

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 13th 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 the play, in the classroom, as well as their contributions within their communities.

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 Leah Crouse from Virginia Beach, Grace Hoepfner from Yorktown, Neal Azar from Norfolk, and Daniel Brickhill from Buckingham.

This year’s group included the #1 high school girls basketball recruit in the country for the Class of 2019, a female golfer whose talent has allowed her to compete in both girls and boys state competitions, a student-athlete who has aspirations of running for President, multiple Eagle Scouts, and numerous young people who will train with U.S. National team programs.

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(Back row, left to right; Kathy Davis and Doug Davis, Davcon INC. Conner Butler, Tyler Harris, Leah Crouse, Evelyn Murray, Samantha Brunelle, Neal Azar, Bryant Stith, Andrew Ceniccola. Front Row, left to right; Daniel Brickhill, William Belmonte, Benson Hazelwood, Grace Hoepfner, Alexis Morales, Margaret Tulloss, Kimberly Jones, Kassidy Irby, Kenneth Hicks)

2017 Student Athlete Achievement Awards Finalists

Samantha Brunelle, 11th Grade, William Monroe High School, Stanardsville, VA

Leah Crouse, 12th Grade, Frank W. Cox High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Grace Hoepfner, 12th Grade, Grafton High School, Yorktown, VA

Kassidy Irby, 12th Grade, Halifax County High School, South Boston, VA

Kimberly Jones, 12th Grade, First Colonial High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Alexis Morales, 12th Grade, Tabb High School, Yorktown, VA

Evelyn Murray, 11th Grade, First Colonial High School, Virginia Beach, VA

Margaret Tulloss, 12th Grade, Tabb High School, Yorktown, VA

Neal Azar, 12th Grade, Granby High School, Norfolk, VA

William Belmonte, 11th Grade, Southampton Academy, Courtland, VA

Daniel Brickhill, 12th Grade, Buckingham County High School, Buckingham, VA

Conner Butler, 12th Grade, Western Branch High School, Chesapeake, VA

Andrew Ceniccola, 11th Grade, Kellam High School, Virginia Beach, VA

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Tyler Harris, 12th Grade, Lloyd C. Bird High School, Chesterfield, VA

Benson Hazelwood, 12th Grade, Virginia High School, Bristol, VA

Kenneth Hicks, 12th Grade, Kellam High School, Virginia Beach, VA

“The Hall of Fame would like to thank our sponsors for this year’s Student Athlete Achievement Awards; Davcon Inc, Davenport and Company, Riesbeck Contracting, Towne Investment Group, Towne Insurance, Seventh Point Advertising, and Checkered Flag,” says Eddie Webb, President of the organization.

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