

BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD



ATHLETIC AWARDS OF DISTINCTION 2017-2018

Awards of Distinction

John Benkovitz Memorial Award

John was a lifelong resident of Guilford and supported our school's athletic program as a member of the Athletic Booster Club. He was often observed at many of our teams' games, particularly games being played by younger student/athletes. He seemed to revel in the maturation of young players as they developed their skills and kindled their competitive spirit. John spoke often of young athletes he had observed who seemed to participate for the love of the sport. John Described these kids, as "having heart and willingness to hustle" no matter what the score was.

This award is presented in memory of John Benkovitz to the Junior Varsity or Modified player or players, who in the opinion of the JV or Modified Coaching Staff contributed the most to their teams' efforts based on hustle, desire and attitude throughout this school year. The recipient of this award excels by having a desire to see his/her teams do well through hard work, cooperation and the willingness to put forth that extra effort whenever needed.

This year's winners are:

Ethan Gregory, Sasha Lamoree

Sam Taylor Coaches Trophy

Donated by: The Taylor Family

Sam Taylor graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1936 and received a scholarship to attend Syracuse University with intentions of majoring in Physical Education. Unfortunately he only was able to attend Syracuse for one year because of a family commitment. Sam Loved sports and supported our school program as a member of the Athletic Booster Club. He believed every athlete should put forth their best effort regardless of the score. His enthusiasm in support of his three sons exemplified the true meaning of hard work and sustained effort. An excerpt from the 1936 Echo describes Sam Taylor as follows:

Sammy won marked distinction not only on the field of hearts but on the equally perilous basketball, Football and baseball field; also in track we find him outstanding. Rather quiet in hearing and possessed of a pleasing personality, he has made a host of friends here and with hi go the best wishes of all of us.....”

This award is presented in memory of Sam Taylor to the young man, who in the opinion of the Coaching Staff was most coachable based on hustle, desire, and attitude throughout the year. To put this award in proper perspective, it is not necessary to list this athlete’s accomplishments and accolades, although they are many. Rather, remember that this young man’s attributes are essential to every successful athletic program and team. This award is not based solely on athletic talent or accomplishments, but rather on a desire to see his teams do well through hard work, cooperation, and the willingness to put forth that extra effort whenever needed.

*This year’s winner is: **Jon Castle***

Flossie Uhlig Coaches Trophy

Donated by Friends of Flossie Uhlig

Flossie taught in the Sidney School District for 3 years (1948-1951) before taking time out to raise her family. She continued her teaching career at Bainbridge-Guilford for 18 years spanning 1965 through 1983 as our Elementary Physical Education teacher. The following biography describes Flossie and what she stood for:

Teacher, coach, wife, mother, grandmother, Woman of the year—Flossie Uhlig was the personification of all that is good in the world. She had a booming voice that could be heard throughout this auditorium without any amplification. She had a never ending commitment to help every human being, no matter who they were, or where they had come from. She had a sense of fairness unequaled anywhere. Flossie Uhlig was a champion of the human race.

The **FLOSSIE UHLIG COACHES AWARD** is annually presented to the female athlete who is dependable, cooperative, and willing to go the extra distance to achieve a goal.

Someone who doesn't say "I can't" but rather "I'll try".

Someone who doesn't make excuses - - she simply works harder.

This award is not based purely on athletic talent and the number of honors bestowed upon the recipient throughout the year; it goes beyond the obvious and searches for attributes appreciated by all but developed by only a few.

This year's winner is: **Alli Miller**

Mickey Flyzik Memorial Award:

Mickey Flyzik was a Four-Sport Athlete during his years at Bainbridge-Guilford, but he loved all sports. He passed this love of sports on to his children who grew up in Bainbridge and then to his grandchildren. He continued playing sports in his adult years and was an excellent bowler and golfer. In his later years Mickey worked for the BGCS D as a groundskeeper, taking pride in maintaining the athletic fields for B-G so that the next generations of B-G athletes would enjoy the sports he loved as a student.

