



Westfield School Boosters Association Presents 49th Annual Booster Club Awards to 30 High School Senior Athletes

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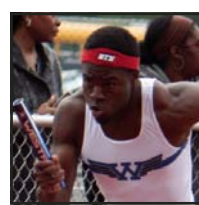
The Westfield High School Boosters had its annual "Student-Athlete" awards ceremony on May 18. The program that began in 1968 and had one recipient has been extended to 30 scholarships this year.

These student athlete scholarship awards are being presented in honor of, and in memory of, coaches, athletes, and Boosters and on behalf of local sports organizations.

The selection criteria consisted of: athletic achievement, scholastic performance, and leadership qualities, with achievement given the most emphasis.

The Walter L. Clarkson Honorary Award was presented by Chris Tafelski (WHS boys' cross-country and track coach).

Mitchell Bryk, son of Janice and Jeff Bryk, earned 5 varsity letters (4 spring track - captain, 1 basketball). In the javelin last year, Mitchell was undefeated in dual meets, conference champion, second in the state sectionals, 8th in the Group IV championship, and he qualified for the Meet of Champions. In the high jump, he placed third in the sectionals and fifth in the Group Championships.



Sid Douglas - distinguished honor roll, president of the Junior Optimist Club, member of Habitat for Humanity, founder of WHS flag football league. Mitchell will attend Penn State University in the fall.

The Alumni Scholarship (Roger Love family) was presented by Julie Bennett (field hockey, lacrosse 2006) to Julia Morgan, daughter of Jean Marie and Tom Morgan. Julia earned 4 varsity letters in tennis (captain junior and senior years, Most Valuable Senior on team).

A doubles player (All-County and All-Section recognition - sophomore, junior, and senior - third team All State senior year).

Honors - distinguished honor roll, Peer Minister at St. Helen's, Junior Optimist Club, Special Needs swimming instructor, grief counselor. Julia will attend the University of Maryland.

The Toni Bristol Honorary Award was presented by George Kapner (boys tennis coach). Megan Melillo, daughter of Carolyn and Michael Melillo, earned 4 varsity letters in gymnastics. Honors - team captain, Most Valuable Senior, All County recognition on bars, vault, floor exercises. Cougar Invitational champion on bars, selected an Allstate Athlete of the Week, selected to represent NJ and WHS at the Nationals in Florida tomorrow.

Academic honors - distinguished honor roll, Transition Leader, Junior Optimist Club. Megan will attend the University of Delaware.

The Gary Kehler Award was presented by Glen Kehler (WHS Hall of Fame member).

Jack Curry, son of Jean and Matt Curry, earned three varsity letters in football, was captain, running back

and Most Valuable Senior on offense. Jack set the school season and career rushing record. Jack was selected as *The Courier News* Offensive Player of the Year. He was also first team All State, All Group 5, All Area, All Conference, and All County. And, he received similar post-season honors as a junior.

Honors - honor roll student, soup kitchen volunteer, coach at the Kehler football camp. Jack will attend Gettysburg College and play football.

The Jack Martin Spirit Award was presented by Chris Tafelski. Ryan Siegel, the son of Lori Connell and Bill Siegel, earned 11 varsity letters (4 cross-country, 4 spring track, 3 winter track - captain of all 3). He was the Most Valuable Senior on the cross-country team and the winter track team.

Cross-country honors - first team All-Conference, second team All-County, ninth at the State sectional meet. Indoors - second team All-County in 3200 junior and senior seasons.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, volunteers coaching for the YMCA's youth track program. Ryan will attend Stevenson University and continue to run track and cross-country.

The Thom Hornish Achievement Award was presented by Donna Hornish to Julia Myers, daughter of Nancy and Dan Myers. Julia earned 7 varsity letters in cross-country (captain), winter track, and spring track (captain).

Cross-country - selected Most Valuable Senior. Track - member of the school record setting 4x800 relay team, member of the 4x400 relay team (Both qualified for Penn Relays).

Academics - distinguished honor roll, 4.26 GPA, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, Transition Leader, National Honor Society tutor, Spanish Club, Christian Youth Association, started a program to teach children science and art at the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

Julia will attend the University of Rochester and continue running cross-country and track.

The Peter Houlihan Awards (2 awards) was presented by Jason McLane, whose father Bruce was a close friend of Mr. Houlihan.

