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EAGLE-TRIBUNE STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARD

Honoring our best, brightest

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You want to see potential?
You want to some of our future leaders?
You want to hear somebody who has been there (potential) and done that (a leader)?

Well, on Wednesday, April 12, 2016, at Michael's Function Hall in Haverhill, you'll see all of the above and more.

The first Eagle-Tribune Student-Athlete Awards dinner, with 24 of our best students AND athletes, will be honored for their work at our area high schools.

Each school chose its winner ... one person from the entire school regardless of grade.

The event is sponsored by Commonwealth Motors in Lawrence. The Daher family, which owns and runs the local auto dealership, has long been a major supporter of area students and athletes.

Commonwealth Motors also sponsors two popular columns in The Eagle-Tribune, "Unsung Heroes" and "Captains Corner."

At the end of the night, an overall scholarship winner will be named and awarded \$2,000 by Commonwealth Motors.



TIM JEAN/staff file photo

In 2006, Tim Perry was inducted into the Andover High Hall of Fame. He'll be the guest speaker at the Eagle-Tribune Scholar-Athlete banquet.

A highlight of the event will be our guest speaker.

Tim Perry, who was a three-sport star (football, basketball and track) at Andover High, personifies student-athlete at the highest level.

He hails from the gifted Perry family, which included four Division 1 scholarship athletes.

Perry not only attended Harvard, where he started at quarterback, but he could've played three sports at the collegiate level.

He was named a Winthrop Scholar at Harvard and was MVP of "The Game" ... Harvard vs. Yale.

Perry is a founding partner with Perry Krumsiek, LLP. The veteran attorney resides in Newbury with his wife and three children.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE FINALISTS

Here are The Eagle-Tribune Scholar-Athlete winners for each school. The schools made the selections.

School	Athlete	School	Athlete	School	Athlete
Andover	Jillian Webber	Haverhill	Mikayla Sargent	Phillips Academy	Beth Krikorian
Austin Prep	Lauren Joyce	Lawrence	Kenisha De La Rosa	Pinkerton	Nicole Gonya
Bradford Christian	Jennifer Lynch	Londonderry	Chris Zaino	Presentation of Mary	Sean Toomey
Brooks School	Nicholas Konovalchik	Methuen	Connor Dickson	Salem	Laura Perrault
Central Catholic	Lukas Blythe	North Andover	Erick Duffy	Sanborn	Megan Sheehan
Fellowship Christian	Ester Mills	North Reading	Katerina Hassapis	Timberlane	Lily Ashford
Greater Lawrence	Nora Knox	Notre Dame Cristo Rey	Sharlenys Lopez	Whittier	Olivia Beauchesne
		Notre Dame Tyngsboro	Fiona Martin	Windham	Susan Poore
		Pelham	Sara Fisher		

Jillian Webber, Andover High School

College you will be attending: Either North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Clemson or University of Florida

Major: Astronomy and physics

Class rank? Andover High doesn't give class ranks.

High school athletic highlight: "Winning the Division 1 North title twice in four years and to earn right to play at the TD Garden."

Toughest class you've taken: AP statistics

Who has the biggest influence on your life and why? "Outside of my parents, I honestly can't think of anyone in particular who has most inspired me. My parents really have been the inspirational and guiding figures in my life."

What are you most proud of in your life? "I'm most proud of being myself and not being too influenced by others."

"For instance, even though many people tried to convince me to play

JILLIAN'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** Mrs. (Suzanne) Crowley at Sanborn Elementary School

■ **Athlete:** Don't have one

■ **Book:** "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien

■ **Food:** Salmon

■ **Website:** Google

■ **Movie:** "Harry Potter" movies

■ **Band or singer:** Rascal Flatts or Red Hot Chili Peppers

basketball in college, I went with the decision not to play because that's what I wanted and knew was best for me."

Toughest thing about being a teenager: "The constant cycle of comparing yourself to your peers, and the stress and sadness that often comes with that. Whether comparing school grades, athletic ability, physical appearance, wealth,



popularity, or behavior, it can consume people and rob them of joy."

What's something people don't know about you? "Although I'm an athlete, I'm also a

pretty big nerd, too. I am incredibly interested in astronomy and the universe.

I love the Harry Potter movies. I love doing puzzles and playing chess and I love math."

In 10 years I hope to be? "I would love to be employed for a research institution or renowned university, and would like to have already made or be in the process of making new, innovative or ground-breaking discoveries on furthering the human effort of understanding and questioning the universe around us."

What political party do you support and why? "I don't support any political party. I listen to what any person running for an elected position has to say about many different topics and will vote based off of that."

"I actually dislike the idea of political parties. It segregates people too much and restricts some candidates from backing what they truly believe in order to fit into a predetermined mold."

Lauren Joyce, Austin Prep

Hometown: Melrose

College you will be attending: "I was accepted to Villanova University on a Naval ROTC scholarship but I will be attending my dream school, the U.S. Naval Academy."

Major you will be studying: Civil and environmental engineering

Class rank: Austin Prep does not rank

High school athletic highlight: Being named a Catholic Central League my freshman year.

What athletic feat are you most proud of? "Being named captain for all three of my teams (volleyball, basketball and lacrosse) this year. It's a great honor to represent our school as a leader on the field or court."

Toughest class you've taken?

LAUREN'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** Ms. (Stephanie) Grace

■ **Athlete:** Serena Williams

■ **Book:** "The Last Mission"

■ **Food:** Scallion pancakes

■ **Website:** Google Earth

■ **Movie:** "Elf"

■ **Band or singer:** The Chainsmokers

AP Latin

Who has the biggest influence on your life and why? "My Dad because he is selfless and brings passion to everything that he does. He has always encouraged me to push myself and stay true to my values."

Outside of your parents, who

most inspired you and why? "In addition to many teachers and staff at Austin Prep, I had two Melrose youth basketball coaches, Ralph LaBella and Dr. Ron Sen, who taught me many valuable lessons. While making me a better athlete physically and a stronger person mentally, they helped me develop confidence and character that I could use in every aspect of my life."

