

# CRAIG T. WHITE

## SPORTSMANSHIP & SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

### 2020 - 21

SCHOOL	SPORTSMANSHIP COACHES NAME	SELECTION BIOGRAPHY	SERVICE COACHES NAME	SELECTION BIOGRAPHY
ANNAPOLIS	SOFTBALL EMILY FARNESS	Coach Farness was not sure if we would field a team in this unusual spring season due to the Pandemic, virtual learning, and really no way to recruit student athletes from our hallways. Coach Farness was able to get 14 girls to sign up so we could field a team. When we found out that the State approved playoffs, Coach Farness again was not sure our girls were committed to playing additional games, since their season wasn't very successful from a Win/Loss perspective. Again, Coach Farness was able to get all 14 girls to commit to playing. The result was another Loss, however, our team worked hard, displayed good sportsmanship throughout the season even know they were on the losing end of every game.	GIRLS LACROSSE STEPHY SAMARAS	Our girl's lacrosse team was chosen for the work they did to support the One Love Foundation. The captains and members of the team reached out to me to see if they could make the last game of the season "The One Love Foundation" game. They passed out wristbands and raised over \$400.00 for the One Love Foundation during that game. The Annapolis High Teacher, who runs the One Love Club at AHS, was the guest announcer for the game.
ARUNDEL	VOLLEYBALL ASHLEY YUSCAVAGE	The Arundel community, other coaches, and administration all determined that the Arundel Volleyball Team should win the sportsmanship award. When asked which team should win this award, AVB was the only team that was brought into consideration. Many people cited their composure throughout tough games in a compact season, while others brought up	FIELD HOCKEY CARRIE VOSBURG	Here are the fundraisers completed by the team: May 2020: Provided Meals to the Western District Police Department to thank them for their service during the pandemic. December 2020: Worked with the Football and Volleyball teams in becoming pen pals with an assisted living center. December 2020: Sponsored to Arundel students who were in need for Christmas and

		that they wore Black Lives Matters shirts during warm-ups. They then sold those shirts and raised money for two different student-selected foundations, cutting each a \$300 check. Wearing these shirts often brought up mixed feelings with teams and the crowds but the team handled everything with composure and grace.		provided gifts to support the family throughout the holiday. April 2021: One Love Foundation Virtual 5K Raised \$150 April 2021: Supported the Live Like 10 Gabe Henderson Foundation. Donated \$600 to help support under privileged athletes obtain scholarships to continue their education and athletic dreams at the collegiate level.
BROADNECK	BASEBALL MATTHEW SKRENUCHUK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led by Coach Matt Skrenchuk and his outstanding staff, the Bruin baseball team displayed outstanding commitment and overall dedication that never wavered throughout the highs and lows of this school year. Every Monday and Wednesday morning the team met virtually at 7:00 am to stay connected as a team. Attendance was outstanding at all these meetings, even in the most uncertain times. No matter the circumstances, the baseball program continued to find ways to improve and remain together. This type of dedication has become the standard for their program, and it makes them most deserving of this significant honor.</li> </ul>	SWIMMING COLLEEN WINANS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Broadneck Bruin swim program earned the distinction of our “Craig T. White” Service team of the year in 2020-2021. Although virtual this season, the Broadneck swim team decided to do a community project for the Tyler Heights Pop-up Pantry. Team members collected hundreds of diapers, baby wipes, and feminine products to supply the pantry. These items are very expensive and much needed in the community. It was an exceptional way for the swimmers to serve others during an unusual season. Our athletic department is very proud of the swim program for their emphasis on community service during this school year and would also like to thank Coach Winans, Coach Andrews, and the student athletes for all their efforts.</li> </ul>

