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Greater Baltimore Chapter  
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**61st Annual Scholar Athlete Awards**

## Program Agenda

**Call to Order** .....Matthew May  
*Chapter President,  
61st Annual Scholar Athlete Dinner*

**Scholar Athlete Procession** .....Daniel P. Lyden  
*Bagpiper, 2000 Scholar Athlete*

**Invocation** .....Reverend Dr. Raymond Banks  
*Founding Pastor, Open Door Church Ministries*

**National Anthem** .....Barry F. Williams

### DINNER

**Welcome** .....Matt May

**Master of Ceremonies** .....Scott Garceau

**Junior Skills Camp Announcement**.....Marc Mesaros

**Introduction of** .....Jamie Costello and Scott Garceau  
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**Ben Eaton Sr. Achievement Award**  
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MONTE CATER SHEPARD COLLEGE

**James Margraff Coaches Award**  
CHIP KELLY

**Announcement and Presentation** ..... Rob Yetter  
**of Scholarships to the** *Selection Committee Chairman*  
**2024 Scholar Athlete Winners**

**Closing Comments** ..... Ken Mills  
*Dinner Chairman*

**Benediction** .....Reverend Dr. Raymond Banks



### Scott Garceau

Part of the Baltimore sports landscape since 1980, Scott has been honored seven times as the Maryland State Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscaster and Sports-writers Association. The original voice of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens radio network,

Scott and former Baltimore Colts legend Tom Matte broadcast the team's first 10 years, including Super Bowl XXXV win over the New York Giants. Scott is the former Sports Director at WMAR-2 TV and hosted the popular "Scott and Jeremy Show" on 105.7 FM The Fan. Scott returned to the Orioles broadcast booth in 2020, providing play by play coverage of the home team, a role he previously filled for 13 years. As a long time member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Board of Selectors, Scott is one of 48 individuals who meet over Super Bowl weekend to select the Hall of Fame inductees each year.

This past fall was inducted in the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame and presented with the John F. Steadman Lifetime Achievement Award.



### Jamie Costello

Baltimore native Jamie Costello grew up in Rosedale and joined WMAR2 News in May, 1987. Jamie currently co-anchors the 5, 6 and 11pm news on Channel 2 and is active in the community serving as emcee for various charities and organizations. He

is a rabid Orioles and Ravens fan, and has participated in the Scholar Athlete Awards event for over 10 years.

Jamie has two grown children and currently lives in Annapolis with his wife, Cheryl, their sons Giovanni and Dominic and dog CoCo.

### We would like your feedback

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## A. Paul Menton Award

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The Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame annually presents the A. Paul Menton Award to the top ranked Baltimore area football team. The award is named in honor of the late A. Paul Menton, the longtime sports editor for *The Baltimore Evening Sun*. Mr. Menton also served as the commissioner of game officials and was a founding member of the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation.



### Archbishop Spalding

As the Baltimore area's top ranked team, the Archbishop Spalding Cavaliers capped a 10-2 season with an MIAA championship win over the McDonogh Eagles, 40-7.

The Cavaliers have won 16 straight conference games, losing this year to Pennsylvania 6A state champs St. Joseph's Prep and 5A champions Imhotep Institute Charter High School. Spalding's defense allowed 10.6 ppg against conference opponents and averaged 26 ppg on offense. The team rushed for 1,930 yards on 339 carries and 28 TD's, while the passing attack garnered 2,260 yards and 22 TD's. The senior class at Spalding closed their careers with a 33-4 record over the last four years with 14 players slated to play college football next year.

The Cavaliers were led by University of Maryland bound All Metro Defensive Player of the Year Keyshawn Flowers and Offensive Player of the Year and Malik Washington. This was Washington's second

year as the MIAA Conference Player of the Year. Senior Tyler McVicker, junior Delmar White joined Johnson on the First Team All-Metro defensive squad while senior

offensive lineman Jason Shipman, senior tight end Jameson Coffman and senior kicker Cooper Welch were named along with Washington to the first team offense. Senior running back Kaden Curtis and senior lineman Liam Lynch earned second All-Metro team honors in 2023. 18 players earned All County honors as recognized by the Capital Gazette.

Head Coach Kyle Schmitt completed his eleventh year at Spalding in 2023, raising his record to 78-33, and his fifteenth year as a head coach with a record of 116-42.



# Ben Eaton, Sr. Championship Awards

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Numerous area public high school programs enjoyed noteworthy success during the 2023 football season. Five of the twelve teams in the Maryland State public school finals came from the Greater Baltimore Chapter and three chapter teams won state championship games at Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, yielding 2A/1A, 3A and 4A/3A titles.

For these achievements, the Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation will present Ben Eaton Sr. Championship Awards to these schools. The awards were renamed in 2008 to honor the memory of the legendary Dunbar High School coach who died suddenly prior to the 2007 season. Recognized by his peers and the community, Coach Eaton set a standard for performance and conduct that inspires coaches to embrace their roles as counselor, mentor, leader and friend.