What are you most proud of? "Staying true to my values through peer pressure and other external factors that challenged my beliefs."

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? "Needing more hours in the day to fit in more sleep."



What's something people don't know about you? "I love to cook. My speciality is guacamole but I will make

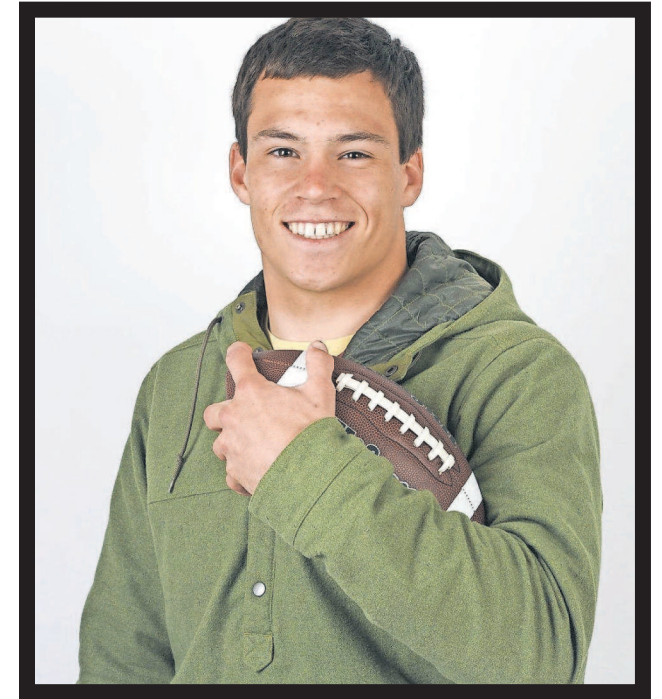
anything from lasagna to shrimp tacos."

In 10 years I hope to be? "An officer in the United States

Navy."

What political party do you support and why? "I'd rather not say."

Nick Konovalchik, Brooks School



Hometown: North Andover
College you will be attending: Washington and Lee University, where I will wrestle
Major you will be studying: A science major, preferably biology
Favorite teacher: Leigh Perkins at Brooks School
Class rank: 13th in a class of 109
High school athletic highlight: Winning my first Prep New England title in wrestling at 160 pounds.
Toughest class: AP Biology
Outside of your parents, who most inspired you and why? “Outside of my parents,

NICK'S FAVORITES

- **Athlete:** Jordan Burroughs, Olympic wrestling champion
- **Book:** “In the Heart of the Sea” by Nathaniel Philbrick
- **Food:** Chicken, bacon, ranch pizza
- **Website:** Stumbleupon
- **Movie:** “Forrest Gump”
- **Band or singer:** Justin Moore

I’m most inspired by my mom’s grandfather, my Grampe.
 “He is inspiring to me because of the sacrifices

that he made for his family throughout his life, displaying one of his most important morals that says that family is the most important thing in the world. He was my biggest fan and supporter in every aspect of my life.”

What are you most proud of? “Getting into Washington and Lee University and being offered an opportunity to wrestle there.”

What’s the toughest thing about being a teenager? “It is simply being neither a kid, nor an adult.”

What’s something people don’t

know about you? “I come from a very big family on my mom’s side and that I have almost 30 cousins.”

What do you hope to be in 10 years? “I hope to be a doctor.”

What political party do you support and why? “I support the Republican party because I believe that it’s become the party of the common American and it best represents the interests of the United States and its place in the world.”

“Also, because I do not agree with the social policy of the Democratic party.”

Jennifer Lynch, Bradford Christian



Hometown: Salem, N.H.
College you will be attending: Oxford College of Emory University
Major: Biology
Class rank: No. 2 in a class of 38

Athletic highlight: “When my soccer team won the league championship, it was such an exciting moment for our team! The game was nerve-racking and ended in a tie, so we went into overtime. Then, no one scored in overtime, so it went into a shootout. We ended up winning by only one goal!”

Toughest class? “Definitely Pre-Calculus, because the teacher makes sure you understand every little detail. There’s no getting by with just sort of knowing the information!”

Outside of your parents, who most inspired you? “All of my coaches throughout the years have inspired me to become the person I am

JENNIFER'S FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Mr. (Doug) Osterloh
- **Athlete:** Steph Curry
- **Book:** “Gone Girl”
- **Food:** Spaghetti and meatballs
- **Website:** Google
- **Movie:** “Chronicles of Narnia”
- **Band or singer:** Chance the Rapper

today. Thanks to them, I have a very strong work ethic, in both athletics and academics. They always push me to perform to the best of my ability.”

What are you most proud of? “My time helping those in the Dominican Republic. I loved my time spent there and am so grateful that I got the opportunity to help build a church for them. It was an incredible experience and a week I will never forget.”

Toughest thing about being

a teenager is? “Probably the fact that most teenagers focus way too much on their appearance. What really matters is what is on the inside.”

What’s something people don’t know about you? “That I absolutely love sitting out in the sun with a good book. If I could choose any one thing to do all day, it would be to sit on the beach, or by the pool, and just read for hours.”

In 10 years I hope to ... “have graduated college and finished grad school, and afterwards spend time traveling all over the world. My goal is to be fluent in Spanish and possibly French, and to be living in a warm climate working at a job I love.”

What political party do you support and why? “I’m an independent. It depends on each individual issue as to where I stand.”

Lukas Blythe, Central Catholic

Hometown: Salem, N.H.
College: Undecided
Possible major: Wildlife and conservation biology, film
Athletic highlight? “Back-to-back team MVPs and MVC All-Conference for indoor track.”
Toughest class: AP Biology/AP US History
Outside of your parents, who most inspired you? “Devin Graham because he lives my dream. He works in the wild and captures the amazing aspects of our natural world through film.”

LUKAS' FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Mr. (Mike) Clements and Mr. (Rob) Benedetto
- **Athlete:** Gareth Bale
- **Book:** “All Quiet on the Western Front”
- **Food:** Ice cream
- **Website:** YouTube
- **Movie:** “Deadpool” and “Fight Club”
- **Band or musical group:** Daft Punk

My life goal is to be able to follow in his footsteps and,

like him, love what I do for my career.”

