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# HUGH CALICE, BEVERLY

As a young boy in Haiti, Hugh Calice could have never dreamed how his future would play out.

Fleeing with his family to the United States after the 2010 Haitian earthquake helped Calice grow up quickly. Learning a new language, trying to assimilate into a new culture and make new friends, moving from Lynn to Beverly after his sophomore year of high school ... all of these experiences helped shape the 17-year-old Calice into the extraordinary young man he is today.

"Hugh is a courteous, respectful and good natured young man who understands the importance of hard work and focus," said Elizabeth Taylor, the principal at Beverly High.

"I would think Hugh would be an ideal candidate for this award. He is a true scholar interested in learning. As an athlete, he brings his intelligence and determination to the field."

A member of the National Honor Society, Calice carries a 3.79 grade point average and has earned academic accolades such as the Wellness Course Underclassman Award and English Department Underclassman Award, both as a junior. His challenging classes include Advanced Placement

physics and statistics. In addition, Calice is a member of Peer Leadership, an organization that fosters student mentors and leaders to the school community.

"Hugh's energy and passion for learning is evident," said Wellness teacher Ben Goodhue. "Hugh is an exemplary model of the term 'student-athlete.' I continue to be impressed daily with his maturity, as he is very unique in the way he conducts himself around adults and peers alike."

The reigning Salem

News Defensive Player of the Year in football, Calice is a two-time Northeastern Conference all-star on the gridiron for the Panthers (after spending two years at Lynn English High School) and helped the Orange and Black win the Division 2 North championship this past fall. He is also an all-star in both basketball and track and field.

"Although I am speaking primarily as a coach, I can also speak to Mr. Calice's reputation within Beverly High School, as

## MEET HUGH CALICE

- **Hometown:** Beverly
- **Age:** 17
- **College you will be attending:** Merrimack or Western New England
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'Tuesdays With Morrie' by Mitch Albom
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "Friday Night Lights"
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** Drake
- **What is your favorite app?:** Hudl
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** Statistics
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Winning Division 2 states in the triple jump after being out all season due to a hamstring injury.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means everything. To know that people look up to you gives you extra motivation to be the best you can be. If you're going to be an example, be a positive one.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Working as a civil engineer, owning a house and helping out the football program in my hometown.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I was born and raised in Haiti, speak three languages and have had to overcome many obstacles to succeed.



I am an assistant principal," said Mark Thomas, a BHS assistant football coach. "Mr. Calice has a contagious personality

and is well respected by faculty. On numerous occasions, faculty members have commented to me about the joy of

seeing Mr. Calice succeed ... in my educational and coaching career, there is not a finer example of a student-athlete."



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# SAM MANCINELLI, BISHOP FENWICK

Top ten percent in her class, varsity volleyball and basketball captain, and a regular volunteer in a variety of events: Those are just some of the many admirable qualities that make Bishop Fenwick's Sam Mancinelli a model student-athlete.

On the court, Mancinelli helped guide the Crusaders' basketball team to consecutive Division 3 North sectional final appearances over the past two seasons, including capturing a Division 3 state title as a junior in 2016. In the classroom she carries a 4.1 GPA while taking entirely honors classes.

The sheer balance and consistency with Mancinelli's work ethic is one most of her peers would find difficult to match.

"Academically and socially, Sam stands out as a leader," said Bishop Fenwick guidance counselor Amanda Drezek. "One of Sam's greatest assets is her ability to juggle the many demands of her academics, extracurricular and volunteer activities. She is ambitious, smart and athletic, and she strives for excellence in everything she involves herself in."

## MEET SAM MANCINELLI

- **Hometown:** Peabody
- **Age:** 17
- **College you will be attending:** Roger Williams University
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'The Fault In Our Stars' by John Green
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "Frozen"
- **Who is your favorite band?:** Zac Brown Band
- **What is your favorite app?:** Instagram
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** Psychology
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Winning the Division 3 state championship for basketball last year, because we worked so hard all season to reach our goal together.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means being a person they look up to as an example and someone they can always talk to. It is an honor being a leader; something I strive to be.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** I see myself married with a good job, hopefully in the criminal justice field and graduated out of college with a high degree (potentially a Masters).
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I have been drag racing at New England Dragway since I was nine years old and have won an IHRA Iron man and an NHRA Wally.

One could go on and on about Mancinelli's accomplishments on paper, but it's her lively personality and compassion towards others that sets her apart.

"Sam's best qualities are her qualities as a person," said Bishop Fenwick head volleyball and basketball coach Adam DeBaggis. "She is personable and friendly, and understands how to get along with people. She has always been extremely mature and intelligent, and

quite frankly she is as close to perfect as a student-athlete can be."

Mancinelli also has a long list extracurricular activities to her name, including the Hunger for Justice Retreat, Breast Cancer Walk, Best Buddies Program, Campus Ministry and National Honors Society. She has received numerous honors in both basketball and volleyball, and aspires to play hoop at the collegiate level.



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# The Salem News Student-Athlete Award celebrates its 55th Award

**Phil Stacey**

Executive Sports Editor



Flash back to the year 1962 for a moment.

A gallon of gas would set you back 28 cents. The average American earned around \$5,600 a year, the cost of one year's tuition at Harvard was around \$1,500, and people were

flocking to see movies such as "West Side Story", "To Kill A Mockingbird" and "Dr. No", the latter a thriller about a new British Spy named James Bond.

