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Morehead State	(606) 783-2500
Murray State	(270) 809-5551
Southeast Missouri	
SIUE	(618) 650-2188
Tennessee State	(615) 963-7616
Tennessee Tech	
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OVCSPORTS.COM

The official Website of the Ohio Valley Conference is OVCSports.com. The website is a direct partnership with SIDEARM Sports. The Website contains all the latest news on the conference including releases, statistics and standings.

OVC COACHES TELECONFERENCES

During the regular season a monthly teleconference featuring the league's basketball coaches will be held on select Tuesday's (men) and Wednesday's (women). Men's call dates are: Jan. 8 and Feb. 5 while women's call dates are Jan. 16 and Feb. 13.

All eight men's and women's coaches that make the OVC Tournament field will have a joint press conference on Monday, March 4 at 9 a.m. Central time; a schedule of the teleconference will be determined by seeding.

A schedule of what times coaches will appear is below. Following each teleconference, the audio will be cut-up and posted online at OVCSports. com for free access. If media members would like .mp3 files of any of the coaches comments, please contact the OVC office. For information on how to access the call, please contact Kyle Schwartz in the OVC Office.

Men's Coaches Schedule

9:55 - Call Opens/Announcements

10:00 - Jay Spoonhour, Eastern Illinois

10:05 - Lennox Forrester, SIUE

10:10 - Jason James, UT Martin

10:15 - Sean Woods, Morehead State

10:20 - Dickey Nutt, Southeast Missouri

10:25 - James Green, Jacksonville State

10:30 - Steve Payne, Tennessee Tech

10:35 - Dave Loos, Austin Peay

10:40 - Rick Byrd, Belmont

10:45 - Travis Williams, Tennessee State

10:50 - Steve Prohm, Murray State

10:55 - Jeff Neubauer, Eastern Kentucky

Women's Coaches Schedule

9:55 - Call Opens/Announcements

10:00 - Rob Cross, Murray State

10:05 - Paula Buscher, SIUE

10:10 - Brittney Ezell, Belmont

10:15 - Tom Hodges, Morehead State

10:20 - Larry Joe Inman, Tennessee State

10:25 - Carrie Daniels, Austin Peay

10:30 - Kevin McMillan, UT Martin

10:35 - Jim Davis, Tennessee Tech

10:40 - Chrissy Roberts, Eastern Kentucky

10:45 - Ty Margenthaler, Southeast Missouri

10:50 - Annette Watts, Jacksonville State

10:55 - Lee Buchanan, Eastern Illinois

ONLINE PRESS BOX

The OVC Basketball Online Press Box is a onestop shop for gathering information about the OVC and its member schools. Media can access it at www.OVCSports.com/basketballpressbox or via links on the Men's or Women's Basketball pages at OVCSports.com. There you will find important related files and links for every OVC school in one place.

OVC DIGITAL NETWORK

In August 2012 the OVC rebranded its webstreaming platform as the OVC Digital Network (www.OVCDigitalNetwork.com). The OVCDN is the exclusive home for live web streamed athletic contests involving OVC schools. Overall this marks the seventh year the OVC has streamed live events, but this year is the first the events have been offered free of charge and in an HD format that features improved quality. Users will also find it easier to log onto the site and access the streams, as they can do so with no registration and can access the events from any computer, tablet or smartphone without any special downloads or apps.

OVC AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Media and fans can get the latest updates on Ohio Valley Conference happenings by using the social media outlets including Twitter and Facebook. Followers and fans of the OVC on each application will get breaking news first and have the chance to access special content and receive special deals. The OVC can be found on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/ovcsports and on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/ovcsports. The OVC also has a YouTube channel (http://www.YouTube.com/ohiovalleyconference) for the latest videos and a blog located at http://www.ovcinsider.blogspot.com.

OVC TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS

The 2013 OVC Tournament will be held March 6-9 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn. The deadline to request credentials for the event is MONDAY, MARCH 4 AT 1 P.M. CT. For the fourth year in a row, ALL credentialling will be conducted online through Sport Systems. Complete information on the process will be available in January at OVCSports.com. NO credentials will be mailed; instead they can be picked up in-person at the Municipal Auditorium Media Entrance, located at the back entrance of the arena, off of 5th Avenue (near Gay Street).

OVC TOURNAMENT/PARKING INFO

Parking in downtown Nashville and at Municipal Auditorium is at a premium. There is very little on-site parking for the OVC Tournament. Please visit the following Web site (http://www.parkitdowntown.com) to located parking garages and surface lots in downtown Nashville. Municipal Auditorium is located at 417 4th Avenue North, with side streets being Gay (North), Charlotte (South), 5th (West) and James Robertson/4th Avenue (East). Members of the media are encouraged to make their own hotel accommodations; there is no official media hotel for the OVC Tournament.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE STYLE GUIDE

Official Institution Name "Nickname"	Preferred Athletics Reference	Unacceptable Usages	PMS Colors
Austin Peay State University "Governors" or "Govs" (men's teams) "Lady Govs" (women's teams)	Austin Peay, APSU	Austin Peay State, AP Lady Governors	200 Red
Belmont University "Bruins"	Belmont	Lady Bruins	Red 186, Blue 281
Eastern Illinois University "Panthers"	Eastern Illinois, EIU	Lady Panthers	2945 Blue, 422 Gray White
Eastern Kentucky University "Colonels", "Lady Colonels" (W-Basketball only)	Eastern Kentucky, EKU	 White	209 Maroon, 429 Gray
Jacksonville State University "Gamecocks"	Jacksonville State, JSU Jax State	Jacksonville, Jack State Lady Gamecocks	186 Red, 122 Gold
Morehead State University "Eagles"	Morehead State, MSU	Morehead	286 Blue, 116 Yellow
Murray State University "Racers", "Thoroughbreds" (baseball only)	Murray State, MSU	Murray, Lady Racers	123 Gold, 289 Blue
Southeast Missouri State University "Redhawks"	Southeast Missouri State Southeast Missouri, Southeast		186 Red, 05 Cool Grey Black
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville "Cougars"	SIUE (preferred) SIU Edwardsville	Southern Illinois-Edwardsville SIU-E	485 Red, 462 Dark Browr 7505 Brown, 465 Gold 7504 Light Brown
Tennessee State University "Tigers", "Lady Tigers", "Tigerbelles" (W-Track only	Tennessee State, TSU)		Reflex Blue
Tennessee Technological University "Golden Eagles"	Tennessee Tech, TTU, Tech	Tenn. Tech, TT	266 Purple, 109 Gold
The University of Tennessee at Martin "Skyhawks"	UT Martin, UTM	Tennessee-Martin UT-Martin, Martin	289 Blue, 151 Orange
Ohio Valley Conference	Ohio Valley, OVC	Valley	194 Maroon, 874 Gold Black























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ow in its 65th year, the Ohio Valley Conference continues to build on the success that has made it the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I conference. In May 2011 the Conference expanded for the second time in four years, adding Belmont University which begins competition in the 2012-13 academic year. The addition of Belmont gives the OVC 12 members, the most the league has had at one time in its illustrious history. The move added a second team in the city of Nashville and was the first addition to the league since Southern Illinois University Edwardsville joined in 2008.

The 2009-10 school year saw a change in leadership ás Beth DeBauche was named the seventh full-time Commissioner in league history on July 28, 2009. She is currently one of just five females to be the head of a Division I conference, and one of just eight to lead a Division I conference all-time. The last three commissioners of the OVC have moved onto jobs as the commissioner of the Big Ten, Big 12 and the Mid-American Con-

The OVC's proud history dates back to 1948, but seeds for the new league were actually planted in 1941. It was then that Roy Stewart, the athletics director at Murray State, Charles "Turkey" Hughes, the athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, and Kelly Thompson, the public relations director at Western Kentucky, first broached the idea of forming a new conference. Discussions were put on hold by World War II, but reemerged Feb. 27-28, 1948 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville as the three original institutions combined with

Morehead State, Louisville and Evansville to form the OVC.

In the 1950s, the OVC became a pioneer on a much more significant scale socially.

During times of racial segregation, league member Morehead State became one of the first non-traditionally black mid-southern institutions to accept a black student. In 1958, Marshall Banks earned athletically-related aid at Morehead, which signed a second black athlete, Howard Murphy, a year later. In 1961, Murphy earned all-conference recognition as a halfback in football. With racial barriers broken, the rest of the institutions in the league began to provide educational and athletic opportunities to African-Americans.

