



### Madeline Wagner – Winthrop Sports Boosters Rambler Scholar Athlete Award

This year's recipient of the Winthrop Sports Boosters Rambler Scholar Athlete Scholarship exemplifies what it truly means to be a Rambler in every sense of the word—through dedication, leadership, excellence, and unwavering school spirit. A three-sport athlete all four years of high school, she has consistently demonstrated elite athleticism, academic brilliance, and a deep commitment to her community.

Academically, Madeline has achieved an extraordinary GPA, has been a member of the National Honor Society, and has played a vital role in student leadership as a member of the Student Council.

On the field hockey turf, she has led her team to four consecutive State Championship appearances, serving as the driving force behind one of the most dominant runs in this school's history. Her individual accolades in the sport are equally impressive: multiple-time MVC First Team selections, repeated honors on the All-State Field Hockey Team, multiple recognitions as the Sun Journal Player of the Year, several appearances on the Portland Press Herald All-State Team, and selection to the MAX Field Hockey Second Team All-New England on multiple occasions. Her success doesn't stop there—on the basketball court, she's earned First Team, Second Team, and Honorable Mention MVC honors, along with a Sun Journal All-Region Honorable Mention. In track and field, she has added to her athletic resume with a First Team MVC and Honorable Mention All-MVC recognition.

Beyond athletics and academics, she has devoted significant time to community service, embodying a spirit of giving and leadership that matches her commitment to sports and academics. Her remarkable ability to balance athletics, service, and academics is further underscored by her status as this year's Winthrop High School Class of 2025's Valedictorian.

Although Madeline is going to Merrimack College to study Athletic Training she is and will always be a Rambler through and through.



Our Rambler Scholar Athlete, Caroline Corgan, has been very dedicated during her high school career both on the field and with her academics. She played all 4 years of Varsity Field Hockey and Basketball, 3 years of Varsity Lacrosse, and finished her Senior year playing Varsity Tennis. Caroline's accomplishments with field hockey include 4 Time State Champion, 4 time Regional Champions, 3 Time MVC Champion, All Academic and Captain Junior and Senior Year. During Basketball the team received the Sportsmanship Award 2 years in a row, and she was named MVC All Star Honorable Mention and All Academic.

Caroline has many accomplishments off the field as well, to include earning Salutatorian for her class. She is an officer for the National Honor Society and has helped with service events and community projects. She also was a member of the Student Council and the school news program. Caroline is a wonderful leader and positive example to her peers.

One of her coaches, Melissa Perkins, stated that Caroline has "tremendous leadership skills" and that she is "inclusive, kind and compassionate". Caroline was described by one of her teachers, Vanessa Mertz as having "achieved incredible success in the classroom while still finding time to make outstanding contributions to the school and community. She has demonstrated excellence and is leaving a lasting impact on our school and community during her time here, and there is no limit to her growth and success in the future."

In the fall, Caroline will be attending the University of Alabama and studying Aerospace Engineering.

Rambler Varsity Athlete Award is given to a standout athlete who has participated in a minimum of two varsity athletic teams each year during the last two years of attending Winthrop High School. Recipients must demonstrate leadership, athletic success, and sportsmanship.



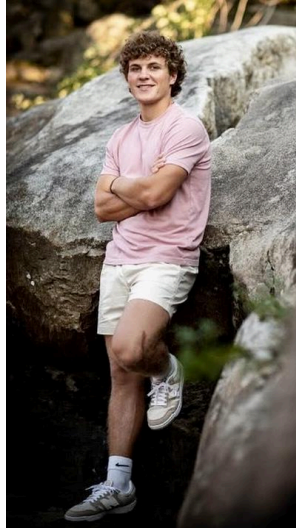
### **Colton Baird**

This Rambler Varsity Athlete played golf, basketball, indoor, and outdoor track at Winthrop High School. Colton's accomplishments consisted of: qualifying for states three years in golf, four years in Outdoor Track, and one year in Indoor Track. The Mountain Valley Conference recognized Colton with an Honorable Mention in triple jump in Outdoor Track, First and Second team in Golf, and as an Academic All-Star during the fall and winter seasons. Colton served as a Captain for the Golf team and Outdoor Track and Field.

Colton received the MPA Principal's Award for his academic achievement and citizenship. Principal Dufour recognized Colton by stating, "Colton has distinguished himself in the classroom, as a leader and mentor in our school, and as a leader in the community. Colton was actively involved in both academic and extracurricular activities. He was a member of Student Leadership during his junior year, as well as the High School Mentor Program. He participated in the Drama Club, contributing his enthusiasm and energy behind the scenes as part of the tech crew during One Act Festivals."

