

### **2023 Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Award Recipients**

For the 21st consecutive year, the MIAA and Boston Bruins have partnered to honor a student-athlete from boys and girls high school ice hockey leagues across the state for best exemplifying a commitment to sportsmanship throughout the season. These student-athletes were selected by representatives of their league according to the following award criteria:

Please <u>click here for photos</u> from the March 21, 2023 Bruins game hosting the winners from this year's 2023 Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Awards.

- An exemplary record of complying, both in spirit and letter, with all league and MIAA rules and regulations during the season.
- A demonstrated record of respectfully accepting the rulings of game officials.
- A record of conduct, on and off the ice that brings honor to self, team, school, and community.
- A commitment to teamwork by providing all members with recognition of their talents, an opportunity to contribute them to the team, and a spirit of camaraderie.
- A demonstrated respect for opponents before, during, and after games.

# Madison Clark Walpole High School '23

"Madison is an unselfish team player who strives to do her best on and off the ice. Madison never played hockey before until she got asked to play goal her freshman year when the team did not have a goaltender. She is respected by all that come into contact with her on and off the ice. Anyone would be lucky to have Madison on their team."

-Ron Dowd, Athletic Director

#### Makena Clark Sandwich High School '23

"Makena is a leader on and off the ice for the Blue Knights of Sandwich Middle High School. She is a true team player who has always put the team, her teammates, and her classmates first. A passionate player who does things the right way, every day."

-Billy Ferreira, Head Coach

#### Zoe Elwell Bishop Fenwick High School '23

"Zoe goes above and behind for the Fenwick Community. She is a natural born leader and a true role model to the younger student athletes at Fenwick."

-Scott Connolly, Athletic Director

# Bailey Mooers Oliver Ames High School '25

"Bailey Mooers epitomizes what it means to be a great teammate and profoundly demonstrates the qualities of what this award represents. Her selflessness to take on any role, on and off the ice to support her teammates makes her the type of person that every coach wants on their team. She comes to the rink every day wearing her heart on her sleeve. I'm quite certain she is not capable of being negative. Bailey joined the team last season with little skating or playing experience but her contribution to the team goes far beyond her on ice skills. No matter the ask Bailey's response to me is always "No problem coach I'll do whatever is best for the team" and she means it! She filled huge roles both seasons playing every position including goalie! Bailey's contagious kindness, encouragement, strength, and self-sacrifice is what makes a team a family."

-Jamie Mullen, Head Coach

### Allison Corrieri Acton-Boxborough Regional High School '23

"Allison not only won MVP of the League BUT ALSO sportsmanship. She is a respectful player and student both on and off the ice. Always makes sure she thanks the other coaches and referees after every game. She is a fantastic hockey player and a fantastic person!"

-Brian Fontas, Head Coach

### Reagan MacPherson Waltham High School '23

"A true competitor on the ice, Reagan always displays great sportsmanship. She respects her teammates, her coaches, her opponents, her officials and the game. Off the ice, Reagan is a leader both for her team and the community. A major accomplishment of Reagans has been her Toys For Tots Toy Drive during Christmas time."

-CJ Giardino, Head Coach

#### Abigail Sousa Burlington High School '23

"Abby is a coach's dream. She competes with the highest degree of respect and competitiveness. Abby is an outstanding person and athlete. An exemplary role model if there ever was one. I highly and enthusiastically recommend Abby for this award."

-Rich Sheehan, Associate Principal

### Hannah Tsouvalas Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School '23

"Hannah has been an integral part of the Marblehead High School Girl's Hockey team over the last few years. Her commitment to not only our program, but also to our league, has been so fun to watch. She cares deeply about her teammates, the sport of hockey, and is someone our younger student-athletes look up to."

-Greg Ceglarski, Athletic Director (Marblehead High School)

### Cailyn McCarthy Hanover High School '23

"Cailyn is the lifeblood of our ice hockey team and is a positive, compassionate leader on and off the ice. She looks out for all her teammates and cheers loudly and exuberantly for everyone. Her enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and love for the game are contagious. As a three-sport captain, Cailyn has been instrumental in creating a positive environment on all her teams. She gives back to her community by volunteering for numerous camps and programs and has touched the lives of so many girls and boys. Cailyn's a coach's dream, a selfless player, a positive influence, and an inspiration to everyone she meets."

