



2016 BOSTON BRUINS-MIAA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

For the fourteenth 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 the ideals of sportsmanship throughout the season. These student-athletes were selected by representatives of their league according to the following award criteria:

- 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.

The recipients of the 2016 Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Awards are listed below. These student-athletes will be honored on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at the TD Garden during an intermission of the Boston Bruins game against the Carolina Hurricanes.

GIRLS LEAGUES

Bay State Conference

Erin Kelly – Norwood High School '16 – Defense

Erin is the epitome of sportsmanship, both on and off the ice. She was our captain this year, and was a tremendous leader for her fellow seniors and for each grade following. Erin was the first kid to greet the refs, and to thank them at the end of each contest, always showing respect to the referees, game in and game out.

--Molly Barefoot, Coach

Catholic Central League

Meghan Kerin – Archbishop Williams High School '16 – Forward

Meghan is very courteous and thoughtful. She was always respectful to her teammates, coaches, and game officials. Meghan would always take the time to speak to the underclass mates on the team and give them support and guidance when needed.

--Mark McHale, Coach

Catholic Conference

Jillian McGrath – Ursuline Academy '16 – Forward

Jillian is a strong leader. She plays with a lot of energy and has a "love and excitement" for the game that resonates with the rest of the team. She has gone above and beyond to create one undivided team incorporating even our youngest players to make everyone feel comfortable and accepted.

--Mike O'Connor, Athletic Director

Independent Schools

Danielle Dres – Matignon High School '18 – Forward

Danielle has exemplary respect for the game of ice hockey as well as the officials. She did not commit a penalty this season and always carried out great sportsmanship. She has been one of the hardest workers on the team and a great teammate to her peers. Her positive attitude helped propel her team to a State Semifinalist appearance this season.

--Tim Alberts, Athletic Director

Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League - Large

Emily Earl – Westford Academy '16 – Forward

Emily Earl is a champion student-athlete. One of the most talented students in our building, she is one to find a redeeming quality in every person or situation she encounters.

--Bob Ware, Coach

Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League - Small

Nicole Legere – Waltham High School '16 – Right Wing

Nicole is one of the most respectful people you will ever come across. Her constant smile and positive attitude is infectious on her teammates, coaches, and peers. Her ability to overcome adversity and be the person she is is remarkable and inspiring.

--John McCue, Coach

Middlesex League

Kate Perry – Melrose High School '16 – Forward

Kate Perry is a senior forward that has helped propel a newly formed team to three Division I Play-offs. She leads "on" and "off" ice by her strong work ethic and commitment to her academics and sport of choice.

--Pat Ruggiero, Athletic Director

Northeastern Conference

Madison Brooke – Masconomet Regional High School '17 – Defense

Madison is a smart and unselfish team player who strives to do her best on and off the ice. She is respected by her teammates, opponents, and the broader community.

--Ryan Wood, Coach

SEMGHL - Coastal

Brynn Mendes – Barnstable High School '17 – Left Wing

Brynn is a fantastic athlete. She is generous with her time, patience, and her spirit. She is not dramatic; she leads in a calm, composed, no nonsense manner, and, perhaps most powerfully, she leads consistently by her own example. Brynn is a quiet natural leader and she is one of a kind.

--Peter Nuges, Coach

SEMGHL - Coastal

Veronica Rakauskas – Duxbury High School '16 – Defense

Niki has consistently demonstrated a positive attitude and a dedication to the sport of hockey. I have been impressed by Niki's hard work and enthusiasm on and off the ice. Whether our team is practicing or involved in a game, Niki can always be heard cheering on her teammates. Niki is a true team player and always put the needs of her team before her own.

--Friend Weiler, Coach

SEMGHL - Northeast

Shea Kearney – Cohasset High School '16 – Goalie

Shea is the reason we had such a successful season. As her teammates fulfilled their responsibilities she stood strong in the net to protect their efforts and keep our team competitive. Playing without Shea in the goal next season will be an adjustment but she has helped to build a foundation of hard work and commitment that will be carried on through the years to come.

--Deb Beal, Coach

SEMGHL - Northeast

Mel McAleer – Whitman-Hanson Regional High School '17 – Forward

Mel is a hard working student-athlete who has been instrumental in helping our school build our new co-op team with Silver Lake. She has demonstrated excellent leadership and is a role model for her teammates with an admirable work ethic.

--Bob Rodgers, Athletic Director

SEMGHL - Southeast

Alex MacPherson – Pembroke High School '17 – Goalie

Alex is a team first person. She always looks for the positive in everything we do. She is the first to congratulate a goal scorer, but more importantly, the first to console a player who is down. Alex is a tremendous young lady and a favorite among her teammates.

