

2019-2020 Badger Athletic Recognition

Spring marks the time of year when we recognize our student-athletes. These students spend countless hours in the gym, weightroom, track, golf course, wrestling room, on the field, road and trails. They are able to balance academics, sports, and family life. Our school year has not ended the way we had all envisioned. Our spring sports were just getting started. It is disheartening. This article may not be as personal as our end of the year awards banquet, but it is a way to give proper recognition to our student-athletes for their dedication to Badger athletics. We are so proud of our student-athletes at Cascade High School. These individuals have accomplished many personal as well as team goals throughout the 2019-2020 athletic season.

Athlete of the Year

The Cascade Athlete of the Year award is given to one female and male student-athlete who meets specific criteria. These students must participate and letter in a sport each season; be nominated by two or more head coaches; and receive the most points earned off of athletic awards and/or achievements. The 2019-2020 Athlete of the Year goes to:

Shelbie Jackson and Caden Crowell



Fall Sports

Cross-Country:

Most Improved - Lexi Mortag

Lexi's hard work and perseverance created the opportunity for her to set personal records throughout the season. According to Coach Perry, Lexi improved her over all time throughout the season by 6 minutes and 2 seconds.

Leadership Award - Kaitlynn Lummer

According to Coach Perry, Kaitlynn is a great role model for her teammates. She could always be counted on to help guide the team throughout the season.

The Scrappy Badger - Lily Grismer

The scrappy badger is an award given to the toughest runner who also showed the most grit. According to Coach Perry, Lily showed up to each cross-country meet ready to compete and fought for all that she could get.

Football:

All-Conference Honorable Mention - Teagan Jorgensen

Badger Pride Award - Teagan Jorgensen

According to Coach Fredrickson, "Teagan is our best all-around player. He has scored more and tackled more than any other player. He was our only All-Conference player. He has continued to excel in the weight room and is excited about what next season could bring".

Lineman Award - River Hanson

According to Coach Fredrickson, "River has developed into a player who is dedicated to being the best lineman he can possibly be. At one point in Jr. High he played QB. I think he feels he is a better lineman than a QB and understands how important and difficult playing the line is".

Most Inspirational Award - Kaden Shelton

According to Coach Fredrickson, "Kaden has led the way for this team for the past two years. He is dedicated and believes in his teammates. Kaden's dedication and leadership were on display this season as he battled some significant injuries to continue to play for his team".

Volleyball:

All-State - Shelbie Jackson

1st Team All-Conference - Shelbie Jackson

Most Valuable Player - Shelbie Jackson

According to Coach Cooper, Shelbie led the team in points scored and defensive stops. She had big plays all season long. Shelbie also served as a captain during her junior and senior seasons. It has been a pleasure watching her develop her skills during her high school career.

Most Improved - Bailee Jones

From the start of high school to the end of the season, Bailee has been acknowledged for improving the most. According to Coach Cooper, Bailee is so aggressive and exciting to watch while on the court. Bailee is a great teammate and is an asset to Badger volleyball.

Team Player - Grae Gould

According to Coach Cooper, Grae always puts the team first. She never complains and always does whatever is asked to benefit the team. Grae sacrifices personal achievement for team success. She can play and make an impact anywhere on the court. Grae is a very smart player and a great teammate.

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball:

According to our coaches, Roger Hatler and Mike Moore, one of the highlights of the season was beating two time district champion Heart Butte twice in the regular season. Cascade was the only team in the district to accomplish this feat. Basketball is truly the ultimate team sport. Success can not come without teammates giving it their best. That being said, we had 3 individual awards for players and it was a difficult task as the whole team gave great effort and showed improvement.

All-State - Ryan Bogden

1st Team All-Conference - Ryan Bogden

2nd Team All-Conference - James Lewis

Top Rebounder Award - Gabe Waters

This was Gabe's first year in High School basketball and his athleticism and control of the boards kept the Badgers in many games. We look forward to more of the same next season as Gabe will certainly be a force to be reckoned with.

Top offensive Player - James Lewis

He is only a freshman and a great competitor. Even though he is still very young, he was very instrumental in keeping the team in many games with his scoring ability. It will be a treat for Badger fans to have James on the squad for 3 more years. James received 2nd team all-conference and was the 2nd leading vote getter for that award.

Most Valuable Player - Ryan Bogden

The only returning starter from last year, Ryan has more skills than most players in the conference. He is a great shooter, passer, ball handler and rebounder. He undoubtedly put in more time than the average player to accomplish what he did. The other coaches in the district also recognized his leadership as he was voted 1st team all-conference and 1st team all-state. He is one of the best players ever to wear a Badger uniform and will be missed next season.

Thanks to all who supported the team, they were fun to watch and certainly fun to coach.

Girls Basketball:

According to Coach Mortag, this year was a success. "We beat Simms and Great Falls Central for the first time in four years and finished third in the regular season. We are looking forward to next season. Thanks to all the fans and all those who support the Badgers".

1st Team All-Conference - Shelbie Jackson

2nd Team All-Conference - Jessy Barger

Caybree Ludvigson

Most Valuable Player - Shelbie Jackson

Shelbie Jackson was our MVP for the year not just because of her stats, but because of her leadership on and off the court. If we needed a big bucket or a key defensive stop we could count on Shelbie.

Most Improved - Gracie Orem

Gracie Orem was our Most Improved player. She was a joy to coach. She was always asking for ways to become better. She would come in early in the morning to work on her shot. She is fearless in driving to the basket.

Defensive Player of the Year - Grace Satterwhite

Grace would always guard the toughest opponent. She would frustrate their top scorer and do a great job of limiting their points. According to Coach Mortag, Grace would sacrifice her offensive game to play outstanding defense.

Wrestling:

5th Place State - Caden Crowell

1st Place Divisionals/All-Conference - Caden Crowell

3rd Place Divisionals/All-Conference - Connor Sawyer
Nate Wadlow

Most Valuable Wrestler - Caden Crowell

Caden placed at every tournament but CMR and was one match from placing there. He led the team in wins and team points. Caden was nominated as the Outstanding Wrestler at the Badger as well as being the Divisional Champ. He also placed 5th at State. According to Coach Lorang, Caden ended up being the team leader through his performance on the mat.

Most Improved - Connor Sawyer

Connor went from not placing at any tournaments before Christmas to placing in two after Christmas. He placed 3rd at Divisionals and his technique and mat attitude in the last few tournaments were completely focused, which helped earn him All-Conference.

Badger Pride/Coaches Award - Nate Wadlow

According to Coach Lorang, Nate's work ethic in practice was always on full throttle and made others around him better. He placed 5th at the Badger and 3rd at Divisionals. Nate always did everything the coaches asked.

Thank you to all of our Coaches who spend countless hours during the season and off-season to serve as coaches and mentors to our students. Your investment in their lives is unmeasurable. Thank you to all of our loyal Badger supporters. You travel near and far to fill the gyms and sidelines to help spread Badger Pride. A special thank you goes out to Northwestern Energy, Cascade Boosters, and the Black and Gold Committee for their generous support of Cascade School and investment in our future.