-Pam Manning, Head Coach

### Haley MacLeod Medway High School '23

"Haley a Sr. Captain has been an inspiration to the entire Medway Community. After suffering burns in a cooking accident that covered 60% of her body, her positive attitude, hard work, and determination to get back on the ice for her Sr. year was nothing more than extraordinary. Spending months at Shriners Burn Institute her commitment to the team was the driving force for her recovery. She was able to start the season and lead us by personifying our motto "Always Moving Forward".

-Karl Infanger, Head Coach

#### Gwendolyn Walsh Ursuline Academy '23

"Senior Captain Gwen Walsh, better known to her teammates as Gwendy, is our 2023 nominee for the Boston Bruins MIAA Sportsmanship Award. In our opinion, there is no one more kind hearted and deserving than Gwen. Whether she realized it or not, throughout Gwen's entire Ursuline hockey career she's proved herself as a leader. Gwen didn't see much playing time until her senior year. However, this didn't stop her from always working her hardest and being the biggest cheerleader and supporter of her teammates. Even as an eighth grader on varsity, she was never afraid to be vocal in support of her teammates. We always tell our players that we would much rather play the one who puts in 110% effort and is an example and role model to her teammates versus a player who may possess the best skills on the team but has a bad attitude. She is always respectful to her coaches, teachers, teammates, referees and friends and we could not be more proud of the young woman she's grown into. There is no doubt that Gwen will be leaving a large hole on the team when she graduates this year. As coaches, we rely on players like Gwen to not only motivate her teammates but also hold them accountable for their actions both on and off the ice. It's always refreshing to hear stories of Gwen spending time with her teammates on off days or at school events, especially with the younger players. She even helps tutor some of the younger girls who are struggling with grades.

-Lindsay Gioioso, Assistant Hockey Coach

### Jason Finkelstein Walpole High School '23

"Jason is a two sport athlete at Walpole High School. He plays hockey and baseball and was named to the Bay State All-Star team his junior year. Jason is a member of the Student Council and has participated in their fall yard clean ups for senior citizens. He organized ALS night for the school. He participated in Unified Basketball,

Freshman Orientation, and was a PE Leader. Jason is an honor roll student. He will be attending Babson College to play baseball."

-Ron Dowd, Athletic Director

### Silas Ohman Sandwich High School '23

"Over the course of five years in our program, Silas Ohman has demonstrated the qualities of leadership, dedication and sportsmanship every step of the way. On ice, he plays the game the right way. Tenacious between whistles, but always respectful of teammates, opponents, officials and our coaching staff. No further evidence needed, than the only 6 total penalty minutes he's taken over the course of his career while being a team leader in time on ice. Off-ice Silas is a very honest, humble and hard-working student. He maintains consistently good grades while challenging himself and balances his schoolwork very well with his commitment to playing HS Athletics."

-Jordan Mohre, Head Coach

# Matthew Young North Reading High School '23

"North Reading High School recently hosted a "Unified" Bocce Tournament for intellectually and developmentally disabled students across the state. One of the hockey players on our team, Michael Pittore participated in the tournament and Matt- without any fanfare rallied the team to make posters, spectate and cheer Michael and the rest of his teammates on as they participated. He also volunteers his time with the Unified athletes on a regular basis. It is evident that his leadership extends well beyond his team captaincy and I am extremely proud to nominate Matthew Young."

-Brian McAuliffe, Head Coach

# Josh Millman Bishop Fenwick High School '23

"Josh is a true leader in the Fenwick Community and a great role model for our younger student athletes."