This award is presented to the young man and young woman who have competed on multiple teams during the school year at B-G. Along with their participation, these students have exhibited the qualities of loyalty, sportsmanship, and team spirit while representing B-G through the venue of athletics.

This year's Winners are:

Xavior Cherniak & Jill Cannistra

United States Army Reserve
National Scholar Athlete Award

The National Scholar/Athlete Program recognizes high school students throughout the nation who demonstrate the highest achievement in both academics and athletics. Since the program began in 1981, the National Scholar/Athlete Award has been presented to more than 65,000 high school students. Any student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in a varsity or comparable sport while maintaining superior academic credentials is eligible.

Bainbridge-Guilford is fortunate to have two such student/athletes who meet these requirements and this year's winners are:

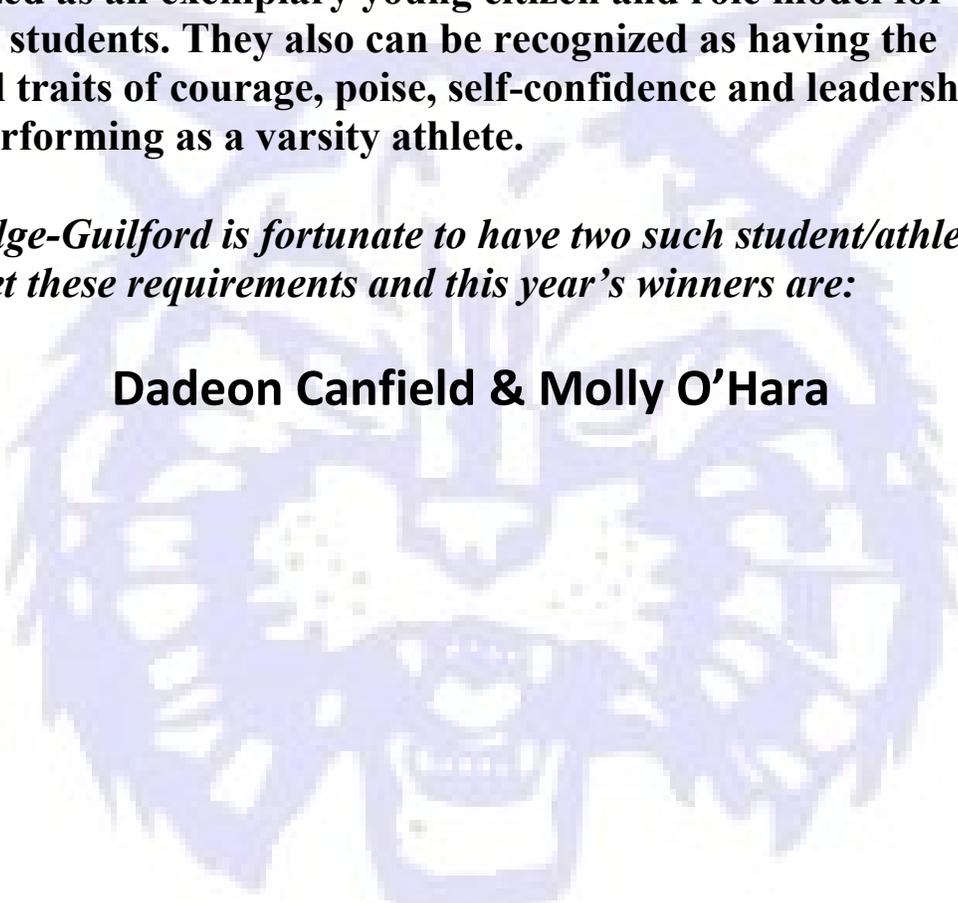
Jared Prukowski & Miranda Anderson

United States Marine Corps
Distinguished Athlete Award

Each year the United States Marine Corps offer a Distinguished Athlete Award to high school Students who can be recognized as an exemplary young citizen and role model for younger students. They also can be recognized as having the personal traits of courage, poise, self-confidence and leadership while performing as a varsity athlete.

