

Westfield School Boosters Association Presents 39th Annual Booster Club Awards to 17 High School Senior Athletes

The Westfield High School (WHS) Booster Club recently awarded 17 student athlete scholarships in honor and memory of WHS coaches, athletes and boosters.

Wendy and Robert Schoenemann presented the Greta Schoenemann Memorial Scholarship, in honor of their daughter, to be awarded annually to a girl's soccer player for being a great teammate. The winner, Lauren Sinenberg, daughter of Paul and Isabella Sinenberg, was voted by her teammates as a three-sport captain in basketball, lacrosse and soccer, as well as MVP in soccer. Lauren was All-County Second Team and All-State North II Top 20 her senior year in soccer.

Academically, she excelled while taking very challenging courses. She was a National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar, Spanish National Honor Society, Venture Scholar, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, as well as the 2005-2006 Principal Leadership Award School Nominee. Lauren is the co-founder and President of the Young Reader's Club. She was a delegate for the National Youth Leadership Conference and a Peer Minister at St. Helen's. Lauren will attend Williams College.

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Meg is a Transition Project Group Leader and was a Sports Page Editor of the *Hi's Eye* her senior year. She is a National Honor Society member and has been a counselor at Sister Pat's cancer camp the past two summers. Meg has been Irish Step Dancing since she was three-years-old and has traveled the world performing and competing in Irish step dances. She has performed in Ireland, on cruise ships to Bermuda, in many nursing homes and even the Boosters Annual Spring Dinner dance.

Meg will be joining her brother Dan at Manhattan College.

Roger Love and his daughter Tracey presented The Alumni Scholarship donated by Taylor and Love Realtors. The Love family has graduated a family member from WHS and participated in varsity athletics for four generations. Tracey is a WHS graduate class of '84.

The recipient, Patrick Daurio, son of Stephen and Anna Daurio, earned four varsity letters in swimming and was voted captain his senior year. He was named All-American in the 200IM and 100-breaststroke his junior year and First team All-State in the 100-breaststroke. He has won Union County Championships in both the 200IM and the 100-breast, and was an integral part of State Champion teams in both his sophomore and junior years.

Patrick is a National Honor Society member and a Bloustein Scholarship Award Winner. He was staff editor of *Folio* and achieved Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. Patrick will continue his education and swimming at Princeton University this fall.

George Kapner presented the Toni Bristol Award, given in honor of Toni Bristol, a volunteer coach in lacrosse, girl's soccer, and girl's basketball. This year's winner, Tom Taylor, son of Tom and Penny Taylor, earned varsity letters in soccer all four years and was a very rare two-time captain of the soccer team. He was named Second team All-Union County and Hon-



Tom Taylor

orable Mention All-Group IV his senior year in soccer.

Tom has been treasurer and a student council representative for both his junior and senior year at WHS. Tom is involved with WBA basketball, Union County Rugby, the Transition Project, and the Key Club. Tom also works 25 hours a week during the school year. This fall he will continue his education and playing soccer at Jersey City University.



Andrew Shaffer

Fame former athletic director, football coach, wrestling coach, and golf coach. The recipient, Andrew Schaffer, son of Jay and Jocelyne Schaffer, earned nine varsity letters in football, track and wrestling while being voted captain of both his football and wrestling teams. His teammates also named him MVP of his very successful wrestling team this year. Andrew won second place in Districts his sophomore year and first place in his junior year. He was an All-County wrestler his senior year and won third place in the Regionals, as well as Top 16 in New Jersey.

Andrew is this year's senior class president and was a transition leader in the Transition Project. Andrew will continue his education at The University of Maryland.



JoAnn Mathew

In honor of her father, Cathy McGarry and her son Peter presented the Peter Houlihan Awards, donated by an individual booster member to a female and male student. The female recipient of the award, JoAnn Mathew, daughter of Joseph and Annie Mathew, earned six varsity letters in soccer and track and was voted captain of her track team this spring. JoAnn holds the WHS school record in the triple jump, as well as the two-person triple jump record and was selected to attend the esteemed Penn Relays as a member of the 4x400 relay.

JoAnn is a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and is an AP Scholar. She is involved with the Transition Project, the Key Club and the Spanish Club. JoAnn has done volunteer work at hospitals and soup kitchens and is a peer minister. JoAnn will continue her education at Boston College.