The first Division I-AA/FCS football playoff was held in 1978 with only four teams,

which is the only year through present day that the OVC did not field a playoff representa-tive. In 1979, four of the nation's top teams were invited to the playoffs, and two of them

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Football wasn't the only sport in which the OVC was quickly gaining respect. In 1955, the OVC became only the second six-member league nationally to earn an automatic bid to the prestigious NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, which, at that time, was limited to only 24 participants. The Conference quickly proved worthy of that bid, as Morehead State defeated Marshall (107-92) and Wayne State (95-84) in the 1956 tournament.

Fifteen years later, former OVC member Western Kentucky became the first and only Conference team to reach the Final Four. The Hilltoppers defeated Jacksonville, Kentucky and Ohio State before Iosing to Villanova in druible overtime in the national semifinals.

Conference team to reach the Final Four. The Hilltoppers defeated Jacksonville, Kentucky and Ohio State before losing to Villanova in double overtime in the national semifinals. WKU went on to finish in third place after beating Kansas 77-75 in the consolation game. Since that time, the OVC has recorded some of the biggest upsets in the history of the NCAA Tournament. Perhaps the most famous moment came in 1987, when Austin Peay came from fourth place in the regular season to win the OVC Tournament and earn the league's automatic bid. The Governors drew powerful Illinois, and were such big underdogs, that ESPN broadcaster Dick Vitale promised to stand on his head if APSU won the game. After a 68-67 victory over the Illini, and a narrow 90-87 overtime loss to eventual Final Four participant Providence in the second round, Vitale made good on his promise in a visit to Clarksville two months later.

Murray State added to the OVC's string of upsets in 1988 when it knocked off 14th-ranked North Carolina State, 78-75. The Racers' M&M Boys - Jeff Martin and Don Mann - combined for 39 points in the win. MSU nearly went on to the Sweet 16 that year, losing to eventual national champion Kansas, 61-58. A bank shot by Mann that would've given the Racers a one-point lead rolled off the rim with three seconds left. In 1990 as a

given the Racers a one-point lead rolled off the rim with three seconds left. In 1990 as a No. 16 seed, Murray State took No. 1 seed Michigan State into overtime before falling 75-71; that game still marks the closest a No. 16 seed has come to knocking off a No. 1 in men's tournament action. More recently, Murray State has dominated the OVC Tournament, reaching the championship game every year in the 1990's. The Racers' 15 OVC Tournament Championships are the most among all OVC schools.

After former member Middle Tennessee State won a first round game in 1989, the league had a drought as no other OVC team won a NCAA Tournament game for the next 19 years. But Morehead State, coming off a thrilling double overtime OVC Tournament victory over Austin Peay, topped Alabama State 58-43 in the Opening Round game at Flyer Arena in Dayton, Ohio. The game was played in front of an Opening Round record crowd of 11,346; that crowd included many MSU fans who made the three-hour drive from Morehead for the game. The Eagles season would come to an end three days later when they lost to No. 1 overall seed Louisville, despite playing the Cardinals close for a majority of the game.

In 2009-10, Murray State made OVC history by winning a record 31 games (31-5) on its way to the league's regular season and tournament championships. In the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the No. 13 seed Racers topped Vanderbilt in thrilling fashion when senior Danero Thomas hit a jumper as time expired to lift MSU to a 66-65 victory. It marked the first OVC team to advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament since 1989, and snapped a skid of 71-straight loses to Southeastern Conference foes (dating back to 2000-01). In the second round the Racers pushed eventual national runner-up Butler to the brink before losing 54-52.

In 2010-11 Morehead State would make it three NCAA Tournament wins in as many years for the league and got a bit of revenge for the 2009 tournament loss to Louisville in the process. After finishing second in the regular season and winning the OVC Tournament Championship, the No. 13 seeded Eagles were shipped to Denver to play the in-state foe Cardinals. MSU jumped out to a 15-2 advantage but were down four points (61-57) with just over a minute to play in regulation. After two free throws from two-time OVC Player of the Year Kenneth Faried, the Eagles held for one final shot attempt and senior Demonte Harper pulled up off a cross-over dribble to nail a 3-pointer with 4.3 seconds left that gave Morehead State a 62-61 lead. UofL had one last attempt but Faried blocked the Cardinals last shot, giving MSU the win, its first over Louisville since the 1956-57 season.

In 2011-12 Murray State put together one of the greatest seasons in OVC history, beginning the year 23-0 (an all-time OVC best) and being ranked as high as No. 7 in the coaches poll on Feb. 6. The squad was the first OVC team to be nationally-ranked since Murray State was ranked in 1997-98; in addition the top 10 ranking was the first for an OVC team since the 1970-71 campaign (WKU). The Racers would top nationally-ranked Memphis and Saint Mary's during the season and win the league's regular season and tournament championships. MSU earned a No. 6 seed in NCAA Tournament, the highestever seed for an OVC team since the NCAA began seeding the field in 1979. The Racers would top Colorado State 58-41 in the second round before falling to Marquette in the third round. Murray State would win 31 games overall, tying the OVC all-time record the Racers set in 2009-10.

The OVC has now won NCAA Tournament games in four-straight seasons, something that has never happened in league history (three-game winning streaks from 1960-62 and 1987-89 had been the previous best streaks). Over that time period (2009-12) the OVC is one of just nine conferences nationally to win a NCAA Tournament game in each season

and one of only three non-BCS leagues (joining the Atlantic 10 and WCC) to do so.

During the 2010-11 year Faried, the nation's leading rebounder during the season, became the NCAA's Modern Era (since 1973) career rebounding leader, totaling 1,673 rebounds which passed Tim Duncan for the record (he is 11th all-time in NCAA history). Faried also finished his career with 86 double-doubles, second all-time to only Duncan. He is one of only six players in NCAA history to finish with 2,000-plus career points (2,009) and 1,600-plus career rebounds. Faried was drafted 22nd overall by the Denver Nuggets in the 2011 NBA Draft, becoming the first OVC player selected in the first round since Tennessee State's Carlos Rogers 1994.

Through its 64 years, 12 teams have won or shared the league's regular season men's basketball title. Murray State heads the list with a Conference-record 23 outright or shared basketball crowns. Other past champions include former member Western Kentucky (19), Morehead State (9), Austin Peay (8), Eastern Kentucky (6), Tennessee Tech (5), former member Middle Tennessee (5), Tennessee State (2), former member East Tennessee State (2), Southeast Missouri State (1), UT Martin (who won its first in 2008-09) and former member Akron (1). 2008-09) and former member Akron (1).

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Among the coaching greats in men's basketball have been Western Kentucky's E.A. Diddle, who retired with 759 victories and 10 OVC titles; John Oldham, who was a member of the very first All-OVC squad and went on to win seven OVC crowns during his coaching tenure at Tennessee Tech and Western Kentucky; Paul McBrayer, who guided Eastern Kentucky to 219 wins and three OVC crowns; and Cal Luther, who is the only person in Conference history to win men's basketball Coach of the Year honors at two league schools - Murray State and UT Martin. Current Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos became the winningest coach in OVC history in 2009-10, netting his 319th victory and passing Luther on the all-time list. Loos enters the 2012-13 season with 363 victories.

passing Luther on the all-time list. Loos enters the 2012-13 season with 363 victories. There have been an equal number of great players including Western Kentucky's Clem Haskins, who is the only three-time OVC Player of the Year. Several players have won OVC Player of the Year honors twice: Western Kentucky's Jim McDaniels (1969-70 and 1970-71), Murray State's Les Taylor (1971-72, 1972-73), Jeff Martin (1987-88, 1988-89), Popeye Jones (1989-90, 1990-91) and Marcus Brown (1994-95, 1995-96), Austin Peay's Otis Howard (1976-77, 1977-78), Middle Tennessee's Jerry Beck (1980-81, 1981-82), Akron's Joe Jakubick (1982-83, 1983-84), Tennessee State's Carlos Rogers (1992-93, 1993-94), UT Martin's Lester Hudson (2007-08, 2008-09) and Morehead State's Kenneth Faried (2009-10, 2010-11) Faried (2009-10, 2010-11).