In the community, Colton devoted time to volunteering for youth basketball, helping kids understand the importance of sportsmanship and teamwork. In his Senior year, Colton pursued his love for indoor track, forgoing basketball. During that time, he wanted to continue to give back to the youth basketball program by volunteering his time refereeing youth basketball games and teaching skills and drills to the youth.

Colton finished in the Top 10 of his Winthrop Class of 2025. Colton is majoring in Finance at the College of Coastal Georgia this fall.



Braden Branagan – Winthrop Sports Boosters Rambler Varsity Athlete

Demonstrating unwavering dedication, resilience, and excellence in both academics and athletics, this year's recipient of the Rambler Varsity Athlete Scholarship has epitomized what it means to be a true Rambler. As a dominate three-sport athlete throughout all four years of high school, he has balanced the rigorous demands of competing in baseball, basketball, and football year-round, while maintaining exemplary academic performance.

His commitment to excellence has earned him numerous accolades in basketball, including 2023 and 2024 Basketball MVC All Star Honorable Mentions, and selection to the 2024 and 2025 MVC All Star Second Team as well as the 2025 MABC McDonalds Maine All Star Team. His efforts on the baseball field have also been recognized with a 2022 Baseball MVC All Star Honorable Mention, 2024 Campbell Conference Baseball All Star Honorable Mention and Super Conference Academic All Star Team, among several other honors. He has been the captain of his basketball, baseball and football teams and is known for his leadership, volunteering, humility, and unwavering work ethic. He consistently sets a high standard for his peers, representing the spirit of the Rambler community with integrity and pride. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or in the community, he leads by example and pushes himself and those around him to be their best, which he will continue to do at the University of New Hampshire where he will be studying Business and Cybersecurity.



Isabel “Izzy” Folsom is the recipient of this years’ Rambler Pride Award. This award is given to a student who has participated 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 Winthrop Sports Boosters likes to see make an impact upon their teammates. While Isabel is known for her athleticism, she is at the same time modest as to her momentous achievements, leading with a quiet strength and positivity for her fellow teammates.

During her time at Winthrop High School, Isabel has been a member of both the indoor and outdoor track teams, where she has been a standout in the sprints and jumping events, as well as a valued member of the relay teams. In addition, Isabel is a member of the field hockey team, and her substantial efforts helped to lead the team to 4 state titles in a row. Along the way, Isabel earned many personal honors as an athlete. This has included the following: Captain of the field hockey, indoor track, and outdoor track teams for multiple years; MVC honorable mentions, 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and 1<sup>st</sup> team honors as members of all three teams; numerous state top 10 placements for both indoor and outdoor track and field events; two time MVC long jump champion; highest points earner for both indoor and outdoor track and field, and multiple Sun Journal regional team choice honors in all of her sports. What is also notable about these accomplishments is how they were earned beginning with her freshman year and only improved each year.

In addition, Isabel is also a solid contributor in the classroom, with excellent grades and attendance. She has been a member of the student council for 4 years, helping to maintain positivity and active participation within the student population through events like March Madness.

Isabel remains a friendly face to her teammates, always encouraging her peers, and has demonstrated putting the needs of the team over her own. She is a kind and welcoming person that has worked to make all her teammates truly feel they are part of their team.

Izzy will be attending Husson University in the fall of 2025, where she will major in physical therapy while also playing as a member of the field hockey team.



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Connor Williams exemplifies ***Rambler Pride***. As a dedicated and driven individual, Connor has excelled as a three-sport athlete throughout all four years of high school career, competing at a high level in football, basketball, and baseball. His commitment to athletics has proven his tireless work ethic and an unwavering dedication to his teammates and community.

Connor's leadership qualities have been consistently recognized by his peers and coaches alike. He earned the honor of team captain his senior year in all three sports—football, basketball, and baseball—demonstrating his ability to inspire those around him and lead by example both on and off the field. His impact in football was further highlighted when he was named to the Campbell Conference 2nd Team All-Star roster this past season. On the baseball diamond, his determination and growth were rewarded with the Most Improved Player award last year, which is a testament to the countless hours he's spent working to improve his skills.

Beyond his own athletic achievements, Connor has generously devoted his time to helping the next generation of athletes. He has volunteered numerous hours to teach and mentor younger players in all three sports, displaying a passion for giving back and fostering community through sports.

Connor Williams leaves behind a legacy of hard work, humility, and heart. He understands the value of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance—qualities that will serve him well as he begins the next chapter of his journey. In the fall, he will attend Central Maine Community College, where he will no doubt continue to grow as a leader and a student.