



Westfield School Boosters Association Presents 45th Annual Booster Club Awards to 26 High School Senior Athletes

The Westfield High School Boosters Association awarded 26 scholarships at the annual ceremony on May 16. A scholarship committee consisting of Tom Madaras, Gary Fox, Bill Taylor, Brett Cummings, Jason McLane and John Fietkiewicz evaluated the candidates based on the information received from the athletes themselves, the Guidance department, and Supervisor of Athletics Sandy Mamary, who also reviewed all the applications.

The Walter L. Clarkson Honorary Award (Friends of Westfield Track - presented by cross-country coach Thom Hornish). Mike DePaolo, son of Elena and Steven DePaolo, earned five letters in winter and spring track (captain). Honors: Union County Conference (UCC) high jump champion. Winter track: All-County (All-UC) high jump recognition after placing second in the State Sectionals, third at the UC Championships, and sixth at the Group IV meet. Mike was also voted the Most Valuable Senior for the field events.

Academic honors: 4.25 GPA; National Honor Society; National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation; founder and president of the Odd Jobs for Charity Club. Mike will attend Rutgers University.

The Alumni Scholarship, initiated by the Roger Love family and funded jointly by the Boosters and John and Faith Bennett (former president and presenter), was awarded to Patrick Johnson, son of Christine and Steve Johnson.

Patrick earned four varsity letters in football and lacrosse. He was second team All-Conference (2010) in football, and (2011) first-team All-Conference and second-team All-UC.

Academic honors: honor roll, AP scholar, National Honor Society. Others: Peer Minister at St. Helen's, volunteer referee St. Helen's parish basketball. Patrick will attend Boston College.

The Toni Bristol Honorary Award (presented by George Kapner, boys soccer and boys tennis coach). Jessica Cronin, daughter of Ellen and Marty Cronin, earned four letters in swimming (team captain), received All-UC recognition in each season and qualified for the Meet of Champions in an individual event and a relay event.

Other athletic: WHS records in 100 backstroke and 200-medley relay, All-Area and All-State honors for individual, as well as medley relay team. This season, Jessica received the Lt. Daniel Nichols Memorial Award for humility, dedication, sportsmanship and leadership.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, USA Swimming Scholastic All-American, Latin Club, Senior Girl Scout (Bronze & Silver Awards and on way to earning Gold Award). Jessica will attend Connecticut College.

The Gary Kehler Award (Presenter - Glen Kehler a WHS Hall of Fame member). Gary Kehler was WHS "Hall of Fame" former Athletic Director, football coach, wrestling coach, and golf coach.

James O'Rourke, son of SueAnn and Terry O'Rourke, earned five letters (3 football, 2 baseball - captain of both). Honors: Baseball 2011 - first team All-UC, second team All-Group IV, Football 2011 - first team All-Group IV, All-UC, All-Area, All-Conference and *The Courier News* Defensive Player of the Year, selected by teammates as the Most Valuable Senior on offense.

James has volunteered as a counselor at various football camps, including the Kehler Camp. James will attend Gettysburg College and play football.

The Jack Martin Spirit Award (presented by cross-country/track coach Jack Martin) is given to a male runner who exemplifies the spirit, commitment and achievement.

Kevin Ingram, son of Linda and Richard Ingram, earned 10 letters in cross-country (XC), winter track, and spring track. Honors: XC - part of three consecutive state championship teams; last season - All-UC first team. Indoor - second place in the 800 at the UCC championships. Broke the 2:00 mark while leading off the 4x800 team at the Penn Relays. On May 12, won UCC 800 meters. Winter track: Selected Most Valuable Senior.

Kevin is an honor roll student, Transitions Leader, and Eagle Scout. Kevin will attend the College of New Jersey and run XC and track.

The Thomas Hornish (girls track, XC) Achievement Award was given to a female runner who exemplifies the spirit, commitment, sense of community and team and achievement. Danielle Grimes, daughter of Olivia Pinto Grimes and Raymond Grimes, earned 11 letters in XC, winter track, and spring track (captain of XC and spring track). Honors: XC freshman champion at the UC and Conference Championships, four time All-Conference or All-UC. Track - Top-10 at the UC and Conference championships in 1600 and 3200.