That was also the first time that The Salem News held its now iconic Student-Athlete Award. At that inaugural ceremony (with only high school football players eligible, mind you), Beverly High's Peter Zeitzoff took home the award.

Fifty-five years later, the Salem News Student-Athlete Award is as vibrant and cherished as ever. It remains one of the most prized awards a high school student-athlete can be nominated for.

Fourteen of the best and brightest young minds from across the North Shore are up for the 2017 Award, which will be presented for the 55th time Thursday at Rockafella's in Salem.

Symbolizing academic and athletic excellence, the annual Salem News Student-Athlete Award rewards the best of the best from across our region. It will be awarded to a deserving student-athlete who has combined terrific work in the classroom, outstanding performances in their field of athletics, a penchant for helping others and a willingness to multitask within their community.

You might be asking yourself some questions. Of the many talented young men and women who participate in high school athletic endeavors, who gets to be a student-athlete nominee? How does the process work? And who decides who ultimately wins?

Here's how.

Each year, 14 high schools within The Salem News readership area (Beverly, Salem, Danvers, Peabody, Marblehead,

Swampscott, Ipswich, Hamilton-Wenham, Masconomet, Pingree, Essex Tech, Manchester Essex, Bishop Fenwick and St. John's Prep) select a student to represent his or her school for a particular year.

Transcripts, resumes and letters of recommendation for each student-athlete are then sent to The Salem News. Each candidate must combine academic excellence, outstanding athletic prowess and the ability to multitask in areas such as volunteering, working part time and/or giving back to their community.

Each student-athlete candidate is then

interviewed this afternoon by a panel of five judges at The Salem News' offices in Beverly. After all the interviews, the judges discuss the candidates until they reach a consensus on who the winner will be.

Thursday, each of the nominees and their families meet with the judges and members of The Salem News for a dinner and awards ceremony at Rockafella's in Salem. Each of the student-athletes is recognized individually during the dinner, and a guest speaker delivers a short speech to the assembled audience after dinner.



This year's speaker will be Matt Antonelli, a former three-sport star at St. John's Prep who attended Wake Forest University and eventually becoming a first round draft choice of the San Diego Padres. The Peabody native played in the major leagues and now runs the wildly popular 'Antonelli Baseball'.

Once Antonelli's speech has concluded, the 55th annual Salem News Student-Athlete winner will be announced. The winner will receive a \$1,000 Nelson Benton Scholarship, named in honor of longtime Salem News reporter and editorial page editor who retired in 2013. The winner will also receive a commemorative bowl signifying the win, along with his or her name engraved on the Student-Athlete trophy.

The winner's school will also get to showcase the actual trophy, a Paul Revere-style bowl made of sterling silver, with the names of all the previous winners engraved on it.

Last year's winner was Michaela Hedderman of Ipswich High School.

Every participating high school in The Salem News' readership area has captured this award at least once. Masconomet Regional leads the way with eight Student-Athlete Award winners over the years. Deserving student-athletes from both Peabody High and Marblehead have captured the award six times, while Beverly, Hamilton-Wenham, Ipswich and Swampscott have been victorious on five occasions each. St. John's Prep scholars have been honored four times; Salem has taken home the award three times; Danvers and Pingree have done so twice; and Bishop Fenwick, Manchester Essex and Essex Tech (formerly North Shore Tech/Essex Aggie) have seen their students win once.

This year's Student-Athlete judges will be Richard Sweeney Vice President of Communications at Gordon College; Dave Menofsky, owner of the New England Running Company in Beverly; Kara McLaughlin, Executive Director at House of Seven Gables of Salem; John Frates of Beverly, a Ward 6 Councilor, advocate and father of ALS warrior Pete Frates; and Phil Stacey, Executive Sports Editor of The Salem News.



# KATIE CRUM, DANVERS

As activities go, marching band and track are pretty far apart.

As a band member you're one part of the whole, working in tandem to make beautiful music and a thrilling image viewed from above. In track and field you're on your own, racing against yourself and the clock.

It's the ability to stand out and adapt to both those situations that sets Danvers senior Katie Crum apart from the pack.

An accomplished runner, academic and clarinet player, Crum has applied that parts of a whole marching band axiom to her track career. She's willing to run any event and would willingly give up a personal first place finish to earn points in a different event for her team.

"Katie anchors our mile relay and she's won us many meets at the end," said Danvers High track coach John Norris, who deploys his captain the 600, 1000 or mile. "Her determination to do all she can to help the team win has won her a lot of admiration. She's a model of dignity, strength of character, empathy and integrity."

Ranking fourth in Danvers' senior class of 252 students, Crum has never received a high school grade that was not an 'A'. She's been honored with

## MEET KATIE CRUM

- **Hometown:** Danvers
- **Age:** 17
- **College you will be attending:** Undecided
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' by J.K. Rowling
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "The Breakfast Club"
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** John Mayer
- **What is your favorite app?:** Snapchat
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** AP Physics
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Making the Salem News all-star team in my first year running cross country. This was a great honor and accomplishment for me to achieve in a new sport.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It's a great honor for me, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I believe the best way to establish an attitude for your team is to lead by example and to be a person that younger members can look up to., follow and respect. I believe the most important part of being a leader is establishing a sense of sportsmanship, which is why I lead our team in congratulating the other team after every meet. As a leader, if you conduct yourself in the right manner, your team will follow.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I was born in Colorado and lived there for about four years.

the President's Award for Academic Achievement and was Outstanding Student in three different subjects in addition to taking part in DECA and the yearbook committee.