Houlihan Award - Female Recipient was Julia Frontero, daughter of Connie and John Frontero. Julia played soccer and lacrosse (captain) for four years, earning two varsity letters in each sport.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, 4.25 GPA, AP Scholar with distinction, National Honor Society, Peer Minister at St. Helen's, mentor for the Gifted and Talented Mentorship Program. Julia will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Houlihan Award - Male Recipient was Luke Beaulieu, son of Michele and Mike Beaulieu. Honors - 2 varsity letters in soccer, captain, Most Valuable Senior, All County, All Area, and All Conference recognition junior and senior seasons.

Academics - honor roll student, Vice-President of Chemistry Club and the Business Club, volunteer soccer referee. Luke will attend Babson Col-

lege where he will play soccer.

The Westfield Basketball Association Awards - Male and Female - was presented by Bill Taylor, (Treasurer of the WBA).

The male recipient, Owen Murray, son of Nancy and Daniel Murray, was a three-year starting point guard, a captain and Most Valuable Senior in basketball. Owen was second team All-Area and second team All Group 4 last season, and third team All County after his junior season.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, Transition Leader, founding member of Gifts of Gold, volunteer youth basketball coach. Recently, Owen received the UNICO Brian Piccolo award. Owen will attend Vassar College, where he will play basketball.

The female recipient, Olivia Luzzi, daughter of Lisa and Thomas Luzzi, earned four varsity letters in basketball (captain). She also earned three varsity letters in soccer (captain) and received second team All-Conference recognition.

Academics - honor roll, Peer Minister at Holy Trinity, volunteer soccer camp counselor. Olivia will attend the University of Delaware in the fall.

The John Byrne Memorial Scholarship was presented by Owen Brand, a friend of Mr. Byrne and his family, to Julia Gretsky, daughter of Ann and David Gretsky.

Julia earned six varsity letters (4 lacrosse, 2 cross-country - All Conference recognition (senior), won Union County JV championship (junior), and won the Union County Freshman championship).

Academics - National Honor Society, Young Optimist Club, Club Imagine, volunteer math tutor, youth lacrosse coach and referee. Julia will attend Wesleyan University and play lacrosse.

The Friends and Family of Marge and Bob Brewster Scholarship was presented by Marge Brewster and her sons Daryl and Bob (WHS baseball coach) to Zachary Kelly, son of Karen and David Kelly. Zach earned two varsity in football and one in baseball.

He was a quarterback of the football team in his junior and senior seasons and an integral part of the team's 2015 State championship.

Off the field, Zach has volunteered his time as a CYO basketball coach. He will attend the University of New Hampshire in the fall.

Class of 2008 Newman-Olsen Memorial Award, given by the Wilt Family, was presented by Vince Wilt to Steven Barmakian, son of Leslie and Joe Barmakian. Steven earned two letters in football and two in baseball (captain). After the team's 2015 championship football season, Steven was named first team All-County, first team All-Area, and second team All-Area.

In baseball, Steven led the team in RBI and stolen bases and was selected to play in the Union County All-Star game.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, Peer Leader, delegate to the Model UN, volunteer for an organization that distributes food to the homeless. Steven will attend George Washing-

ton University and play baseball.

Westfield Wrestling Foundation Scholarship Award was presented by Tom Miller (Westfield Wrestling Foundation) to Kenneth (Chris) Hoerle, son of Beth and Casey Hoerle.

Honors - 3 letters in wrestling, captain, Most Valuable Senior, second in the District tournament, qualified for the Regions (junior), second in District, third in county tournament, top 6 in the Regions (senior).

Academics - Computer Science Club, Community Service Club, Support the Troops Club. Chris will attend Villanova University in the fall.

The Greta Schoenemann Memorial Scholarship was presented by Greta's father, Robert Schoenemann to Hannah Hawkins, daughter of Cathy and John Hawkins, who earned three letters in soccer, three in winter track and four in spring track. Throughout her career, Hannah was a team player - motivating her teammates, encouraging them to be great, and then enthusiastically celebrating their success.

Hannah also was an outstanding long jumper, high jumper, and sprinter, both individually and as a member of relay teams. She was a captain of the spring team and the Most Valuable Senior in the field events on the winter team. An honor roll student, Hannah will attend the University of Colorado - Boulder.

