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AWARDS RECOGNITION

Thursday, November 6, 2025
Kalahari Resort and Conference Center



OMA Awards 2025

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies

Josh Kauffman, OMLA Vice President
Michelle Koussa & John Paydo

Regional Awards

Central Regional Awards

Lillian Hillier
Blue Lion Card Program/PBIS Team
Brian Moore

Buckeye Valley Middle School
Washington Middle School
Canal Winchester Middle School

East

Ashley Kessler

Oakwood Middle School

Northeast

Lyndy Zehner
Michelle Drogell
Lynn Livengood
Gina DeBaltzo
Melissa Harrison and Adam Ballog

Nordonia Middle School
Cloverleaf Middle School
Cloverleaf Middle School
Mayfield Middle School
Coventry Middle School

Northwest

Brianna Gerten
Miranda Shepherd
Angela Nowak

Cory-Rawson Middle School
Ada Middle School
Swanton Middle School

Southeast

Adam Rondinella
Eighth Grade Team
Vince Smith

Trimble Junior High
Minford Middle School
Minford Middle School

Southwest

Kathy Bruening
Christian Kollmorgen
James Chilcote
Lauren Krehbiel

Loveland Middle School
Milford Middle School
Princeton Community Middle School
West Clermont Middle School

West

Tracy Merica

Mechanicsburg Middle School



Support Staff of the Year:

Chetna Pithadia

Morton Middle School

General Session Awards

Component Awards:

Teaming

Team Yeti
Principal: Kristina Yako

Cloverleaf Middle School

Teaming

Team Elevate
Principal: David Knapp

Loveland Middle School

Students of the Year:

Vihaan Yanamandra
Ariana Jacomet

Strongsville Middle School
Swanton Middle School

Team of the Year:

PE Teaching Team

Erik Halm, Jennifer Haney,
George Prokopovich
Principal: Dr. Kim Cockley

Hudson Middle School

Educator of the Year:

Dr. Derek Varansky

Tuscarawas Valley Local School District

Closing Remarks

Josh Kauffman

A special thank you to the OMLA Executive Board and the OMLA Awards Committee, who arranged this reception.