"She's supremely driven, but it's always with a smile. She lets her actions, behavior and demeanor tell you all you need to know about her," Danvers athletic director Andy St. Pierre said.

No stranger to community service, Crum

had completed more than 100 hours by the end her junior year. Danvers principal Susan Ambrozavitch describes Crum as "quiet, purposeful and tenacious while also being charming and poised with a great sense of humor."

As a career, she's interested in finding new ways to help patients (specifically in cancer research). Crum's main aim seems to be helping others rather herself, and that shows in just about



every aspect of her life. "One of the most

well-rounded individuals to ever pass through the halls

at Danvers High", math teacher Jeff Avigian said.

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## SALEM NEWS STUDENT-ATHLETE NOMINEE

# KELLY WALSH, HAMILTON-WENHAM

Pressure? Kelly Walsh isn't bothered by it.

The proof is easy to find. She was the last line of defense for the Hamilton-Wenham girls soccer team and came up with 13 shutouts as a senior. She helped guide her Generals' basketball team from two wins her freshman year to a spot in the Division 2 North final this past winter. And as a National Honor Society member, she welcomes the challenge of a rigorous course load in high honors classes.

"Walking through the halls you can feel the leadership qualities based on the way she interacts with her fellow classmates and the strong sense of responsibility that she feels towards her school community," said guidance counselor Matt Fitzgibbons.

The Wenham native carries a grade point average of 4.021 and scored 1,330 on her SATs as well as 31 on her ACT. She has earned High Honor Roll or Honor Roll in all 14 of her marking periods at Hamilton-Wenham Regional to date.

"Kelly's communication skills are excellent. Her written work is both clear and concise, and interesting to read," Kristen Borges, the Social Studies Curriculum

### MEET KELLY WALSH

■ **Hometown:** Wenham

■ **Age:** 18

■ **College you will be attending:** I'm still waiting to hear from a few schools, so I have not yet committed to a college.

■ **What is your favorite book?:** 'Water For Elephants' by Sara Gruen

■ **What is your favorite movie?:** "The Breakfast Club"

■ **Who is your favorite singer?:** Luke Bryan

■ **What is your favorite app?:** Snapchat

■ **What is your favorite class in school?:** Either AP Chemistry or anatomy

■ **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** I'm most proud of this year's sectional semifinal basketball state tournament game. We started off down 12-0, and were able to chip away to tie it up at the half. In the second half, we buckled down on defense and made the plays necessary to pull off the win.

■ **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means that you're someone who is always willing to take the extra step in order to help someone out, whether it be in school or on the field. A leader is someone who is respected for the way they carry themselves in adverse situations. You gain their respect not by forcing yourself upon them, but by leading by example. They see your hard work ethic and are inspired to do the same. Leaders watch out for everyone; if they see someone struggling or not working to their potential, a leader will step up to help out.

■ **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** I see myself having graduated college. Hopefully I'll have spare time to do some traveling; I really want to visit Greece. I also hope to still be involved in athletics, possibly coaching in a youth league.

■ **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I want to major in biomedical engineering in college.

Leader at Hamilton-Wenham, noted. "Even when challenged by the material, she never questioned whether she would be able to complete the task."

The vice president of her senior class, Walsh

was selected for the Academy of Future Scientist and Technology Award for Excellence. She has also traveled to London for the Cambridge College Scholars Program, and has twice participated in the



Hamilton-Wenham National History Day competition.

A three-year varsity starting goalie for the soccer team at H-W, Walsh led the Generals to back-to-back Cape Ann League Baker titles and trips to the sectional semifinals while earning league all-star accolades

both as a junior and senior. As a four-year member of the school's varsity basketball team, she started for three seasons and was a two-time captain, CAL all-star and Salem News all-star.

"Kelly's greatest qualities on the court and fields

are the same ones that are prevalent in other areas of her life," said Hamilton-Wenham athletic director Craig Genuardo. "Simply, Kelly is a leader in the truest sense of the world and makes everyone around her better than they would have been without her presence."

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# IZZY PRIMACK, IPSWICH

Izzy Primack is one of those rare student-athletes who never ceases to amaze those around her.

The Ipswich High senior most notably makes her mark with a hockey stick in her hands, serving as a team captain for the co-operative Beverly High girls team while passing the coveted 100-career point milestone in her final campaign on the ice. She tied for the North Shore scoring lead with 73 points, setting a new single season scoring mark in the process.

In the outdoor version of its winter counterpart, Primack thrives as a field hockey player for Ipswich High. She was named both the Cape Ann League Player of the Year and Salem News Player of the Year last fall after tallying 20 goals, 27 assists and 47 points while helping guide the Tigers to the Division 2 North title game.

“On the field, Isabel is tenacious, focused and goal-oriented, literally and figuratively,” said Ipswich field hockey coach Sarah Merullo. “She puts in the time and effort and reaps the benefits in all aspects of her life. Simply put, she is a scholar-athlete in all senses of the phrase, and I have no doubt she will continue to be successful academically

## MEET IZZY PRIMACK

- **Hometown:** Ipswich
- **Age:** 18
- **College you will be attending:** Assumption College
- **What is your favorite book?:** ‘The Catcher in the Rye’ by J.D. Salinger
- **What is your favorite movie?:** “Hairspray”
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** Rihanna
- **What is your favorite app?:** Snapchat
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** Science, specifically Marine and Coastal
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Being named Player of the Year for field hockey (in both the Cape Ann League and The Salem News), because I never thought I’d get that award, since I’ve only played field hockey for two years.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means that I have to step up and be assertive. I also have to listen to my teammates and have a good relationship with everyone on the team.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Graduated from college with a degree and a good job that I love. Also, coaching either a field hockey or ice hockey team in my spare time.
- **What’s something most people don’t know about you?:** I lived in Italy my eighth grade year with my family.

and athletically at the collegiate level.”