Academic honors: WHS Soles for Souls organization, Westfield Rotary Club, organized WHS Spring Food Drive to benefit surrounding communities. Danielle will attend Ursinus College and continue her XC and track.

The Peter Houlihan Awards (presenter Tim Houlihan) to male and female athlete to honor the late Peter Houlihan, past member of the Boosters active in promoting soccer through his work with the Westfield Soccer Association.

Female Recipient - Amanda Earl, daughter of Mary and David Earl, earned three letters in volleyball. A team captain, she was the recipient of the Most Valuable Senior Award, and she received All-UC and All-Conference (2011).

Academic honors: distinguished honor roll maintains a 4.17 GPA, National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation, Peer Leader, Breast Cancer Awareness Club and the Habitat for Humanity Club, helped organize and run the Play 4 Pink charity volleyball event, which raises money for breast cancer research. Amanda will attend Tulane University.

Male Recipient - Mike Kalimtzis, son of Dina and Harry Kalimtzis, earned

four letters in wrestling (captain junior and senior years). Honors: compiled more than 100 wins, Three-time District Champion, two-time UC Champion, and regional finalist. Set a record for most pins in senior season.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, Transition Leader, Young Republicans Club. Mike will attend the Stevens Institute of Technology and will continue wrestling.

The Westfield Basketball Association Awards (Presenter WBA President Rick Elliott) for good sportsmanship and leadership on the basketball court.

Female Recipient, Casey Schuster, daughter of Shari and Jay Schuster, earned her letter in basketball (captain), and also played soccer. She was selected Most Valuable Senior.

Academic honors: National Society of High School Scholars, Spanish Club, and volunteer at the Children's Specialized Hospital and as a camp counselor. Casey will attend Syracuse University.

Male Recipient, Nathan Mitchell, son of Barbara and Mark Mitchell, earned four letters (2 basketball - captain, 1 football, 1 baseball). He received All-UC and All-Area honors in football.

Academic honors: AP Scholar, National Honor Society WHS recipient of the NJSIAA Student Athlete Award. Nate will attend the University of Richmond.

John Byrne Memorial Scholarship (Owen Brand presenter) is given to a male or female varsity athlete who has competed in at least two sports and has exhibited leadership, determination, hustle, academic achievement, and school and community involvement.

Brennan Haley, son of Kim and Drew Haley, earned eight letters (4 swimming - captain, 4 golf) Individual swim events - second team All-UC (500-free - 2011), first team All-UC (2012), at UC Championships (second in 500-free, third in 100-backstroke), also on the "Top 15" list in the 100-backstroke, 100-free, 500-free. In relays: on UC Championship 400-free relay, 200-medley relay that touched second and 200-medley relay team that placed fifth in the Meet of Champions.

Academic: distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, Transition Project Peer Leader, Latin Club. Brennan will attend Washington and Lee University and will continue swimming.

The Friends and Family of Marge and Bob Brewster (Presenters - Marge and son Bob WHS varsity baseball coach). The Brewsters have been long-time supporters of the Boosters and the local football, basketball and baseball programs.

Jonathan Gribbin, son of Laura and Daniel Gribbin, played football (3 letters), baseball (2 letters/captain) and basketball. Football honors: All-Area first team and All-Conference (2011), holds WHS record for the most field goals, longest field goal, and most field goals in a game.

Academic honors: honor roll throughout career, member of Life's Not Fair and the Plainfield Connection, volunteers as Youth Group Mentor at his church, at the St. Claire's Home for Children with Aids, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and the Plainfield Meals Soup Kitchen. Jon will attend the University of Rhode Island and play baseball.

The Greta Schoenemann Memorial Scholarship (Presented by Greta's father, Robert) presented to a senior girl soccer player about whom it can be said - "she was a great teammate."

