023	Ava Flowers, Kalli Joneikis, Hailey Noland, Nadia Payden	Liam DeLaney, Walter Duckro, Bryce Stillion
2022	Rachel Thompson, Erin Karas , Nelly Ortiz, Lucy Thompson	Will Baker, Alan Aurand, Jon Grant, Carson Mauter, Conner Knight
2021	Yosalyn Lopez Medina, Sydney Cook, Rebekkah Rush, Annie Wagenbrenner	Dylon Feagin, Chewy Koo, Adam Pugsley, Jeff Zeopuenger, Michael Ambrewster
2020	Dede Zartman, Dalia Matute, Eva Walton, Riley Sheehan	Andrew Winters, Luke Eckels, Gavin Eastep
2019	Morgan Bowers, Nina Zimmerman, Taylor Hickman, Lexi Snider, Ann Economus	Elijah Taylor, Eric Mensah, Noah Dagois, Ian Wolfe, Max Deckop, Michael Herilhy
2018	Mallory Beach, Madelyn Frank, Gwen Moran, Kayla Primm, Melody Roberts, Abby Striker	Kevin Bolanos Hernandez, Jacob Cressy, Zach Meadows, Noah Murphy, Josh Rymer
2017	Brooke Ackley, Elizabeth Romshe, Camryn Smith, Emma Vessels	Ryan Arter, Carson Bollinger, Gabriel Cardenas, Chase Davis
2016	Isabella Shively, Delany Hippler, Grace Deluca, Lane Scott, Dariann Hatton	Zach Rogers, Mitchell Bergman, Josh Burton, Alex Huy
2015	Amanda Augustyniak, Addison Hall, Haley Rees, Abigail Rose, Kennedy Wells	Tajh Lambert, Wesley Vance, Griffin Whims