

# 2023 Senior Scholarship Recipients

Rambler Scholar Athlete Award is awarded to a standout student athlete in the classroom as well as on the athletic field who has participated in a minimum of two (2) varsity athletic teams during the last two (2) years of attending WHS. The recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.75 and demonstrate dedication, sportsmanship, and leadership, as well as academic achievement and character. This year we are pleased to announce the following recipients of our two (2) \$1,000 scholarships!



### **Tyler Shumway**

Our Rambler Scholar Athlete, Tyler Shumway, has engaged in three varsity sports, soccer, basketball and baseball, while maintaining high honors throughout his high school career. He has demonstrated his leadership and positive influence in both the academic setting and in the multiple extracurricular activities he has been a part of. His hard work and dedication have earned him the recognition of being one of the top ten scholars in his class and a captain for his basketball and soccer teams. Tyler was chosen for the 1st and 2nd team MVC All-Stars and last year received the honor of being selected by his teachers to be Student of the Month.

Ms. Marshall, one of Tyler's teachers, described him as a "source of positive energy and bright thinking; he doesn't just shine himself through; he lights the way for others." Tyler has shown his investment in the Winthrop school community in so many ways. He has put in countless hours

working with our "Rising Ramblers" to teach them the skills and mentality it takes to succeed. He has taken part in the outing club, quiz bowl competition and student leadership team. He entertained his peers and teachers, for the past 3 years, with his reporting on the WBUS news program and actively participated in the National Honor Society for the past 2 years.

Tyler will continue to play baseball while studying Aerospace Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



#### **Emma Shuman**

This Rambler Scholar athlete is dedicated both on and off the field. Emma has played four years of field hockey at Winthrop High School, leading her team as a Captain both her junior and senior year to back-to-back state championships. Emma has received many awards and recognition for her success in field hockey to include, Conference Second Team All-Star her junior year, Conference First Team All-Star her senior year, Team MVP, MFHA All State Player in 2022 and Conference Fall Athlete Academic All-Star in 2022. Emma has also devoted over 75 hours of her time to coaching and refereeing the youth field hockey program in Winthrop.

Along with Emma's participation in field hockey she was also on the varsity tennis team her sophomore, junior and senior year and the team manager of the girls' varsity basketball team her senior year.

Beyond her athletic successes, Emma has been a dedicated and devoted student taking many honors and advancement placement classes. She is a member of the Student Leadership Team, National Honor Society, WBUS Club and Yearbook.

Emma was described by one of her teachers Vanessa Mertzel as "In class Emma can always be seen leading her peers by example. She takes pride in her work and is a student I can depend on to assist her peers with difficult concepts or tasks. Even when working on difficult material, Emma maintains a positive attitude and seeks out opportunities for growth by asking in depth questions to extend her knowledge. Her work ethic in the classes she has taken with me as well as her other challenging classes is a testament not only to her capability but to her drive and determination to succeed."

Graduating as one of the top 10 in her class, Emma plans to attend the University of New England majoring in applied exercise science where she will also play field hockey.



Rambler Varsity Athlete Award is awarded to a standout athlete who has participated in a minimum of two (2) varsity athletic teams during the last two (2) years of attending WHS. Recipients must demonstrate leadership, athletic success, and sportsmanship. This year, we are pleased to announce the following recipients of our two (2) \$1,000 scholarships!



#### Sophia Blanco

This Rambler athlete played varsity Tennis, Soccer, and Skiing. She was named Sun Journal Girls Nordic Skiing Honorable Mention Team in 2023. She was also named the Girls Nordic Skiing MVC Second Team All-Star where she finished in the top 10 at the MVC races.

Once her skiing season was over, she moved onto Tennis where she continued to excel. She was the Tennis Team Captain her Junior and Senior Years. She was the Tennis MVP in June 2022 and made the Girl's Tennis MVC First Team All Star player.

Besides her athletic accomplishments she has excelled academically by receiving the MIAAA Scholarship Award, the Scholastic National Silver Medal in March of 2023. She is a member of the Student Council and Treasurer for the National Honor Society. She is ranked #3 in her class.