What are you most proud of in your life? “Pushing myself and reaching every single goal I have set for myself so far.”

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? “Lack of sleep.”

What's something people don't know about you? “I love archery and I occasionally practice in my backyard.”

In 10 years I hope to be? “Working out in Montana or Yellowstone for National Geographic. Or overseas working for BBC.”



Ester Mills, Fellowship Christian Academy

Hometown: Windham, N.H.
Major you will be studying in college: “I’m still only a freshman, but one day I hope to go into either law enforcement or become a lawyer.”
Class rank: Not sure but likely No. 1 out of 8
High school athletic highlight: “Making a half-court shot towards the end of a basketball game this season.”
Toughest class you've taken: Grammar
Outside of your parents, who most inspired you and why? “A couple of years ago there was a girl on the Fellowship basketball team named

ESTER'S FAVORITES:

- **Teacher:** Mrs. (Erin) Adkins, my English teacher at Fellowship
- **Athlete:** Rob Gronkowski
- **Book:** “The Inquisition” by Taran Matharu
- **Food:** Chicken fajitas wrapped in freshly made tortillas with red and green peppers and cheese and sour cream
- **Website:** Netflix
- **Movie:** “A Few Good Men”
- **Band or singer:** Josh Wilson

Leanne Trepanier, who was

awesome.”

What are you most proud of in your life? “This year I got a 109 on a geometry test.”

Toughest thing about being a teenager is: “All the homework.”

What's something people don't know about you? “I’ve been to Guatemala like six times, to visit family.”

In 10 years I hope to be? “I see myself becoming a detective and working the crime unit or being a successful lawyer.”

What political party do you support and why? “I support conservatives.”



Nora Rosetta Knox, Greater Lawrence Tech

Hometown: Methuen
College you will be attending: Southern New Hampshire University
Major you will be studying: Psychology
Toughest class: AP English
High school athletic highlight: During the summer going into my sophomore year, I developed mononucleosis. I was on bed rest the second half of the summer. I was unable to cheer that football season. (But) I made it my duty to show up to practice and helped the people on the team.
 That winter I was captain of varsity. I was honored that my coaches believed in me and my abilities.
 I was captain winter of my junior year and then again

NORA'S FAVORITES

Book: "The Book Thief"
Movie: "The Princess Bride"
Website: YouTube
Singer/musical group: Kenny Chesney
Class in school: Senior Science Seminar. We focus a lot on forensic sciences. ... I would love to be a criminal profiler.

both fall and winter of my senior year.
 This year our competition team won its fifth straight Winter CAC competition. I look back on the mono and can honestly say it contributed to the cheerleader I am today."
The biggest influence on your life: My mom. Even before



kindergarten, I could read and write. She always told me, 'You have a beautiful brain.' She is a single mom

so her income is what we always depended on."
Where do you see yourself in 10 years: "There is so much

I want to be and do when I grow up — a criminal profiler, a veteran's counselor, a meteorologist and an

interior decorator.
 "Whatever I choose, I hope that at 27 I'm on the path to becoming the best there is. I want to come home to my own house where I get to snuggle with my cat and dog and look at the wall and see my Master's degree sitting next to my high school diploma.
Something people don't know about you: I am a HUGE fan of Criminal Minds. Sometimes I have my Dr. Spencer Reid moments. (Also) I am full blooded Italian ... from head to toe. My middle name, Rosetta, is Italian for Little Rose."
Which political party do you support and why: "Republican. I have conservative views but I don't agree with everything conservative."

Mikayla Sargent, Haverhill High School

College you will be attending: University of New England.
Major: Medical biology on a physician's assistant track
Class rank: 10 out of roughly 450
High school athletic highlight: Placing second as a team in the 2016 MVC Championship Meet for swimming and earning MVC All-Star individually.
Toughest high school class you've taken: AP U.S. History
Who has the biggest influence on your life and why? "Outside of my parents, my best friend, Andrea Albano inspires me the most. We play the same three sports (swimming, ice hockey, and softball), so we see each other everyday at practice or at games.
 "Whenever practice was really hard, I would look over and see how hard Andrea was working, and

MIKAYLA'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** Mr. (Michael) Lavieri for AP Literature and Composition
 ■ **Athlete:** Rebecca Soni, Olympic gold medal swimmer
 ■ **Book:** "A Mango-Shaped Space" by Wendy Mass
 ■ **Food:** Burritos
 ■ **Website:** YouTube
 ■ **Movie:** "La La Land"
 ■ **Band or singer:** Macklemore

it would push me to power through whatever we were doing."
What are you most proud of? "All of my leadership positions, but I am most proud of being selected as one of the captains for my high school's varsity softball team. I am so honored that my team trusts my leadership abilities and looks to

me for guidance.
 "It means so much to have been given the opportunity to lead such a great group of girls on and off the field, and I am so excited for the season ahead."
Toughest thing about being a teenager is? "Managing my time efficiently so that I can fit in everything, like school work, sporting events, having a job, and spending time with friends and family, that I need to do."
What's something people don't know about you? "I self-taught myself how to play guitar from watching YouTube videos."
In 10 years I hope to be? "A pediatric physician assistant."
What political party do you support and why? "With all due respect, I prefer to keep my personal political views to myself."



Kenisha De La Rosa, Lawrence High School

College choice: Denison University

Major: Psychology on a pre-med track

Class Rank: 4th of 116

Athletic Highlight? "Senior Night Game and I'm most proud of my leadership skills and how my team carries itself. I'm proud of my leadership skills because I think it is very important for a captain to lead and use those skills later in life."

Toughest class? "AP U.S History"

Who inspired you? "Great grandmother and grandmother have been the biggest influences. This is because they both raised me when my parents did not want me. My grandmothers taught me everything I need to know to become a successful woman some day. I owe them a lot."

Most proud of: "Making my

KENISHA'S FAVORITES

- **Favorite Teacher:** Erin Walsh
- **Favorite Athlete:** LeBron James
- **Favorite Book:** "Of Mice and Men"
- **Favorite Food:** Chinese food
- **Favorite Website:** sparknotes.com
- **Favorite Movie:** "Good Will Hunting"
- **Favorite group:** Diana

grandmothers proud."

