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Jonathan "Teddy" Wagner

Our Rambler Scholar Athlete, Jonathan "Teddy" Wagner is a remarkable individual who has excelled both academically and athletically during his time at Winthrop High School.

Academically, Teddy has maintained an outstanding GPA, demonstrating a consistent commitment to excellence in his studies. This impressive academic record is a reflection of his dedication, intelligence, and exceptional time management skills.

Athletically, Teddy has been a standout participant in multiple sports. Over the past two years, he has participated in indoor track, soccer, cross country, and track and field, showcasing remarkable versatility and dedication. His athletic achievements are numerous and noteworthy, including:

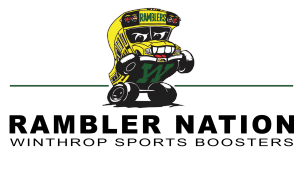
- Two years of indoor track participation, culminating in one individual and one team state championship.
- Three years of soccer, earning honorable mention recognition.
- Three years of cross country, where he was named a two-time second team all-conference athlete, a two-time MVC champion, and a two-time team regional champion.

In addition to these accomplishments, Teddy has also been a leader and role model within each team, displaying exceptional sportsmanship and dedication.

Beyond the athletic field, Teddy has been actively involved in various school activities, demonstrating leadership and commitment to service. He has served on the student council for four years, been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, participated in the WBUS Club for two years, contributed to the quiz bowl team for two years, and joined the math team for one year. These activities highlight his well-rounded character and dedication to both personal and community growth.

Teddy embodies the qualities that the Rambler Scholar Athlete Award seeks to honor. He has shown unparalleled dedication, leadership, and excellence in all his endeavors. It is without reservation that I endorse Teddy Wagner for this prestigious award, confident he will continue to inspire and achieve greatness in his future.

Graduating as the salutatorian of the 2024 class, Teddy plans to attend Middlebury College majoring in Mathematics.



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Bennett Ross

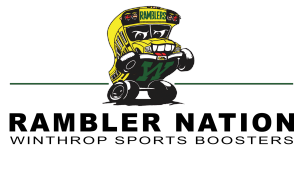
Our Rambler Scholar Athlete, Bennett Ross, has excelled both in the classroom and on his athletic teams. His dedication, sportsmanship, character, leadership, athletic success, and academic achievement have earned him this award.

As an athlete, Bennett participated in ice hockey, cross country, lacrosse and golf all at a varsity level. He was selected as an all-star honorable mention in two seasons of both hockey and lacrosse. He was chosen as the lacrosse team captain for the past two years and was the assistant captain for the hockey team his sophomore year before he moved on to play hockey at a higher level.

Bennett was recognized as a 2nd team Mountain Valley Conference (MVC) All-Star his freshman year of golf. His success in cross country, led him to be selected as the 2nd team MVC all-star his sophomore and junior year and a 1st team MVC all-star selection his senior year, along with South All-Region All-Star team in '21,'22 and '23. His overall success in cross country has earned him a spot on the WHS top 20 fastest 5K runners of all time.

As a student, Bennett earned the honor of being ranked in the top ten students at Winthrop High School for the Class of 2024. He has contributed to his school community through his membership in the National Honor Society, Student Leadership Team, WBUS club and the Quiz Bowl. Bennett's teacher, Mrs. Mertzelt wrote that "Bennett's intelligence, willingness to challenge himself, strong work ethic and persistence will lead him to much success outside of the classroom." She has witnessed Bennett demonstrate excellence in everything he has taken on during his time at Winthrop High School and she sees no limit to his growth and potential in the future.

Bennett plans to attend Sacred Heart University in the fall and will be majoring in Biology.



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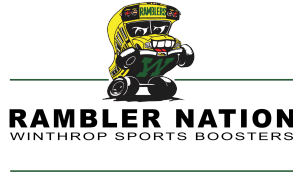
Haley Williams

This Rambler Varsity Athlete played field hockey, basketball, softball, cross country, and track at Winthrop High School. Haley's cross country accomplishments consisted of; Sun Journal's 2023 All Region Cross Country Runner of the Year, New England's for three years, placed in the top three at regionals each year, runner of the year twice, won MVC's twice, was 1st team all-stars each year, and broke the girls cross country record three times. Haley was also captain for Basketball, Cross Country and Track and had honorable mentions for Basketball and Softball during her athletic career at Winthrop High School.

Haley has always enjoyed being active. Growing up she used sports to break out of her quiet shell and form lasting friendships. During her first year of cross country, she broke the school record which earned her a place at the MVC and Regional's that later led her to several winnings in Cross Country and began her everlasting future in running. Haley thanks WHS athletics for her start and love for running and will continue this when she attends college this fall.