-Scott Connolly, Athletic Director

# Brendan Zinck Malden Catholic High School '23

"Brendan Zinck is a four-year member and captain of the MC Lancers Hockey team. In addition to being the team captain in hockey, he's also the team captain in golf and will be attending Merrimack College to play golf. Selfless and caring are two words that come to mind when I think about the quality of person that Brendan Zinck is. He is always looking out for and encouraging his teammates and is always a calming presence in the locker room. The most selfless act Brendan provided our hockey team this year is when he approached the coaches before senior night and asked if his best friend and fellow senior could start in his place on senior night. The other senior had never started a Varsity Game before and Brendan wanted to have his friend get an opportunity to do so before he graduated. His friend accomplished a shutout in his only Varsity start, and Brendan was the first one to charge the net to congratulate his friend. Team first, all the way!!!!."

-Chris Kuchar, Head Coach

#### Benjamin Corbin Ludlow High School '23

"Ben Corbin is a coach's dream! He is someone who, since his freshman year, has not only been one my top athletes, but has also been one of the leaders on our team. He is a student-athlete in the purest form, achieving High Honors for every term for four years. He has also displayed outstanding character. He has been a captain, elected by his teammates, for the past two years. Ben is someone who changed the culture of our team. As an freshman, he saw what it was like when the upper class men were not necessarily good role models for the rest of the team. Ben changed all that through his great character, work-ethic, skill, and respect for everything about the game of hockey. Over the past four seasons he has had but 15 minor penalties while playing enough to score 126 points to date. He is, in my opinion, the gold standard for sportsmanship and honoring the game of hockey. Having coached in the MIAA for 37 years, I have seen a lot of the good and the not so good about how student-athletes behave and represent their schools and communities. Ben is one that Ludlow proudly claims as one of their own. In other words, Ben Corbin represents all that is good about the game of hockey and the next generation of our society."

-Paul Rivest, Head Coach

### Matt Lawson Oliver Ames High School '24

"The Oliver Ames Boys Hockey team earned the sportsmanship award this season for playing the game with exceptional class. Matt Lawson personifies that spirit."

-Danny Erickson, Athletic Director

# Jacob Schofield Bristol-Plymouth Regional Voc. Tech. '23

"Jacob is a phenomenal young man that has had to overcome so much this year. He was the other goalie that was competing for the starting position with Dylan Quinn who was tragically killed in a car accident. Following Dylan's death it left him as the only true goalie on the team. He worked so incredibly hard the rest of the season leading his team to the MIAA playoffs where they faced off against #5 Watertown. He made 49 saves in a double overtime loss. He exemplifies sportsmanship on and off the ice quietly competing and doing what he needs to do to help his team. Off the ice he maintains a 3.92 GPA in our Culinary Program. He is in AP classes and dual enrollment classes. On and off the ice he is one of the nicest and polite students in the school. Jacob deserves this award because of his hard work, sportsmanship and emotional strength he had to overcome the passing of a teammate and a friend."

-Mark Lebeda, Athletic Director

#### Cam Fici Belmont High School '23

"For three seasons, BHS Ice Hockey captain Cam Fici has represented the MIAA, the Middlesex League, Belmont High School, and the Belmont Community with class, skill, and results, by competing with an elevated spirit and tenacity. Playing ice hockey with such high spirit and tenacity, under the rules, has kept Cam on the ice, and the ability to score nearly 70 goals in three seasons. Cam is gracious in victory or defeat, his demeanor and grace is

balanced after both. This season Cam has planned - with the assistance of local sports shop - "Pink the Rink" at a Belmont Boys Varsity Ice Hockey home game, to benefit The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Organization. The game is against in league rival Arlington High School, the Belmont Boys team will be wearing (specially designed by Cam) -pink home jerseys. The rink will be decorated, a 50/50 raffle, other raffle items. On Sunday mornings Cam volunteers at the Belmont Learn to Skate Program - last season Cam was presented an award by the Belmont Youth Hockey Association for his dedication and commitment. Cam has drawn the attention of many opponents - some shadow or cover some do not. Cam does not complain to the officials, he just puts his head down and turns up the effort to a level rarely witnessed in high school sports."