Toughest part of being a teenager? "Not having people understand you."

What people don't know about me? "I broke my collarbone in a basketball game and never went to get it fixed. I also don't like people who can betray me on the lowest level. If you ever need



me I will be there for you because care too much for anyone who crosses my

path."

10 years from now, I'll be? "I hope to see myself either

in the FBI, graduating from The Academy or working in a hospital in Florida as

a nurse practitioner. Both are two fields that I know I would be happy in."

Chris Zaino, Londonderry

College you will be attending: University of Virginia

Major: Pre-med

Class rank: 8 out of 389

Honor societies: National Honor Society (vice president), Spanish Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society

Sports: Cross country, indoor track, spring track
Extracurricular: Marching band, drum line, Pay it Forward community service

High school athletic highlight: "Winning the Battle of the Border cross country race because it was the hardest I have ever fought for a win. It showed me what I could truly do."

What are you most proud of in your life? "All the academic

CHRIS' FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Mr. (James) Choquette for social studies
- **Athlete:** Tom Brady
- **Book:** "Ranger's Apprentice" by John Flanagan
- **Website:** YouTube
- **Movie:** "Hacksaw Ridge"
- **Band or singer:** Zac Brown Band

and athletic success throughout my childhood and in high school. It all culminated into getting into the University of Virginia where I can follow what I really want to do with my life."

Biggest influence in your life? "My Mom because she

always pushed me to do my best and stay humble while being my biggest fan."

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? "The vicious cycle of never wanting to go to bed early and staying up late only to be greeted by a much too early wake-up call and a long day of school, activities and work."

What's something people don't know about you? "I was a dancer and part of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Grand Ole Opry in the fifth grade."

In 10 years I hope to be: "Working as an ophthalmologist doing cataract and LASEK eye surgery while doing research in neuroscience."



Connor Dickson, Methuen High

College you will be attending: Quinnipiac, UNH, UMass Lowell, Stonehill or St. Michael's

Majoring in: Engineering or business services marketing

Class rank: 42nd in a class of 430

High school athletic highlight?

"My achievements in golf and hockey. I was named a captain of my golf and hockey teams and represented the golf team at the North Sectionals and played in the state tourney with my hockey team. I'm also proud of my MVC All-Star honor for golf and All-Conference honor for hockey."

Toughest class? "AP Physics."

Outside of your parents, biggest influence? "My coach, William Blackwell, has had quite a large influence. I

CONNOR'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** Mr. (Jason) Symmes for AP statistics

■ **Athlete:** Sidney Crosby

■ **Book:** "Ice Time" by Jay Atkinson

■ **Food:** Chicken parmesan

■ **Website:** Twitter

■ **Movie:** "Miracle"

■ **Band or singer:** Kenny Chesney

grew up knowing Blackwell and he always has been a very knowledgeable person when it comes to sports and has always been there for me both athletically and socially. He has pushed me to become the person I am today and has been a great mentor."

What are you most proud of? "My ability to sufficiently



balance my athletic, academic and social lives while also being able to maintain

a job."

Toughest thing about being a teenager? "The struggle to

find your place in society and being able to enjoy yourself while doing so."

What's something people don't know about you? "My interest in helping the community and aiding the less fortunate. We (the hockey team) collected Christmas gifts for the less fortunate through Debbie's Treasure Chest. We also made lunches for those who cannot obtain food or shelter easily."

In 10 years I hope to be? "Pursuing a career in engineering or business management after attending a four-year college and hopefully participating in athletics."

Which political party do you support and why? "I support the Democratic Party because of its focus on the liberties and social responsibilities of the community and not just the individuals."

Erick Duffy, North Andover High

College you will be attending: Harvard (will pole vault there)

Your major: Likely political science with a minor in business or psychology

Class rank: 38th in a class of 345

High school athletic highlight?

"Becoming an All-American in pole vault last spring with a sixth place at New Balance Nationals and beating the state record last spring (with a 16-0.5)."

Toughest class? "AP Biology. I struggled so much with that class. I did not get below a B as my final grade each trimester, but it was definitely the toughest class I've ever taken."

Outside of your parents, biggest influence? "Joe Staudt. He is a sophomore at Bowdoin running track. I always looked up to him

ERICK'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** Mr. (Peter) Silletti at North Andover Middle School and Mrs. (Deborah) Gilmartin at Thompson Elementary

■ **Athlete:** Sam Kendricks, bronze medal winner in Olympic pole vault

■ **Book:** "11/22/63" by Stephen King

■ **Food:** Bacon cheeseburger with a fried egg

■ **Website:** YouTube

■ **Movie:** "A Knight's Tale" and "Secondhand Lions"

■ **Band or singer:** Hans Zimmer

for his determination and talent. He showed me what is possible if you set a goal and work your hardest to achieve it. Recently, I have also seen how inspiring he can be off the track."

What are you most proud of?



"My relationship with my siblings. I have an older brother (27) and an older sister (22). They are some of

my favorite people and best friends."

Toughest thing about being a teenager? "The pressure put

on you by other people to be the person they want you to be. There is so much pressure to conform and do all

the things that our society deems 'necessary' or that our friends deem 'cool.'

"Deciding my own path was challenging. That being said, it was one of the best things I did for myself."

What's something people don't know about you? "When it comes to super heroes, I am a super nerd. My favorites are The Flash (from DC) and Spiderman (from Marvel)."

In 10 years I hope to be? "Graduated from college with my diploma. I would like to have gone to the Olympics for track."

Which political party do you support and why? "I have not experienced enough life to be making those kinds of decisions yet. I see both strengths and flaws with both the major parties."

Katerina Hassapis, North Reading High

College you will be attending: Bentley University. I am super excited to continue my soccer career.

Major I will be studying: Business management

Class Rank: Top 15 percent

High School athletic highlight: “Defeating the 21-0 Hamilton-Wenham soccer team after double overtime and a penalty kick shoot out in the Division 3 North semifinals. I am a goalkeeper and saved three of the five shots.

