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Buffalo Funds continues to be the NAIA's leading corporate partner. President and Portfolio Manager John Kornitzer and his team completely embrace the Association's goal to change and impact sports and are true assets to the growth and development of the NAIA.

In July, Bruce Brown, NAIA Special Presenter, met with the Buffalo Funds staff for a *Champions of Character* presentation geared towards business leaders.

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CEDARVILLE'S CLARK, JBU'S COLE HONORED AT NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS DINNER

In June, Cedarville University (Ohio) professor and coach Teresa Clark and John Brown University graduate and student-athlete Brandon Cole were among the elite honored earlier this summer at the eighth annual National Sportsmanship Awards Dinner.

The event, sponsored by the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CTSA) and the St. Louis Sports Commission was held at the Chase Park Plaza Khorassan Ballroom in St. Louis, Mo. The National Sportsmanship Awards Dinner was renamed this year to reflect the vision of making the event one of the nation's most prestigious sports awards dinners. Highlights from the night included featured honoree Joey Cheek, speedskating gold and silver medalist at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy, who joined sportscaster Bob Costas for a live keynote interview on stage.

The event recognized the nation's top athletes and administrators who exemplify outstanding sportsmanship, citizenship, ethical conduct and community service. Clark and Cole were among a select group of 14 individuals from throughout the nation named to the 2006 class of honorees. NAIA Director of *Champions of Character* Initiatives Rob Miller and NAIA Special Presenter Bruce Brown joined Clark and Cole to celebrate their success on and off the court.

2006 NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS FROM THE NAIA

Teresa Clark - Cedarville University (Ohio)

Clark is not only known for her success on the volleyball court, but for the character values she instills in the student-athletes she coaches. Clark, who recently stepped down after coaching at Cedarville University for the past ten years, is the recipient of the 2006 NAIA Coach of Character Award. A key component to Teresa's teaching methods is the "honor call" regardless of the ramifications for the match. Her teams are known for having great sportsmanship. In 2005, Clark and the Lady Jackets were awarded the Buffalo Funds Five Star Award for demonstrating exceptional character on and off the court.



The Clarks with Bob Costas

Brandon Cole - John Brown University (Ark.)

Cole, the 2006 Dr. LeRoy Walker *Champions of Character* Award recipient, is a recent graduate of John Brown University and one of the most prolific basketball players in NAIA history. Cole represents the highest ideals of the NAIA in character and sportsmanship as well as in academic and athletic abilities. The 2006 NAIA Player of the Year, he holds the record for most three-point field goals made in the history of college basketball (527) and eclipsed all NAIA and NCAA records by making a three-point field goal in 120 consecutive games. He is also the all-time leading scorer for both John Brown University and the Sooner Athletic Conference. In 2004-05, he led the Golden Eagles to the NAIA Division I Championship and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Off the court, Cole is an Academic All-Conference honoree who majored in business.



JBU's Brandon Cole

NAIA
CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER
PRESENTATIONS & EVENTS

Listed below is a schedule of presentations and events in August and September.

AUGUST 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Presentation/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Aug. 1-3	Nebraska Coaches Association	Neb.
Aug. 3	Missouri Sportsmanship Summit	Mo.
Aug. 4	Turner School District	Kan.
Aug. 7	Kansas City, Kansas School District	Kan.
Aug. 7	Oak Park, Kansas City	Mo.
Aug. 9-11	Thibedaux	La.
Aug. 11	Independence School District	Mo.
Aug. 12	Thurston County Football	Wash.
Aug. 13	Lawrence Free State High School	Kan.
Aug. 13	DeSoto High School	Kan.
Aug. 14	North Kansas City High School	Mo.
Aug. 14	Pasco High School	Wash.
Aug. 15	Rogers High School	Wash.
Aug. 15	Whitworth College	Wash.
Aug. 15	Minneapolis High School	Kan.
Aug. 15	Winnemoka High School	Mo.
Aug. 16	North Kansas City School District	Mo.
Aug. 16	Sumner High School	Kan.
Aug. 16	Reardon High School	Wash.
Aug. 17	Independence School District	Mo.
Aug. 17	Eupharate High School	Wash.
Aug. 18	Tacoma Parks - Boys and Girls Club	Wash.
Aug. 19	St. Pius High School	Kan.
Aug. 21	Schlagel High School	Kan.
Aug. 21-22	Carroll College Community Summit	Mont.
Aug. 22	Washington High School	Kan.
Aug. 22	St. James High School	Kan.
Aug. 23	Harmon High School	Kan.
Aug. 23	Ennis High School	Mont.
Aug. 24	Olathe Sports Council	Kan.
Aug. 24	Cheney Rec. Commission	Kan.
Aug. 24	Lake Steven High School	Wash.
Aug. 25	Arlington High School	Wash.
Aug. 28	Sequim High School	Wash.
Aug. 29	Monroe High School	Wash.
Aug. 30	Cedarcrest High School	Wash.
Aug. 30	Turner High School	Kan.

