



Winter Athletic Awards Ceremony | May 19, 2022

Remarks by Bob Leake, Athletic Director

We have arrived! This is the final Athletic Awards Ceremony for the year. Tonight we not only recognize the accomplishments of the spring season but recap the entire year.

This spring saw an explosion of successes on the fields and courts. Five of our seven teams qualified for the state tournaments in their respective sports. Boys golf, boys and girls lacrosse, baseball and track all participated in or are continuing in their state tournaments. Both lacrosse teams moved on to their respective state semifinal contests, and golf finished second overall in their state championship by one stroke. Baseball had a historic season, winning the most games in more than 30 years and qualifying for the state championship for the first time in school history. In track and field, senior Colin Walsh continued his dominance in the distance events, winning the 1600 and 3200m events at the conference championships. Sophomore Weston Richards won the high jump, and probably the most interesting track and field development of the season or perhaps ever, senior Kate Doherty, in her first ever shot put throw, qualified for the state championships. She also qualified for states in her first ever discus throw and won both events at the conference championships. In tennis, senior Kohl Perkins finished his high school career undefeated. He is the three-time conference player of the year and will likely be named the state player of the year. In soccer, Hannah Saye accounted for 80% of the team's goals scored this season, including notching four in one game. Billy Koudelka established a new single-season scoring record for goals by notching 73 and counting in boys lacrosse. The girls lacrosse team placed five girls out of 11 spots on the first team All-Conference list! We had our first ever girls golf team matches this spring and four players traveled to Richmond to participate in the VISAA invitational. The boys golf team dominated the regular season and finished the year with a second place finish in the conference championship and a second place finish in the state championship. What a great spring!

This season we had the most players selected for 1st Team or 2nd Team All-Conference honors, with 28 players selected by the coaches or our opponents.

Now we would like to recognize those athletes who have been named all-conference.

VIC | Virginia Independent Conference

Baseball:	Jed Howard	1st Team
	Charlie Felmlee	1st Team
	David Basnight	1st Team
	Sam Hurt	2nd Team
Tennis:	Kohl Perkins	Player of the Year
	Sawyer Tatom	1st Team
Lacrosse:	Billy Koudleka	1st Team
	Luke Meadows	1st Team
	Tucker Olmert	1st Team
	Bryce Ledwith	2nd Team
	Elijah Noble	2nd Team
	Nat Boling	2nd Team
	John Hatch	2nd Team
Track:	Weston Richards	1st Team High Jump winner
	Colin Walsh	1st Team 1600, 3200 winner
Golf:	Alex Kagen	1st Team
	Cannon Langley	1st Team
	Edwin Moye	1st Team

BRC | Blue Ridge Conference

Lacrosse:	Grace Battle	1st Team
	Caroline Carrington	1st Team
	Ellen Lewis	1st Team
	Sierra Lewis	1st Team
	Lilly McKee	1st Team
Soccer:	Hannah Saye	1st Team
	Cristina Matos	2nd Team
	Jane Sandridge	2nd Team
	Louise Sprunt	2nd Team
Track:	Kate Doherty	1st Team Shot Put, Discus

We also would like to recognize two of our students who have earned all-state honors: Cannon Langley and Alex Kagan.

VES has a proud tradition of recognizing those seniors who have participated on a competitive team during their entire high school career. These are known as the Iron Bishops.

- Bea Barnhill - 5 for 5 Tennis Basketball, and Soccer
- David Basnight - 12 for 12 Soccer, Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Johnny Cella - 5 for 5 Cross Country, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Lelya Gulamova - 3 for 3 Tennis, Basketball, Soccer
- Charlotte King - 11 for 11 Tennis, Swimming, Golf
- Elijah Noble - 11 for 11 Football, Wrestling, Lacrosse
- Jane Sandridge - 11 for 11 Field Hockey, Basketball, Swimming, Soccer
- Louise Sprunt - 11 for 11 Field Hockey, Basketball, Swimming, Soccer
- Sawyer Tatom - 11 for 11 Soccer, Basketball, Tennis
- Colin Walsh - 11 for 11 Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track

Our next award is the Distinguished Service Award. This is presented to someone who contributes beyond the scope of just playing or coaching their sport. I was at the baseball game when over the radio came a message. Mr. Winston, you are needed in the training room. We have an injury and Harrison has immobilized the neck area of the student. Mr. Winston took off and there was Harrison sitting on one of lower treatment tables, firmly holding a brace around the neck of the student. A quick diagnosis of the problem flowed freely from his lips as Mr. Winston nodded in agreement. We have, the entire year, witnessed what Harrison brought to his role as "Assistant Athletic Trainer." Present at every contest. Tape, radio, scissors, all the tools hanging from his belt or stored neatly in his fanny pack. Harrison cares about the health and well being of our athletes.

Our final award goes to a coach. The Rock Lee Coaches Award is awarded to a coach who exemplifies and personifies the characteristics of what it means to be a member of the VES community.

Amanda Rhem is the coach of the girls tennis team, which plays during the fall season at VES. This was a special season for Coach Rhem and the team. Court issues forced the team to practice at three different locations and hold matches at three different locations. With a roster of players who ran the gamut of experience from beginners to advanced, Coach Rhem made everyone of them feel like they belonged to the program. Decisive, compassionate and understanding, she leads her team with a focus and desire not only to perform at the highest level, but also to develop the characteristics of what it means to be a VES player. The Rock Lee Coach of the Year Award goes to Amanda Rhem.