“Also, I took the first penalty kick shot for my team and scored.”

Toughest class: AP Psychology.

Outside of your parents, who inspired you and why: “Sarah Foss, one of my family friends is my inspiration because ever since I was a little girl she was always there for me.

“My whole life I have looked up to her. She is

KATERINA'S FAVORITES

Teacher: “Ms. (Claudia) Brown, my health teacher sophomore year. I still keep in touch. You can tell she truly loves her job and cares about every one of her students.”

Athlete: Tom Brady

Book: “The Passenger”

Food: Mac and cheese

Website: Amazon

Movie: “The Blind Side”

Band or singer: Luke Bryan

21 and is the Northeastern women’s hockey goalie and captain. I truly admire her strength and kind-heartedness.”

What are you most proud of? “I am a volunteer coach for the TOP soccer program, which is The Outreach Program for Children with Disabilities. Volunteering my time to help these young children



learn how to play soccer and make new friends has been the best thing I have ever been a part of.

“The feeling you get at the end of the sessions is truly indescribable. There is so much I can teach these

children and it is satisfying to know that I can greatly impact their lives. What they do not know is that

each and every weekend they impact mine.”

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? “Managing your time. You have the responsibility to have a job, you want to spend time with your friends, you want to join clubs and school activities, while maintaining your grades.”

What’s something people don’t know about you? “I am currently taking a class online for Fisher College to get teacher certified.”

In 10 years I hope to be: “Working side by side with my mother running her early childhood programs (Magical Beginnings) and to help continue to expand the programs.”

What political party do you support and why? “I am an Independent because I do not strongly agree with one party’s viewpoints over the other.”

Fiona Martin, Academy of Notre Dame

Hometown: Andover

College you will be attending: Merrimack College

Major: Education

Class rank: Not Available

High school athletic highlight? “My senior year volleyball season, our team finished the regular season with a 22-0 record. Being a starting player amongst a group of great athletes and amazing girls was a great way to end my volleyball career.”

Toughest class? “AP Chemistry.”

Outside of your parents, who most inspired you? “My two sisters, Shauna and Colleen, have inspired me greatly. They are intelligent, athletic, and successful young women who have encouraged me to push myself in

FIONA'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** Mr. Tim Butler

■ **Athlete:** Tedy Bruschi

■ **Book:** “What the Moon Saw” by Laura Resau

■ **Food:** Cheeseburger

■ **Website:** Netflix

■ **Movie:** “Safe Haven”

■ **Band or singer:** Luke Bryan

all areas of my life.”

What are you most proud of? “The connections I have made. I am happy with the choices I have made to surround myself with well-rounded individuals who inspire me everyday to be the best I can be in all areas of my life.”

Toughest thing about being a



teenager?” “Finding balance. Throughout high school, teenagers are expected to maintain good grades,

be involved in community service, have a part-time job, participate in extracurricular activities, and have

a social life. At times, this was hard to balance and some areas may have been lacking. As I have matured,

I have been able to find a balance.”

What’s something people don’t know about you? “I volunteer monthly at a nursing home because I enjoy spending time with the elderly.”

In 10 years I hope to be? “Teaching in a first grade classroom. With a career as an elementary school teacher, I will look forward to going to work each day, and will hopefully be making a positive impact on young lives.”

What political party do you support and why? “As I am not of voting age, I do not align myself with any particular political party. Before registering to vote, I will examine the platforms of each party.”

Sharlenys Lopez, Notre Dame Cristo Rey

Hometown: Lawrence

College you will be attending:

“I am only a sophomore so I am not quite sure what college I will be attending. However, I am interested in Columbia University.”

Major you will be studying: “I am interested in the majors of child psychology and criminology.”

Class rank: I am ranked number 4 in my sophomore class of 55.

High school athletic highlight? “When I had 13 assists to our leading scorer in one game.”

Toughest class? “Physics because, for the first time ever, I struggled keeping my grade an A.”

Outside of your parents, who most inspired you? “The most inspiring person in my life has been a classmate,

SHARLENYS' FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** My English teacher at Lawrence Catholic Academy, Sr. Anne. She helped me conquer my fear of public speaking.

■ **Athlete:** Paul Pierce

■ **Book:** “Perfect Chemistry”

■ **Food:** Chicken wings

■ **Website:** Twitter

■ **Movie:** “Save the Last Dance”

■ **Band or singer:** Destiny's Child

Nathalie Garcia. She has taught me the value of family and friendship. She's helped me build a stronger relationship with God, and for that I will always be grateful to have met such a beautiful person like her.”

What are you most proud



of? “In third grade when my class was collecting money for Haiti after the

earthquake. I was so happy to have \$20 all to myself and then realized that they

needed it more than I did so I donated it to them. At that moment I realized I wanted

to help people in life.”

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? “It has to be the pressure of our fellow peers. We try to fit in in order to not be judged which causes us to not always be ourselves.”

What's something people don't know about you? “I write poetry whenever I feel I need to express myself but I can't do so vocally. Poetry is my way of telling people how I feel.”

In 10 years I hope to be? “Doing something that helps people in need.”

What political party do you support? “I support the Democratic Party because they've always been more flexible towards immigrants and that's something I am very familiar with, being a daughter of one.”

Sara Fisher, Pelham High

College you will be attending: Springfield College

Your major: Occupational therapy

Class rank: 12th in class of 156

Athletic highlight? “Throughout my years in high school gymnastics, I went to New Englands with 1-2 teammates. My senior year we finally made it a team. I was able to compete with my team at my side for my last high school gymnastics meet.”

Toughest class? “Pre-calculus and calculus.”

Toughest thing about being a teenager? “Time management. There is so much going on at this age between school, jobs, and extra-curricular activities. It is difficult to find time to fit it all in but it must be done.”

What's something people don't know about you? “Although my

SARA'S FAVORITES

■ **Athlete:** Gymnast Shawn Johnson

■ **Book:** “Hunger Game” series

■ **Food:** Chicken pot pie with mashed potatoes

■ **Class:** Anatomy

■ **Website:** “I'm Feeling Lucky” on Google

■ **Movie:** “The Lion King”

■ **Band or singer:** Backstreet Boys

name may be ‘Fish,’ when in the gym, I am definitely not a fish when it comes to being in the water. I am more a rock.”

