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Neeley Twins Receive Six Awards



Former Lady Kat – Ashley Hayes

The Kiwanis Club of Kokomo hosted the 30th Annual Girls Basketball Banquet at Kokomo High School on Feb. 18, 2013. The Kiwanis welcomed home former Kokomo High School and Murray State standout guard, Ashley Hayes as she served as this year's keynote speaker. Hayes offered the girls sound advice on working hard, achieving success at whatever you do and always strive to set yourself apart from the rest. Hayes is currently an assistant women's coach at Butler University.

Hayes is best known locally as a key member of the 2003 Kokomo Lady Kats Class 4A state champions – a team the rolled through the season and finished 26-0 as the only undefeated basketball team in 110 years of Kokomo basketball. Hayes was second team all-state and a McDonald's All-American nominee. She is also currently ranked No. 21 on Howard County's 1,000 Point Club with 1,126 points.

The Kiwanis Club of Kokomo established this banquet in 1984 to formally recognize the athletic and academic accomplishments of local area girls' basketball teams. The following ten high schools were included in the banquet: Kokomo, Western, Northwestern, Taylor, Eastern, Tri-Central, Lewis Cass, Maconaguah, Carroll and Tipton.

The 2013 Kiwanis Club of Kokomo girls basketball award winners are:

- **Rebound leader:** Bethany Neeley, Eastern (11.6 rpg)
- Free throw percentage: Shelby Ramsey, Tri-Central (76%)
- **Assists leader:** Brittany Neeley, Eastern (5.2 apg)
- Steals leader: Bethany Neeley, Eastern (6.3 spg)
- Scoring leader: Brittany Neeley, Eastern (17.2 ppg)
- 1,000 Point Club: Bethany and Brittany Neeley, Eastern
- Team with the highest grade point average: Tipton High School, 3.56 GPA
- Most Valuable Players: Brittany Neeley, Eastern.



The top award of the evening was a \$500 scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Kokomo Foundation to the senior player with the highest grade point average. This year's scholarship was awarded to Erin Kesler from Northwestern High School.

The Kokomo Kiwanis Girls Basketball Banquet was sponsored by several local businesses, including: Kokomo "Noontime" Kiwanis, Golden K Kiwanis Club, Sunrisers Kiwanis Club, Metro Kiwanis, Burlington Kiwanis, Tipton Kiwanis, Sports Journal of Central Indiana, McGonigal's Cadillac Buick and Jeep, Kokomo Grain, Crume-Evans Insurance, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Imbler Properties, Gooch & Co Dist. Inc., Ankle & Foot Clinic - Dr. Gohil, Greeno Insurance, Robert Adair Farms, James Stamper, Judge Bill Menges, Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Melody Sumpter CPA, Norris / Neher Insurance, AAA Hoosier Motor Club, C. Wilkerson Body & Frame Inc, Hobson's Cleaners, State Representative Mike Karickhoff, Solidarity Community Federal Credit Union, Chuck McCoskey, Pizza Hut, Williams Mowing, Inc., Tom Birch Insurance, Judge Doug Tate, Harold Vincent, Hewitt Tool & Die, Inc., Perkins Contracting, Erik's Chevrolet, City of Kokomo - Mayor Greg Goodnight Jackson Financial Group, LLC, Community First Bank, Young's Water Conditioning MK Kreations, LLC and Frugal Fever - Christi Brewer-Allen.

Top Individual Awards



L-R: Brittany Neeley, EHS Head Coach-Jeremy Dexter, Bethany Neeley

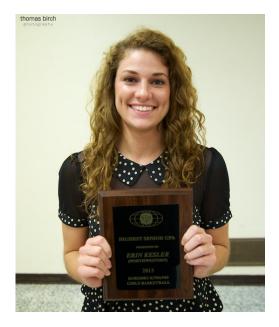


Top Free Throw %



L-R: Shelby Ramsey, Tri-Central

Kiwanis Scholarship Winner



Erin Kesler, Northwestern



Top Seniors with Highest GPA



Tipton HS – Highest Team GPA

