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Banquet recognizes student athletes



Above, more than 200 people turned out for the annual Sports Awards Banquet. Right, the AFJROTC Color Guard prepares for the opening.



More than 200 people turned out to honor Poughkeepsie High School athletes who competed this school year - including 66 who were individual scholar athletes, maintaining a 90 or above average.

Twenty-four teams were represented at the 2023 Varsity Athletic Banquet, held in the Poughkeepsie High School gym.

Four teams - girls outdoor track and field, girls cross country, girls soccer and girls swimming - qualified as Scholar Athlete Teams. This means that the team's average GPA for 75 percent of the roster was greater than or equal to 90.

Peter Bianco, executive director of physical education, health services, athletics and recreation, welcomed everyone and the PHS Air Force JROTC color guard kicked off the event with a presentation of the colors and then the festivities began.

Then, Bianco called up each team for team and individual recognitions and handed out Athletes of the Year and Sportsmanship Awards.

"This was a wonderful event and a great way for people to see that it is a team effort and that was evident last night," Charles Gallo, assistant superintendent for secondary education, said.

Some highlights of the past year include: Girls swimming finishing third in the league, boys basketball advancing to the Section 1 Class A second round and continuing a streak of

sectional berths, indoor track and field athletes breaking numerous personal records and one member qualifying for nationals, cheerleading hosting an invitational at PHS, baseball repeating as Hudson Valley Tournament champions, track and field having five individuals qualify for the state meet, girls crew winning the Sculling Championships and finishing first in the Hudson Valley Rowing League and launching unified basketball and girls flag football.

"We applaud all our student athletes for their work on and off the field. They are often looked upon as leaders within the school community and serve as role models for younger students," Superintendent Dr. Eric Jay Rosser said.

Awards were given for the most valuable player(s), most improved player(s) and sportsmanship for each team as well as All League in football. Maurice Douglas was the Male Athlete of the Year, Jada Cammuk and Christina Stone were co-Female Athlete of the Year recipients and Daniel Johnson received the Athletic Director Award.

Download a list of [all the award winners](#).



Tyre Coleman stands next to his Hobart College Athletic Hall of Fame induction banner.

Hobart College inducts PHS grad into Hall of Fame

Tyre Coleman (PHS Class of 2011) recently was inducted into [Hobart College's Athletic Hall of Fame](#) for his work on the gridiron. Coleman graduated second in NCAA Division III history with 51 career sacks and third with 94.5 tackles for loss, according to the college. Coleman began playing football on Poughkeepsie Middle School's first modified team and continued through his Poughkeepsie High School career.

"I had good role models in my teachers and coach. He gave me perspective," Coleman shared recently during an interview. But it was the naysayers - those who said he wouldn't complete college - that kept him going.

"People doubted me, they said I wouldn't make it," he said, but "I persevered and it made me a better person."

During his time at PHS, Coleman said he was in special education classes. "My teachers told me you can do it, you just have to put your mind to it. I took it as a challenge."

Coleman majored in African studies and education and continued to play football throughout his time at Hobart.

The team won four straight Liberty League Championships during his tenure. D3football.com named Coleman National Defensive Player of the Year in his senior year. While a junior, he was the first Hobart defensive lineman to be named an AFCA All-American. Coleman said he was

honored at being inducted into the Hobart Hall of Fame, but said he doesn't like to brag and would rather win with the team.

"I care about others and the people around me. I want to see their successes and see them grow," he said. He credits sports with making him a better person.

"It taught me a lot," he said.

Coleman works for Arnoff Moving and Storage as a project foreman in the rigging department where he and his team move heavy equipment - including doing work for Onsemi.

He had this advice for PHS students:

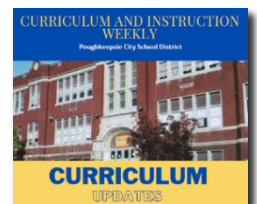
"College is your best bet. Yet get the whole outlook on life. Get out of Poughkeepsie and enjoy college. Enjoy life. Meet new people and you'll make friends for life and you will learn more."

He encouraged students to pursue what they love.

"Nobody can stop you, you have to fight for it."

CI Weekly: Diagnostic underway, mistakes aid learning

Parents and teachers are being asked to encourage students to showcase all they've learned during the iReady diagnostic which continues through June 9. Another article highlights how teachers can help remove the stigma associated with it. The Spotlight features students from Krieger Elementary School at the Cary Institute. Learn more, [download the June 2, 2023 CI Weekly](#).



Upcoming events

- **Monday, June 5:** PHS Spring concert, 6:30 p.m., Poughkeepsie High School auditorium, 70 Forbus St. Featuring chorus, wind ensemble, concert band, orchestra and jazz ensemble.
- **Tuesday, June 6:** All District Elementary Concert, 6 p.m., PHS auditorium, 70 Forbus St.
- **Wednesday, June 7:** Board of Education meeting, 6:30, 18 S. Perry St.
- **Friday, June 9:** PHS Awards night, 6 p.m., PHS auditorium, 70 Forbus St.
- **Saturday, June 10:** Saturday Morning Lights, Poughkeepsie Middle School, 55 College Ave.