## Dunbar High School

In a driving and cold rain, the Dunbar Poets won a record setting thirteenth state championship with an 8-0 victory over Calvert High School in the 2A/1A state title game at Navy Marine Corps Stadium on December 1, 2023. The undefeated Poets (11-0) won their third straight



title and beat the 12-2 Cavaliers. A scoreless first half was followed by the only score of the game in the third quarter, with Dunbar's Antonio Lyle breaking free for a 36-yard touchdown run on a fourth and 2 play that was followed by a 2-point Lyle run for the extra points. Weather conditions and staunch defensive plays on both sides of the line of scrimmage limited the two teams to less than 200 yards of total offense, including only 12 passing yards.

Dunbar was led by the All-Metro Baltimore area sack leader, junior defensive lineman Brian Collins, senior all-purpose back and All-Metro wide receiver Antonio Lyde, and All-Metro first teamer Maurice Cocolough, a senior offensive lineman.

Longtime assistant coach and defensive coordinator Michael Carter was appointed as the head coach in the fall and led the resilient Poets squad to one of its finest seasons in its long and storied history. Dunbar has a 37-game winning streak in place heading into 2024.

## Mergenthaler Vo-Tech

For the second time in three years, the Mergenthaler Vo-Tech Mustangs captured the 4A/3A state championship on December 2, 2023 at Navy/Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis. The Mustangs (13-1) defeated last year's state champion, North Point High School



of Charles County, 14-7 capping a tumultuous three year term for the resilient team. North Point (13-1) had its 18-game winning streak snapped Saturday while Mervo allowed just two touchdowns in its five 4A/3A playoff matches.

Led by head coach Patrick Nixon, the Mustangs mantra was "Together" and the Mervo team showed it repeatedly, recording 9 shutouts and outscoring opponents 514-43. In the finals, Mervo came back from a 7-0 deficit to defeat the Eagles, who they scrimmaged in the pre-season to a scoreless tie. North Point scored its fewest point of the season in the championship game, and the 14 points Mervo scored were the most that the Eagles surrendered all year.

Senior Bobby Johnson scored two touchdowns, including a 31-yard reception late in the fourth quarter as Mervo defeated the previously undefeated Eagles. Junior Second Team All Metro defensive back Kasir Hicks helped to lead a stingy defense that allowed only 6 points in the prior 4 state playoff games while Coach Nixon ended his 12th season with a 104-39 record.



## Ben Eaton, Sr. Championship Awards, continued

### Oakdale High School

The undefeated Oakdale Bears (14-0) beat Frederick County rival Linganore for the second time this past year to capture the Class 3A championship on December 2nd at Navy/Marine Corps Stadium. The 42-35 victory earned Oakdale its second state championship, following a crushing loss in last year's state final game. Led by three D1-bound All-County performers, the Bears averaged over 41 points in their last 10 games of the season.

All-County Defensive Player of the Year Dom Nichols and Co-Offensive All-County

Players of the Year Evan Austin and Hunter Thompson were a part of a team that boasted 3 other first team All-County selections and 6 second team All-County performers. Austin and Thompson accounted for 454 of the Bears' 501 yards of total offense in the final game, which scored on seven of their nine drives during the game.

Head Coach Kurt Stein completed his fourteenth year at the helm of the program, and earned the 2023 Baltimore Ravens Coach of the Year honors.



## Special Recognition College Football Hall of Fame

Former Shepherd University football coach Monte Cater was inducted during the 65th NFF Annual Awards Dinner in Las Vegas on December 5, 2023 as one of four head coaches who joined 18 All-American first-team players in this year's class. Cater is the first person from Shepherd to enter the College Football Hall of Fame.

Monte Cater retired following the 2017 season as the nation's winningest active football coach across all NCAA levels, notching 275 victories in 37 seasons — six at Lakeland University (Wis.) and 31 at Shepherd — as he earned wins in more than 70 percent of his games.

Cater's teams made 13 postseason appearances (two in NAIA and 11 in NCAA Division II) during his career, and his teams appeared 16 times in the final national rankings. In 2015, he led Shepherd to the Division II championship game, finishing as the national runner-up. His teams claimed three Super Region One titles, and Shepherd led the nation in rushing defense each year from 2011-14.

Cater earned conference coach of the year honors 13 times during his career, won at least a share of 17 conference titles (13 in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, four in the Mountain East), and had the most victories and coaching titles in WVIAC history.

Cater posted winning records during each of his final 14 years with the Rams. He posted six undefeated regular seasons, including his last three from 2015-17, and his 245-93-1 record at Shepherd makes him the winningest coach in school history.

Cater has been inducted into the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame (2020), the Shepherd Hall of Fame (2007) and the Millikin Athletics Hall of Fame (1999).



## James Margraff Coaches Award

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The Greater Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation created The James Margraff Coaches Award to honor Jim Margraff and his service as the longtime coach of the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays and former Football Foundation board member.

Margraff, who was named as the Division III AFCA National Coach of the Year and the D3football.com National Coach of the Year in 2018, died suddenly on January 2, 2019 at age 58.

Margraff achieved a record of 221-89-3 over 29 years, making him the program's all-time leader. His 221 victories are the most by any college football coach in state history and ranked third among active Division III coaches. Margraff led the Blue Jays to the NCAA playoffs ten times, including the last nine years of his career.

Jim Margraff's legacy was shaped by his work as a coach and mentor of his players and staff. We believe his memory is best served by an award to a coach or assistant coach, be it college or high school in our chapter area who has distinguished himself and his team through the demonstration of the character and principles ("Pride and Poise") that shaped his career.