The OVC also has the honor of being the only conference to boast the nation's leaders in scoring, rebounding and assists all in one season. That feat was accomplished in 1991-92 by Morehead State's Brett Roberts (28.1 ppg), Murray State's Popeye Jones

(14.4 rpg) and Tennessee Tech's Van Usher (8.8 apg).
In 2007-08, UT Martin guard Lester Hudson became the first men's Division I player to record a quadruple-double in a game, when he registered 25 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals in a victory over Central Baptist College. Hudson, who ranked fourth in scoring nationally as a junior, returned for his senior season in 2008-09 and was second nationally in scoring (behind Davidson's Stephen Curry) at 27.5 points a contest. Hudson earned numerous honors (including OVC Player of the Year and OVC Male Athlete of the Year in each 2008 and 2009 and All-American status from several outlets) before being drafted by the Boston Celtics with the No. 58 pick of the 2009 NBA Draft.

In the late 1970s, women's athletics began somewhat of a rebirth on the national scene as the NCAA began sponsoring and marketing women's sports. Recognizing the need to provide increased opportunities for female athletes, the OVC established women's championships in the sports of basketball, tennis and track in 1977, with cross country and volleyball added over the next four years. Those sports were initially governed by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW), but the overall strength

of women's programs in the league was demonstrated by the automatic bids the OVC instantly received when the NCAA became the governing body in 1982. Women's basketball in the OVC has been dominated by Tennessee Tech, which has won or shared 17 regular-season titles and owns nine OVC Tournament crowns. In fact, the Golden Eagles have reached the championship game of the OVC Tournament

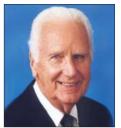
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Art Guepe (1963-75)



Paul Dietzel (1975-76)



Bob Vanatta (1976-79)



Jim Delany (1979-89)



Dan Beebe (1989-2003)



Dr. Jon Steinbrecher (2003-09)

21 times in the past 31 years. Although Tennessee Tech remains the standard-bearer, five other teams have won 13 of the last 19 OVC Tournaments. UT Martin became the latest program to add its name to the list, capturing its first OVC Tournament title in 2011 and repeating as champions in 2012. Austin Peay leads the group with seven crowns including four-straight from 2000-03 and back-to-back titles in 2009 and 2010, while Tennessee State, Eastern Kentucky, Murray State and Southeast Missouri each have won titles during that span.

Several coaches have made their mark in the relatively short history of OVC women's basketball. Former Tennessee Tech coach Marynell Meadors posted an amazing 363-39 (72.3%) record at Tech, becoming the first woman in NCAA or AIAW history to win 300 games at the same institution, while former Tennessee State skipper Teresa Phillips earned National Coach of the Year honors from *USA Today* in 1990 for turning around the Lady Tigers' program before going on to lead TSU to the NCAA Tournament in 1994 and 1995. Tennessee Tech coach Bill Worrell capped a stellar 20-year career in 2005-06 and was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame in 2007; he compiled a 408-190 record while leading the Golden Eagles to an unprecedented 16 OVC regular-season titles and eight NCAA Tournament appearances, including five straight from 1989-93. Larry Joe Inman, who retired at the conclusion of the 2007-08 season and was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame in 2009, won more than 100 games at both Middle Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky, and earned OVC Coach of the Year honors a record eight times - five times at EKU and three at MTSU. Inman came out of retirement to take the Tennessee State job and will be in his first year with the TSU program in 2012-13.

Many great players have graced the hardwood over the years, including former OVC Players of the Year Brooke Armistead and Gerlonda Hardin from Austin Peay, Pam Chambers, Jerilynn Harper, Cheryl Taylor, Angela Moorehead, Roschelle Vaughn, Diane Seng, Janet Holt and Emily Christian from Tennessee Tech; Morehead State's Donna Murphy, Priscilla Blackford and Chynna Bozeman; Eastern Kentucky's Kim Mays; Southeast Missouri's Gray C. Harris; and Murray State's Ashley Hayes.

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Bozeman finished her collegiate career in 2010-11 by winning her second consecutive OVC Player of the Year award. Her 2,170 points ranks her eighth all-time in OVC history, her 377 made career 3-pointers is first in OVC history and sixth in NCAA history and her 1,096 career 3-point attempts ranks first in OVC history and second in NCAA history.

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The league also had another historical moment in November 2008 when the NCAA awarded Nashville the 2014 NCAA Women's Division I Final Four. The OVC will serve as the host of the prestigious event, which is one of the biggest sporting events the city of Nashville can host. The event will be held at Bridgestone Arena in downtown Nashville.

Over its 64 years, OVC teams have garnered national championships and bowl games in football, along with national team or individual titles in the sports of rifle, cross country, track and oolf.

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The playing field is not the only place where OVC athletes are working hard. The league also recognizes excellence in the classroom. Six Scholar-Athlete Awards are pre-

sented yearly to male and female athletes, while others are commended for their academic success by being Medal of Honor recipients or earning a spot on the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Additionally, the league annually presents one institutional Academic Achievement Award, as well as separate team awards in each Conference-sponsored sport. Since the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America program began, the Ohio Valley Conference has had 211 student-athletes honored with the award, including 32 over the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12).

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Through the early years of the league, administrators wrestled with fan behavior due to the close proximity of the Conference members and the intense rivalries which developed. Just as it did decades ago, the OVC took the leadership role on what has become a national issue. In 1995, the OVC implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsmanship Statement," a policy which promotes principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement has become a model for others to follow across the nation, and has answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics.

Additionally, the OVC annually presents the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and citizenship. Most recently, the Conference has also implemented the OVC Institutional and Team Sportsmanship Awards, which are presented to one institution and 18 sport-specific teams voted by their peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NICAA

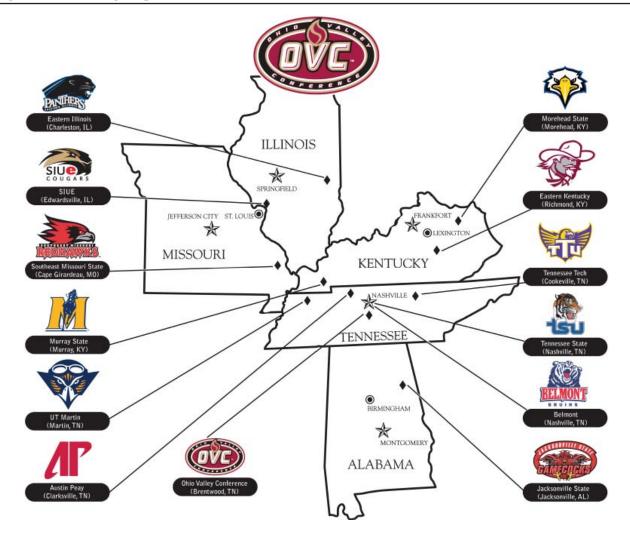
The vision of leadership demonstrated by the Founding Fathers in 1948 remains alive today as the Ohio Valley Conference prepares for the future. One example is in regard to the current trend in collegiate athletics administration for increased involvement of university presidents in setting policies and making rules. The presidents of OVC institutions, however, have always governed the Conference, long before presidential governance became a national theme.

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The Ohio Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis and track for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball for women. In addition, the OVC also sponsors the combined men's and women's sport of rifle.

Now in its seventh decade of competition, the Ohio Valley Conference has grown significantly from its humble beginnings while increasing the number of athletics opportunities it provides for students. Current league representatives include charter members Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and Murray State University, along with Austin Peay State University, Belmont University, Eastern Illinois University, Jacksonville State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

A LOOK AT THE OVC



OVC HONORS AND AWARDS

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The development of the OVC sportsmanship statement began in June 1993 at the direction of the league's presidents. A committee made up of athletics directors and faculty representatives drafted the initial statement, and all coaches and other administrators had the opportunity for input. The statement sets forth expectations for spirit groups, officials and fans, as well as the student-athletes and coaches. Here is a brief synopsis of each group's expectations within the sportsmanship statement.

Administrators: Institutional administrators will create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams, particularly for those individuals at Conference institutions. Administrators will treat the visiting teams and its fans in the same manner that they would want their teams to be treated.

