

Paul Harman **2008 Award of Merit Recipient**



Paul Harman doesn't let anything stand in his way!

While in the 8th grade, Paul began his **announcing career** when John Bender asked him if he would be interested in announcing freshman boys' and junior varsity girls' basketball games. Since this time, he has announced various Buckeye Division eighth grade boys' and girls' basketball tournaments; several Canal Winchester Recreation League tournaments; various Milt Will Relay meets and other track meets. During his freshman year he started announcing JV Boys' Basketball. Each year, Paul added more and more teams to his announcing list. During his sophomore year, he began announcing varsity girls' basketball and volleyball lineups then added varsity boys' basketball during his junior year. His senior year, he made it all the way up to the press box and added home football games to his list.

In 2001, Paul was a guest host on a WTVN radio pre game show with "Munch" at the Purdue—O.S.U. football game. In 2006, he announced at the Relay of Life held on the Canal Winchester track. March of this year, Paul received the Jason Schall Award from the varsity coaches of the Buckeye Division of High School Girls' Basketball. Recently, Paul was approached by Rick Moorehead who asked if he would consider being a host on his radio show, Fast Pitch Connection.

After announcing a TV-CW basketball game, a Teays Valley fan shook hands with Paul, told him that he did a good job, and pressed a \$20 bill in his hand before walking away.

During Paul's junior year, he was one of 20 selected from the State of Ohio as a delegate to the Youth Leadership Forum of the Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and was asked to return the following year as a leader. Paul is, also, known for his volunteer talents. In February 2008, Paul was chosen by CSN television station as Volunteer of the Week. He has volunteered at the CW Nursing Home and for the Disability Resource Network as well as at many CW Labor Day parades and collecting aluminum cans for a fundraiser.

Paul has taken classes at Columbus State Community College and Eastland Adult Education