### Chip Kelly

Chip Kelly, the newly appointed offensive coordinator at The Ohio State University, can trace his coaching roots to Baltimore and to the many relationships he's maintained over a thirty plus year career in football. Chip was recommended to Margraff by a mutual colleague, who was looking for a new defensive coordinator in 1993. Kelly came to Homewood for one season, but left an indelible imprint on the staff and players, exposing the traits that have earned him the reputation as an innovator, outside the box thinker and statistical analyst who changed the game well before others could grasp what he was doing. He developed a trademark reputation as the leader who was always willing to question the conventional and quick to ask 'why'. Margraff listened and watched Kelly's enthusiasm spill onto everyone, and as he remarked over the years, gave him the confidence to try things new and avoid the complacency that can invade a coaching philosophy that spans decades. Chip also invited Margraff to numerous training camps to renew their friendship, seek each other's input and share the joy that coaching brings to life. To this day, Chip has never forgotten the latitude that Margraff gave him to experiment, debate strategies and keep the game fun for his players.

Many know Chip's history of success at New Hampshire, Oregon, UCLA and at two NFL franchises, and may be a little surprised at his "step back" to the offensive coordinator position at OSU. However, the people closest to him, including his wife and new boss, Ryan Day, who served on Chip's prior staffs of four teams, have witnessed Chip's glee at the transition back to the daily coaching routine from the team CEO position, in one of the most turbulent times in college sports.

We are so fortunate that Chip has returned to Baltimore to be honored in the name of one of the people he has said is one of the great coaching minds in the sport and is willing to share his thoughts with our chapter members and guests.





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**NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION**  
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Football has become the emotionally integrating force of the American school and college and, to no small degree, a unique training ground for leadership in our competitive society. The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is a nationwide organization whose purposes include: the promotion of our American football game as an integral and vital part of our education processes; the encouragement of playing the game at all levels of competition – on the sandlots, in junior and senior high schools, and in colleges; and the establishment of the proper incentives and ideals for American youth consistent with high standards of sportsmanship among players. The College Football Hall of Fame honors those men who have excelled on the college playing field and contributed to society.

The Greater Baltimore Chapter is one of 120 chapters organized in the football centers of our nation. The Chapter held its first formal organized meeting on June 28, 1961. Through the efforts of such founders as Dr. George “Tank” McLaren, Harry Lawrence, John Donohue, Charley Havens, Dave Kaufman, Paul Menton, Don Kellet, Charles P. McCormick, Sr., and the Chapter’s first president, Howard “Dutch” Eyth, the foundation for the organization was formed.

Primary among its efforts, the Baltimore Chapter sponsors the annual Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner, which recognizes a scholar-athlete from each of the football-playing high schools in Baltimore City and the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, and Howard and those who have made lifetime contributions to high school or college football. The first dinner was held in 1964 at the then Sheraton Belvedere Hotel under the chairmanship of Dr. R.D. “Bo” Menton, Jr. Through the years, more than 3,775 Scholar-Athletes have been honored and over 55,000 people have attended the dinner.

Scholarships awarded have amounted to more than \$545,000. Over 600 people will attend tonight’s dinner where we will honor 77 outstanding young men. The budget for this year’s affair exceeds \$50,000, in contrast to the original year’s budget of \$3,500. The Chapter takes great pride in its dinner, which is the largest of more than 100 similar events held by Foundation chapters throughout the country. Our dinner is the only one that honors a Scholar-Athlete from each of the football-playing high schools in its chapter region.

The Chapter is also a supporter of the Baltimore Touchdown Club.

Individual memberships are \$40 per year; applications may be obtained by visiting [www.footballfoundation.org](http://www.footballfoundation.org).



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## 2024 Scholar Athletes

These scholar-athletes, representing football-playing high schools in the Baltimore metropolitan area, are selected by their respective schools primarily for their ability on the football field and in the classroom. Other factors taken into consideration include extracurricular activities, leadership, and community and church activities.

Every football-playing high school in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Carroll and Frederick Counties is invited to submit a nominee who best fits the aforementioned qualifications. The Chapter's selection committee, after careful consideration of each athlete's qualifications, will choose one individual from our five regions, who will each receive \$4,000 in scholarship support for his college education.

The regions and the schools contained in each are:

**REGION I:** Benjamin Franklin, Carver Vo-Tech, Chesapeake (BC), Dunbar, Eastern Tech, Edmondson-Westside, Forest Park, Green Street Academy, Hereford, Lake Clifton, Loch Raven, New Town, Overlea, Owings Mills, Patterson, Pikesville, Randallstown, Reginald Lewis, Sparrows Point, Southwestern, The SEED School of Maryland, Western Tech

**REGION II:** Aberdeen, Baltimore Polytechnic, Bel Air, C. Milton Wright, Catonsville, City College, Digital Harbor, Dulaney, Dundalk, Edgewood, Fallston, Franklin, Frederick Douglass, Harford Tech, Havre de Grace, Joppatowne, Kenwood, Lansdowne, Milford Mill, Mergenthaler Vo-Tech, North Harford, Parkville, Patapsco, Patterson Mill, Perry Hall, Towson, Woodlawn

