



## **News Release**

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### **Six Ottawa-Glandorf Students Attend NFHS Student Leadership Conference**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – Six student-athletes from Ottawa-Glandorf High School joined 300 other student delegates from across the nation and Canada in Indianapolis July 16-19 for the 2009 National Student Leadership Conference held by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Accompanied by OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Roxanne Price and Ottawa-Glandorf principal and OHSAA Northwest District Board member Bill Hanna, the students participated in a variety of activities designed to discuss contemporary issues in education-based athletics and promote the values of respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, healthy lifestyles and community service. The group also participated in a community service project, rehabbing athletic facilities at a local school in Indianapolis.

“This conference is a tremendous opportunity for these young students to develop their leadership skills in a positive manner,” said OHSAA Commissioner Daniel B. Ross. “Interacting with students from all over the country gives them a unique perspective to bring back to their school and their community. The skills and values promoted at the conference are beneficial not only in their high school careers but for a lifetime.”

The conference featured motivational speakers Harvey Alston and Stephen Bargatze as well as a leadership-themed question and answer session with Olympians DeDee Nathan and Samantha Peszek.

The following students from Ottawa-Glandorf attended the conference:

**Drew Ellerbrock** – A member of the Ottawa-Glandorf basketball and baseball teams, Drew also participates in the school's choir and is involved with several activities in his church.

**Dana Lanwehr** – Dana runs track and cross country for the Titans as well as serving on the Sportsmanship Committee and the Key Club at the school.

**Robyn Verhoff** – Robyn's involvement at Ottawa-Glandorf includes the soccer and swimming and diving teams, class treasurer, Spanish Club treasurer, prom committee, and a member of Pure Fashion, a group encouraging girls to dress moderately.

**Kelsey Hoehn** – Kelsey participates on the soccer, swimming and diving, and track and field teams for Ottawa-Glandorf in addition to being involved with the Key Club, German Club, Youth Volunteer Corps, and activities in her church.

**Brian Laubenthal** – Brian serves on the school's Sportsmanship Committee, is a member of the Junior Optimist Club and is on the football, basketball and track and field teams.

**John Lammers** – John is a member of the Titans' basketball, soccer and tennis teams and is also involved with the German Club, the Key Club, the Junior Optimist Club, the Red Cross, the United Way, and the school's choir.

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