As noted by Merullo, Primack’s accomplishments certainly don’t begin and end on the field. The 17-year old carries a 3.5 grade point average and performed very well on her SATs. She has received numerous academic awards, including the school’s Distinguished Achievement award, high honors and the Student-Athlete award at Ipswich

High.

“Izzy has been a consistently strong student throughout high school,” said Ipswich guidance department head Justine May. “She is a solid school citizen who has earned the respect of her classmates and the faculty at Ipswich High School. She is a bright, organized and dedicated student-athlete, has strong moral compass, and leads by positive example.”



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# WILL HESLOP, MANCHESTER ESSEX

When it comes to being a model student, Manchester Essex's Will Heslop checks all the boxes.

The senior maintains an otherworldly 5.20 GPA and is ranked No. 2 in his graduating class. He has received nothing lower than a B grade while at MERHS, which came in an extremely challenging advanced placement English literature course.

Heslop also excels in AP government, chemistry, calculus, physics and computer science — a nearly unheard of high school workload. He scored a near-perfect SAT score with a 770 in English and a 790 in math, and has received numerous awards throughout his four-year career.

"Will is guided by an accurate moral and ethical compass, articulate in his comments and honest to the core," said Manchester Essex assistant principal/athletic director Paul F. Murphy. "Will's teachers recognize him as a motivated and engaged student who possesses excellent communication skills, a sharp wit and unique sense of humor. His work ethic and dedication are evident in everything that Will does."

While Heslop's accomplishments in the classroom may jump off the page, he's no slouch on the playing field either. He is a three-sport athlete and captained both the Hornets' golf and basketball teams this past

## MEET WILL HESLOP

- **Hometown:** Manchester
- **Age:** 18
- **College you will be attending:** Undecided
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'Freakonomics' by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "The Big Short"
- **What is your favorite app?:** Reddit
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** AP Computer Science
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of?:** My improvement throughout the golf season and the resiliency I showed in the face of some tough performances. Ultimately, I was selected for the team's Coaches Award, which is something I appreciated greatly. Despite never being the best player on the team, I always made an effort to play with class and aplomb.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** Being selected in leadership positions in athletics and in the classroom is an incredible honor. I feel that I have an obligation to try my hardest and make those who voted me into the position proud. As Vice President of the Debate Team, journalism editor and a 2-sport captain, I have had the privilege of assuming several leadership roles.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Ideally, I would love to be living in a big city (either New York or Boston) and working in finance/banking.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I am an avid fan of technology and computer games. Over the course of a long weekend, I spent roughly 30 hours coding Monopoly in Java.

year. He almost certainly will take that history of captaincy to the tennis court this spring.

"Will Heslop is an exceptional young man. His impressive tennis play comes from a formula of pushing himself every day in practice," said Heslop's Spanish teacher and varsity tennis coach, Rob Bilsbury. "He took it personally if someone could out-sprint him in the team running. He also worked hard on his serve to develop it into a

weapon that had him playing in the varsity lineup at huge matches last season."

Other noteworthy achievements in Heslop's arsenal include the Yale University Book Award, the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, and the National Merit Scholarship. Heslop also commits extra-curricular hours to the Hornets' school newspaper and is was a member of the school's debate team, in which he earned an excellence award.





# LUCIE POULIN, MARBLEHEAD

Four consecutive years as an honor roll student. Twelve consecutive seasons of excellence in three varsity sports. A willingness to give of herself and sacrifice her own glory to better those around her.

Lucie Poulin fits all of those categories and more. Having committed to the University of Massachusetts Amherst to continue her students and her women's lacrosse career at the Division 1 level, she has been an outstanding example of the academic and athletic excellence that students at Marblehead High have traditionally been known for.

Owner of an 1,860 SAT score and a 31 ACT result, Poulin carries a grade point average of 3.78 while taking Advanced Placement classes such as History, Calculus, American Government and Environmental. She received the 2017 John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Award earlier this year.

A three-year captain as a senior, Poulin has played on the Magicians' varsity as a center defender in soccer, an indoor track standout in the 300 and 4x200 and 4x400 relays, and as a midfielder in lacrosse since she was a freshman. Her soccer teams

## MEET LUCIE POULIN

- **Hometown:** Marblehead
- **Age:** 18
- **College you will be attending:** University of Massachusetts Amherst (as a lacrosse commit)
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'When You Reach Me' by Rebecca Stead
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "The Usual Suspects"
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** J. Cole
- **What is your favorite app?:** Instagram
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** English
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Making the Ireland National Team this past November. After a really rough recruiting process throughout high school, I was really discouraged and didn't think I would be able to take my lacrosse career anywhere. Now, about a half-year later, I can say that I get to go to the World Cup this summer and play against some of my idols on the US team. It reminds me how important it is to persevere and never give up on myself.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** To me, being a leader means making hard decisions for your team's benefit. The right thing is almost never the easiest option.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Hopefully, I'll be coaching and/or playing lacrosse still, working to help athletes stay healthy and injury-free. Maybe training for the Olympics ... if lacrosse is finally made an Olympic sport!
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I've met Mia Hamm before!

qualified for the state playoffs four straight years; her indoor track team won the Northeastern Conference Small title four consecutive winters; and her lacrosse team has earned three playoff berths in a row heading into this season, where Marblehead is the defending Division 2 North champions.