**REGION III:** Annapolis, Arundel, Atholton, Broadneck, Centennial, Chesapeake (AA), Crofton, Glen Burnie, Glenelg, Hammond, Howard, Long Reach, Marriotts Ridge, Meade, Mt Hebron, North County, Northeast, Oakland Mills, Old Mill, Reservoir, River Hill, Severna Park, South River, Southern (AA), Wilde Lake

**REGION IV:** Brunswick, Catocin, Century, Francis Scott Key, Frederick, Gov. Thomas Johnson, Liberty, Linganore, Manchester Valley, Middletown, Oakdale, South Carroll, Tuscarora, Urbana, Walkersville, Westminster, Winters Mill

**REGION V:** Annapolis Area Christian, Archbishop Curley, Archbishop Spalding, Boys' Latin, Calvert Hall, Gilman, John Carroll, Loyola, McDonogh, Mount St. Joseph, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Frances, St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Paul's, St. Vincent Pallotti, Severn

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# Michael Bell

Calvert Hall College High School  
Scholar Athlete

Michael you are such an amazing gift from God. We have watched you grow into such a responsible, giving and caring young man. We wish you the best of luck in your future. We're so proud to call you our son and brother, nephew and cousin.

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You are the true definition of a student-athlete as you aspire for perfection in the classroom, on the field, and on the mic. As the voice of Calvert Hall, you inspire others to live their dream of becoming a Hallman.

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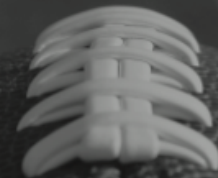
# Liam Cooke

Glenn High School Scholar Athlete

Dear Liam,

**Congratulations! We are so proud of all you've accomplished. Your dedication, hard work and perseverance have been remarkable to witness. We can't wait to see what the future has in store for you.**

**Our love always,  
Mom, Dad and Christian**





## 2024 SCHOLAR ATHLETES

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### Chase Allison

**Pikesville Panthers**  
5-9 · 190 · DL

This starter for the Panthers is a team captain. He is in the top 33% of his class. He participates in multiple sports including track and lacrosse.



### Hayden Askew

**Manchester Valley Mavericks**  
5-9 · 160 · OLB/WR

A starter and team captain, he won second team All-County honors for both outside linebacker and wide receiver. He is in the top 20% of his class. He plays baseball and is a Special Olympics assistant.



### Michael Bell

**Calvert Hall Cardinals**  
5-10 · 175 · WR

A starter for the Cardinals, he is in the top 25% of his class and a National and Spanish Honor Society member. He runs track and is a Peer Ministry Leadership team member and is the Voice of Calvert Hall for their ads.



### Gabriel Berzins

**St. Mary's Saints**  
6-2 · 265 · OL

Ranked in the top 5% of his class, this starter and team captain was named All-MIAA. He is a member of multiple Honor Societies, is School President and a Parvus Scholar. He wrestles, does track and will play football at Johns Hopkins University.



### Grant Brown

**Brunswick Railroaders**  
5-9 · 195 · LB

Ranked first in his class, this starter and team captain was named first team 1A West All-Region and was a 2022 Frederick All-County honorable mention. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society.



### Raymond Chapman Jr.

**Arundel Wildcats**  
5-11 · 210 · LB

A captain for the Wildcats, he is a first team All-County linebacker, a Super 22 and played in the Baltimore Touchdown Club game. Raymond is in the top 20% of his class, is a regular member of the Honor Roll, and is a volunteer youth football coach.



### Christopher Coleman

**Broadneck Bruins**  
6-3 · 190 · P/K

Ranked in the top 10% of his class and an AP Scholar with Distinction, this accomplished punter and kicker was named to the BTC All-Star Team, the 4A All-State first team and the All-County team. As a junior he set a state record for FGs in a season with 14 and was named first team All-Metro.



### Dallas Conway

**Perry Hall Gators**  
5-9 · 170 · RB/DB

This starter and captain for the Perry Hall Gators is an All-County athlete and All-County running back. He ranks in the top 33% of his class and is a member of the track team.



### Liam Cooke

**Glenelg Gladiators**  
5-11 · 205 · OL

This team captain is a 3-year varsity starter who was named first team 2A West All-Region and honorable mention All-County. He is a member of the National Honor Society, does track and is a student Intern at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.



### Nehemiah Covington

**Franklin Indians**  
5-10 · 260 · OL

A starter and team captain, he is a first team All-County and first team 3A North All-Region selection. He ranks in the top 20% of his class and does both indoor and outdoor track.



### Tye'Shawn Cox

**Mervo Mustangs**  
5-10 · 150 · WR

From the Mervo Mustangs, this starter and captain is a first team 4A/3A All-State and All Baltimore City selection. He is in the top 20% of his class, runs indoor and outdoor track and is a peer tutor and mentor.



### Sean Crowley

**Boys' Latin Lakers**  
6-4 · 280 · OL

Ranked in the top 10% of his class, this starter and team captain was named MIAA All-Conference, Private Schools Division II All-State and Maryland Super 22. He is a member of the National Honor Society and wrestles. Sean will be playing football at the Naval Academy.