Sophia DeVita, daughter of Lynn LoCastro and Robert DeVita, was the soccer team goalie last year. She became a goalie before the season because the team needed one. Sophia earned seven letters in soccer, spring track (captain), winter track (Most Valuable Senior) and basketball.

Achievements: Part of several WHS record setting relay teams - 4x400 (sophomore year); 3x400 intermediate hurdles and triple jump relay (junior), All-UC 4x400 relay team (freshman). Recently, Sophia competed on the long jump and high jump relay teams that placed at the UC Relays.

Academic honors: National Honor Society, National Italian Honor Society, founded the Chemistry Club, Breast Cancer Awareness Club, Italian Club. Sophia will attend Fairfield University where she will continue as a goalie.

The Jim Nicoll Scholarship Award (Thom Hornish presenter) to recognize the commitment made to the cross-

country and/or track & field programs as a competitor and as a volunteer to the Friends of Westfield Track and the Westfield community.

Amanda Marcotullio, daughter of Mary and Paul Marcotullio, earned eight letters (4 spring track - captain, 2 soccer, 1 winter track, 1 basketball). Honors: first team All-UC (spring track 2011), fourth in the 800 (this winter's UC Championships), member of the 4x400 relay that won the UC and Conference Championships (2010), member of the 3x400 intermediate hurdles that set the WHS outdoor record (2010).

Academics: maintains GPA above 4, National Honor Society, National Italian Honor Society, Italian Club, Peer Minister at St. Helen's, volunteers as youth track coach at the Westfield Y and as youth coach in a summer soccer camp. Amanda was nominated for the UNICO Brian Piccolo Memorial Scholar/Athlete Award. Amanda will attend Vanderbilt University.

The Westfield Baseball League Award (WBA President Leo White presenter) recognized a senior baseball athlete, who demonstrates leadership and sportsmanship in representing his town and school.

Michael Mondon, son of Roseann and Robert Mondon, earned four letters (2 football, 2 baseball - captain). He also played basketball. This spring, Mike helped lead the baseball team to the UC Championship with a strong performance on the mound and at the plate. Last spring, he had a 7-1 record and was an integral part of the team's first State Sectional Championship in many years. He was selected to play in the Union/Essex Underclassman All-Star Game.

Academics: distinguished honor roll maintains a GPA above 4, AP scholar, National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, member of Life's Not Fair and the Italian Club. He has volunteered as a youth basketball coach for the St. Thomas CYO, and helped raise money for the CYO by working the concessions at the games. Mike will attend the University of Rochester and play baseball.

The Girls Softball League of Westfield Scholarship (Presenter President Joe Verga) was given to an athlete who has achieved a high level of success in softball and who, by her teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship, exemplifies the type of player the League strives to develop.

Audrey Peterson, daughter of Susan Kowalenko and Marlin Peterson, played softball (2 letters, captain) and basketball. In softball, Audrey leads the team in doubles, triples, RBI, and on-base percentage, and is second in home runs, batting average, and slugging percentage. She also has shown a great glove at first base.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, maintains a GPA above 4, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, bronze award winner on the National Spanish Exam. Last June, she received the Girl Scout's Gold Award - highest honor bestowed by the organization.

Other credits: member of WHS Marching Band, and WHS symphony orchestra, Spanish Club, Environmental Club, Community Service Club, volunteer at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, instructor at clinics for young softball players run by the GSLW. Audrey will attend Lafayette College and hopes to continue playing softball.

The Tri-Sports Achievement Scholarship (Presenters and sponsors Rick Lessner and Tom Tresnan) recognizes an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding athletic abilities as evidenced by achieving three varsity letters in three different and distinct sports during senior year.

Ellie Callinan, daughter of Christy and John Callinan, played four sports at WHS - soccer, basketball (captain), track, and lacrosse, and earned five letters. She received All-UC recognition in soccer.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, officer of the 2012 Class Council all four years, Transitions Project Leader, participant in the French Exchange Program, volunteered on mission trips with her church and as a youth soccer coach. Ellie will attend Miami University in Ohio.