Sophie was described by her High School Advisor Tiff Shaw as "She is steadfast in her morals and ideals, never swayed by others. She is dependable in all ways; any assignment or task I have ever given her has been done promptly and well. She is committed to excellence in all things: her work, her activities, her sports, and her life. To me, she is the definition of the Rambler Athlete."

Sophie will attend the University of Rhode Island and major in accounting.



### Rhyan Sawlivich

This Rambler athlete played varsity field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse at Winthrop High School. Rhyan received the Mountain Valley Conference Academic All-Star Award and was recognized as an athlete who stood out on the field and in the classroom during the fall season of 2022. She has been a key part of two state championship field hockey teams. She also received MVC All-Star honorable mention and the Just Smile award in field hockey her senior year which is given to a student athlete who is kind, a good leader, and a positive role model.

Rhyan has devoted several hours of her time coaching the youth field hockey and basketball programs. Many coaches have told her that her determination, positivity, and natural leadership qualities are key qualities that contribute to a successful program. Rhyan's field hockey coach Melissa Perkins described her as "Rhyan showed leadership, patience, kindness and shared her

amazing magnetic personality with the kid's day in and day out."

In addition to Rhyan's athletic accomplishments, she has received numerous Academic Excellence Awards in Honors English, Honors Biology and Spanish. She was also inducted into the Winthrop High School Chapter of the National Honors Society as a junior because of her character, academic achievements, dedication to serving her community and citizenship.

She is a member of the prom committee, a member of the WHS Civil Rights team, and a captain of Winthrop High School's field hockey and basketball teams.

Rhyan plans to attend the University of North Carolina Charlotte majoring in exercise science.



Rambler Pride Award is awarded to any team member participating in any sport while at WHS. This team member by their hard work, dedication, undaunted determination, no matter from the field or bench, is an example of the Athletic community the WHS Boosters likes to see make an impact. This year we are pleased to announce the following recipients of our two (2) \$500 scholarships!



## **Lauryn Wood**

This Rambler Pride athlete demonstrates commitment, hard work, and determination on and off the field and in the classroom. Along with Lauryn's participation in field hockey all four years, she was also on the varsity softball team her sophomore, junior and senior year, and the team manager of the girls' varsity basketball team her senior year. Lauryn received the Mountain Valley Conference honorable mention her junior year for field hockey and softball. Lauryn was also named captain of the softball team her junior and senior years at Winthrop High School. Lauryn's greatest memories have been winning back-to-back state championships her junior and senior year in field hockey.

Lauryn exudes enthusiasm and passion for the sports that she plays which she has passed on to the young athletes in the Winthrop community. Lauryn has volunteered countless hours to support

the youth field hockey and youth softball programs. Lauryn was described by the Winthrop Area YMCA Director Lonney Steeves as "a special young lady who should be recognized for all she gives and for her incredible talents."

Beyond her athletic successes, Lauryn is involved in yearbook club as well as participates in the National Honor Society.

Lauryn will bring this same dedication to the Mustangs next year at Central Maine Community College where she will be majoring in health sciences while playing softball.



#### Julia Letourneau

This Rambler Pride athlete captures the essence of Winthrop Pride. Julia is humble, hard-working, kind, and supportive on the field, the court, and in the classroom. She is a true role model to other students and athletes here at Winthrop High School, as well as the youth in the town of Winthrop. Julia has contributed countless volunteer hours coaching youth field hockey, basketball, and softball. Julia is a class officer, a member of the student council, and a National Honor Society officer. She is a member of the prom committee, a member of the WHS Civil Rights team, and a captain of Winthrop High School's first Quiz Bowl team.

Along with Julia's participation in basketball during her freshman and sophomore year of high school, she has also participated in three seasons of softball, and was named captain of her 2023 season. She played field hockey for four years, winning two state titles as a starter. Julia received

the Coaches' Award in field hockey in 2022 and was also named a MVC Academic All-Star. Additionally, Julia has been honored as an AP Scholar, a National Merit Commended Scholar, and has received a National Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award.

Julia's coach Sharon Coulton described her as "Julia is an excellent role model for our younger athletes. Several have commented on how well she explains things on the field and on the sidelines. She also makes them feel valued as members of our team."

Graduating as the salutatorian of the 2023 class, Julia plans to attend Emmanuel College with an undecided major.