--Bill Flynn, Coach

SEMGHL - West

Grace Crowell – Medfield High School '16 – Defense

Grace exemplifies all that is excellent and good about sports. She is talented, hard working, a natural leader and her conduct on and off the ice is exemplary.

--Michael Cox, Coach

BOYS LEAGUES

Atlantic Coast League

Paul Glynn – Sandwich High School '16 – Right Wing

An incredible teammate on the ice but an even better person off. Paul has been a true professional in our program since walking through the locker room doors four years ago. He's conquered all the challenges and adversity put in front of him with an attitude and effort that is second to none. His mark on our program has been etched in stone. His is a legacy that will last, and one that others will strive to achieve.

--Jordan Mohre, Coach

Bay State Conference

Alex Moore – Framingham High School '18 – Goalie

Alex is one of the most resilient individuals I have had the chance to work with. He is an excellent teammate, maintains a positive attitude at all times and is a good influence on other players. Alex is a dedicated student athlete and school always comes first in his life.

--Paul Spear, Coach

Berry Division

Josh DeCarolis – Minnechaug Regional High School '17 – Left Wing

Josh's leadership and commitment is second to none and an example for the rest of our team. He is always willing to help his teammates become more effective by sharing his opinion and outlook to their play helping them become a better/stronger unit. Josh always represents himself, his family and our team and school with honor and class regardless of the outcome of the game.

--Greg Palm, Coach

Big Three

Ian Dumas – New Bedford High School '16 – Goalie

Ian spun any type of negativity into an experience filled with fun and opportunity. His character has earned him the respect of not only the players and coaching staff at New Bedford High School, but the players and coaching staffs from the neighboring schools as well. "He is such a great kid," and "Does that kid ever stop smiling?" are the comments that circulate the hockey rink in New Bedford. Ian is closing out his senior year ranked in the top 5% of his class and has received multiple awards recognizing his pride and spirit.

--Mark Rossi, Coach

Boston City League

Brendan Mannion – Boston Latin Academy '17 – Goalie

Brendan Mannion is a leader who demonstrated the ultimate sacrifice for his team by changing his position from forward to goaltender his junior year. Rather than think of his own stats or his own personal gain, he knew the team needed a goalie to make the season a success! As a result, Brendan helped Latin Academy win the regular season title, the Boston City Championship (he was named MVP in a 7-0 shutout), gaining a third seed bye in the Division 3 North State Tournament. Brendan has demonstrated that with sacrifice comes great reward!

--Robert McCormick, Coach

Catholic Central League - Large

Conor Foley – Saint Mary's High School '16 – Forward

Conor leads his team in goals but more importantly he leads his team by setting a good example on and off the ice. Conor has earned the respect of his classmates, teammates and coaches by his tireless determination and warm understanding of others.

--Mark Lee, Coach

Catholic Central League - Small

Tommy DeNault – Saint Bernard's Central Catholic High School '16 – Defense

Tommy DeNault has been playing Varsity hockey for three and a half years. Of his time playing, he has only had one penalty. As a coach, I have never seen one player have so few penalties and still excel as a player on the ice. As much as he was a player on the ice, he was a good student off the ice, volunteering his time at a local retreat team for his church and being the senior to welcome the freshmen players to the team. Tommy is deserving of this award because of his attitude and actions on and off the ice.

--Gerry Murray, Coach

Catholic Conference

Cam Walter – Malden Catholic High School '16 – Forward

Cam Walter has the respect of his coaches, teammates, and opponents. He is a model for all student-athletes. He is the perfect example of a student-athlete who leads by example and allows his actions to speak.

--Patrick Driscoll, Athletic Director

Commonwealth Athletic Conference

Brendan Conley – Nashoba Valley Technical High School '16 – Defense

Brendan had a knack for getting everything out of his teammates. He used various motivational techniques and not the least was his shown ability to play through injury and lead by example as to what it takes to win. Brendan is a standout hockey player, but more importantly, he is a great teammate, leader, and human being.

--Robert Callahan, Athletic Director/Coach

Coughlin Conference

Charlie Lamplough – Nashoba Regional High School '16 – Goalie

When I think of responsibility, maturity, talent, work ethic, leadership and accountability, I think of Charlie Lamplough. He is the first to arrive and last to leave practice. He handles all of the less desirable tasks, such as picking up equipment, scheduling team building events. Charlie never complains and demands the respect of his teammates in the locker room and on the ice...His maturity and ability to recognize how important it is for the game to acknowledge younger athletes is most impressive.

