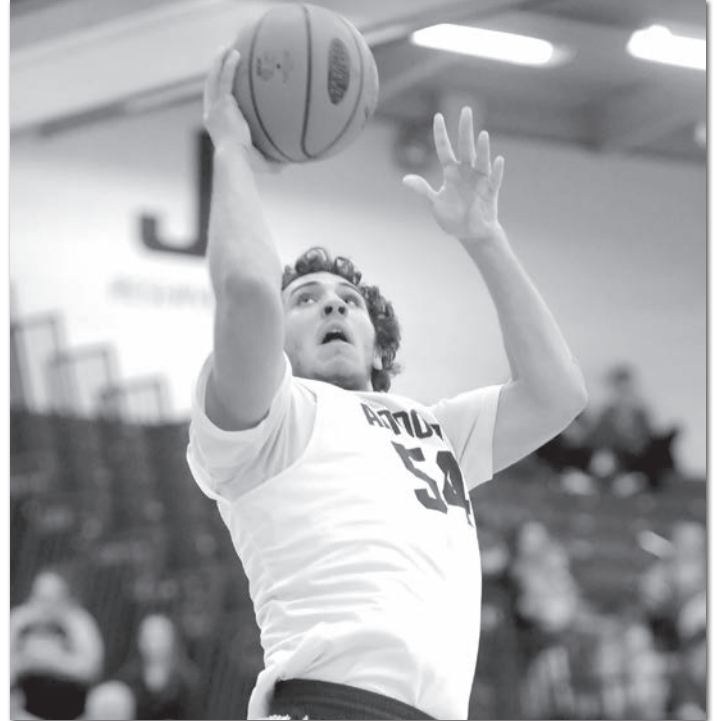


ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Jessica Stevens and Jayvion Queen are both two-sport standouts and team captains at Altoona Area High School.

Stevens, Queen awarded scholarships

Two standout student-athletes from Altoona Area High School are this year's Blair County Sports Hall of Fame scholarship winners.

Jessica Stevens and Jayvion Queen have both left their marks on multiple sports during their Altoona careers as well as making very positive impressions in the classroom.

Each will receive a \$2,000 check, courtesy of Reliance Bank, tonight.

Stevens is a two-time District 6 Class AAA tennis champion in singles and captain of the girls tennis team.

She is a two-time first-team Altoona Mirror tennis all-star in addition to being a two-time PIAA quarterfinalist.

In addition, she is a two-year captain of the Lady Lion basketball team and was a member of the track team as a freshman.

Stevens plans to attend Penn State Altoona and will compete in tennis and basketball.

Academically, she ranks 12th in Altoona's senior class of 526 with a grade-point average of 96.9 and an SAT score of 1240.

Her school activities include National Honor Society, Student-Athlete Leadership Council, Student Council, and she is a member of the senior class executive committee. Stevens also assists with the Blair County Miracle League and is a tennis and basketball camp counselor.

"Jess has been a role model on the courts and in the classroom," Altoona Area High School athletic director Phil Riccio said. "Her success is a direct result of her commitment to making herself better, both as a student, ranked 12th in her class, and as an athlete, a two-time District 6 singles champion. As a leader, she has the ability to make those around her better."

Jessica is the daughter of Eric and Lori Stevens.

Queen is a three-year starter in both football, as an offensive tackle, and basketball, as the Mountain Lions' center.

He will play in the Pennsylvania Coaches Association East-West Game and was a Big 33 nominee.

He was Altoona's lineman of the year as a junior and senior as well as a Mirror first-team selection and a second-team WPIAL all south-eastern section pick at tackle.

He captained both the football and basketball teams and was a first-team Mirror basketball all-star as a junior.

Queen, who surpassed the 1,000-point mark in his final game, led the Lions in scoring and rebounding for two straight years and was named the team's most outstanding player both years.

In the classroom, he can boast a grade-point average of 96.5 along with a class rank of 36 of 526 and an SAT score of 1220.

He accepted a scholarship to play football at Colgate University.

Away from sports, he participated in Project SOAR, the athletic leadership council, was a Read Across America volunteer and a mentor to Penn-Lincoln students. He also is a youth football counselor and UPMC summer program volunteer at McAuliffe Heights.

