

Boardman Swimmers Honored at Banquet

The Boardman Varsity Swimmers were honored at their year end banquet at Antone's Banquet Center. The banquet opened with Assistant Coach Carlo Cordon introducing the senior swimmers and their parents. Coach Cordon also introduced special guest Mrs. Ann Villano. Mrs. Villano and her late husband Michael were instrumental in the original formation of the Boardman High School Swim Booster Club and Mrs. Villano also contributes to the annual Michael J. Villano Memorial swim scholarship awarded to a deserving senior. After the dinner the parents and swimmers enjoyed a video of season highlights that was produced and edited by Senior Conner O'Halloran. After the video Assistant Coach Greg McAtee recognized four swimmers who broke school records. Freshman Ashley Aldan was recognized for breaking school records in the 200 Individual Medley, 100 Butterfly, 50 and 100 Freestyle. Junior Megan Palmer received a plaque for breaking the 500 Freestyle school record. Palmer and Aldan teamed with Seniors Kamiren Veisz and Kayla Aldan to set a new school record in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Ashley Aldan, Kayla Aldan, and Megan Palmer teamed with Junior Katie Henson to knock seven seconds off the 400 Freestyle Relay record. The five individual records broken by Ashley Aldan and Megan Palmer were set back in 1988 by Boardman Hall of Fame Swimmer Jackie Bak. Freshman Mike Henson was recognized for setting a new freshman record in the 100 Backstroke.

Head Coach Terry O'Halloran recapped the season highlights. The boys finished the season with a 10-4 record while the girls went 9-5. Several swimmers were recognized for taking first places at the Northeast Aquatic Conference Championships. Seniors Mike Barringer, Conner O'Halloran, and Megan Palmer captured conference crowns. Kayla Aldan Megan Palmer, Kamiren Veisz, and Ashley Aldan took the crown in the 200 Free Relay. Boardman also had a strong showing in the Federal League. Conner O'Halloran was honored by being chosen as the Federal League and Northeast Aquatic Conference Male Swimmer of the Year. The Federal League also selected the following swimmers for the 2008 All-Federal League First Team: Conner O'Halloran, Mike Barringer, Jared Ebie, Michael Henson, Ashley Aldan, and Katie Henson. Second Team selection went to Dewey Slagle, Mark Brooks, Tommy Slagle, Megan Palmer, Kayla Aldan, and Kamiren Veisz. Megan Barringer and Stephanie Sfara were selected as All-Federal League Honorable Mention. The Northeast Aquatic Conference All-Star Team was recognized. They are Megan Palmer, Kayla Aldan, Katie Henson, Ashley Aldan, Stephanie Sfara, Jeana McEvey, Conner O'Halloran, Dewey Slagle, Tommy Slagle, Jared Ebie, Mike Barringer, Mike Henson, and Mark Brooks.

Eight swimmers were recognized for qualifying for the 2008 Ohio State Swimming and Diving Championships. Conner O'Halloran earned two individual "All Ohio" honors by placing 12th in the 50 Freestyle and 13th in the 100 Freestyle. It was O'Halloran's fifth "All-Ohio" recognition. O'Halloran was joined by teammates Mike Barringer, Jared Ebie, and Tommy Slagle to earn "All-Ohio" honors by placing 9th in the 200 Freestyle Relay. The relay also swam fast enough to be considered for All-American recognition. Barringer also placed 21st in the 100 breaststroke. Freshman Ashley Aldan placed 23rd. in the 100 Butterfly. Aldan was joined by Kayla Aldan, Kamiren Veisz, and Megan Palmer to place 24th in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Coach O'Halloran stated "This is the largest group of swimmers we have had qualify for the

state meet in the past 10 years. Ohio hosts one of the fastest state meets in the country. It is ultimate goal to swim in Canton.”

Boardman recognized hard working swimmers with “The Hammer Down” Trophy. This year’s recipients were Mike Barringer, Megan Palmer, and Conner O’Halloran. Team Captains were honored with captain’s pins. This year’s captains were Kayla Aldan Chelsea DeAngelo, Kirsten Kuffel, Kristin Szabo, Kamiren Veisz, Mike Barringer, Mark Brooks, Jared Ebie, and Conner O’Halloran. Team members were recognized for earning varsity letters. Earning 4th year awards were Kayla Aldan, Mike Barringer, and Conner O’Halloran. Earning 3rd year awards were Chelsea DeAngelo, Kirsten Kuffel, Kristen Szabo, Kamiren Veisz, Mark Brooks, Jared Ebie, Sara Cantanzriti, Katie Henson, and Dewey Slagle, Earning 2nd year awards were Amanda Dilanni, Kaila Dilanni, Rachel Gronvall, Samantha Jamison, Mike Libbey, Megan Barringer, Lauren Byers, and Jeana McEvey. Earning 1st year awards were Lauren Deluca, Elizabeth Fowler, Rachel Gresko, Kelley Manning, Kayla Szabo, Ali Azeem, Kole Gasior, Kyle Knecht, Ryan Mitchell, Kevin O’Neil, Jake Santamas, Ashley Aldan, Jessica Gonda, Stephanie Sfara, Steven Brooks, Mike Henson, and Tommy Slagle.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the Michael J Villano Memorial Scholarship. Mrs. Ann Villano joined coaches Terry O’Halloran, Carlo Cordon, and Greg McAtee and presented Seniors Mike Barringer and Conner O’Halloran with the plaques and the scholarships.