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Sept. 6	Mount Si High School	Mo.
Sept. 6	The Barstow School	Mo.
Sept. 7	The Bear Creek School	Wash.
Sept. 9	College of St. Mary Summit	Neb.
Sept. 12-13	Embry-Riddle University Summit	Fla.
Sept. 14-15	Savannah College of Art & Design	Ga.
Sept. 17-18	Eckard College	Fla.
Sept. 19	Western States Activities Association	Ore.
Sept. 20	Tacoma Parks - Boys and Girls Club	Wash.
Sept. 22-23	PEMCO Coaches Clinic	Wash.
Sept. 24-26	Nebraska Sportsmanship Summit	Neb.
Sept. 27	Forest Ridge High School	Wash.

The entire *Champions of Character* presentation schedule can be found on www.championsofcharacter.org.

CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER TRAINING SESSION

The NAIA held its fourth *Champions of Character* training session July 20-21, 2006, at the Kansas City Airport Marriott Hotel. Thirty-six athletic directors, coaches, and faculty from 21 NAIA institutions nationwide gathered to learn how to best activate or maintain *Champions of Character* program centers on their campuses.

Educational materials, presentations, participant speeches and roundtable discussions provided attendees with information on the *Champions of Character* program and effective methods to distribute this information through their program center. Program centers share the core values, messages and resources of the *Champions of Character* initiative with local students, coaches, parents and school and youth league administrators to promote meaningful change in the culture of sport in their local communities.

Highlights of the training session included presentations by NAIA Special Presenter Bruce Brown, NAIA Director of *Champions of Character* Initiatives Rob Miller, Harold (Skip) Lord of Houghton College (N.Y.) and Bob Wilson of Vanguard University (Calif.).



"This was the best training session we've had yet. The turnout and participant presentations were great," Miller said. "I was impressed by the attendees' clear commitment to character and the importance they placed on implementing character in athletics within their communities. I am confident this training session will increase the good work done through the NAIA member institutions' *Champions of Character* programs."

Representatives from the following schools attended the *Champions of Character* training session:

Cornerstone University (Mich.)
Dakota Wesleyan University (S.D.)
Houghton College (N.Y.)
John Brown University (Ark.)
Kansas Wesleyan University
Loyola University of New Orleans
Martin Methodist College (Tenn.)
Mid-Continent University (Ky.)
Northwood University (Texas)
Ottawa University (Kan.)
Oregon Institute of Technology
Robert Morris College (Ill.)
College of St. Mary (Neb.)
St. Thomas University (Fla.)
Southwestern Assemblies of God (Texas)
University of TX-Brownsville
Ursuline College (Ohio)
William Jewell College (Mo.)
Ohio Dominican University
Vanguard University (Calif.)



NAIA SERVICE PROJECT

Last August, the gulf coast was rocked by Hurricane Katrina. In its path laid a handful of NAIA institutions all faced with challenges and opportunities. Affected member institutions include Dillard University, Loyola University, Southern University at New Orleans, William Carey College and Xavier University of Louisiana. In June, NAIA staff members and representatives from NAIA member institutions participated in four service projects at the NAIA campuses in New Orleans while attending the NADCA Convention. The NAIA would like to thank the following people who helped set up the four campus service projects: Robin Martin, Dr. Michael Giorlando, Elton King, Earl Hill, Sister Grace Mary Flickinger and Marion Bracy.



Below is a listing of NAIA-member attendees and national office staff members that participated in the service projects:

Barry Brandt (Northwestern College, Iowa), Dan Harris (Baker University, Kan.), Peggy Harris (Baker University, Kan.), Chad McNally (Minot State University, S.D.), Rick Hedberg (Minot State University, S.D.), Jud Damon (Savannah College of Art and Design, Ga.), Brad Jenks (Columbia College, Mo.), Quin Monahan (Savannah College of Art and Design, Ga.), Larry Carpenter (Lee University, Tenn.), Kevin Steele (California Baptist University), Jill Jokerst (St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Mo.), Norris M. Russell (Oklahoma Baptist University), Bob Wilson (Vanguard University, Calif.), Dan Hanton (Graceland University, Iowa), Suzanne Hanton (Graceland College, Iowa), Amy Stover (NAIA), Ruth Feldblum (NAIA), Staci Schottman (NAIA), Kevin Dee (NAIA), John Leavens (NAIA), Rob Miller (NAIA), Scott McClure (NAIA), Lori Thomas (NAIA), Dawn Harmon (NAIA), and Mike Campbell (NAIA).