Coaches: Coaches have the greatest amount of influence over whether young people in their programs are taught and follow the high principles of sportsmanship. The OVC has been benefited by coaches who have risked losing a contest by removing student-athletes who have demonstrated disrespect for their opponents. This discipline measure educates that individual about the importance of sportsmanship over participation and winning, and helps counteract the constant messages received from many professional athletes who demonstrate a lack of respect for opponents.

Student-Athletes: Student-athletes at OVC institutions will be expected to treat opponents with sportsmanship, and there will be no tolerance for taunting and baiting of opponents. OVC student-athletes must understand that they are perhaps the most visible representatives of their institutions and their behavior is observed and emulated by many who are younger. OVC student-athletes must honor the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of representing our schools by behaving with dignity and class on and off the field

Spirit Groups: Like our student-athletes, spirit groups are visible representatives of our universities, and they are expected to show decent behavior. Cheerleaders, bands and other spirit groups are admitted to contests to support their teams and assist in creating a fun atmosphere, but they will not be allowed to disrupt or confront opposing teams.

Officials: Officials will enforce the rules regarding sportsmanship without tolerance for abuse. Players and coaches will receive their only warning prior to the contest, and once the contest begins, penalties will be assessed for violations of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Fans: We know all fans are embarrassed by the inappropriate behavior of a few who may engage in confrontational and threatening actions towards officials, visiting fans, players or coaches. Those individuals may be dismissed to provide a better environment for others.

The Conference believes that the effort to meet the expectations outlined in the sportsmanship statement will increase the attractiveness at our athletics events by creating a healthy environment for competition. A complete copy of the sportsmanship statement can be obtained by calling the OVC office at (615) 371-1698.

The OVC has a variety of awards to recognize sportsmanship by its student-athletes, coaches, administrators and teams. In 1998, the OVC

established the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, presented annually to a male or female junior or senior student-athlete who best exemplifies the characteristics of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and administrator. Hamilton is the only individual to have ever played in a NCAA Basketball Championship, a Major League Baseball World Series (New York Yankees) and a National Basketball Association Championship Series (Minnesota Lakers).

In 2003-04 the League began awarding the Institutional Sportsmanship Award, given to the OVC member institution selected by its peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA. In 2005-06 the League expanded the sportsmanship award program by adding the Team Sportsmanship Award. An award is given to each sport sponsored by the OVC and is voted on by the student-athletes and coaches of the respective sports.

OVC SPORTSMANSHIP HONOREES

Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award Winners		
1998-99	Julie Virta (women's basketball), Austin Peay	
1999-00	Michael Turner (men's basketball), Murray State	
2000-01	Kelly Pendleton (women's basketball), Tennessee-Martin	
2001-02	Grant Swallows (football), Tennessee Tech	
2002-03	Brooke Armistead (women's basketball), Austin Peay	
2003-04	Kandi Brown (women's basketball), Morehead State	
2004-05	Cassandra Peek (women's basketball), Austin Peay	
2005-06	Zac Schlader (men's basketball), Austin Peay	
2006-07	Adonia Bivins (women's soccer), Austin Peay	
2007-08	Beth Boden (softball), Tennessee Tech	
2008-09	Carrie Burggraf (track & field), Austin Peay	
2009-10	Carrie Burggraf (track & field), Austin Peay	
2010-11	Abby O'Connor (volleyball), Eastern Kentucky	
2011-12	Jon Clinard (baseball), Austin Peay	

Institutional Sportsmanship Award Winners

2003-04	Southeast Missouri State University
2004-05	Samford University
2005-06	Samford University
2006-07	Morehead State University
2007-08	Austin Peay State University
2008-09	Eastern Kentucky University
2009-10	Eastern Kentucky University
2010-11	Southeast Missouri State University
2011-12	Tennessee Technological Universitiv

Basketball Team Sportsmanship Award Winners

2005-06	Samford (men and women)
2006-07	Eastern Kentucky (m), Morehead State (w)
2007-08	Austin Peay (m), Samford (w)
2008-09	Austin Peay (m), Murray State (w)
2009-10	Murray State (m), Southeast Missouri (w)
2010-11	UT Martin (m), ÚT Martin (w)
2011-12	SIUE (men and women)

OVC HALL OF FAME

The Ohio Valley Conference organized a Hall of Fame in 1977. Membership is limited to coaches, administrators, faculty and staff members who have been associated with the OVC for at least five (5) years and have had extensive outstanding service to the Conference. Unless a tie in the selection procedure occurs, there shall be no more than three (3) inductees annually. Voting for the award is done in the spring and the induction takes place at the OVC Honors Luncheon, which is held annually at the end of May. Following the 2012 ceremony, the Hall of Fame now has 70 members.

Dr. Joe Morgan, APSU (1977) Mr. Charles Hughes, EKU (1977) Dr. Robert Martin, EKU (1977) Dr. Adron Doran, MOR (1977) Mr. Roy Stewart, MUR (1977) Dr. W.E. Derryberry, TTU (1977) Mr. Hooper Eblen, TTU (1997) Dr. Kelly Thompson, WKU (1977) Mr. Ed Diddle, Sr., WKU (1977) Mr. L.T. Smith, WKU (1977) Dr. Dave Aaron, APSU (1978) Mr. Bob Laughlin, MOR (1978) Mr. Ted Hornback, WKU (1978) Dr. Quill E. Cope, MTSU (1978) Mr. J.D. Rayburn, MUR (1979) Mr. Nick Denes, WKU (1979) Mr. Raymond H. Brown, TTU (1980) Dr. Dero G. Downing, WKU (1980)

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Mr. P.V. Overall, TTU (1981)
Mr. Arthur L. Guepe, OVC (1982)
Mr. Charles M. Murphy, MTSU (1982)
Mr. Malcolm P. Quillen, TTU (1984)
Mr. Ellis T. Johnson, MOR (1985)
Mr. John "Sonny" Allen, MOR (1987)
Mr. Wilburn Tucker, TTU (1987)
Mr. Johnny Reagan, MUR (1988)
Dr. George Fisher, APSU (1988)
Mr. John Oldham, WKU / TTU (1989)
Mr. Jimmy Earle, MTSU (1989)
Dr. Sam Ingram, MTSU (1990)
Mr. Bennie Purcell, MUR (1990)
Mr. Donald G. Combs, EKU (1991)
Mr. Steve Hamilton, MOR (1991)
Mr. James E. Delany, OVC (1992)
Mr. E.K. Patty, MTSU (1993)
Ms. Marynell Meadors, TTU (1993)

Mr. Edward S. Temple, TSU (1995)
Mr. John Ogles, APSU (1996)
Dr. Guy Penny, MOR (1996)
Dr. Arliss Roaden, TTU (1996)
Mr. John Stanford, MTSU (1997)
Dr. Kala Stroup, MUR / SEMO (1997)
Dr. Margaret N. Perry, UTM (1998)
Dr. Leon Bibb, APSU (1999)
Mr. Cal Luther, MUR / UTM (2000)
Mr. R.L. "Buddy" Patey, OVC (2000)
Dr. Nolan Fowler, MOR / TTU (2001)
Dr. Angelo Volpe, TTU (2001)
Mr. Jim Ward, EKU (2002)
Mr. Roy Kidd, EKU (2003)
Dr. Bobby Barton, EKU (2004)
Mr. Wayne Martin, MOR (2004)
Mr. Bill Cornell, MUR (2005)

Dr. David Larimore, TTU (2005)

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Beth DeBauche - Commissioner



Elizabeth (Beth) DeBauche was named Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference on July 29, 2009 and began her duties with the league in September 2009.

DeBauche (pronounced De-BUSH) is the seventh full-time Commissioner in the 63-year history of the OVC. She follows Art Guepe (1963-75), Paul Dietzel (1975-76), Bob Vanatta (1976-79), Jim Delany (1979-89), Dan Beebe (1989-2003) and Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher (2003-09).

DeBauche is one of just five females to be the head of a Division I Conference in 2012-13, and one of just eight to lead a Division I Conference all-time.

In May 2011 the league announced the addition of Belmont University to the OVC beginning in the 2012-13 season. The addition of Belmont brings the OVC to 12 teams, the largest membership total the league has had in its history.

In her three years with the league the OVC has seen postseason success men's basketball as Murray State topped Vanderbilt in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 2010, Morehead State beat Louisville in the second round in 2011 and Murray State bested Colorado State in the second round in 2012. Overall the league has won NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament games in four-straight years for the first-time in league history. Overall the OVC is one of only nine conferences nationally (and one of three non-BCS leagues) to achieve that success.