"Lucie obtains a sense of pride in her academics," said her lacrosse coach, Annie Madden, who has watched Poulin win back-to-back league MVP awards. "Being dedicated to her academics is just one piece that makes Lucie who she is as a student-athlete. However, I feel that is Lucie's ability to lead her peers



that shows her true character ... In addition, Lucie has spent the past three years volunteering at our local lacrosse clinics. She has been a dedicated mentor-coach to the young and aspiring female athletes of Marblehead."

"Lucie devotes numerous hours by offering guidance, companionship and, above all, her good nature to younger members of Marblehead girls youth soccer and youth lacrosse communities," added Marblehead High athletic

director Andrew O'Neill. "She is a regular attendee at youth camps, clinics and fundraisers in her pursuit of passing on her love of sport. In all of these roles, Lucie is called upon to display nothing less than superlative leadership skills."

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# KYLE FADDIS, MASCONOMET

When one of his teachers asked Kyle Faddis how he manages to balance all his training time on the track with an incredible course-load and lots of reading, he replied that discipline was his key to success.

That's a tremendous trait to have as a runner, where the determination to approach each interval pays off. It's led to great things both on and off the pavement for one of Masconomet Regional's brightest.

Carrying a 4.50 grade point average (on a 5.3 scale), Faddis used that discipline and his own passion to complete the requirements to become an Eagle Scout. He's studying Advanced Placement Calculus and Chemistry while also joining Masconomet's business club (serving as secretary), taking part in Model UN and being a member of the National Honor Society.

"He's able to invest himself long term at meaningful endeavors, and that stands out," said Masconomet counselor Nicholas Ely. "He's abundantly aware of what it takes to succeed, and he knows how to follow through. He's eager to be challenged and doesn't quit."

Another place Faddis never quits is in a race. He

## MEET KYLE FADDIS

- **Hometown:** Boxford
- **Age:** 18
- **College you will be attending:** Boston College
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'Unbroken' by Laura Hillenbrand
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "Interstellar"
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** I listen to a little bit of everything.
- **What is your favorite app?:** YouTube
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** Physics
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Winning the mile run at this year's Division 2 State Meet.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means setting a good example to the people who look up to me, and motivating them to do good in everything they are passionate about.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** I take life one day at a time, but hopefully with a good job in something I love.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I am an Eagle Scout.

hasn't lost a dual meet in the Cape Ann League in more than two years while claiming numerous CAL event championships. The Division 2 Eastern Mass. champion in the mile this winter, Faddis also has a school record for his home course in cross country.

"Kyle is relentlessly diligent and does all the little things on and off the track to be the best that he can be," Masco distance coach Pat Mahoney said. "His will and work ethic are tough to match."

A five-time Salem News all-star, Faddis was one of only three milers from

Massachusetts invited to the New Balance Grand Prix high school mile this winter. His interests are so diverse, however, as he's also an All-State Academic team honoree, had studied Chinese and has been a member of his school's DECA club.

"He transcends the sports he participates in; he doesn't let track define who he is, yet it's a big piece of what makes him special," Masconomet athletic director John Daileanes said. "Leadership, selflessness, integrity, grit, character and intelligence — these are the first six words I think of when I think of Kyle."



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# JACKSON LEETE, ESSEX TECH

“The first word that comes to mind when I think of Jackson Leete is ‘leadership’.”

Those are the words of Jed Beauparlant, a social studies teacher at Essex Tech who doubles as Leete’s varsity baseball coach. With an infectious personality, a hunger to constantly better himself both academically and athletically and a generous nature, Leete is the embodiment of what his school wants its students to be.

“Jackson is a person who stands out in the mind of most people because of the positive energy he puts off and the hard work he puts out, both in the classroom and athletically,” said his guidance counselor, Kristin Doherty. “I conduct lessons in the classroom setting and am also able to have one-on-one sessions with the students. This has allowed me to witness a young man who is eager to learn and excited to explore the numerous opportunities available to him.”

A key member of the Hawks’ football, wrestling and baseball programs, Leete has been an all-star and a captain in all three. The Danvers native was selected to play on the baseball Junior Select Team and also chosen to take part in

## MEET JACKSON LEETE

- **Hometown:** Danvers
- **Age:** 17
- **College you will be attending:** Worcester State University
- **What is your favorite book?:** ‘The Captain: The Journey of Derek Jeter’ by Ian O’Connor
- **What is your favorite movie?:** “Planet of the Apes”
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** Russ
- **What is your favorite app?:** Snapchat
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** History
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Last season in the (baseball) game against Greater Lawrence for the conference championship, I made a diving catch from short up the middle to end the game and secure the win for my team.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means that my hard work has paid off and I have become a role model for my teammates and other athletes. My work ethic, desire to win and compete at a high level have made it possible to encourage my peers to pursue excellence.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** I hope to be teaching Special Education to students in need.
- **What’s something most people don’t know about you?:** I am a Momma’s boy ... and proud of it.

the USA Baseball U17 team last summer.