-Timothy Foley, Head Coach

# Ethan Cliff Billerica Memorial High School '23

"It is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice." Ethan is currently a senior at Billerica Memorial High School, where he is a stellar standout 3-sport captain, a high-honor roll student and a model citizen within the B.M.H.S. community."

-Jim Egan, Head Coach

# Declan Daley Newton South High School '23

"Declan Daley is truly the type of unselfish player every coach wants on his team. Whatever role he has been asked to fill, he has embraced without hesitation. A natural leader on and off the ice, respected by his teammates and coaches, I can't think of a more deserving recipient than Declan."

-Christopher Ryberg, Head Coach

#### Christopher Woo Bedford High School '23

"Chris is the ultimate team player. He always puts the team first. He has been an outstanding teammate, mentor, and two-year captain for our team."

-Keith Mangan, Athletic Director

# Jack Flynn Danvers High School '23

"Jack represents everything that's great about high school sports and displays that in hockey. Leads by example, very respectful and his work ethic and leadership makes everyone else around him better. Guys like him have a long lasting effect on the program even after they graduate. Absolute pleasure to coach him!"

-Kevin Fessette, Asst. Athletic Director

### Aiden Dunphy Silver Lake Regional High School '23

"Aiden is the definition of a Sportsman as he led the Lakers the last four years by example on and off the ice. Throughout Aiden's career he only had seven penalties in four varsity seasons while compiling over 100 points as a defenseman. The first 100-point player in 38 years at Silver Lake High School. Aiden's enthusiasm for his community and teammates is evident as you can see the passion and love on his face every game."

-Dan Scott, Head Coach

### Garrett Barriere Westborough High School '23

"Garrett has an impeccable record on and off the ice. He is an excellent student challenging himself with a rigorous course load while being a model three-sport athlete. Teachers and coaches offer unsolicited high praise for his attitude and work ethic. Our co-captain, he enhances the reputation of our team, high school, and greater community."

-Ed Belbin, Asst. Athletic Director & Asst. Hockey Coach

# Matt Costa Somerset Berkley Regional High School '23

"Matt displays sportsmanship at all levels by helping officials, players and coaches at every contest that we have been involved with. For four years coaching Matt it has been a privilege to see how much he has done. That's the only way to acknowledge his accomplishments."

-Kevin Snyder, Head Coach

# Jacob Quinn Abington High School '23

"Jake has embodied leadership over his Junior and Senior year with a distinguished level of class and honor, especially now as a captain. We have received numerous compliments from other organizations about the respect they have for him. He has taken one minor penalty this year for incidental tripping. A true leader that our underclassmen look up to."

-Bryan Woodford, Head Coach

# Kevin Roach Norwood Senior High School '26

"Kevin reaches all the criteria for this award. As a freshman playing varsity hockey, Kevin has had to deal with his father passing away last year and his mother being diagnosed with breast cancer."

-Chuck Allen, Head Coach

#### Eathon Bryant Greenfield High School '23

"Eathon Bryant is a tremendous student-athlete, hockey player, and even a better person. He is a top pair defenseman that plays a lot of minutes at full strength and on special teams. Through this entire season from a sportsmanship standpoint, he has only amassed five penalties throughout the season. Which is quite astonishing seeing he plays around 25-30 minutes each game. He is not a lettered captain on this team but is a natural leader. He is the first to give positive reinforcement to his teammates and does a really good job of teaching in moments when needed as well. Always one of the first on the ice for practices, and last off. His infectious smile and personality will be remembered by his teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents alike. Off the ice, Eathon is also a leader. He spends a lot of time helping to serve his community. You can find him

conducting community policing with the local police department learning the ins and outs of uniformed police work. He can also be found reading to elementary students, installing lock boxes, serving those less fortunate, and helping in learn to skate, amongst many others."

-Adam Bouchard, Head Coach

### Sean Farley Stoughton High School '23

"Sean has been a role model and leader to the younger players on our team. He treats them as equals and is always jumping into load and unload the bus. He is always organizing pond hockey skates and nights to watch the Bruins or Celtics on TV. He also coaches a youth basketball team."

-Dan Mark, Head Coach