

VIRGINIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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Virginia Sports Hall of Fame Honors Student Athletes from Across the Commonwealth

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA – Sixteen student athletes from across the state were honored Sunday night as part of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame Education Foundation's 14th annual Student Athlete Achievement Awards. The ceremony, held at the Westin Hotel in Town Center of Virginia Beach, recognizes high school aged student-athletes for their excellence on the field of play, in the classroom, as well as their contributions within their communities. The event was emceed by WAVY-TV morning and midday anchor, Katie Collett, with Pro Football and Virginia Sports Hall of inductee, Kenny Easley serving as the keynote speaker.

The Hall received over 100-nominations, from which 16-finalists were chosen by an awards committee. Among the 8-girls and 8-boys, the committee picked two from each group as the Hall of Fame's Student Athletes of the Year. This year's winners were;

- Cayla Katz from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach
- Cassandra Watts from York High School in Yorktown
- Jason Kaiser Jr. from Brooke Point High School in Stafford
- Cason Wilburn from First Colonial High School in Virginia Beach

In addition to being named the Student Athletes of the Year, this year's winners are the recipients of a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used towards furthering their education.

This year's finalists included a number of student-athletes with grade point averages above 4.0, athletes who have already committed to further their careers with Division-I scholarships, and individuals who have participated in mission trips to serve

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underdeveloped communities. Post graduate aspirations include, pediatricians, neuroscientists, economists, NASA engineers, and President of the United States.



(Back row, left to right; Kenny Easley, Noah Bateman, Logan Rawlings, Jason Kaiser Jr., Oliver Siegfried, Cason Wilburn, Matthew Davidson, Zachary Coldsnow, Jarius Howard. Front Row, left to right; Katie Collett from WAVY-TV, Haleigh McLean, Cayla Katz, Marciana Castillo, Cassandra Watts, Julia Galbraith, Gracie Allen, Betsy Pollard, Josephine Williams)

2018 Student Athlete Achievement Awards Finalists

Gracie Allen, 11th Grade, Norfolk Christian High School, Norfolk, VA

Marciana Castillo, 12th Grade, Norview High School, Norfolk, VA

Julia Galbraith, 12th Grade, St. Catherine's School, Richmond, VA

Cayla Katz, 12th Grade, Frank W. Cox High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Haleigh McLean, 12th Grade, Denbigh High School, Newport News, VA

Betsy Pollard, 12th Grade, Western Branch High School, Chesapeake, VA

Cassandra Watts, 12th Grade, York High School, Yorktown, VA

Josephine Williams, 12th Grade, Loudon County High School, Leesburg, VA

Noah Bateman, 12th Grade, Granby High School, Norfolk, VA

Zachary Coldsnow, 12th Grade, Tabb High School, Yorktown, VA

Matthew Davidson, 12th Grade, Jefferson Forest High School, Forest, VA

Jarius Howard, 12th Grade, Oscar Smith High School, Chesapeake, VA

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Jason Kaiser Jr., 12th Grade, Brooke Point High School, Stafford, VA

Logan Rawlings, 12th Grade, Atlantic Shores Christian School, Chesapeake, VA

Oliver Siegfried, 12th Grade, Maury High School, Norfolk, VA

Cason Wilburn, 12th Grade, First Colonial High School, Virginia Beach, VA

“It truly is inspiring to see the impact these young-people have made in their communities at such a young age,” says Hall of Fame President, Eddie Webb. “We are honored to have them associated with the Hall of Fame and it’s Education Foundation.”

The Hall of Fame would like to thank our sponsors for this year’s Student Athlete Achievement Awards; ADS Management Group, Mike Duman Auto Sales, Davenport and Company, Riesbeck Contracting, Towne Investment Group, Davcon Inc., and All-Star Photobooth.

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