Leete owns a solid 3.18 grade point average while taking College Prep classes in English, Algebra III/Trigonometry, Math for Business and Personal Finance, Physics and Genocide Studies. He is also outstanding in his chosen field, excelling in classes such as Culinary Arts and Culinary Arts Theory. His work habits and classroom participation

are repeatedly listed by his teachers as commendable.

In addition, Leete has given back to his community through various volunteer endeavors, including at a local soup kitchen in Lynn, as a volunteer Little League coach, by working at several youth wrestling tournaments, participated in the Walk for Hospice, and helped fundraiser and participate in the Buddy Walk to help support the



National Downs Syndrome Foundation.

“Jackson is more than a student-athlete; his peers also look up to him as a leader,” said Farah Lalli,

Director of Athletics at Essex Tech. “Jackson has the ability to get along with various personalities on the team/classroom, and has the skills necessary to

be objective when difficult situations arise. Jackson is a person who strives to do his best and encourages his teammates/classmates to do the same.”



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# MARCELO ROCHA, PEABODY

Great distance runners are often measured by the clock. But measuring Peabody's Marcelo Rocha by the stopwatch alone would be like missing the forest while concentrating on one tree.

So while Rocha's times are off the charts and his running career has included five state titles and an All-America nod, it's his variety of interests that make him who he is in the Peabody High community.

"A natural born leader," guidance counselor Gina Schoenfeld says. "He's excelled in his classes and brings value to the classroom. He has fantastic interpersonal skills, carries himself in a mature, professional way and is a pleasure to be around."

Ranking No. 9 in Peabody's senior class of 449 students, Rocha took his first Advanced Placement class when he was just a sophomore. He's received the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award for social studies, is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as his class' secretary.

One of the most brilliant distance runners in New England, Rocha has claimed five state titles at three distances (mile, two-mile and in cross country). He owns

## MEET MARCELO ROCHA

- **Hometown:** Peabody
- **Age:** 18
- **College you will be attending:** Providence College
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' by Ken Kesey
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "The Dark Knight"
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** Eric Church
- **What is your favorite app?:** Pandora
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** Mock Trials
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Being a 2015 Foot Locker National Cross Country finalist and being the 2016 All-State champion because both were great experiences that I learned from.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means helping them through the hard times in school and athletics. I think the best way to be a leader is to teach the younger runners about the sport.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Hopefully, I will have graduated from Providence and have a job in wildlife conservation.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** That I play darts for a second job and am a savage ice cream scooper.

Peabody High records in all three seasons of track and has helped his teams claim 11 Northeastern Conference titles in addition to his numerous individual conference crowns.

A 10-time Salem News all-star in cross country and track, Rocha was a 2015 Foot Locker National XC finalist and was Gatorade Massachusetts Cross Country Runner of the Year this past fall.

"He leaves no stone unturned in his quest to be the best," said athletic

director Phil Sheridan. "From nutrition to weight training and everything in between, he seeks out the best information and uses it voraciously to help himself improve."

Rocha, who will join his older sister Catarina running at Providence College next year and plans to study social science, also volunteers in a challenger basketball program for special needs kids and with a fitness program for city elementary school boys and girls.



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# SALEM NEWS STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS

Year	Winner	High School
2016	Michaela Hedderman	Ipswich
2015	Spencer Craig	Marblehead
2014	Jillian Witwicki	Pingree
2013	Dylan Mann	Masconomet
2012	T.J. D'Amato	Peabody
2011	Olivia Raisner	Marblehead
2010	Christopher Splinter	Masconomet
2009	Gregory Doonan	Peabody
2008	Courtney Colantuno	Marblehead
2007	Patrick Bailey	Beverly
2006	Annie McNerney	Swampscott
2005	Kynan Mello	North Shore Tech
2004	Jessica Larsen	Salem
2003	Mike Shanahan	St. John's Prep
2002	Jared Jaffe	Swampscott
2001	Caleb Pelger	Peabody
2000	Andrew Nechtem	Masconomet
1999	Sarah Keenan	Ipswich
1998	Kristin Gleason	Masconomet
1997	Jonathan Eng	Pingree
1996	Molly Cronin	Masconomet
1995	Christopher Lang	Bishop Fenwick
1994	No award	
1993	Sarah Guerin	Swampscott
1992	Sarah McGrath	Beverly
1991	Brant Firestone	Marblehead
1990	Lori E. Hayes	Hamilton-Wenham
1989	Billy Madden	Swampscott
1988	Jeffrey M. Landry	St. John's Prep
1987	Nicole Turgeon	Salem
1986	Mark Jones	Peabody
1985	Duke Pascucci	Beverly
1984	Kathleen Toner	Swampscott
1983	Conrad Keville	Manchester
1982	Scott T. Powers	Danvers
1981	Kristen Foley	Peabody
1980	Benjamin Paul	Ipswich
1979	William Wiltshire	Hamilton-Wenham
1978	Bruce Lynn	Ipswich
1977	Francis Walker	Peabody
1976	Mark Agnew	Masconomet
1975	James Michael Leahy	St. John's Prep



Jillian Witwicki of Pingree was all smiles after being named the 2014 Salem News Student-Athlete Award recipient.



Masconomet's Dylan Mann (right) is congratulated by Hossam Hamden of the Pingree School after winning the award in 2013.



Marblehead's Spencer Craig says a few words to the audience after being named the winner of the 2015 Student-Athlete Award.



The 54th annual Salem News Student-Athlete Award was won by Michaela Hedderman of Ipswich in 2016.