The Friends of Girl's Lacrosse Award (Presented by Ginny Leiz) recognizes a female student athlete who plays lacrosse and who promotes the sport through her leadership, sportsmanship

and scholarship.

Emily Gretskey, daughter of David and Andrea Gretskey, earned three letters in lacrosse (captain). She also played soccer and ran track. Honors: All-UC (2010 & 2011), first team All-League Freedom Division (2011).

Academics: National Honor Society, president of the Chemistry Club, Environmental Club, Autism Club, volunteer fundraiser for an orphanage in Tanzania, youth lacrosse coach, member of Operation Smile. Emily will attend Wesleyan University and play lacrosse.

The Westfield Tennis Association Award (presented by Janice Honymar) is given to a varsity tennis player who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to improving his or her tennis skills, exhibiting good sportsmanship and being an ultimate team player.

Sarah Murphy, daughter of Eileen Cleary and Sean Murphy, earned three letters in tennis. She also ran winter and spring track (freshman and sophomore years), earning a letter in winter track.

Tennis credits: UCT champion at first doubles and first team All-UC and second team All-Group IV (2010), UCT third singles champ, captain and selected Most Valuable Senior (2011). In October 2011, she was selected as the Blue Devil of the Month at WHS.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, President of Soles 4 Souls past three years, member of Operation Smile. Sarah will attend Georgetown University and hopes to continue tennis.

The Deborah Tuohy Memorial Scholarship (presented by Dennis Tuohy, Deborah's husband, and son Patrick Tuohy - assistant varsity lacrosse coach) is given to a male lacrosse athlete who demonstrates leadership, enthusiasm, initiative, integrity, and selflessness on and off the field.

John Lanzano, son of Lora and George Lanzano, earned six letters - 3 football, 3 lacrosse. He earned All-Conference honors (football), and he was MVP on defense (freshman lacrosse). He was selected captain of both teams.

Academics: honor roll student (all four years), camp counselor for the Westfield Recreation Department. John will attend Virginia Tech University.

The Judith A. McLane Memorial Award (presented by Jason McLane, Judy's son) recognizes an athlete who demonstrates leadership and integrity both on the field and in the classroom.

Allegra Larche, daughter of Robyn and Dominic Larche, earned seven letters (3 cross-country - captain, 2 winter track, 2 spring track). Honors: All-Conference XC, posted terrific times in the 800, 1000 and 1600 in track that made the "all-time" WHS list.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, maintains a 4.37 GPA, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, finished third in the State on the National Spanish Exam, Transition Project Leader and active in other school clubs. She participated in mission trips with the Presbyterian Church, and is a math tutor for elementary and middle school students. Allegra will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

The Athletic Directors Scholarship (presented by Sandy Mamary, Supervisor of Athletics) in honor of WHS former Athletic Directors - Ed Tranchina, Bob Duncan, John Lay and Gary Kehler - and funded jointly by the Boosters, The Friends of Westfield Track, and the Westfield PAL, recognizes an athlete who competed hard, was dedicated to his team and teammates, and was a leader on and off the field.

Ryan Elliott, son of Mary and Rick Elliott, earned three letters in football (captain) and two in spring track. He has also played baseball and ran winter track. In football, he was first team All-UC (2010) and second team All-Conference (2010 & 2011).

Academics: distinguished honor roll, officer of National Honor Society, Transition Project Team Leader. He volunteers as a youth basketball coach in the St. Helen's in-parish basketball program, and he plays club rugby. Ryan will attend Holy Cross and plans to play rugby.

Advisor's Awards (presented by Bob Arnold, the Boosters' second Vice President) are given to recognize a male and a female athlete who have demonstrated commitment to their teams and teammates, in the classroom and within the community.

Female Recipient, Loren Leigh Ball, daughter of Adele and Robert Ball, earned four letters in swimming. Accomplishments: captain and Most Valuable Senior, part of the WHS record-breaking 200- and 400-freestyle relays, in the top 15 WHS all-time in the 50- and 100-freestyle.