While managing multiple commitments Haley also earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate and held many different jobs. She is described by her cross country coach as an "extraordinary young woman" and "trustworthy." Haley has participated in many school events throughout her time at WHS, such as competing in March Madness and the Cornhole Tournament while also helping in Student Council. "She has great worth ethic and integrity" was another keynote from her cross country coach, as he talked about how her career in running is not over yet, and "her traits will help her succeed as she pursues her goals."

Haley will be studying nursing at St. Joseph's College and will be participating in both cross country and track.



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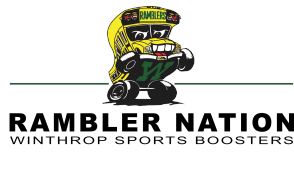


Christopher Pottle

This Rambler Varsity Athlete is a dedicated individual both on and off the track. Chris is a member of the outing club, WBUS 75, is class treasurer and is also a National Honor Society member and treasurer. Chris runs cross country and has participated in track for four years and indoor track for three. Chris has earned many athletic recognitions throughout his career, including Central Maine Athlete of the Week, three time captain, Mountain Valley Conference (MVC) academic all-star, MVC 1st and 2nd team all-star, second on the all-time Winthrop High School Cross Country runners list, three time New England qualifier, school record holder in the 4 x 800 outdoor running event, 2022 Cross Country Class C State runner-up, and 2023 Indoor State Champion.

Chris has achieved all of this while also maintaining an excellent GPA and enrolled in honors and AP courses. Chris is also enrolled at Capital Area Technical Center (CATC), where he finished first place in the SkillsUSA competition for cabinet making. Chris' cross country and outdoor track coach Ed Van Tassel says, "Chris has worked tirelessly over the years and refined his skill. He does this with very little glitz or glamor. He keeps his head down and just gets the job done. He takes the same approach to school. Chris is a quiet individual, but still a leader and has a way of making everyone feel welcome." Chris' advisor Ms. Kristen Said described him as "a humble, strong, hardworking student, athlete, and friend."

Chris finished in the Top 10 of the Winthrop High School Class of 2024. Chris will be attending Bates College in the fall with an undeclared major, where he will be participating in both cross country and track and field.



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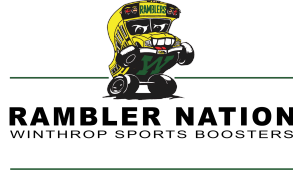


Elizabeth Roman

The Rambler Pride Scholarship rewards the impact of a team member who is hard-working, dedicated, and has determination whether on the field or from the bench. This scholarship celebrates the impact of that athlete on their team. This year, the Sports Boosters are recognizing Elizabeth Roman as one of the Rambler Pride recipients.

Liz played field hockey for three years as a defender. She was JV captain her senior year and was a fierce supporter of her team. Liz played tennis for two years, starting as an exhibition player and working her way to second-team doubles. As her advisor Kat Lancaster says, "when I think of motivated and dedicated, I think of Liz Roman." Her tennis coach Paige Pandora describes her as having "unwavering positivity, which she brings to every practice and game. Her positive attitude and genuine smile create a welcoming and encouraging environment for all team members." Liz is also a member of the school band and chorus, receiving the John Philip Souza Award, which recognizes superior musicianship and outstanding dedication, and she participated in the KV-MEA district festival.

Liz finished in the top ten of the Winthrop High School Class of 2024. She plans on attending the University of New England to study exercise science.



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David Gustin

This Rambler Athlete captures the essence of Winthrop Pride. David has shown true compassion towards his fellow teammates and always offers his support and encouragement to everyone. He brings a positive outlook on the court and field. He played varsity tennis for four years, ran cross country for three years, and ran indoor/outdoor track for two years. He was team captain for track in 2023 and 2024.

In Tennis, he received the Sportsmanship Award in 2022 and was named Mountain Valley Conference (MVC) Honorable Mention in 2023 along with the Sun Journal All-Region Second Team. He was on the 2023 Academic All-Star team for cross country.

Coach MacArthur says that "David has gone above and beyond giving back to the children and businesses in our town, not because he was forced to, but rather because he understands what it means to be a valued member of society and community."

Besides his sports accomplishments, he was school representative on the school board, Class President, Outing Club member, and the Class Treasurer. He has given more than most and is greatly appreciated by his peers.

David will be attending the University of Maine at Presque Isle where he is majoring in Physical Education and will continue to participate in cross country and track.