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Dadeon Canfield & Molly O'Hara



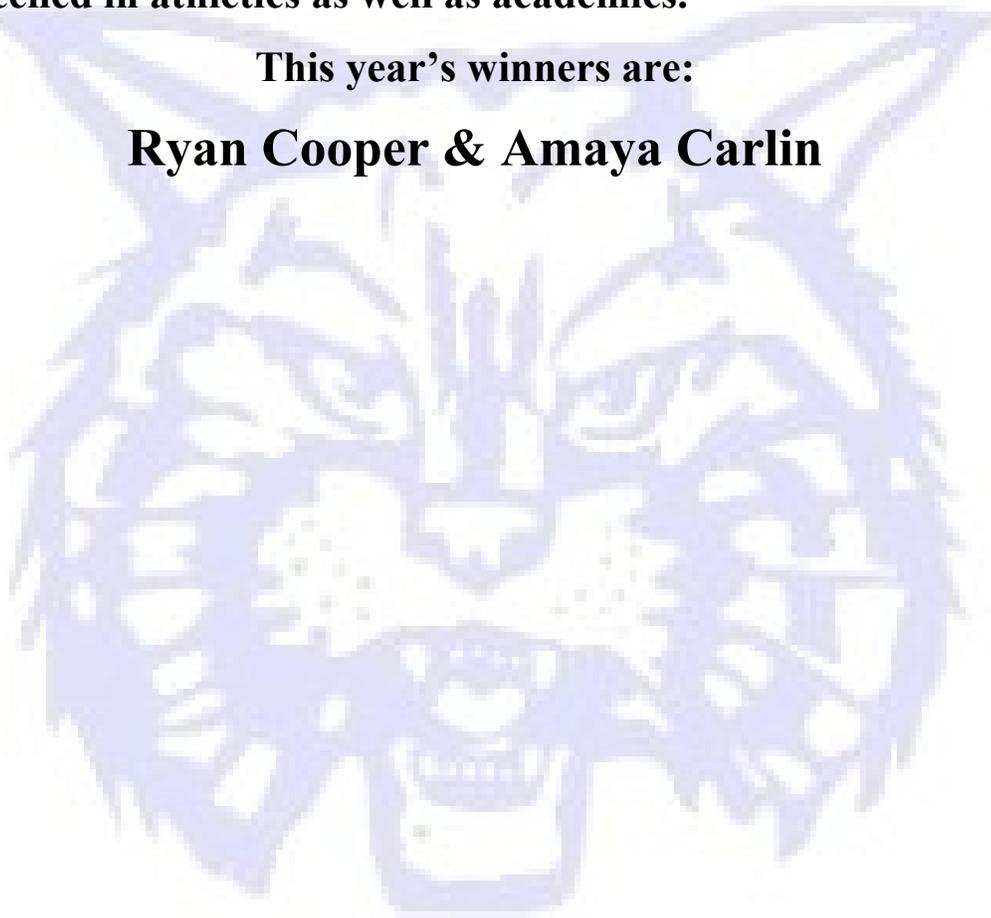
United States Air Force

Scholar/Athlete Award

Each year the United States Air Force recognizes scholar-athletes across our country. This award is given to students who have excelled in athletics as well as academics.

This year's winners are:

Ryan Cooper & Amaya Carlin



Outstanding Co-Female Athlete
of the Year:

Our Outstanding Female Athlete's athletic ability and fierce competitive nature on the playing fields may best be appreciated in the following description of excellence:

Excellence

Going far beyond the call of duty, doing more than others expect...This is what excellence is all about. And it, excellence, comes from striving, maintaining the highest standards, looking for the smallest detail, and going the extra mile. Excellence means doing your very best. In everything, in every way...every day!

The 2017-18 Co-Female Athlete of the year is:

Megan Palmatier & Abigail Selfridge

Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year:

Our Outstanding Male Athlete has participated in multiple sports since he began his High School career. His maturation as a student-athlete and young adult may best be described in the following:

The Only Way to Win

**“It takes a little courage, and a little self-control
And some grim determination, if you want to reach your goal.”**

The 2017 Male Athlete of the year is:

Trevor Halaquist