**Kam Custis**  
**Kenwood High School**  
**Scholar Athlete**

*Kam, We are so proud of the young man you have become. Continue to put God first and everything else will follow. You are a man of God and destined for greatness.*

*Love you, Mommy & Daddy.*



**Brody Fitzkee**

**Fallston High School Scholar Athlete**

We are so proud of you and your academic and athletic accomplishments. Your dedication and perseverance are truly remarkable, and we are in awe of the incredible young man you've become.

Your achievements, coupled with your kindness and humility, inspire us endlessly. As you embark on new adventures, we are always here to support and cheer you on. Your future is bright, and we can't wait to witness the amazing things you will achieve. Congratulations on your National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete nomination.

You are so deserving of this honor!

**Dad, Mom and Bryn**

*Congratulations Ryan,  
on your nomination!!!*

**Ryan Fowlkes**  
**Woodlawn Senior High School**  
**Scholar Athlete**

**Your hard work and dedication to your education and sportsmanship has not gone unnoticed. It is incredible to watch you on your journey into adulthood and encouraging to see the determination and resilience in your heart. Always remember you are so loved and we are so very proud of you.**

**Your Family & Entourage**

**Connor Gaines**  
*Gilman High School Scholar Athlete*

Congratulations Connor on your successful senior year of academics and football!!

Bring out the claws and let's hear you roar!!  
Go Pards! Beat Lehigh.

**Love Mom and Dad and Ava.**





## 2024 SCHOLAR ATHLETES



### **Kameron Custis**

**Kenwood Bluebirds**  
6-3 · 240 · RB/LB

A starter and captain for the Bluebirds he is an All Baltimore County Region 1 linebacker selection. He is in the top 20% of his class, is on the Baltimore County All-Academic team and is a member of Minds in Motion.



### **De'Shawn Daniel**

**Lake Clifton Lakers**  
6-1 · 235 · TE/LB

A starter and captain for the Lake Clifton Lakers, he ranks in the top half of his class. He is an Honor Roll student, plays lacrosse, and is a member of the track and field team.



### **Jacob Dell**

**Francis Scott Key Eagles**  
6-2 · 215 · OL/DL

With a weighted GPA that ranks first in his class, this team captain and two-way starter was named first team All-County. He is a member of multiple Honor Societies and a National Merit Commended Scholar. Jacob is captain of both the wrestling and track teams and will play football at MIT.



### **Sean Dubiel**

**North County Knights**  
5-10 · 175 · WR/DB

This starter for the Knights and captain is ranked in the top 20% of his class. He also plays varsity baseball while balancing two jobs and has a college academic scholarship offer.



### **Jaylen Etheridge**

**Long Reach Lightning**  
6-1 · 175 · WR

A team captain and four-year starter for the Lightning, he is a two-time selection at All-County wide receiver and a 4A/3A East All-Region wide receiver. He ranks in the top 25% of his class and runs indoor and outdoor track. Jaylen will attend Villanova University.



### **Wyatt Ferguson**

**Chesapeake Cougars (Anne Arundel)**  
6-4 · 285 · OL

This starter and team captain is a two-time first team All-County player. He is ranked in the top 15% of his class and is a member of the National Honor Society. He throws the shot and discus in track and will be attending the Naval Academy.



### **Brody Fitzkee**

**Fallston Cougars**  
6-1 · 175 · WR

A starter for the Cougars and honorable mention All-County, he is in the top 33% of his class. He is a National and Spanish Honor Society member. He plays basketball and lacrosse and volunteers with Our Daily Bread.



### **Ryan Fowkes**

**Woodlawn Warriors**  
5-9 · 210 · RB/LB

This starter and captain led the team in rushing and rushing touchdowns and was second in sacks. He ranks in the top half of his class. He is a Mother Mary Lange Youth Award Recipient and volunteered with his former youth football team.



### **Connor Gaines**

**Gilman Greyhounds**  
6-5 · 255 · OL

A starter and captain for the Greyhounds, he is an All MIAA A Conference selection. He plays lacrosse and is on the Church of the Nativity Student Leadership Board. Connor will play football for Lafayette College this fall.



### **Wyatt Gearhart**

**Walkersville Lions**  
6-0 · 190 · LB

This starter and captain for the Lions is an All-County linebacker, is in the top 20% of his class, is a member of the National Honor Society, is a basketball player and coaches youth football and basketball.



### **Cody Geiman**

**Winters Mill Falcons**  
5-11 · 235 · DL

Dedication and academic prowess are reflected in his three years playing football and his top 33% rank. Cody also has a three-year tenure with the Winters Mill powerlifting team.



### **Brady George**

**Hereford Bulls**  
6-3 · 255 · OL/DL

Ranked in the top 5% of his class, this starter and team captain is a two-way lineman named first team All-State 2A Defensive Line. He is a member of multiple Honor Societies, an AP Scholar with Distinction, a captain of the basketball team, and will play college football at MIT.



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## **Jalen Jones**

### **Westminster High School Scholar Athlete**

Being in this moment with you is evidence that you understood the mission of what it takes to embrace the path of a student athlete. Many thought we were strange to have the conversation with you around expectations of balancing your academics and school work with football when you decided to play at the age of 5. That is not to say there were not struggles along the way with both. Watching your dedication to both as you embarked on your high school career and throughout that journey was impressive and an ongoing proud moment for us. Your focus on your school has led you to this moment and is providing you great opportunities for your future. The same can be said for your high school football career and the off-field work you put in that led to a successful career over the past four years with no injuries. As you prepare to conclude your high school journey, we want you to know you have made us extremely proud of the young man you have become and the example you provide for your brother. We love you and look forward to the many other achievements you gain in your tremendously bright future!!