Under DeBauche the league has started an extensive strategic planning initiative. In addition student-athletes in the OVC have also continued to achieve high levels of success not only on the field but also in the classroom. In 2010-11 the league had an all-time high number of honorees on the OVC Medal of Honor list. During the past three years 32 OVC student-athletes have been named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

During her first year with the OVC the league announced a change in format and new venue for its men's and women's basketball championships. The event now spans four days and is held at Municipal Auditorium in downtown Nashville (previously only the semifinals and finals were played in Nashville), and brings eight men's and eight women's teams to Music City for the championship.

The format also changed to a merit-based system where the No. 3 and 4 seeds receive a bye to the quarterfinals and the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds will receive double byes to the semifinals.

DeBauche currently serves on the NCAA Committee on Athletic Certification, the NCAA Division I Leadership Council and the NCAA Rules Working Group.

From August 2002 through August 2009 DeBauche, along with the vice-president of Division I, was responsible for coordinating Division I initiatives through the NCAA governance structure, as well as helping to manage the Division I agenda. Her duties included developing agendas and providing leadership for the Division I Board of Directors, Presidential Advisory Group and the Leadership Council. DeBauche has overseen the entire Division I governance structure and worked directly with the Legislative Council, the six cabinets and the supporting communications and coordination committee.

She was also a liaison to governance representatives, external constituent groups and NCAA staff regarding legislative and governance activities. That role required DeBauche to have regular interaction with the Collegiate Commissioner's Association (CCA), the CCA Compliance Coordinators, the Division I-A Athletics Directors Association, the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) and the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA). DeBauche also served as a liaison to the Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the Presidential Oversight and Monitoring Group, the Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, the Presidential Task Force on Commercial Activity in Intercollegiate Athletics and the Two-Year College Relations Panel.

In 2008, DeBauche was named the NACWAA Conference/Organization Administrator of the Year.

Prior to her work at the NCAA, DeBauche worked at the Southeastern Conference (SEC) from November 1996 through August 2002. As an assistant and later associate commissioner, she managed all aspects of the SEC's rules compliance program. DeBauche provided NCAA and SEC rules interpretations, developing rules education materials and programming, conducting compliance reviews and assisting member institutions with the

NCAA certification program. At times during her tenure, she also served as the league's liaison to the faculty athletics representatives, the compliance coordinators, directors of academic support and Student-Athletes Advisory Committee (SAAC) as well as the sports liaison to the leagues women's golf, women's tennis and women's volleyball coaches.

From 1996 to 1998 DeBauche was the Director of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) Program for the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA). In that role she was the administrator in charge of issuing all NLI rules interpretations, creating rules education materials and providing NLI rules education presentations as well as being the primary information resource for parents, student-athletes and the media.

DeBauche got her start in collegiate athletics at Vanderbilt University where she was the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance from August 1994 to November 1996.

DeBauche received her Bachelor of Arts degree in history and government from Saint Mary's College (Ind.) and earned her Master's Degree in communications from Notre Dame. After completing the Concannon Program of International Law in London, England, DeBauche received her Juris Doctorate from the Notre Dame School of Law.

A member of the Illinois, Wisconsin and Georgia Bar, following law school graduation DeBauche worked as an attorney in each Green Bay, Atlanta and Marietta, as well as serving as a Judicial Clerk to P. Harris Hines, who is currently serving on the Georgia Superior Court.

DeBauche has been a member of the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis Board of Directors, as well as a graduate of the Sports Management Institute and a participant in the Division I-A Athletic Directors Institute. She is a board member with the Nashville Sports Council and active in the Nashville Rotary.



DeBauche speaks at a press conference on May 13, 2011 announcing that Belmont University would become the 12th member of the Conference beginning in the 2012-13 season.

Brad Walker - Associate Commissioner/Operations



Brad Walker was named Associate Commissioner for Operations/Chief Operating Officer at the Ohio Valley Conference on Oct. 19, 2007 and began his duties at the OVC in Nov. 2007.

Entering his sixth year at the OVC in 2012-13, Walker served as the League's Interim Commissioner from May until mid-September 2009. He was also a member of the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet from 2009-11.

In September 2012 Walker begins a fiveyear term on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee, where he will help

administer the women's basketball championship.

Walker's responsibilities at the OVC include the day-to-day operations of the Conference office, including financial operations, as well as developing schedules and providing oversight for football and men's basketball, serving as a liaison with officiating coordinators and coaching groups, overseeing bidding for and directing of NCAA championship events (including the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship 2nd/3rd Rounds which the OVC hosted in Nashville), coordination of the Conference television properties and serving as the director of the men's and women's basketball tournament among other things.

Walker joined the OVC after seven-plus years at the West Coast Conference (WCC), which is headquartered just south of San Francisco. He joined the WCC in Oct. 2001 as Director of Communications and was later promoted to Assistant Commissioner and Associate Commissioner. He was responsible for coordinating the marketing efforts for the WCC's 13 sports, as well as handling all aspects of television, including contract negotiations. That included taking the lead role in negotiating the WCC's largest television contract in league history, a five-year agreement with ESPN. He also worked closely with the league's corporate partner program, producing conference schedules for the six round-robin sports, including basketball, as well as handling championship management duties.

Walker previous worked at the Mid-Continent Conference as Assistant Director of Media Relations and at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass. He completed his degree in marketing at Bentley College (Waltham, Mass.) in May 1996. He was an all-conference basketball player at Bentley, serving as team captain his senior season.

The Milwaukee, Wis. native is a 2004 graduate of the NCAA Leadership Institute for Ethnic Minority Males. Walker and his wife Sonya were married in December 2010.

Jennifer Gibbs - Asst. Commissioner/Championships



Jennifer Gibbs joined the Ohio Valley Conference staff in October 2006 as assistant commissioner for championships. In addition to overseeing the administration of the OVC's 18 championship sports, Gibbs also serves as the Conference Senior Woman Administrator, as well as the staff liaison to select coaching groups and officiating coordinators. She also coordinates the league's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the OVC's merchandise and awards programs.

Gibbs was a staff member on Nashville's

Bid Committee that successfully landed the Division I NCAA Women's Final Four for the city in 2014. She has also served as a timeout coordinator for the Men's and Women's Division I NCAA Basketball Tournament. In 2012 she served as the assistant tournament manager for the Division I Men's Basketball Championship 2nd/3rd Rounds held in Nashville.

Gibbs joined the OVC after serving as sales coordinator for the Nashville Predators of the National Hockey League (NHL). In that role, she was charged with preparing corporate sponsorship proposals, tracking weekly sales activity and identifying new business prospects. Prior to joining the Predators, Gibbs was a championships assistant with the Sun Belt Conference, where she was involved in all facets of coordinating the league's championship events.

A native of Port Edwards, Wis., Gibbs received her post-secondary and graduate education at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where she was awarded an undergraduate degree in sport management and a master's degree in sport administration. While attending the master's program at Wisconsin-La Crosse, Gibbs served as a graduate assistant in the athletics department, assisting with event management. She also spent seven years as the aquatics coordinator for the city of La Crosse, managing the day-to-day operations for five aquatic facilities.

Jennifer and her husband Matt were married in August 2008.

Kyle Schwartz - Asst. Commissioner/Media Relations



Kyle Schwartz joined the Ohio Valley Conference as Assistant Commissioner for Media Relations in Nov. 2006. He is in charge of publicity efforts for the Conference and is the primary contact for football, men's basketball, baseball, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's golf among other duties. He also serves as the media coordinator for the OVC's annual basketball and baseball tournaments and is also in charge of coordinating special events for the Conference, including the Honors Luncheon and Hall of Fame.

Schwartz served as a timeout coordinator for the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournaments and worked with the ConSIDA group at the Final Fours in Detroit, Indianapolis, Houston and New Orleans. In 2012 he served as the Media Coordinator for the NCAA Men's Basketball Second/Third Rounds that the OVC hosted in Nashville.

Schwartz came to the OVC after spending four and a half years at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo. There he served as the Assistant Director of Media Relations for two years, was promoted to Media Relations Coordinator in July 2004 and served as Director of Media Relations in his final year.