CHESAPEAKE	<b>BOCCE</b> <b>BETH BOGARD</b>	<p>The bocce team planned a joint friendship walk with the Northeast Bocce team. Funds collected went to the Maryland Best Buddies program.</p>	<b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> <b>MARIA GRAY</b>	<p>For the two years prior to the pandemic, our Chesapeake girls basketball team invited Special Olympics Basketball of AA County to our gym. This year, with an all virtual winter season, they couldn't help but wonder how our Special Olympic friends were making out. They figured there was a high chance they'd been extremely isolated &amp; missing basketball just as much as we were. They began a "Pen Pal" program with the Special Olympians. Mini-teams within our team started corresponding via mail, email, or group text. (Parents indicated preference.) It was a huge success and many of the Special Olympic Athletes responded to all the emails and texts they received. Our girls loved it as much as they did and many friendships have continued on because of it.</p>
CROFTON	<b>UNIFIED BOWLING</b> <b>JENN LOWE</b>	<p><b>The Unified Bowling team did an outstanding job building relationships with teams from other schools during a very difficult virtual winter season. Our coach and team scheduled scrimmages with other schools where they collaborated together and cheered each other on to have successful games and activities. Our athletes looked forward to developing friendships with athletes from other schools.</b></p>	<b>CHEERLEADING</b> <b>MICHAEL HOUCK</b>	<p>The cheerleaders were engaged in a team driven effort to support our local community. These efforts include creating Christmas cards and donating canned food to the Linda's Legacy Foundation and created Valentine's Day cards for Children at St. Jude's hospital. We were able to bond virtually and create these special gifts for someone in need of acknowledgement and love. Each athlete created three cards for each of the foundations and provided as many canned goods as they could. They wound up making over 150 cards and donating over 200 cans of food.</p>

CSP	BOYS BASKETBALL BRUCE SPRUELL	This was our winter team that did not have an in-person season. They stayed committed to the virtual practices and never complained. Coach Spruell provided excellent material and guest speakers throughout the season, and the team made the best of a unique situation.	GOLF ROBERT McQUAID	The Golf team has a great relationship with Arundel Golf and Compass Pointe, and have spent time outside of practice with the staff at each location helping clean bays and walk the course. They have maintained a mature and responsible presence at these locations, and worked with younger golfers who look to join the CSP Golf team in the future.
GLEN BURNIE	TENNIS AAVO TOMKOV	Coach Tomkov has come to Glen Burnie and made an immediate impact. In less than two weeks as a first year coach at Glen Burnie last season, he was able enlist 40 plus members of the student body to join and commit to his program before being shut down. In year two even with limited experience and numbers he was still able to get the most out of the team he had, pushing them to be their best day in and day out on and off the court. He made them even better people. On Senior Day, each Senior was asked to say something they learned from being a member of the team and almost every senior said "Sportsmanship". Coach Tomkov's respect for the game and for those who play it are a focal point of his coaching philosophy. Coach Tomkov's passion for the game of Tennis, his leadership, and student-athlete first mentality is always on display. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber coaching our student-athletes.	UNIFIED BOWLING KRISTI STARR	No one helped more during this past year than Kristi Starr at Glen Burnie High School. Coach Starr who is already one of our two Assistant ADs and Unified Tennis Coach jumped on board as Head Unified Bowling Coach, Head Outdoor Track Coach and Assistant Swim Coach. All while taking the time to make sure others outside of Glen Burnie were service. With both Unified teams and the Swim team, Coach Starr had the students write Virtual Christmas Cards to children at St. Jude's Hospital. Glen Burnie High School can not thank Coach Starr enough for this past year and her willingness to make sure our student-athletes had a coach during a time of uncertainty.
MEADE	BASEBALL ED GRAP	This program fought the good fight without a full team this spring. COVID drastically reduced our numbers and many of the	BOYS LACROSSE AARON COURTNEY	The boys lacrosse team received new helmets this spring and after evaluating their inventory of helmets, they realized that they