Outside of your parents, who has been the biggest influence in your life?

“It would have to be my teammates and coaches. I have learned so much from

them. Being part of a team shows you how hard work and dedication pay off, and my teammates are those who I get to celebrate our victories with. My coaches push me to be the best person I can be and hold the teams together as a whole.”

In 10 years I hope to be? “Working my dream job as an occupational therapist in an elementary school somewhere. In the afternoon, I'll continue my coaching of young gymnasts so I can share my knowledge and love of the sport.”

Which political party do you support and why? “I will be an independent. I feel that it is more beneficial to vote for whoever I agree with rather than voting purely for the name ‘Democrat’ or ‘Republican.’”



Beth Krikorian, Phillips Academy

Hometown: Windham
College you will be attending: Tufts (will play field hockey)

Major you will be studying: Either cognitive and brain sciences or community health with a minor in entrepreneurial leadership and perhaps an additional minor in Finance

High school athletic highlight? "Winning the NEPSAC field hockey championship for the first time in 22 years in 2015 in a shootout. Right with that moment was captaining my team to a second straight title in 2016. We were the fifth seed, but love being the underdog."

Toughest class? "I found biology my freshman year of high school to be the most difficult class I have taken at Phillips. This was a year-long class and biology was a very new content area for me. My other classes were at least familiar subjects. Biology was complex and new."

BETH'S FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Heidi Wall
- **Athlete:** Tom Brady
- **Book:** "Concussion" by Jeanne Marie Laskas
- **Food:** Salmon
- **Website:** Sporcle.com
- **Movie:** Forrest Gump
- **Band or singer:** The Chainsmokers

Outside of your parents, who most inspired you? "I grew up in a household of six people; my mom and dad, younger brother, and my mother's parents. Having my grandparents live with us inspired me in many ways. They cared for my brother and I along with my parents, so I was fortunate enough to have four parent figures in my life. Their thoughtfulness and caring nature have been a blessing on my life."

What are you most proud of? "The calculated risks that



I took in my decision to attend Phillips. The idea of moving away and going to boarding school at age 14

was a very big and impactful choice. It was initially a scary thought because it was a whole new world.

However, the potential benefits outweighed the unknown."

Toughest thing about being

a teenager is? "Finding and maintaining balance. I learned the importance of balancing academics, athletics, and my social life."

What's something people don't know about you? "I played basketball my entire life up until I arrived at Phillips. I decided I no longer wanted to pursue basketball and instead tried JV ice hockey, even though I could not skate, and played for two years."

In 10 years I hope to be: "Working in the health care field. Its role in society is increasingly important today. Currently, my goal is to obtain a position in health care management at a large, renowned hospital while starting a family. In addition, I want to coach youth field hockey and lacrosse."

What political party do you support. "I am an independent because I believe in voting for the best candidate."

Nicole Gonya, Pinkerton Academy

Hometown: Hooksett
College you will be attending: Florida (Go Gators)

Your major: Pre-med
Class rank: 20th in class of 792
Accomplishments: Three-time Eagle-Tribune All-Star; Division 1 state champ this winter in slalom and giant slalom

Sports: Soccer, skiing, softball
Coaching: Youth ski coach at Pat's Peak

High school athletic highlight? "Winning back-to-back Division 1 soccer and skiing championships."

Toughest class? "AP Biology."
Outside of your parents, biggest

NICOLE'S FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Ms. (Lani) Buskey
- **Athlete:** Marcel Hirscher, World Cup ski racer
- **Book:** "Divergent"
- **Food:** Mac and cheese
- **Website:** Sheshreds.com
- **Movie:** "Collide"
- **Band or singer:** Zac Brown Band

influence? "My brother because he always works hard and is very driven to reach his goals in life. His determination inspires me.

Also, my travel softball coach Rick

Burley, who was coached me for seven years. He taught me not only to be a better softball player, but also a better team player."

What are you most proud of? "Qualifying for and competing in the Junior Olympic Trials in Lake Placid for ski racing."

Toughest thing about being a teenager? "Having to apply to colleges and choose a college."

What's something people don't know about you? "I love animals."

In 10 years I hope to be? "A doctor."

Guidance counselor Julie Donovan: "Nicole is a natural born leader, a mover and a shaker. ... Nicole is a breath of fresh air!"



EAGLE-TRIBUNE STUDENT-ATHLETE FINALISTS

Sean Toomey, Presentation of Mary

Hometown: Salem, N.H.
College you will be attending: Regis College
Major you will be studying: Political science
Class rank: School doesn't have class ranks.
High school athletic highlight: "When I came in second in the league championship race. I had worked so hard to get to where I was at, and my hard work paid off."
Toughest class: AP Calculus AB
Outside of your parents, who most inspired you? "My uncle because he is the one that got me into running, and is overall just an amazing person. He would take me on his runs over the summer, and taught me what running means and how to run well. "He coaches track at a

SEAN'S FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Ms. Gillette at PMA
- **Athlete:** Galen Rupp
- **Book:** "The Old Man and the Sea" by Ernest Hemingway
- **Food:** Mac and cheese
- **Website:** YouTube
- **Movie:** "The Great Escape"
- **Band or singer:** "Panic! At The Disco"

high school where he's from and invited me attend one of there meets. Watching him be so kind to everyone but at the same time lead his team was an unbelievable experience for me. It's what keeps me running, and what keeps me motivated."
What are you most proud of? "I will be going on a full tuition

scholarship to Regis. Being able to not have to worry about paying for college is amazing. I had put huge amounts of effort into being able to go to college."

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? "Having adults think you can't do something because you're too young. I hate being denied the ability to try something out or to move on in life. Especially in politics, age is a huge factor in what a person can run for."

What's something people don't know about you? "I'm a twin."

In 10 years I hope to be: "Doing something in politics, whether that be running for office, working on campaigns or working for a political figure in one way or another."