The Jim Nicoll Scholarship Award was presented by Jim McCutcheon, a Trustee of the Friends of Westfield Track, to Noelle Blackford, daughter of Sandi Seabloom and David Blackford. Sports honors (9 letters - 3 cross-country, 3 winter track, 3 spring track [captain]); Most Valuable Senior cross-country, part of the varsity 7 in 2014 and 2015, finishing first on the Westfield team at the 2015 Group IV championship. She was also a member of the school record setting 4x800 indoor relay team that won the Metropolitan Invitational earlier this year.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, 4.2 GPA, National Honor Society, Transition Leader. Noelle will attend Bowdoin College (continue track and cross-country).

The Westfield Baseball League Award was presented by Frank Fusaro (Past President of WBL) to Christopher Rinaldi, son of Christine and Joe Rinaldi. Honors - 2 letters in baseball and captain, last season was selected to All-Conference first team, and played in the Union County Underclass All-Star Game and the Garden State Underclass All-Star Game.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, 4.0 GPA, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Model United Nations, Junior Optimist Club, Spanish Club. Chris will attend the College of the Holy Cross and play baseball.

The Girls Softball League of Westfield Scholarship was presented by Gary Fox (GSLW Board Member) to Hailey Reilly, daughter of Mary and Dennis Reilly. Honors - 2 letters in softball (captain 2 years, 3 in soccer (captain), Coach's Award from the Westfield Soccer Association.

Academics - Editor-in-Chief of Hi's Eye, editor of Folio, Transition Leader, volunteer soccer and softball coach.

Hailey will attend the University of Vermont in the fall.

Ted Connell Scholarships for Achievement in Swimming (2 awards) by the WHC of 1964 (with additional generous support from the Connell family) in memory of Ted Connell, a valued member of the class of 1964 and co-captain of the 1964 swim team with a dual-meet win streak of 36 and both the State and Eastern Championships. The award was presented by Barbara di Trolio Mannino, a member of the Class of '64 and a friend of Mr. Connell.

The male recipient, Ryan Daniel, son of Sharon and Rob Daniel, earned four varsity letters in swimming. Honors - captain, Most Valuable Senior, member of school record setting teams in 200-freestyle relay and 200-medley relay. Individually, top-10 times in the 200-free, 500-free, and placed third in the 500-free in the Counties.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, Operation Smile and Support the Troops, CYO peer minister, volunteer flag football coach. Ryan will attend the University of Delaware and continue his swimming career.

The female recipient, Gwyn Devin, daughter of Ellen and John Devin, earned 8 varsity letters (4 swimming, 4 lacrosse). Honors - captain of swim team, Most Valuable Senior, part of record setting 200-freestyle relay, 400-freestyle relay, 200-medley relay. Individually - top-16 finisher at the Meet of Champions in the 50-free, 100-breast, 100-fly, set WHS record in 100-breast as a junior.

Academics - honor roll, National Honor Society, Operation Smile, Junior Optimist Club, Transition Leader, Peer Minister, Spanish tutor, lacrosse coach, swimming instructor. Recently, Gwyn was selected as the female recipient from WHS of the Union County Scholar Athlete award. Gwyn will attend Vanderbilt University, where she will play lacrosse.

The Friends of Girl's Lacrosse Award was presented by Lois Hely to Claire Cassie, daughter of Beth and Scott Cassie. Honors - 4 letters lacrosse (All Conference as junior), 3 cross-country, captain of both.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, 4.0 GPA, peer minister at St. Helen's, Model UN, junior Optimist Club, volunteer lacrosse coach. Claire will attend Penn State University where she will play lacrosse.

The Deborah Tuohy Memorial Scholarship was presented by Patrick Tuohy (WHS boys lacrosse coach), Deborah's son, to James Bohlinger. James, son of Debbie and Steve Bohlinger. Honors - 3 letters lacrosse, captain, second team All-State, second team All Division junior year.

James volunteers as a youth basketball coach and will attend St. Joseph's University and play lacrosse.

Judith and Bruce McLane Memorial Awards - Male and Female was presented by Hannah McLane, Devon McLane, Aidan McLane, and Ella McLane, grandchildren of Judy and Bruce.

The male recipient, Jarek Gozdizski, son of Maureen and Jeff Gozdizski, earned 4 letters in wrestling. Honors - captain junior and senior years, Most Valuable Senior, first Counties, first in Regions, first in Districts. He also received All County, All Area, and All Conference recognition.

Honors - distinguished honor roll, 4.0 GPA, National Honor Society, Transition leader, president Latin Club, officer of Junior Optimist Club, Support Our Troops, volunteer youth wrestling coach. Jarek will attend Bucknell University and continue wrestling.