1974	James P. Rosenfield	Marblehead
1973	Peter A. Barry	Hamilton-Wenham
1972	John S. Olbrych	St. John's Prep
1971	Thomas J. Alexander	Beverly
1970	Peter Gorniewicz	Ipswich
1969	Leonard N. Dwinell	Masconomet
1968	James P. Turner	Salem

1967	Michael R. Harris	Hamilton-Wenham
1966	John E. Ormiston III	Marblehead
1965	David C. Gray	Hamilton-Wenham
1964	Paul D. Thompson	Danvers
1963	David G. Doughty	Masconomet
1962	Peter M. Zeitzoff	Beverly



# MEGAN FOYE, PINGREE

Whether it's in the classroom or on her respective athletic undertakings, Megan Foye's motor never stops running.

The Pingree School senior regularly challenges herself with honors, high honors and advanced placement courses and has received nothing but straight A's in her final high school year. When it comes to sports, Foye lets her leadership and consistent performances do the talking.

She captained both the soccer and basketball teams and will round out her athletic career on the lacrosse field this spring.

"Meg has been a terrific captain and leader on the basketball team this season," said Foye's head coach, David Latimer. Foye helped the Highlanders claim their first Eastern Independent League title in 11 years on the hardwood this past winter.

"She always comes into the gym with a smile and picks up her teammates with positive encouragement," added Latimer. "A great role model to her teammates!"

As if taking top level courses wasn't enough, Foye also shined on the SAT test, scoring an impressive 730 on the verbal section and 690 in math. She earned Departmental Distinction

## MEET MEGAN FOYE

■ **Hometown:** Hamilton

■ **Age:** 18

■ **College you will be attending:** Amherst College

■ **What is your favorite book?:** 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' by Ken Kesey

■ **What is your favorite movie?:** "Brooklyn"

■ **Who is your favorite singer?:** Ed Sheeran

■ **What is your favorite app?:** Instagram

■ **What is your favorite class in school?:** AP Calculus or Just War (a history class)

■ **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** After losing in the semifinals my junior year, my soccer team came back to win the NEPSAC Class B championship last fall. We ended up winning in penalty kicks, and all six seniors got to take them to win the game. I had never taken a PK before, but it worked out and it was a really special way to end the season – and my time with Pingree soccer.

■ **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It doesn't always mean being the loudest or the most outgoing person on a team or in school, but really just being a team player and working hard.

■ **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Hopefully working as a teacher and being involved in education in some other way.

■ **What's something most people don't know about you?:** I really like to draw and paint for fun, so I've taken art classes all four years of high school.

in History and English, and her lowest final grade over the past four years is a B+.

"Meg is passionate about learning and is very much in control of her academics," Pingree School said in a statement. "She has the ability to take feedback and rise to it, and she is adroit at analyzing information and articulately and eloquently relaying her point of view on any topic. She is a true

scholar."

While Foye is a rare breed both athletically and academically, it's her unrivaled humble nature and pure happiness that separates her from the pack.

"Meg has a beaming, open, genuine smile that quickly welcomes those new to the community and brightens the day of all around her," Pingree School said in the same statement.



"The best part of all is that Meg is one of the most humble and earnest kids you will ever meet, and she prefers to stay under the radar even though her actions and contributions merit great accolades and a shining spotlight."



## CONGRATULATIONS, MEGAN FOYE

on your nomination for the Salem News Student Athlete Award for 2016–2017! Pingree is proud of you and wishes you well next year in college!





# ANDREW SELIMA, ST. JOHN'S PREP

Not many high school students can rival Andrew Selima's spectacular work in the classroom.

The St. John's Prep senior's 4.66 GPA gives him a No. 2 rank out of 287 boys in his graduating class, and his 1390 combined SAT score certainly catches the eye in a bright light.

He has remarkably received an A in every single class he's taken over the past four years, which include a variety of advanced placement courses as a junior and senior. But what makes Selima special is that his nearly unprecedented academic achievements aren't the only thing on his resume.

He still has time to compete at the varsity level in competitive Eagles' sports: baseball and basketball. On the diamond, Selima has already carved out several strong campaigns and will serve as the team captain this spring. In basketball, he was one of head coach John Dullea's best defensive options off the bench and came in during key situations while helping the Eagles pick up an opening round win in the Division 1 North state tournament.

"Andrew is someone that the coaches can always count on to give maximum effort whether

## MEET ANDREW SELIMA

- **Hometown:** Andover
- **Age:** 18
- **College you will be attending:** Waiting for acceptances
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'Watership Down' by Richard Adams
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "The Green Mile"
- **Who is your favorite singer?:** Jamey Johnson
- **What is your favorite app?:** YouTube
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** Philosophy
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Making it to the 2011 New England Regional Little League finals with my Little League team, the Andover Nationals. I am most proud of this because the effort to get to that point was a total team effort and an event in my life that I will never forget.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** First, it means being a role model of good behavior and action for others. Second, it means respecting yourself and others, because everyone deserves respect no matter who you are. Lastly, it means doing the right thing no matter the cost and even if it is unpopular.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** If I'm not playing Major League Baseball, I will be working at a news station or an airport as a meteorologist.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** That I love the weather, and that I have worked on farms my whole life picking corn, tomatoes, apples and haying.

it be in practice, games or in the classroom," said Dullea. "He listened to what the coaches had to say and proved that he belonged on our team. He is a pleasure to coach."

Selima is also a member of the student council, but his many accomplishments continue to pile up when he steps foot off the St. John's Prep campus.