At Northern Colorado, Schwartz helped coordinate the media efforts of two NCAA, two conference and six independent championships, including four during the 2005-06 school year. Schwartz was honored by Collegiate Volleyball Update (CVU.com) with the first annual RESPecting Volleyball (Recognition for Excellence in Supporting and Promoting Volleyball) Award in 2005 and was ranked the No. 3 soccer SID in the country by Soccer Buzz magazine in 2004. The 2003 Northern Colorado volleyball guide he wrote, designed and edited won third place honors nationally in the CoSIDA publications contest.

Schwartz also spent two years as a graduate assistant in the Southeast Missouri State sports information department (2000-02). It was at SEMO that Schwartz received his master's degree in athletic administration, graduating with honors. Schwartz received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky in May 2000, graduating cum laude. As an undergraduate, he interned with the Host Communications publishing group and also worked with the Kentucky Thoroughblades minor league hockey team.

Schwartz, a native of Flemingsburg, Ky., is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and has served on CoSIDA's Academic All-American committee as a district coordinator since June 2003. He also serves on the NCAA Statistics and Records Advisory Board. Schwartz and his wife, Angella, were married in June 2004.

Brian Pulley - Asst. Commissioner/External Affairs



Brian Pulley was named Assistant Commissioner for External Affairs on August 7, 2007 and enters his sixth year with the Conference in 2012-13.

With the OVC Pulley oversees the league's web streaming efforts, which included an overhaul to a non-subscription based model with improved quality beginning in Fall 2012. He is also the liaison for the Conference's multimedia rights holder, IMG College.

Pulley helped develop and executive a comprehensive marketing plan for the OVC Basketball Championship as the event expanded and moved to Municipal Auditorium

in Nashville prior to the 2010-11 season. The 2012 OVC Basketball Tournament saw the second-highest attendance at a neutral site in the event's history.

Pulley brought over five years of sales experience to his current position, including completing an internship with the Conference in 2005-06. He has cultivated relationships for an array of business types and brings a comprehensive knowledge of game day operations as it applies to corporate activation.

Pulley came to the OVC after being an account executive with ISP Sports in Atlanta, Ga., where he was responsible for soliciting and cultivating corporate partners for Georgia Tech Athletics. He also helped develop and implement promotions for Georgia Tech football, baseball and men's basketball as well as being responsible for managing advertising inventory for Georgia Tech.

Pulley, a native of Springfield, Tenn., received his bachelor's degree in public relations from Middle Tennessee State University in December 1998. He completed his master's of science degree in sports administration from Belmont University in May 2006.

It was during graduate school that he served as an intern with the Ohio Valley Conference, helping establish a group sales base, formulating a marketing plan and assisting with the OVC Basketball Championship among other duties.

Pulley is active with the Big Brother Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee. He and his wife Ashley were married in April 2011.

Matt Banker - Asst. Commissioner/Institutional Services



Matthew Banker was named Assistant Commissioner for Institutional Services on Dec. 11, 2009 and began his duties with the OVC on Jan. 4, 2010.

At the OVC, Banker oversees the conference's compliance operations and NCAA rules education programming to OVC member institutions. In conjunction with the NCAA Division I legislative cycle, Banker leads the conference's review of legislative proposals annually including coordination of the OVC's position on each proposal. Banker also conducts NCAA compliance reviews for OVC member institutions. As

part of the OVC governance structure, Banker serves as liaison to the OVC's Board of Faculty Athletics Representatives, the academic services directors and the institutional athletics compliance staff. Banker currently serves as the OVC's representative on the NCAA Division I Legislative Council and also manages the National Letter of Intent (NLI) program for the OVC.

Banker currently serves on the Division I Subcommittee on Legislative Relief, is the chair of the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Goverance Subcommittee and was selected to serve as vice-chair of the Division I Legislative Council for the 2012-13 academic year.

Banker joined the OVC staff after serving as the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, Ind. from 2008-09. Banker, while at IU School of Law, managed a variety of student services and administration functions including counseling law students on personal and curricular matters, advising law student organizations, organizing new student orientation and spring commencement, managing the annual budget, coordinating the administration of final exams and oversight of the student handbook. Banker also served on the Dean's senior leadership

team which included day-to-day management of the law school operations, strategic planning and executing the mission and goals of the school and serving on the law school's ABA self study committee.

Prior to working at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis, Banker worked at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) from 2002 to 2008, first as the Associate Director of Membership Services and later at the NCAA Eligibility Center as the Associate Director of Academic Review. His responsibilities with the NCAA included serving on the national office legislative team which oversaw the drafting of NCAA legislation and interpretations for all three divisions. That role included drafting and publishing rules and interpretations for the Legislative Services Database (LSDBi), the NCAA Manuals and NCAA Convention official notices. Banker also served as staff liaison to NCAA committees and councils tied to legislation and interpretations, financial aid, recruiting and playing and practice seasons. From spring 2007 to July 2008 he managed the day-to-day operations of the NCAA Eligibility Center academic review team which oversaw the administration of initial eligibility waivers and prospective student-athlete reviews for Division I and Division II institutions.

Banker received his bachelor of arts degree in print journalism from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. in December 1997. A member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Banker was a three-time letter winner for the Tommies football team. Banker received his Juris Doctorate from the Marquette University Law School in May 2001. At Marquette he was the president of the St. Thomas More Society and a member of the Sports Law Society.

Banker has been an active member and volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club and volunteers as a big brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program of Middle Tennessee. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar Association, the National Association of Academic Advisors (N4A), the National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC) and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). He also serves as an adjunct professor with Belmont University's Masters in Sports Administration program.

Banker is a native of Wauwatosa, Wis.

Heather Brown - Director of Media Relations



Heather Brown is in her ninth year with the Ohio Valley Conference in 2012-13. After the completion of a 10-month internship with the OVC, she served in the position of Assistant Director for Media Relations until her promotion of Director of Media Relations in Dec. 2006.

Brown, the longest tenured member of the OVC staff, is the primary contact for soccer, volleyball, women's basketball, softball, men's and women's track and field, men's and women's rifle and men's and women's tennis.

Brown has done extensive work with NCAA Championships, first serving as the assistant media relations coordinator for the first and second rounds of the 2005 NNCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship and the Second and Third Rounds of the 2012 Championship in Nashville. She has also worked the first and second round of the NCAA Women's Tournament in each 2004, 2006 and 2007 and the Men's Basketball Tournament in 2008 and 2011.

Brown was instrumental in getting the OVC started in the social network/ new media phenomenon, starting both Facebook and Twitter accounts for the league

Prior to working with the Conference, the West Liberty, Ohio, native served a three-month internship in the sports information office at The Ohio State University after a one-year stint as a student assistant in the Bowling Green State University sports information office.

A 2003 graduate of BGSU, Brown earned a bachelor's degree in sports management with an emphasis in sports information. She is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Jon Kuka - OVC IMG Sports Marketing



Jon Kuka joined the Ohio Valley Conference staff in April 2010 as the General Manager for OVC IMG Sports Marketing. Kuka brought over 10 years in sales and sports marketing experience to the position.

He joined the Conference staff as part of the OVC's agreement with IMG College which was signed in February 2008. With the deal, IMG represents the OVC through category exclusive corporate partnership sales, as well as radio broadcast production and distribution for the men's basketball

championship and other championship events.

In 2011 Kuka was the recipient of the prestigious IMG Chairman's Cup Award.

Prior to joining the OVC Kuka was the Director of Sales for Nelligan Sports Marketing at Middle Tennessee State University for two years. In that position he managed corporate sponsorships and initiated multimedia marketing rights for the Blue Raiders athletic department.

From 2001-07 Kuka worked in Knoxville with the Tennessee Smokies baseball club, the AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. He began as a group sales representative and was promoted to Director of Group Sales and eventually Director of Sales. As the Director of Sales, Kuka oversaw ticket sales and corporate sponsorships sales.

Kuka received his bachelor's degree in sports administration from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2000. While in school Kuka interned with the Chattanooga Sports & Events Committee that assisted in marketing the city for attracting events such as the NCAA Division I Football National Championship. He was also a member of the university cycling club and a participant in the 1999 Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships.

Kuka completed his MBA from Ohio Valley Conference member Tennessee Tech University in 2009.