The male recipient, Sal Esposito, son of Sal and Patrice Esposito, earned varsity letters all four years in ice hockey and was voted captain both his junior and senior years, as well as MVP this year. Sal was named All Conference his senior year and is the third all-time leading scorer in WHS history with 133 career points.

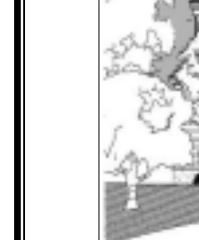
Sal is the founder and co-President of the Roller Hockey Club, as well as an instructor for the Westfield Recreation hockey camp. Sal is also the co-founder and vice president of the eBay Charity Foundation that has raised over \$5000 most of which was given to the Children's Specialized Hospital and the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation. Sal has received the Loyola Academic Scholarship from the University of Scranton where he will continue his education this fall.

Bill Byrne presented The John Byrne Memorial Scholarship in memory of his brother John Byrne, a former WHS varsity athlete in the late '70s. This award is designed to honor athletes who exhibit leadership, determination, hustle, academic achievement, and school and community involvement.



Sal Esposito

Lois Hely presented the Friends of Girls Lacrosse award. This award is presented to recognize a girl's lacrosse athlete who promotes the sport through her leadership, sportsmanship and scholarship.



Amy Santoriello

The winner, Amy Santoriello, is the daughter of Pete and Joanne Santoriello. Amy lettered in lacrosse all four years while also participating in soccer and cross-country. Her teammates voted her captain in lacrosse this year and she is a three-year member of the Tri-State Lacrosse Club Team. Amy is a Member of the National Honor Society and is an exceptional student. She is the *Iris* page editor for the *Hi's Eye* and is a four-year twig member at Children's Specialized Hospital.

Richie Scialabba, son of Rich and Joyce Scialabba, participated in basketball, soccer and track, earning five varsity letters and was voted captain of his spring track team. Richie holds the record for the second longest long jump in WHS history.



Rich Scialabba

He is a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and an Edward Bloustein Distinguished Scholar. He was a four-year member of the French Club as well as a National Honor Society tutor. Richie also was a three-year technical director for TV-36. Richie will continue his education at Penn State.

Marge and Bob Brewster, parents of four former WHS athletes and long-time supporters of the boosters and high school sports programs, presented the award in their name, which has been provided by their friends and family members. This year's recipient, James Stephen Arbes, son of Lucy Arbes, is an exceptional golfer and has lettered in golf all four years at WHS. He was named Union County Player of the Year his sophomore year and won the county tournament this year. Jim was a key member of state championship teams at Westfield his freshman and junior years, and was named First Team All-State in his junior year.



Jim Arbes

Jim was a Transition Project Leader, a member of the prom committee in his junior year and is a member of the eBay Charity Foundation. Jim will be continuing his education and playing golf at Rutgers University this fall.

The Louis Kessler family presented the Louis Kessler Memorial Scholarship. This award is given in memory of Louis Kessler, who was an avid fan of Westfield athletics. Lou was an All-State athlete at Hillside High School and later went on to play football, wrestling and lacrosse at Temple and West Chester University. This scholarship is given to a varsity athlete, hard worker, who has a strong character and who is a team player.

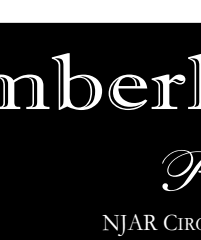


Matt Kamel

The recipient, Matthew Kamel, son of Alan and Barbara Kamel, is an excellent student and a member of the National Honor Society and a National Honor Society Tutor. Matthew is also a Transition Project leader, a member of The Young Republican's Club, and the Youth Leadership at Temple Emanu-El.

He earned nine varsity letters in cross-country, track and wrestling, and was voted captain of his wrestling team. He placed third in the district in wrestling in both his sophomore and junior years. Matthew will be continuing his education at Boston University.

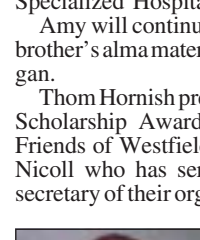
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Michael Murray

The winner, Michael Murray, the son of Michael and Catherine Murray, Michael's baseball coach believes he is one of the best baseball players to ever play at WHS. He was named First Team All-State his junior year and pre-season All-American this year and will be trying out for the Milwaukee Brewers on Prom weekend. He holds WHS records for home runs, career hits, RBI, season batting average and career doubles. He was voted captain of the 2006 Union County Championship baseball team and lettered all four years at WHS. When he is not playing baseball he has coached CYO basketball and worked in TV production on "Good Morning Westfield".