**Asbury & LaToya Jones**





### Daniel Goering

**Marriotts Ridge Mustangs**  
6-2 · 225 · OL

This starter and team captain for the Mustangs was named second team All-County. He ranks in the top 5% of his class. He is also the lead organizer of Level the Playing Field collecting sports equipment for underserved youth.



### Jacob Grimes

**Wilde Lake Wildcats**  
6-3 · 195 · WR/LB

This starter and captain was honorable mention All-County and is in the top 10% of his class. He is in the National Honor Society, plays basketball, baseball and track, and may play football in the Ivy League.



### Christian Hallums

**Mt. Hebron Vikings**  
5-9 · 165 · RB

A starter for the Vikings, he was named 3A All-State and All-County and has a 3.5 GPA. He will earn an associates degree in cyber security in August. He runs a blazing 10.7-second 100m dash in track.



### Charles Hammond

**Bel Air Bobcats**  
6-1 · 170 · WR/DB

This team captain and two-way starter was named second team All-County. Ranked at the top of his class, he is a National and Science National Honor Society member. He also plays basketball and runs track and volunteers at the local hospital.



### Neal Harricharan

**Harford Tech Cobras**  
5-9 · 175 · OL

Ranking second in a class of 241 students, this starter was named first team All-County. He is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Math, Science, English and Social Studies National Honor Societies. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a tutor for chemistry and calculus.



### Justin Harvey

**Concordia Preparatory Saints**  
5-6 · 170 · RB

This starter and captain is ranked first in his class. He is a National Honor Society and National Science Honor Society member, received the Rensselaer Medal Award, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He is on the track team and edits the Writing and Arts Journal.



### Camron Holloway

**Reginald F. Lewis Falcons**  
5-11 · 155 · WR/DB

This captain for the Reginald F. Lewis Falcons is in the top 20% of his class. He plays lacrosse and runs track, and is a member of the concert band.



### Gregory Hrica

**Eastern Tech Mavericks**  
6-4 · 240 · OL/DL

This team captain was a valuable two-way starter, carries a weighted GPA over 5 and is a member of the National Honor Society and National Science Honor Society. He plays Varsity Basketball and Lacrosse.



### Chidima Iziogo

**Century Knights**  
5-10 · 243 · OL/DL

A starter and captain for the Knights, he was an All-County selection. He is on the wrestling and track and field teams and is active with his church and the local youth football program. With a National Merit scholarship he plans to play football in college.



### Chaynece Jackson

**Milford Mill Millers**  
6-3 · 190 · LB/DB

A captain for the Millers, he is a two-way starter, is in the top 20% of his class, and runs the 100-meter and the 200-meter sprints for the track team.



### Jalen Jones

**Westminster Owls**  
6-2 · 275 · OL/DL

This starter and captain of the Westminster Owls is first team 3A West All Region and first team All-County and is a Super 22 selection. He is in the top 33% of his class, plays lacrosse and has earned 166 community service hours.



### Mason Joyner

**City College Knights**  
6-0 · 225 · LB

This starter for the City Knights is in the top 20% of his class, has scholarships from multiple universities, is president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a captain of the lacrosse team.

# Roman Kaminski

**Dulaney High School Scholar Athlete**

Roman, Congratulations on all your accomplishments! We are in awe as you continue to show perseverance, determination, and zeal to achieve your goals.

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While becoming a young man, you have also become a good person. Always be respectful, be coachable, and be "all in" for whatever you pursue. You have not let any obstacles keep you from doing what you felt you were meant to do. So, keep that mindset. This is just the start. We are excited to sit back and enjoy this journey that you are about to take. Your future is waiting for you to be GREAT. Walk your path knowing YOU are not alone and Always put GOD first. Have Dreams, Set Goals, and Achieve. We Love You,

Mom, Dad, and Joshua

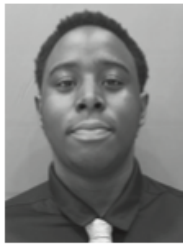
# Christian Leith

*Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Poly)  
Scholar Athlete*

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*Best wishes in the future to all nominees,  
the Leith Family of Baltimore City*





### Reynold Kalule

Overlea Falcons  
6-4 · 320 · OL

This valuable lineman for the Falcons was a starter and team captain and was named first team All County, a BTC All-Star, and first team 3A North All-Region. He also plays lacrosse and does track.



### Roman Kaminski

Dulaney Lions  
6-3 · 190 · TE/DL

Ranked in the top 10% of his class, this team captain and two way starter was named All Division Baltimore County. He is a member of the National Honor Society, plays lacrosse and is captain of the wrestling team where he was a state qualifier.



### Jacob Kinney

St. Paul's Crusaders  
6-2 · 210 · OL/DL

This two-way starter and captain for the Crusaders is in the top 5% of his class. He plays lacrosse, is in the National Spanish Honor Society. He is the student body vice president and a peer tutor and mentor.