		athletes were contributors to the program in years past. Throughout all the adversity, this team endured it all and they continued to show up daily and played to the best of their ability representing Meade.		had extra helmets that were not being used. The Coaching staff and players decided to donate the extra helmets to the Severn Athletic Club (SAC). In effort to introduce lacrosse to the organization and jump start their program. The team donated 30 helmets to SAC in hopes of building a youth lacrosse program.
NORTHEAST	GIRLS LACROSSE FRENCH REESE	<b>Supporting our other teams by going around to other games on our campus and cheering them on. Mainly the Unified Bocce team.</b>	CHEERLEADING MINDY SHORE	<b>The cheerleading team to time to send Valentines cards to Belle Machre who supports special needs children and adults.</b>
NORTH COUNTY	GIRLS LACROSSE DAVE MUELLER	<b>When playing C-tier teams. Coach and players played a player down and offered players to round out the opposing teams so games could be played. Team showed class with holding a score limit not to humiliate the opposing team/players.</b>	JAY SZECH	<b>Helps promote running throughout offseason through 5k events and bringing the community together in summer 5k runs.</b>
OLD MILL	UNIFIED BOWLING NANCY C. JONES	The Old Mill Unified Bowling Team joined in with Crofton Unified Bowling Team for several practices during the Virtual Winter Sports season. Coach Jones and Coach Lowe (Crofton Coach) teamed up to create a very welcoming atmosphere for all student athletes. The students took part in Holiday Jeopardy, online bowling games, and even watched each bowl at home with courts made by student-athletes. We all know that virtual practices are not easy or the norm but both staffs were awesome.	SWIMMING ELLEN HAYES	During one of our virtual practices, we made chocolate chip cookies! Everyone on the team participated in their own kitchens. After the cookies were made, each team member was asked to share their cookies with someone they didn't know or didn't know well. Some of the cookies went to older neighbors, some went to co-workers or parents' offices. Some went to a doctor's office and a few to fire fighters (we knew them tho!) Another project we did was to thank teachers in the building. The swimmers emailed me the names of a teacher or two who had made an impact on them at some point in their time at Old Mill. I emailed the

				<p>teachers and asked them to join me very briefly one morning before classes and help us with a survey. When they all had logged on, the swimmers turned their cameras on and held up signs they had made saying "Thank You!"! The swimmers then got to chat with their teachers and tell them why they were special. It was AWESOME! Teachers cried! They were very grateful! It made an impact on the swimmers as well!</p>
SEVERNA PARK				
SOUTH RIVER	SOFTBALL TIM WILLIAMS	<p><b>During a tough year for everyone, this group exemplified all of the characteristics of sportsmanship that make an athletic department proud.</b></p>	BOYS BASKETBALL DARREN HALL	<p><b>Coach Hall and his team were instrumental in assisting the Zivic Family when Coach Zivic lost his wife. Their support as a basketball family is very much appreciated.</b></p>
SOUTHERN	FIELD HOCKEY CINDY GRAY	<p>We, the FH team, have reached out to and collaborated with Glen Burnie Field Hockey in tournaments and practices to work together to provide playing opportunities for players from both schools during the pandemic and not having a regular season. Coach Simms and Coach Gray are excited about the relationships that have been built and look forward to continuing them in the future and as we get back to the regular season.</p>	GIRLS BASKETBALL MIKE DOYLE	<p>This year the Southern Lady Bulldogs basketball team "adopted" the young ladies at Mary Mount Girls Home in Harwood. Mary Mount is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering girls who have experienced abuse, neglect, mental health issues, homelessness and other trauma. Their mission is to help guide these ladies in making positive life choices and build brighter futures.</p> <p>We initially started a used clothing drive to help. However, as our "team leaders" got more involved, realizing there was a need in our own community, the project took off. The girls donated everything from personal care items, makeup, games, new/used clothing and snacks.</p>

				<p>Our donations were delivered to Mary Mount in February. Ms. Henderson, (Home's Supervisor), was overwhelmed by the generosity of our program. She passed on her sincere thanks to everyone for going above and beyond to help these young ladies feel special. Even during Covid, our girls pulled together, saw a need and did everything they could to help make the young ladies at Mary Mount feel accepted and special.</p>
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