Thom Hornish presented The Friends of Westfield Track to honor Jim Nicoll who has served as the financial secretary of their organization. The award is made to a student athlete who has been committed to the cross-country and track and field programs and the community of Westfield.



Kris Kagan

The winner, Kristopher Kagan, the son of Dan and Susan Kagan, has dreams of some day being a lawyer and then running a sports organization. He ran for 12 varsity letters in track and cross-country, was named MVP and Captain by his teammates, and was named First Team All-County in cross-country this year. Kris is a member of both the Young Republican and Young Democrats Club. He has been a Westfield recreation lifeguard for the last four years and is a volunteer at the North Plainfield Food Pantry. Kris will be studying at American University.

The Pfeiffer family sponsored the Alvin Pfeiffer memorial scholarship in honor of their father, a former Westfield booster who played sports at WHS and was a life long resident of Westfield. Alvin loved watching high school student athletes compete and he particularly enjoyed watching girl's soccer and softball. The award recognizes a senior student athlete who is a hardworking team player.



Jessica Bender

The award winner, Jessica Bender, the daughter of James and Sherri Bender, is a phenomenal tennis player. She and her partner were the NJSIAA 2005 First Doubles State Champions ending with a 28-0 record this year. She lettered all four years in tennis and her teammates voted her captain and MVP of the 2005 Group IV Tennis Champions. Her four-year record at WHS was 104-4. Jessica is also active in CYO service programs, food collections, soup kitchens and sandwiches for the homeless program.

Phil Russo, vice-president of the WBA, presented the Westfield Baseball League award for a WHS baseball senior student athlete who recognizes his leadership and sportsmanship in representing his school and his town.



Jeff Perrella

Perrella's academic record mirrors his exemplary athletic record. He is a National Honor Society Member and a National Italian Honor Society Member. He also found time to be a Transition Project leader and volunteered at Saint Mary's soup kitchen. He was treasurer of the Italian Club and the Rotary Club. He co-founded the roller hockey Club and is a Latin Club Member. Jeffrey also plays in the band *Great Schism*. Jeffrey will continue his running and his education at William and Mary.

Michael's father hopes he continues his education and plays baseball at Wake Forest University.

Nancy Freundlich and Mike Glynn presented the First Annual Tennis Award given to a tennis player who stands out as an excellent representative of WHS both on and off the tennis court.



Lisa Aliche

The winner, Lisa Aliche, the daughter of Iroandi and Sylvia Aliche, was one-half of the 28-0 undefeated NJSIAA 2005 State First Doubles State Champs. She lettered in tennis all four years and was voted MVP and Captain of the 2005 Group IV State Champs. Lisa is also president of the WHS Awareness Club and a member of the YMCA Black Achievers Program. She is active with the Presbyterian Church Youth Group and is a Coach of the Plainfield area Youth Development Tennis Association. Lisa will be attending Temple University.

Bill Ludlum and Vince Wilt, president-elect of the boosters, presented the Executive Committee award, which is given on behalf of the 52 active members of the boosters to a student athlete whose hard work, dedication and leadership are indicative of what high school athlete's represents.

The winner, Kristina Fietkiewicz, the daughter of John and Jane Fietkiewicz, is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Club with a rigorous schedule of honors and AP courses. She was a four-year starter in softball and earned nine varsity letters in basketball, softball and volleyball and was captain of two sports. She was named All-Conference in both softball and volleyball. Kristina has been a peer minister at St. Helens for the last three years and is active in the Adopt A Family Program as well as a homeless shelter volunteer. She is also a clinic instructor and assistant travel coach for the Girls Softball League of Westfield.



Kristina Fietkiewicz

Kristina will continue her education this fall at Franklin and Marshall.

Wilt also presented the prestigious President's Award given in the name of the top booster executive committee chairperson to an outstanding senior athlete who exemplifies leadership, character, good sportsmanship and the spirit of Westfield athletics.

The winner, Jeffrey Perrella, the son of Silvio and Anne Perrella, was a three-sport captain and earned nine varsity letters as well as MVP of his Indoor Track team. Jeffrey was First Team All-State in cross-country, *The Star-Ledger* Cross-Country Runner of the Year, and set a county record with his third-place time in the representing his school and his town.

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