### Jonas Kligys

Loyola Blakefield Dons  
6-2 · 215 · LB

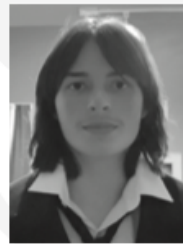
A starter for the Dons, he was All-MIAA A Conference, second team All-Metro, and second team Division I All-State. He is in the top 10% of his class and a member of the National Honor Society. He plays lacrosse and is a Business Club member.



### Jayon Knox

Forest Park Foresters  
5-6 · 180 · RB/LB

Ranked in the Top 5% of his class, this team captain and valuable two-way starter played in the Eastern Shore All Star Bowl. He is also captain of the wrestling team where he was a state qualifier.



### Christian Leith

Poly Engineers  
6-0 · 175 · DL

With academic recognition through a West Virginia University Academic scholarship, he exemplifies scholarly excellence while playing football. His dedication to academic pursuits shines through his SAT scores and 4.15 GPA.



### Steven Liang

Loch Raven Raiders  
5-8 · 187 · OL/DL

A two-way starter, this Raider is in the top 15% of his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society, plays varsity lacrosse, and is in the chess club.



### Jeter Luna

Patterson Clippers  
6-4 · 290 · OL/DL

A starter and captain, he is in the top 15% of his class. He is the vice president of the National Honor Society, captain of the swimming and baseball teams. Jeter has over 250 volunteer hours in the Jonathan Ogden Club, is a life guard, and is a bi-lingual translator for his teams and clubs.



### Aydin Masood

River Hill Hawks  
6-0 · 175 · OL/DL

A two-year starter for the River Hill Hawks, he is a member of the National Honor Society and an AP Scholar with Honors. He is the Executive Vice President of FBLA and is a two-time FBLA national finalist.



### Ramire McPhail

Sparrows Point Pointers  
5-7 · 160 · RB/LB

A two-way starter, he is also on wrestling, tennis, and track teams. He is a saxophone player in the marching band. He will attend Stevenson University on a merit scholarship and hopes to play football.



### Nick Meadows

St. Vincent Pallotti Panthers  
6-1 · 275 · OL

This starter and captain is in the top 20% of his class and won the Principal's Award. He throws shotput and discus for the track team and volunteers as a youth football coach.



### Joe Murphy Jr.

Archbishop Spalding Cavaliers  
5-11 · 205 · LB

This Cavalier is in the top 10% of his class, is a member of multiple honor societies and is the published author of "Who's Not Talking" which was shared with children in Ghana.



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## Jack Pumphrey IV

Severn School Scholar Athlete

Jack, To be nominated for such a distinguished award is such an honor. You are among a select group of young men who have met such criteria. You have worked very hard both academically and on the field, therefore, it is so very exciting to see you receive this recognition. We are beyond proud and happy for you and look forward to seeing what future opportunities unfold.

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### Andrew Nelson

**Liberty Lions**  
6-3 • 205 • TE/DL

This two-way player is in the top 15% of his class. A member of the National Honor Society, he is an L. Roland Sturm Scholar and AP Scholar. He plays baseball and is a student government representative.



### Kikiope Obayemi

**Parkville Knights**  
5-10 • 195 • LB

This starter and captain for the Knights is a two-time All-Division performer and led the team in tackles. He is in the top 25% of his class, is a regular on the Honor Roll, and plays lacrosse and track.



### Daniel Ogordi

**Atholton Raiders**  
6-0 • 185 • DB/WR

This team captain and two-way starter was named first team All County and 3A West All Region. He is in the top 10% of his class, a member of the National Honor Society, wrestles and does track. Daniel will be playing football at Army.



### Winston Okeke

**Randalstown Rams**  
6-1 • 170 • DB

A team captain and valuable starter, he was named first team All-County and 2A/1A East All-Region. He is in the top 20% of his class, does indoor and outdoor track, and is a member of the African Student Association.



### Subusola Olopade

**Northeast Eagles**  
5-6 • 160 • RB

A starter and first team 3A South All-Region selection, he ranks in the top 20% of his class. He is a National Honor Society member and on the track and field team. He is taking classes half time at the local community college while also working.



### Titobiloluwa Omideyi

**Patapsco Patriots**  
5-11 • 206 • OL/DL

A two-way starter, he ranks in the top 20% of his class. He is a National and Tri-M National Music Honor Society member. He is wrestling team captain, is on the track team, and plays lacrosse. He sings and performs in multiple school band and choir groups and volunteers with the food pantry.



### Noah Onkst

**McDonogh Eagles**  
6-0 • 205 • LB

This team captain is a two-time Baltimore Sun All Metro Player (first team Defense 2023, second team Defense 2022) and two-time All-MIAA A Conference selection. As a wrestler, he was 1st team All-Metro and won the MIAA 195-pound class last year. He will play football at Amherst College.



### Tyler Ottensmeyer

**North Harford Hawks**  
5-8 • 150 • WR/LB

A two-way starter, this Hawk is in the top 10% of his class. He takes multiple AP classes, is a member of the French Club and plays lacrosse. He plans to pursue engineering or medicine in college.



### Kaden Owens

**Dunbar Poets**  
6-3 • 190 • DB

This starter for the state champion Poets is in the top 25% of his class and tutors his teammates in study hall. He participates in swimming and track and field. He teaches swimming to children and is a lifeguard.