A native of Chattanooga, Kuka resides with his wife, Alicia, daughter, Leah, and son, Andrew, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Jenny Kulchar - Administrative Assistant



The newest addition to the Ohio Valley Conference, joining the Conference in February 2010, Jenny Kulchar serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner and OVC staff.

Prior to joining the OVC, Kulchar spent a year and a half with Dye, Van Mol & Lawrence, a public relations firm in downtown Nashville, as a receptionist where she performed administrative duties for the accounting department and worked on various client accounts including Bridgestone and Jack Daniels.

Kulchar moved to Nashville in January 2007 to complete her degree with an internship in the publicity department at Provident Label Group. After graduating she gained temporary employment at L.A.B. Media as the PR Coordinator.

She continued her administrative and public relations career as the Office Manager for New Business Development in addition to being the Business and PR Liaison for Make It Beautiful, a nonprofit organization.

Kulchar, a 2007 graduate of Central Michigan University, earned her bachelors in Integrative Public Relations minoring in Interpersonal and Public Communication with a concentration in the area of event planning.

Curtis Shaw - Coordinator of Men's Basketball Officials



Curtis Shaw is the coordinator of Men's Basketball Officials for the Ohio Valley Conference.

Shaw was annually been recognized as one of the top officials in the nation, having worked six NCAA Final Fours, including the 2009 NCAA Championship game. He was selected to officiate NCAA Tournament games for 18 consecutive years, including regional games from 2004 through 2010.

After working the 2010 Final Four, Shaw retired from active officiating duty to work full-time as an officials coordinator. It was

announced in May 2010 that Shaw would head a consortium for men's officiating with the OVC, Big 12, Conference USA and the Southland Conferences.

Shaw served as the OVC's Coordinator of Women's Basketball Officials from 2001-02 through the 2010-11 season before relinquishing those duties to concentrate on the men's officiating program.

A fixture at numerous postseason conference tournaments and league championship games, Shaw worked the NIT Season Tipoff and postseason NIT. During the course of his career, he has officiated games in the Big 12, Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Southeastern, Missouri Valley, Ohio Valley, Sun Belt, Atlantic Sun, Southland, Southern and Western Athletic conferences. He also saw action in Conference USA, the Horizon League and Colonial Athletic Association.

He earned his Bachelor's of Science degree in Exercise Health and Leisure Science (Sport Administration concentration) from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2008. Born in Paducah, Ky. on May 31, 1960, he currently resides in Indianapolis, Ind. and has two children.

Sally Bell - Coordinator of Women's Basketball Officials



Sally Bell was named Coordinator of Women's Basketball Officials for the Ohio Valley Conference in March 2011.

Bell, who has over 30 years of college women's basketball officiating experience, will be responsible for the recruiting, training, assigning and evaluating of women's basketball officials for the league. She also works with the Atlantic Sun, Southeastern, Southland, Southwestern Athletic and Sun Belt Conferences.

Bell began officiating high school basketball in 1975, moved on to NAIA and

NJCAA games in 1979, and first officiated Division I and II games in 1981. She officiated 15 Women's Final Fours, including 13 straight from 1993-2005 and in 1991 was named the Naismith College Women's Basketball Official of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

The Dublin, Ga. native received a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in 1975 and a master's degree from North Georgia College in 1981. Her international officiating experience includes the 2000 Olympic Exhibition in Honolulu, Hawaii; 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia; 1993 World University Games in Buffalo, New York; and 1990 World Championships in Malaysia. She also served as a member of the U.S. Olympic Selection Committee for officials from 1996-2004.

Bell and her husband, Jack, reside in Dahlonega, Ga.

NCAA DIVISION I CONFERENCE ALIGNMENTS

AMERICA EAST (9)

Albany (N.Y.) Binghamton **Boston University** Hartford Maine UMBC New Hampshire Stony Brook Vermont

ATLANTIC COAST (12)

Boston College Clemson Duke Florida State Georgia Tech Maryland Miami (Fla.) North Carolina North Carolina State Virginia Virginia Tech Wake Forest

ATLANTIC SUN (10)

East Tennessee State Florida Gulf Coast Jacksonville Kennesaw State Lipscomb Mercer #Northern Kentucky (2017) North Florida S.C. Upstate Stetson

ATLANTIC 10 (16) Butler

Charlotte Dayton Duquesne Fordham George Washington La Salle Massachusetts Rhode Island Richmond St. Bonaventure St. Joseph's Saint Louis Temple vcui Xavier

BIG EAST (15) Cincinnati

Connecticut DePaul Georgetown Louisville Marquette Notre Dame Pittsburgh Providence Rutgers St. John's (N.Y.) Seton Hall South Florida Syracuse Villanova

BIG SKY (11) Eastern Washington Idaho State Montana Montana State North Dakota Northern Arizona Northern Colorado Portland State Sacramento State Southern Utah Weber State

BIG SOUTH (12) NORTH

Campbell High Point Liberty Longwood Radford

SOUTH

Charleston Southern Coastal Carolina Gardner-Webb UNC Asheville Presbyterian Winthrop

BIG TEN (12)

Illinois Indiana Iowa Michigan Michigan State Minnesota Nebraska Northwestern Ohio State Penn State Purdue Wisconsin

BIG 12 (10)

Baylor Iowa State Kansas Kansas State Oklahoma Oklahoma State TCU Texas Texas Tech West Virginia

BIG WEST (10)

UC Davis UC Irvine UC Riverside UC Santa Barbara Cal Poly
Cal State Fullerton Cal State Northridge Hawaii Long Beach State Pacific

COLONIAL (11) Delaware Drexel George Mason Georgia State Hofstra James Madison UNC Wilmington Northeastern Old Dominion Towson William & Mary

CONFERENCE USA (12)

UAB UCF East Carolina Houston Marshall Memphis Rice SMU Southern Mississippi Tulane Tulsa UTEP

GREAT WEST (5)

Chicago State Houston Baptist Texas-Pan American Utah Valley

HORIZON (9) Cleveland State

Detroit Green Bay Illinois-Chicago Loyola (III.) Milwaukee Valparaiso Wright State Youngstown State

IVY (8)

Brown Columbia Cornell Dartmouth Harvard Penn Princeton Yale

METRO ATLANTIC (10)

Canisius Iona Loyola (Md.) Manhattan Marist Niagara Rider St. Peter's Siena

MID-AMERICAN (12)

Akron Bowling Green Buffalo Kent State Miami (Ohio) Ohio

WEST

Ball State Central Michigan Eastern Michigan Northern Illinois Toledo Western Michigan

MID-EASTERN (13) Bethune-Cookman

Coppin State Delaware State Florida A&M Hampton Howard Maryland-East. Shore Morgan State Norfolk State North Carolina A&T North Carolina Central Savannah State South Carolina State

MISSOURI VALLEY (10)

Bradley Creighton Drake Evansville Illinois State Indiana State Missouri State UNI Southern Illinois Wichita State

MOUNTAIN WEST (9)

Boise State Colorado State Fresno State Nevada New Mexico San Diego State Wyoming

NORTHEAST (12)

Bryant Central Connecticut State Fairleigh Dickinson Long Island Monmouth Mt. St. Mary's Quinnipiac Robert Morris Sacred Heart St. Francis (N.Y.) St. Francis (Pa.) Wagner

OHIO VALLEY (12)

EAST Belmont Eastern Kentucky Jacksonville State Morehead State Tennessee State Tennessee Tech

WEST Austin Peay Eastern Illinois Murray State Southeast Missouri State SIUE UT Martin

PAC-12 (12)

Arizona Arizona State California Colorado Oregon Oregon State Southern California Stanford **UCLA** Utah Washington Washington State

PATRIOT (8)

American Army Bucknell Colgate Holy Cross Lafayette Lehigh Navv

SOUTHEASTERN (14) Alabama

Arkansas Auburn Florida Georgia Kentucky LSU Mississippi Mississippi State Missouri South Carolina Tennessee Texas A&M Vanderbilt

SOUTHERN (12)

NORTH Appalachian State Chattanooga Elon UNC Greensboro Samford Western Carolina

SOUTH

College of Charleston Citadel Davidson Furman Georgia Southern Wofford

SOUTHLAND (10)

Central Arkansas Lamar McNeese State Nicholls State Northwestern State Oral Roberts Sam Houston State Southeastern Louisiana Stephen F. Austin Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

