

VIRGINIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME



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

NORFOLK, VA – Sixteen student athletes from across the state were honored Sunday night as part of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame Foundation’s 15th annual Student Athlete Achievement Awards. The reception and ceremony, held in the Priority Automotive Lounge at S.B. Ballard Stadium on the campus of Old Dominion University, featured high school student-athletes from across Virginia that excel academically, athletically, and in their communities. The event was emceed by WAVY-TV morning and midday anchor, Katie Collett, with 2017 Virginia Sports Hall of Fame inductee and 9-time NCAA Champion Field Hockey Coach at ODU, Beth Anders as the keynote speaker.

The Hall received over 80-nominations, from which the 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 are;

- Zoe Campisi from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach
- Kylie Levine from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach
- Pierce Corson from Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach
- Logan Rawlings from Atlantic Shores Christian School in Chesapeake

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 all have grade point averages above 4.0, and feature student-athletes who have already committed to further their careers with Division-I scholarships, and others who have featured for their national team programs. All have

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made impacts in the communities where they live, and a central theme among this year's group is helping others, not just now but in their future careers. Post graduate aspirations include medical professionals, genetic engineer, FBI Agent, economists, and NASA chemist.



(Back row, left to right; Alexander Axton, Da'Shawn Wilson, Pierce Corson, Hunter Quigley, Logan Rawlings, Matthew Clare, Jackson Cherry, Hall of Fame Executive Director Will Driscoll, Nicholas Rakes, Katie Collett from WAVY-TV. Front Row, left to right; Gracie Allen, Maeve Stiles, Sarah Spear, Kylie Levine, Zoe Campisi, Ryleigh Katstra, Miette Veldman, Avery Adkins)

2018 Student Athlete Achievement Awards Finalists

Avery Adkins, 12th Grade, Staunton River High School, Moneta, VA

Gracie Allen, 12th Grade, Norfolk Christian High School, Norfolk, VA

Ryleigh Katstra, 12th Grade, Albemarle High School, Charlottesville, VA

Sarah Spear, 12th Grade, Frank W. Cox High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Maeve Stiles, 12th Grade, Maury High School, Norfolk, VA

Miette Veldman, 12th Grade, Lord Botetourt High School, Daleville, VA

Alexander Axton, 12th Grade, Norview High School, Norfolk, VA

Jackson Cherry, 12th Grade, Jefferson Forest High School, Forest, VA

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Matthew Clare, 12th Grade, First Colonial High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Hunter Quigley, 12th Grade, Catholic High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Nicholas Rakes, 12th Grade, Rustburg High School, Rustburg, VA

Da'Shawn Wilson, 12th Grade, Norview High School, Norfolk, VA

“We are proud to recognize each of the finalists and winners for the Student Athlete Achievement Awards,” says Hall of Fame executive Director, Will Driscoll. “The hard work they put forth, and the dedication they show to their communities is inspiring.”

The Hall of Fame would like to thank our sponsors for this year’s Student Athlete Achievement Awards; Priority Automotive Group, Optima Health, DAVCON Inc., ADS Management Group, and Towne Investment Group.

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