### Shalom Owolabi

**Lansdowne Vikings**  
6-3 • 215 • OL/DL

A starter for the Vikings, he is in the top 10% of the class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is on the basketball and track teams. He volunteers for Faith Triumph Ministries International.



### Jack Pumphrey IV

**Severn Admirals**  
5-9 • 200 • LB

Ranked in the Top 10% of his class, this starter and team captain was named first team All-MIAA. He is a member of the National Honor Society and plays lacrosse. He is also an Eagle Scout and a Black Belt in Taekwondo.



### Caleb Richardson

**New Town Titans**  
5-11 • 160 • QB/DB

This two-way starter is a captain for the Titans. Beyond the gridiron, his athleticism extends to the baseball diamond, reflecting his multifaceted talents.



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**Jackson Ritter****South River Seahawks**  
**6-4 · 210 · TE**

A starter and team captain, he is a second team All-County and first team 3A South All-Region selection. His athletic versatility extends through his participation in basketball, lacrosse, and wrestling.

**William Roberson****Catonsville Comets**  
**6-1 · 170 · WR/TE/DB**

A two-way starter and two-time team captain, he was named second team All-Division and team MVP. He is ranked in the top 15% of his class, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is captain of both the basketball and lacrosse teams. He will study engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Lucas Seifert****C. Milton Wright Mustangs**  
**6-3 · 225 · TE/DL**

This four-year starter is in the top 15% of his class. He is an AP Scholar, is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and plays lacrosse. He is a lifeguard and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

**Adam Shefcheck****Patterson Mill Huskies**  
**6-0 · 215 · LB**

This starter and team captain was named second team All Metro Defense, first team 1A All-State, and first team All-County. He is in the top 25% of his class, is treasurer of the French Honor Society, and plays basketball and lacrosse.

**Omari Sheppard****Western Tech Wolverines**  
**5-11 · 207 · RB/LB**

A starter and team captain for the Wolverines, he is a second team All-County selection. His leadership prowess extends beyond the field, resonating throughout the school community.

**Griffin Sheridan****Middletown Knights**  
**5-10 · 165 · RB/DB**

This team captain and key two-way player gained over 1,000 yards rushing and scored 10 TDs and was first team All-County Defense. He is first in his class and a National and Science Honor Society member and plays lacrosse. He volunteers as a youth football camp counselor and with the Salvation Army.

**Kyrie Sherrod****Edmondson Redstorm**  
**5-10 · 190 · WR**

This starter for the Redstorm ranks in the top 33% of his class. He is also a three-year varsity basketball player, all of which speaks volumes about his dedication and athleticism.

**Benjamin Shutt****John Carroll Patriots**  
**6-3 · 205 · TE/LB**

This team captain and two-way starter was named first team All-MIAA B Conference. He ranks in the top 10% of his class and is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. He plays baseball and was awarded a 4-year ROTC full scholarship.

**Sean Tetteh****Oakdale Bears**  
**5-9 · 230 · OL**

This starter and team captain for the Bears was named first team All-County and first team 3A All State. He is ranked in the top 15% of his class and does shot put and discus for the track team and plans to study computer science.

**Caesar Travers****Edgewood Rams**  
**6-2 · 205 · QB**

A starter and team captain, he is a two-time first team All-County selection and in the upper half of his class. He is on the indoor and outdoor track and field team. He coaches youth football and also tutors.



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### **Challenger Valentine Jr.**

**Dundalk Owls**  
**6-1 • 180 • WR/DB**

A starter and captain for the Owls, he is an All-County performer, BTC All-Star, and ranks first in his class. He runs indoor and outdoor track and was a Track and Field Nike 2022 All-American.



### **Winston Watkins**

**Mount St. Joseph Gaels**  
**6-6 • 235 • QB**

This two-time All MIAA A Conference selection is a starter and captain for the Gaels. He ranks in the top 33% of his class and throws discus for the track team. Winston will play football for Towson University on a full scholarship.



### **Rashad Whitehurst**

**Carver Bears**  
**5-9 • 170 • DB**

This starter and captain is first team All City and first 2A/1A East All-Region and in the top 20% of his class. He is a four year letterman in indoor and outdoor track. He will play football next year at McPherson College.



### **Jonah Wilson**

**Towson Generals**  
**6-0 • 195 • RB/LB**

A talented two-way starter and team captain, he was named All Division Running Back and All Division Outside Linebacker. Jonah has several college football offers he is considering.



### **Thomas Winfield Jr.**

**Owings Mills Eagles**  
**5-10 • 150 • DB**

This Eagles Unsung Hero winner is a starter and team captain, and ranks in the top 10% of his class. He plays lacrosse and track and is in the theater. Thomas is in the robotics club and plans to play football in college.



### **Christian Wright**

**Chesapeake Bayhawks (BC)**  
**6-2 • 185 • WR/DB**

This Bayhawks captain and two-way starter is ranked in the top 33% of his class. He is on the basketball and baseball teams.



### **Isaiah Yates**

**Archbishop Curley Friars**  
**6-1 • 205 • LB**

A starter and captain for the Friars, this All-MIAA B Conference selection ranks in the top half of his class. He is on the basketball team, is a member of the Black Student Union, and will attend the United States Naval Academy.

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