"Jayvion exemplifies a true scholar-athlete," Riccio said. "His dedication and commitment to the classroom has provided him the opportunity to attend Colgate University. A quiet leader, Jayvion has successfully proven that by setting goals, staying focused, and working hard he can overcome obstacles and adversity."

Jayvion is the son of Jahsun and Theresa Queen.

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With the help of Reliance Bank, the Hall of Fame has now helped award \$108,000 in its 31 years to its scholarship recipients.

"The Hall of Fame is proud to recognize elite student-athletes, and Jessica and Jayvion surely fit that mold," Hall of Fame president Neil Rudel said. "Both were leaders on their teams as well as in the school, and we look forward to their recognition. We'd also like to thank Reliance Bank for its continued support. That support began with Tim Sissler and has continued with Denny Doll, and we're most appreciative as it helps give us a platform to recognize the best of the best in our student-athletes."

Jim Kuhn, of Reliance Bank, will handle tonight's presentations.



2017 scholarship winners Karson Swogger of Bellwood-Antis and Andrew Irwin of Bishop Guilfoyle flank Denny Doll of Reliance Bank, sponsor of the scholarship awards.

Past recipients

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| 1988 | Jennifer Dorfmeister, Altoona; Doug Rosenberry, Altoona. | 2004 | Angela Greaser, Bishop Guilfoyle; Joshua Lingenfelter, Claysburg-Kimmel. |
| 1989 | Karen Dugan, Claysburg-Kimmel; J.J. Rusnak, Altoona. | 2005 | Megan Duffett, Hollidaysburg; Tyson Maugle, Hollidaysburg. |
| 1990 | Erik Klingner, Hollidaysburg; Mary Waibel, Hollidaysburg. | 2006 | Janelle Adams, Altoona; Jared Colmer, Hollidaysburg. |
| 1991 | Joseph Chonko, Central; Pam Webber, Hollidaysburg. | 2007 | Mary Forr, Bishop Guilfoyle; Nathaniel Supp, Hollidaysburg. |
| 1992 | Swati Agarwal, Hollidaysburg; Ed Steinbugl, Bishop Guilfoyle. | 2008 | Christine Conrad, Bishop Guilfoyle; Amanda Ottaway, Hollidaysburg, Sean Brannan, Hollidaysburg. |
| 1993 | Steve Miller, Claysburg-Kimmel; Melissa Morrow, Tyrone. | 2009 | Luke Ottaway, Hollidaysburg; Rachel Rea, Bishop Guilfoyle. |
| 1994 | Brian Krug, Bellwood-Antis; Jessica Unger, Hollidaysburg. | 2010 | Jared Salyards, Central; Alli Williams, Bishop Guilfoyle. |
| 1995 | Kelly Irwin, Altoona; Bill Padamonsky, Hollidaysburg. | 2011 | Sarah Kaneshiki, Hollidaysburg; Brian Leap, Bellwood-Antis. |
| 1996 | James Gerhart, Altoona; Valerie Miller, Bellwood-Antis. | 2012 | Adena Delozier, Altoona; Matt Ritchey, Central. |
| 1997 | Nichole Mussleman, Claysburg-Kimmel; Bradley Wertz, Bellwood-Antis. | 2013 | Kala Brumbaugh, Claysburg-Kimmel; Seth Worthing, Bellwood-Antis. |
| 1998 | Kristyn Stopp, Altoona; Jeremy Guyer, Bellwood Antis. | 2014 | Emily Nagle, Bellwood-Antis; Joel Reighard, Altoona. |
| 1999 | Erin Imler, Bellwood-Antis; Jason Shura, Bellwood-Antis. | 2015 | Ana Hollen, Bellwood-Antis; Chad Luensmann, Bellwood-Antis. |
| 2000 | Jessica Baker, Altoona; Tyler Piper, Hollidaysburg. | 2016 | Erika Voyzey, Tyrone; Nathan Davis, Bellwood-Antis. |
| 2001 | Katie Bloomquist, Central; Matt Garner, Bellwood-Antis. | 2017 | Karson Swogger, Bellwood-Antis; Andrew Irwin, Bishop Guilfoyle. |
| 2002 | Christina Burnett, Tyrone; Travis Lee, Williamsburg. | | |
| 2003 | Amber DelBaggio, Tyrone; Tom Forr, Bishop Guilfoyle; Matt Stopp, Altoona. | | |



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