Laura Perrault, Salem High School

College you will be attending: Boston College
Major you will be studying: Animal science on a pre-vet track
Class rank: 4 out of 265
High school athletic highlight: Hitting a walk-off grand slam my junior year
Toughest class you've taken? "AP biology because there are a lot of intricate parts that have complicated names and it can get confusing to remember what each one does."
Who has the biggest influence on your life and why? "Outside of my parents, my teacher and softball coach Mr. (Greg) Paris inspires me the most because he puts 100 percent effort into everything he does. "I think it says a lot that whenever someone says the name Mr. Paris, I never hear a bad comment being

LAURA'S FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Mr. (Justin) Golden at Woodbury and Mr. (Greg) Paris, Mr. (Jim) Slobig and Mr. (Mark) Hillner at Salem High
- **Athlete:** Tom Brady
- **Book:** "Best of Me" by Nicholas Sparks
- **Food:** Chicken parm or calamari
- **Website:** Twitter
- **Movie:** "Finding Dory"
- **Band or singer:** Ed Sheeran and Christina Aguilera

made. He's so dedicated to his job and I hope to be like him when I grow up."
What are you most proud of? "How much I have taken advantage of my high school career. I have made the most of everything that Salem High has to offer, from academically



rigorous classes to athletics and community service groups. I can say that

I'm leaving SHS with no regrets."
Toughest thing about being

a teenager is? "Having to stress out about college and your future while still

trying to get involved in school and maintain your grades."

What's something people don't know about you? "My favorite thing that I have done academically related is dissect a fetal pig. That is ultimately what made me decide that I want to become a veterinarian. Also, my sophomore year in field hockey, I broke a girl's jaw on the other team."

In 10 years I hope to be: "Graduated from veterinary school and own my own veterinary hospital while still getting involved in my community."

What political party do you support and why? "I find myself in the middle with politics; economically I am conservative but with the social aspects I have more liberal viewpoints."

Megan Sheehan, Sanborn Regional High

Hometown: Newton, N.H.
College you will be attending: Undecided, I'm just a junior

Major you will be studying: Ideally, my major will be either molecular biology or bioengineering.

Class rank: 15th in a class of 150.

High school athletic highlight? "During the first meet of 2016, I broke the school record in the discus by throwing 106 feet. The record had been in place since 1981, and the previous record-holder, Mary Penney, attended one of our track meets later in the season. I was honored to meet her and capped off the day by throwing the discus a new personal best of 117-9."

Toughest high school class you've taken? "AP Biology."

Who has the biggest influence on your life and why? "My

Auntie Karen is a big inspiration for me. She ran marathons, did triathlons, and was an amazing high school and college athlete. At the age of 26 she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Though she's needed to modify her activities, she's still an amazing athlete and cycles, swims and works out daily."

What are you most proud of? "Keeping strong family ties during these busy times. My parents, sister and grandparents have all been very supportive, and I'm extremely thankful for them. I'm proud that my family comes first."

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? "Not having the wisdom of experience and longevity, but having lots of energy and desire to learn and live my life to the fullest. I don't want to make



serious mistakes."

What's something people don't know about you? "My family and I have hiked 41 of the 48 4,000 footers of N.H., and expect to finish the list this

summer. We'll likely follow this up by more hiking of our favorites."

In 10 years I hope to be? "Working, pursuing my graduate degree, getting out

to throw with friends and hiking with my family."

What political party do you support and why? "I prefer to keep my political views private."

MEGAN'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** "I have been fortunate to have had many wonderful teachers, I can't choose just one."

■ **Athlete:** "I've been fortunate to practice with Sarah Thornton, who was in the 2016 Olympic trials for discus. She helped me learn to keep my wits about me when the pressure is on and is a great role model."

■ **Book:** Harry Potter series

■ **Food:** Homemade pasta sauce made with tomatoes and herbs from the garden, my own homemade sun dried tomato and cheese bread, and a fresh salad (picked from the garden).

■ **Website:** HMMR Media

■ **Movie:** "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader"

■ **Band or singer:** Foreigner, Aerosmith and Queen

Lily Ashford, Timberlane Regional

Hometown: Atkinson
College: Merrimack College (will play soccer)

Possible major: Health Science

Athletic highlight? "Our Senior Night soccer game. It was against Bedford, the top team in our league. I knew it was going to be a tough game. My coach had me man-mark the best player on the team. Her and I battled for the entire game which went into overtime tied 0-0. I was pretty proud of myself for not letting her get by me with the ball. We met again during a playoff game and I held her off again but in the end Bedford scored in overtime. But in the end I completed my task once again and shut down the top player for the second time."

Toughest class? Human anatomy and physiology

LILY'S FAVORITES

■ **Teacher:** Mr. Silveira

■ **Athlete:** Mia Hamm

■ **Book:** "The Glass Castle"