SOUTHWESTERN (10)

Alabama A&M Alabama State Alcorn State
Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Grambling
Jackson State Mississippi Valley State Prairie View Southern University Texas Southern

SUMMIT (9) IPFW

IUPUI **UMKC** #Nebraska-Omaha (2016) North Dakota State Oakland Oral Roberts South Dakota South Dakota State Western Illinois

SUN BELT (11)

EAST Florida Atlantic Middle Tennessee South Alabama Troy Western Kentucky

WEST

UALR Arkansas State Louisiana-Lafayette Louisiana-Monroe North Texas

WEST COAST (9)

BYU Gonzaga Loyola Marymount Pepperdine Portland St. Mary's (Calif.) San Diégo San Francisco Santa Clara

WESTERN ATHLETIC (10)

Denver Idaho Louisiana Tech New Mexico State San Jose State Seattle Texas-Arlington UTSA Texas State Utah State

INDEPENDENTS (2) Cal St. Bakersfield New Orleans

#RECLASSIFYING (2)

Nebraska-Omaha (2015-16) Northern Kentucky (2016-17)

OVC TO HOST 2014 NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

On Nov. 14, 2008 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) informed representatives from the Ohio Valley Conference and the Nashville Sports Council that the City of Nashville has been awarded the 2014 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Final Four. The event will take place at Bridgestone Arena in downtown Nashville.

In conjunction with the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Final Four, Nashville will also host the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Convention. The WBCA is the national association of approximately 5,000 basketball coaches representing all levels of the game, including junior high, AAU, high school, college and professional.

Nashville was one of five cities awarded the Division I Women's Basketball Final Four's between the years of 2012 and 2016. Other cities selected to host the Final Four during that time period include (with arena and host institution):

- 2013: New Orleans, New Orleans Arena, University of New Orleans
- 2014: Nashville, Bridgestone Arena, Ohio Valley Conference
- 2015: Tampa Bay, St. Pete Times Forum, University of South Florida
- 2016: Indianapolis, Lucas Oil Stadium, Butler University/IUPUI/Horizon League



The process to secure the Division I Women's Final Four began in January 2008 with an initial meeting of the Music City Bid Committee, co-chaired by Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors and Margaret Behm. The OVC and Nashville Sports Council submitted an official bid to the NCAA in June 2008 and were announced as one of the eight finalists in August 2008. The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee and NCAA staff made a two-day visit to Nashville in mid-October 2008 and Nashville's local bid committee made a final presentation to the NCAA in Indianapolis on Nov. 12, 2008.

"This is great news for Nashville", said Nashville Mayor Karl Dean. "I applaud the Sports Council, the Ohio Valley Conference and the bid committee for all the work they put into making this happen, specifically Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors and Margaret Behm. This news speaks to what a great destination Nashville is for large events and their participants, and it helps validate the need for a new, much larger convention center downtown. This event is only possible because by 2014 the Music City Center will be open and fully operational. I look forward to Nashville hosting this event and to showing the Women's Final Four participants all that Music City has to offer."

"This is a great day for Music City," said Nashville Vice-Mayor and Music City Bid Committee Co-Chair Diane Neighbors. "The Nashville team worked very hard and produced a fantastic proposal. Over the next six years we will be putting together a Final Four that players, coaches, and fans won't forget. Congratulations Nashville!"

"The community wide support we have received throughout the bid process has been phenomenal," said Music City Bid Committee Co-Chair Margaret Behm. "That broad ranging support coupled with Middle Tennessee's long tradition of celebrating women's basketball makes Nashville the perfect host site for the 2014 Women's Final Four."

"This is a phenominal event to celebrate coming to Nashville," said Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Beth DeBauche. "The Women's Basketball Committee having faith in the OVC and Nashville Sports Council to serve as hosts is a tribute to our organizations. It will be a fun ride to exceed their expectations and make 2014 the best Women's Final Four ever."

"We are pleased that the NCAA has awarded the 2014 Women's Final Four to Nashville," said Nashville Sports Council President & CEO Scott Ramsey. "This event is one of the most high profile annual events on the national sports calendar and will bring tremendous national exposure, prestige and economic impact to our community. We look forward to beginning the planning and preparation to host an unforgettable experience for the student-athletes, fans and everyone associated with the Women's Final Four."

When evaluating prospective host cities, the committee reviewed each city's competition venue, convention center, hotel community,

transportation plans, legacy programs and financial commitment, as well as the community's and prospective host institution/ conference's overall commitment to the event.

invested a tremendous amount of time and effort in the Women's Final Four site selection process," said Jacki Silar, chair of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee and associate director of athletics at Duke University. "It was a very difficult and important decision and it was





Bridgestone Arena, the home of the NHL's Nashville Predators, has hosted numerous basketball tournaments, including the 2012 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball 2nd/3rd Rounds, an event which the Ohio Valley Conference served as hosts.

the committee's charge to determine which of the cities would best serve as future host sites for the pinnacle of women's basketball – the Women's Final Four. The committee appreciated the work and effort of each of the cities that participated in this bid selection process. Committee members evaluated each prospective host city based on many criteria, weighing each element's importance and what is critical to successfully host a Women's Final Four."

"We would like to express our appreciation to the prospective host cities and bid committees that participated in the bid process for the 2012-16 Women's Final Four," said NCAA Executive Vice President Tom Jernstedt. "The time, effort and enthusiasm in each of their bids were noteworthy and because of this kind of commitment and engagement, the Women's Final Four will continue to be the outstanding 'celebration' of women's basketball that it has become. This was a difficult decision by the Division I Women's Basketball Committee, and I applaud their efforts in determining the five cities that will serve as the future host cities for the pinnacle event in women's basketball."

"The selection of Nashville and the Ohio Valley Conference to host the NCAA Final Four is an example of the quality work this conference does on behalf of the student-athletes that call the OVC home," said Rob Cross, Murray State University head women's basketball coach. "As a conference we certainly value the opportunity to host such a tremendous event in the home of our own tournament championship. We look forward to the rest of the nation seeing what we already know...that the people of this area are extremely passionate about basketball. As the excitement builds for the Final Four in Nashville it will certainly help build upon the reputation the OVC enjoys as an exciting basketball league."

"Having Nashville host the Women's Final Four is beyond exciting," said Tracee Wells, Tennessee State University head women's basketball coach. "Nashville is a great city that has many things for visitors to get involved in like music, theatre, sports and history to name a few. Music City will more than welcome the thousands of fans who travel to support women's basketball. Both the OVC and the WBCA are always looking for ways to grow the women's game; Nashville will be a great atmosphere to showcase great basketball while showing great fans a great time in a great city!"

OVC BASKETBALL VENUES



AUSTIN PEAY
Dunn Center/Dave Aaron Arena/Dave Loos Court (7,875)
Opened: 1975

Press Row Phone: (931) 221-7155



EASTERN KENTUCKY Alumni Coliseum/Paul S. McBrayer Arena (6,500)

Opened: 1963 Press Row Phone: (859) 622-5908



BELMONT Curb Event Center (5,000) Opened: 2003

Press Row Phone: (615) 460-8554



JACKSONVILLE STATE
Pete Mathews Coliseum (5,500)

Opened: 1974 Press Row Phone: (256) 782-5583



EASTERN ILLINOIS Lantz Arena (5,300)

Opened: 1966 Press Row Phone: (217) 581-5135



MOREHEAD STATE Ellis T. Johnson Arena (6,500)

Opened: 1981 Press Row Phone: (606) 783-2500



MURRAY STATE CFSB Center (8,600)

Opened: 1998 Press Row Phone: (270) 809-5551



TENNESSEE STATE
Gentry Center/John B. McClendon Court (10,500)

Opened: 1981 Press Row Phone: (615) 963-7616



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE Show Me Center (7,000)

Opened: 1987 Press Row Phone: (573) 651-5014



TENNESSEE TECH Eblen Center (9,280)

Opened: 1977 Press Row Phone: (931) 372-6077



SIUE Sam M. Vadalabene Center (4,000)

Opened: 1984 Press Row Phone: (618) 650-2188



UT MARTIN

Tom and Kathleen Elam Center/Skyhawk Arena (5,000)

Opened: 1975 (first game 1978) Press Row Phone: (731) 881-7694



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