He has held three jobs

while also volunteering as a camp counselor, tutor, retreat leader and manual laborer at numerous farms. Selima carries himself with an unmatched aura of happiness and positivity, delighting those around him regardless of the situation.

"Initially, I had trouble understanding how someone could be so consistently



cheerful," said Selima's English teacher, Andrew Fondell.

"When he walked into my class with a grin stretching from ear to ear, I asked,

'What's so funny, Andrew?' He smiled even wider and replied, 'Nothing, Mr. Fondell! I'm just excited for English.' And he really seemed to mean it."

Most recently, Selima received the Larry McIntire IAABO Board 130 Classic Scholarship for his continuous hard work and dedication.



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# JESSICA JELLISON, SALEM

It's never a stretch to describe a four-year varsity soccer player as goal oriented. But those are nevertheless two words that describe Salem's Jessica Jellison precisely.

Across a myriad of interests from athletics to academics and community service, Jellison hasn't met a goal yet she couldn't surpass. Ranking fifth in Salem High's Class of 207 with a 4.50 grade point average, she's tackled the National Honor Society, Harvard Model Congress, college bowl and National Spanish Honor Society.

On the field, she followed her older sister's footsteps as a four-year soccer player and was team MVP as a senior. She's also a four-year starter in lacrosse, a varsity indoor track runner and serves as captain for all three sports as a senior.

"Jessica is a leader in our athletic program. She doesn't lead only by being a great athlete, but by her character. She's one of the most sincere, honest and caring athletes I have ever worked with," says Salem athletic director Scott Connolly.

Balancing three seasons of athletics with school and those service programs, Jellison also finds time to work as SHS' yearbook editor and serves as her

## MEET JESSICA JELLISON

- **Hometown:** Salem
- **Age:** 17
- **College you will be attending:** Clemson University
- **What is your favorite book?:** Harry Potter series
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- **Who is your favorite band?:** Florida Georgia Line
- **What is your favorite app?:** Instagram
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** AP Literature & Composition
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** The first time I finished a hurdle race. I practiced two weeks before the meet, and I ran varsity because there were only three girls total. I was so nervous and didn't think I was going to get over, but I did and it was one of the best feelings.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** It means I'm able to make a difference and speak up for what's right. I also get to be a positive role model and be a positive influence.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Graduated from college, hopefully as a pediatrician or a physician's assistant.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** That I enjoy lifting.

class secretary. Despite all these demands, she's never missed a game or practice and always comes with attention to detail.

"She hasn't missed a minute," Connolly said. "She's punctual and always comes ready to work hard and make a contribution."

Outside school, Jellison volunteered to work in New Orleans as part of a YMCA program. In the classroom, she'll help other students when asked by her teachers and is usually a source of light within any classroom's setting.

"Her preference is to avoid the spotlight but she can be

the center of attention when necessary, working well with others and fostering group cooperation," says Salem High science teacher Susana Castillo.

Wins and losses or personal stats were never the main focus for Jellison. Especially when a leading a team filled with younger players, her main aim was to help them feel welcome.

"She played just about every minute of every game and was motivated to set a great example for younger players while also working on her own skills," Witches girls soccer coach Dean Michelini says.



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# MICHELLE CONNOR, SWAMPSCOTT

A quick glance at Michelle Connor's list of high school accomplishments may cause the reader to feel slightly overwhelmed.

The Swampscott High senior has worked diligently in all areas over the past four years to not only be a standout three-sport athlete, but also maintain a 3.4 grade point average. To top things off, Connor recorded a score of 1210 on her SATs.

When she isn't busy studying or practicing for a big game, you can find Connor helping out for a variety of beneficial extracurricular activities. Those include the Anti-Bullying Club, the Recycling Club, the Anti-Defamation League and Rover's Special Olympics. She enjoys eating lunch with special needs students every week, and has also held two paying jobs in the workforce.

"Having been in education for 22 years, in athletics as a player since my youth, a high school coach for 15 years and an athletic director for the past 11 years, I have had the opportunity to work with and watch hundreds of student athletes. I can unequivocally say that

## MEET MICHELLE CONNOR

- **Hometown:** Nahant
- **Age:** 18
- **College you will be attending:** Elon University
- **What is your favorite book?:** 'The Language of Flowers' by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- **What is your favorite movie?:** "Finding Dory"
- **What is your favorite app?:** Instagram
- **What is your favorite class in school?:** Psychology
- **What athletic feat are you most proud of and why?:** Getting 5th place in Emerging Elites at New Balance Nationals.
- **What does being a leader amongst your peers mean to you?:** Supporting every teammate and pushing them to do their best.
- **Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?:** Living in Nahant and having a job in Boston. I see myself being successful and happy with whatever I'm doing.
- **What's something most people don't know about you?:** That I love sailing.

Michelle is one of the most focused, hardworking, unselfish athletes I have known," said Swampscott High athletic director Kelly-Ann Farley. "She is consistently putting in extra time to better herself and her skill set."

Athletically, Connor regularly separates herself from the field in a unique way. Whether it's in track — where she has earned multiple all-conference honors and countless first place finishes — or on the soccer field or volleyball

court, Connor always makes it a point to compete at an extraordinary high level.

"Michelle is an athlete through and through," said her guidance counselor, Rachel Sturma. "When asked what her most meaningful activity outside of school is and why, she spoke about the personal qualities that track, or really any sport, helps young people to develop: motivation, dedication and sportsmanship. She is a true leader and a positive role model for her teammates."



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