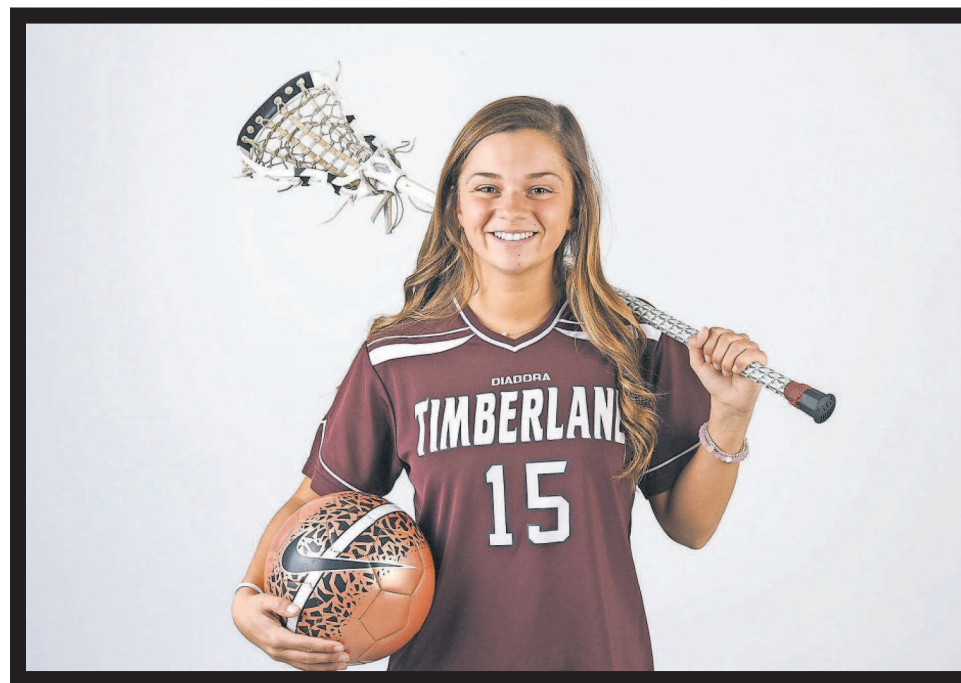
■ **Food:** Watermelon

■ **Movie:** "Just Go With It"

■ **Band or singer:** Jason Aldean

Outside of your parents, who most inspired you? "One of my very first coaches has inspired me most, Kellie Righini. She taught me to never give up, always give 100 percent, and be the toughest player out there. Without her always pushing me, I would not be the player I am today or playing for the women's soccer team at Merrimack College."

What are you most proud



of?: "How far as a student-athlete I have come. All of

my hard work has really paid off, which has helped

me be able to complete my ultimate goal of playing

soccer at Merrimack College as well as getting into the health sciences program."

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? "Being able to balance everything. Family, school, grades, sports, friends, and sleep have all been tough to balance but it has also taught me time management and how to not procrastinate."

What's something people don't know about you? "Every day I try to make everybody happy. The happiness of my family, friends, and even people I don't really know is very important to me. To see them happy, brings me happiness."

In 10 years I hope to be? "Almost ready to graduate orthodontic school and begin my career as an orthodontist."

EAGLE-TRIBUNE STUDENT-ATHLETE FINALISTS

Olivia Beauchesne, Whittier Tech

Hometown: Lawrence
College: Merrimack College
Possible major: Education
Class rank: 25th out of 354
Athletic highlight: “In the 2017 basketball season, my team and I went undefeated in league play and ended up with a final season record of 23-3.”

Toughest class: Honors Pre-Calculus
Toughest thing about being a teenager is? “Probably juggling both school, sports and work. You wake up early for school, then have practices or games afterwards. Come

OLIVIA'S FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Mrs. Messman, English
- **Athlete:** David Ortiz
- **Book:** Room by Emma Donoghue
- **Food:** Popcorn and pasta
- **Website:** Facebook and YouTube
- **Movie:** “The Blind Side”
- **Band or musical group:** Justin Bieber (solo artist); Maroon 5 (band)

home to do homework, go

to bed late and do it all over again the next day. Then on weekends I work, if I don't have sports.”

What's something people don't know about you? “A lot of people know I'm a twin and think I'm the older one because I'm taller than her. However that's not the case, I'm 33 minutes younger than my twin sister Allison.”

In 10 years I hope to be? “In a good place in life, with a job, something to do with education. Also having a dog to come home to because I really love them.”



Susie Poore, Windham High School

College you will be attending: Lehigh University (will run there)
Majoring in: English and political science

Class rank: 4 out of 199
High school athletic highlight: “When I ran a 17:54 (for 3.1 miles) at the New Hampshire cross country Meet of Champions last fall. Seeing that time when I crossed the finish line and then being bombarded with hugs from my teammates was a feeling unlike any other.”

Toughest class: AP Physics
Biggest influence on your life? “My Uncle Dan inspired me. He was the greatest water skier of all time, had the worst jokes that you couldn't help but laugh at because they were so bad, and really just loved to climb trees.”

“Every time I saw him scurry up a tree to cut some limbs or begin the process of bringing the whole thing down, I was always amazed by how happy he was. The amount of kindness that man had in his heart was something so remarkably special, and I aspire to have

SUSIE'S FAVORITES

- **Teacher:** Mrs. (Colleen) Smith at Windham High for social studies
- **Athlete:** Distance runners Shalane Flanagan, Abbey D'Agostino, Emma Coburn
- **Book:** “The Help,” “The House Girl,” “Red Queen”
- **Food:** Apples with peanut butter, flatbread pizza
- **Website:** Yummyly
- **Movie:** “Good Will Hunting”
- **Band or singer:** Kaleo, Dua Lipa

the same.

“He passed away when I was 13, but the tree tattoo on my wrist keeps him with me every day.”

What are you most proud of in your life? “The times where I've stood up for what I believe is right. I'm not hesitant to raise my voice when I feel that there is an injustice that needs to be addressed. I always want every person to feel accepted and welcomed, and I'll go

out of my way to do so. I'm proud of the fact that I've grown as much as I have so that I can raise my voice without fear.”

Toughest thing about being a teenager is? “Getting a sense of yourself and figuring out who you are as a person. What's hardest is realizing that the only person that has control over who you're going to be is you.”

What's something people don't know about you? “I absolutely love the Food Network. I really enjoy gathering new recipes and trying them out. I watch all of the cooking competition shows.”

In 10 years I hope to be: “I'll have completed my Master's in English and political Science, and I'll be working on my first novel if I haven't already finished it. I'll have at least three Boston Marathons under my belt, and I'll be training for a fourth.”

What political party do you support and why? “I support the Democratic party because the party's platform matches my personal beliefs.”



IN ACTION

Brooks School senior football player Nick Konovalchik.

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Lukas Blythe of Salem set the Central Catholic 200-meter record last spring.

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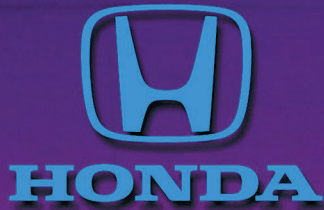
Timberlane Regional high defeated Dover 1-0 in double overtime in the first girls' soccer game of the season. Timberlane's captain, Lily Ashford shoots on net.



Andover High captain Jillian Webber sails to the hoop. She not only is a straight-A student, but a two-time Eagle-Tribune Super Teamer.

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