The female recipient, Rachel Mattessich, daughter of Michelle and Rich Mattessich, earned five varsity letters (2 volleyball - Most Valuable Senior, All County, All Conference recognition, 2 basketball, 1 spring track).

Academics - distinguished honor roll, 4.2 GPA, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, AP Scholar, bronze award on the National Spanish Exam, Transition Leader, Model UN, Spanish Club, volunteer for several community service organizations. Rachel will attend Cornell University.

The Athletic Directors Scholarship was presented by Sandy Mamary, Westfield's Supervisor of Athletics in honor of, and in memory of, Westfield High School's former Athletic Directors - Ed Tranchina, Bob Duncan, John Lay, and Gary Kehler. This scholarship recognizes a WHS athlete who

competed hard, was dedicated to his team and teammates, and was a leader on and off the field.

The recipient, Sid Douglas (parents Cheryl and Hassan Swift), earned 10 varsity letters - 4 in spring track, 4 in winter track, 2 in football. (captain in winter track and spring track. Honors - football - All County, All Conference - track - Indoors, 5th in the 300 at the Bishop Loughlin Games, and in the process, set the school record in that event. During the 2015 spring season, Sid placed second in the 400 at the Conference meet and 5th at the County meet.

Sid is a volunteer PAL football coach. Sid will attend Caldwell University in the fall.

Advisor's Awards (male and female) was presented John Fuller (Boosters second Vice President).

The female recipient, Cami Sullivan, daughter of Sue and Neil Sullivan, earned 6 varsity letters (4 field hockey, 2 lacrosse). She was field hockey captain (junior & senior), first and second team All Conference, Most Valuable offensive player after the 2015 season.

Academics - distinguished honor roll, peer minister, Junior Optimist Club, Operation Smile, volunteer field hockey coach. Cami will attend Rhodes College and play field hockey.

The male recipient, Tyler Roth, son of Cynthia Benn and Gary Roth, earned four letters in tennis. Honors - captain, Union County first singles champion (sophomore & senior), UC third singles champion (freshman), first team All Area (sophomore), second team All State (freshman).

Academics: distinguished honor roll, 4.1 GPA, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, National Honor Society tutor. Tyler will attend Villanova University and play tennis.

The Tri-Sports Achievement Scholarship was presented by Frank Fusaro, a past Boosters President, on behalf of the Lessner and Tresnan families.

Jelani Pierre, Jelani, Kim Britten-Pierre and Gerard Pierre, earned 5 letters (2 basketball, 1 football, 2 spring track). Honors: football (second team All Conference Recognition), basketball (All Tournament team at the Len Sepanek holiday tournament in Basking Ridge), spring track (high jumper and sprinter, competing at the Penn Relays on the 4x100 relay team).

Academics - selected WHS male recipient of the Union County Scholar Athlete Award. Jelani will attend Iona College, where he will be part of the school's track and field team.

The Executive Committee Award was presented by Jim Brucia (Boosters First Vice-President) to Brooke Schaeffer, daughter of Dianne and Brad Schaeffer. Brooke earned 10 letters (3 cross-country, 3 winter track - captain, 4 spring track - captain and Most Valuable Senior runner).

Honors: this winter - set WHS indoor in the 800; won sectional championship in 800; second in Group 4 championship, 5th at the Meet of Champions, earning All County recognition; 2015 spring season - conference champion in 400 and 800, meet record in 800 at state sectionals; indoors and outdoors - part of WHS record setting 4x800 relay team that qualified for the Penn Relays.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, 4.178 GPA, National Honor Society, honorable mention on the National Spanish Exam, PSAT National Merit commended scholar, Vice Chairman of Smiles for Seniors, member of Spanish Club, volunteers several community service organizations. Brooke will attend Lehigh University and continue her distinguished running career.

The President's Award (considered the most prestigious) was presented by Paul Friel (Booster President) to Owen Colwell, son of Patricia and John Colwell.

Honors: 7 letters - 4 lacrosse, 3 football, captain (lacrosse), Most Valuable Senior on defense (football) & third team All State honors, first team All Group 5, first team All Area, first team All Conference, as a junior - All Area recognition; in lacrosse second team All Group 4, All County and All Division recognition (sophomore & junior years).

Academics: distinguished honor roll, selected WHS recipient of the NJSIAA Scholar Athlete award. Owen will attend Johns Hopkins University, where he will play lacrosse.

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