NAIA & NRCCUA CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the National Research Center for College & University Admissions (NRCCUA) awarded five *Champions of Character* scholarships in May. This is the second year for the NAIA and NRCCUA to partner together and offer *Champions of Character* scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will be attending NAIA institutions in the fall.



The 2006 *Champions of Character* scholarship recipients are: Elizabeth Fritz (William Jewell College, Mo.), Eric (Nick) Gehlsen (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Fla.), Leigh Graham (Covenant College, Ga.), Marianna Herrera (Cardinal Stritch University, Wis.) and Alex Jorgensen (Concordia University, Neb.). Award winners will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward their education.

"The five student-athletes receiving the NRCCUA *Champions of Character* scholarships are the future of the NAIA and the *Champions of Character* program," said NAIA Director of *Champions of Character* Initiatives Rob Miller. "The NAIA and NRCCUA recognize excellence and reward students not only on their athletic achievements but also the character they bring day in and day out in competition. These individuals have the opportunity to use sport as a teaching tool and we look forward to them playing a part of the growth and future of the Association."

The NRCCUA continues to be the leading organization connecting young people and their families with colleges and universities around the country. To learn more about the NRCCUA visit www.nrccua.org.

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BUFFALO FUNDS FIVE STAR AWARD WINNERS

The NAIA and Buffalo Funds presented Buffalo Funds Five Star Awards for each of the NAIA's 23 championship sports. In the spring, the following teams were recognized for their dedication and implementation of the five core character values in and outside sports.



Spring 2006

Women's Outdoor Track & Field:

Vanguard University (Calif.)

Baseball: Loyola University (La.)

Men's Golf: Southern Nazarene University (Okla.)

Women's Golf: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.)

Women's Tennis: Vanguard University (Calif.)

Men's Tennis: Berry College (Ga.)

Men's Outdoor Track & Field: Vanguard University (Calif.)

Softball: Williams Baptist College (Ark.)



Vanguard University (Calif.)
Outdoor Track & Field Team



Embry-Riddle University (Fla.)
Women's Golf Team

CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER NEWS BRIEFS

Campbellsville University (Ky.) golfer Scott Webb learned early in his college career that doing the right thing pays off. At the Campbellsville invitation golf tournament on April 13, 2006, at the Old Silo Country Club in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, Webb and the Tigers were tied for first at 298 with nationally ranked arch rival Lindsey Wilson College (Ky.).

After an intense tie breaker put the Tigers on top, Webb realized he had played the tournament with an extra club in his bag. Webb had a decision to make. He could tell coach P.J. Throckmorton about this rule violation and risk forfeiting the match or he could stay silent and admire Campbellsville's first place trophy. After much thought, Webb chose to do the right thing and tell his coach.

Throckmorton, although disappointed in the loss for his team, was very impressed with Webb's admission. "I think Scott's actions show what kind of young man he really is. It would have been very easy for him to have not said a thing but he chose to take the high road and he exemplifies what the NAIA *Champions of Character* is all about," he said.

Webb, who was presented with a special *Champions of Character* award from Mid-South Conference Commissioner Mike Pollio, soon helped redeem this loss as he led his team to a legitimate victory over Lindsey Wilson College in a full team play-off to clench the Mid-South Conference Tournament Title.



NAIA Director of *Champions of Character* Initiatives Rob Miller attended U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre's Congressional Youth Sports Caucus Kick-Off Press Conference at the U.S. Capitol on Thursday, April 27, 2006. Congressman McIntyre, Co-Chairman of this new caucus, said that the caucus would help restore a child-centered focus in youth sports.

"This Congressional Youth Sports Caucus will work in a bi-partisan fashion to promote the values of sportsmanship, civility, respect, health, safety, fun and fitness among the players and leaders, including coaches, parents and officials," McIntyre said.

Miller said he was pleased to hear themes of the NAIA *Champions of Character* program in this national push toward positive character development in youth sports.

CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS

The NAIA recognizes athletes at each national championship who exemplify and promote the Five Core Character Values on their team, campus and community. Visit the *Champions of Character* Web site at: www.championsofcharacter.org and click on the news page to see the listing of the 2005-2006 spring championship winners:

BASEBALL

SOFTBALL

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

TENNIS

MEN'S GOLF

WOMEN'S GOLF