Honors: 2012 - first team All-State, All-Area and All-UC for her relay work, first team All-UC for the 50-freestyle - 2011 - similar All-State, All-Area and All-UC, as well as All-America recognition for the 200-freestyle relay.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, National Honor Society, selected WHS female recipient of the Union County Scholar Athlete Award, President of Operation Smile, president of the Food Pantry Connection, member of the Bella Chora Women's Ensemble choral group.

She is a volunteer at Holy Trinity, working as a religious education aide, a member of a team that rebuilt homes in poverty stricken areas of Florida, and a member of a group that prepares lunches for less-fortunate families in the area. Loren will attend Boston College and continue swimming.

Male Recipient, Lucas Cruz, son of Ramona Coleman-Cruz and Julio Cruz, earned four letters in bowling (captain junior and senior seasons and selected Most Valuable Senior by teammates).

Honors: Sophomore, junior and senior seasons, was WHS's triple-crown winner for high average, high game and high series; this year, he finished 13th at the NJSIAA individual state championships, and had the third highest game at the State team championships.

Academics: outstanding honor roll student at the Union County Magnet School, AP Scholar, with honors he is a National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar, member of the winning team in the 2010 Annual Mathematics Contest of New Jersey. Lucas volunteers each year in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life," and in the Prodigal Foundation's Bowling fundraiser. He also is a member of the Youth American Bowling Association. Lucas will attend Lehigh University and will continue bowling.

The Executive Committee Award (presented by Gary Fox, Boosters First Vice-President) is given to a student athlete whose hard work, dedication and leadership are indicative of what high school athletics represent.

Jack Leahy, son of Margaret and Christopher Leahy, earned 10 varsity letters (4 cross-country, 3 winter, 3 spring track). He was X-C captain and its Most Valuable Senior.

Honors: part of 3 straight X-C state championship, first team All-UC and second team All-Group IV (sophomore); first team All-UC, second team All-Group IV, All-Northeast Region (junior); won Nike Northeast Regional Championship and UC Championship, named first team All-Northeast Region, first team All-State, first team All-Group IV, first team All-UC (senior).

Indoor track - UC 3,200 champion (junior), third in 3,200 at the state sectionals, second in the 1,600 at the UC Conference championships. Outdoors: won the 1,600 and the 3,200 at the UC Conference Championships.

Academics: honor-roll, recently selected WHS male recipient of the Union County Scholar Athlete Award. Jack is a volunteer counselor at a YMCA camp, and volunteer with the Appalachian Trail Mountain Club. Jack will attend The College of New Jersey and will run cross-country and track.

The President's Award, considered the most prestigious, (presented by Booster President Mike Helfand) is presented to an outstanding senior athlete who exemplifies leadership, character, good sportsmanship, and the spirit of Westfield athletics.

Kaitlyn Johnson, daughter of Christine and Steve Johnson, earned eight varsity letters (4 gymnastics, 2 winter track, 2 spring track). Gymnastics: captain junior and senior years, leading the team to UC championships both seasons; selected Most Valuable Senior.

Winter track, captain, set a WHS record in the 1,600, placed second in the state sectionals and third in the Counties, part of the 4x800 team that placed second at the UC relays and the 4x400 team that placed sixth, selected Most Valuable Senior runner.

Spring track: captain, received All-Conference recognition (2011), and in 2012 anchored the 4x1,600 relay team that finished second at the UC relays, led off the 4x800 team that took second, anchored the Sprint Medley relay team that finished fifth.

Academics: distinguished honor roll, maintains a 4.35 GPA, National Honor Society, AP Scholar with honors, Transition Project Leader, mentor and tutor in the WHS PAL Mentoring/Tutoring Program, Peer Minister at St. Helen's, Board Member of the Junior Twig Program of the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Kaitlyn will attend Georgetown University.

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Summer 2012

UNION COUNTY RUGBY CLUB INTRODUCES
Westfield Blue Devils Pal Flag Rugby
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Summer 2012 June 12th - July 24th
Age Groups
OWLS: CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-1
FALCONS: CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 2-3
HAWKS: CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 4-6
EAGLES: CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 7-9

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