--Trevor Short, Coach

Eastern Athletic Conference

Brendan Gallagher – Bishop Feehan High School '16 – Defense

Brendan's positive demeanor and his playing for the love of the game, helped foster a sporting attitude and atmosphere on our team.

--Kevin Dunn, Coach

Fay-Wright Division

Dan Doyle – Chicopee High School '17 – Defense

There are many times throughout the season that Dan was challenged and responded with positive results. Through Dan's leadership and display of good sportsmanship it led other players to play with less desire to get even...Dan's grades are outstanding and he has the highest comments on his report card for effort and conduct.

--Alan Styckiewicz, Coach

Greater Boston League

Gino DeSimone – Everett High School '16 – Forward

Gino had his best season by far in his senior year leading his team to a share of the GBL title for the first time since 1970. Better than his play on the ice is how much character Gino has as a person, he makes everyone around him a better player and a better person. Gino has a bright future ahead of him.

--Jason Lawrence, Coach

Hennessy League

Shane Tierney – Pittsfield High School '16 – Defense

The Troy Sportsmanship Award has evolved into one of the most prestigious awards given to a Berkshire County high school student athlete. Players considered for the award possess many of the attributes promoted and dedicated to by Mr. Troy. These include good sportsmanship, team leadership, respect of officials, coaches, teammates and others, dedication to team, and a true desire to promote the game of ice hockey. The 2015-2016 Donald Troy Sportsmanship Award was presented to Pittsfield High School Senior, Shane Tierney.

--Bill Loehr, Berkshire NIOHA President

Hockomock League

Brian Ireland – Milford High School '16 – Goalie

Brian is an intelligent young man who continues to thrive academically as well as athletically. He is an excellent communicator, he is focused in and out of the classroom and he is emotionally disciplined on and off the ice. As a high school Varsity athlete he has earned the trust and respect of his peers as well as his coaches at an early stage.

--Michael Balzarini, Coach

Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League – Division 1

Andrew Nadeau – Central Catholic High School '16 – Forward

Andrew was all conference selection for MVC DCL Division 1 this year. Andrew was the ultimate team player, placing the team above himself. He continued to improve from day 1 until his last day. Andrew is especially deserving of this award because he is truly an unsung hero.

--Mike Jankowski, Coach

Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League – Division 2

Eric Hall – North Andover High School '16 – Goalie

Eric is a hard working goalie who not only excels in hockey, but in the classroom and many other extracurricular activities...He always does what is asked of him and works hard doing it...Eric respects the game, the officials, and his opponents, he never compromised sportsmanship before, during, or after a game whether the team wins or loses.

--Peter Marfione, Coach

Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League – Division 3

Jake Turner – Bedford High School '16 – Goalie

On the first day of practice our starting goalie got injured and was going to be out for a significant part of the season. Jake took his new role as a challenge and worked hard in practice and in private lessons to help his teammates. Jake's commitment to his team, his "never quit" attitude and his respect for the game has led me to recommend him for this award.

--Peter Dion, Coach

Middlesex League

Tyler Gardiner – Watertown High School '16 – Forward/Left Wing

Tyler approaches school, sports and life with a high level of commitment, dedication, passion and positivity. His leadership is shown on and off the ice, he makes his teammates better players by the way he approaches and respects the game. Tyler is an exceptional young man, with maturity beyond his years, he has helped change the culture of Watertown High Hockey.

--Michael Hayes, Coach

Patriot League

Andrew McNeilly – Silver Lake Regional High School '16 – Forward

As our only senior this year, Andrew was an unselfish team leader who cared about his teammates. Few players bring the work ethic and tenacity of Andrew McNeilly to the rink every day. Knowing that he was the only senior, Andrew worked extremely hard during practice and in games to be the exemplary role model to his teammates. He is always respectful to opposing players, coaches and officials. He represents himself, his family, and our school with class.

--Brandon Hall, Coach

South Shore League

Michael Werra – East Bridgewater High School '16 – Forward

In the often intense game of hockey, Michael plays hard but within the rules, never earning a major penalty. Off the ice he is an honors student, taking multiple honors AP classes, earning a membership in the National Honor Society. Michael Werra's combination of skill, effort, and leadership added up to a great high school hockey career.

--Scott Paine, Norwell Athletic Director

Tri-Valley League

William Allen – Hopkinton High School '16 – Defense

To me, Billy epitomizes what solid sportsmanship is all about. He represents his team, his community and his school in a positive way both on and off of the ice.

--Chris MacPherson, Coach