



## 2026 Boston Bruins-MIAA Sportsmanship Award Recipients

For the 24th consecutive year, the MIAA and Boston Bruins have partnered to honor a student-athlete from boys and girls high school ice hockey leagues across the state for best exemplifying a commitment to sportsmanship throughout the season. These student-athletes were selected by representatives of their league according to the following award criteria:

- An exemplary record of complying, both in spirit and letter, with all league and MIAA rules and regulations during the season.
- A demonstrated record of respectfully accepting the rulings of game officials.
- A record of conduct, on and off the ice, that brings honor to self, team, school, and community.
- A commitment to teamwork by providing all members with recognition of their talents, an opportunity to contribute to the team, and a spirit of camaraderie.
- A demonstrated respect for opponents before, during, and after games.

**Sophia Luoni**

**Natick High School '27**

*"Sophia is a three-sport athlete at Natick high School. Hockey is her number one passion. She is a 2-year captain of the Natick High School girls' varsity hockey team. Sophia is a member of the National Honor Society. Sophia volunteers and helps the youth hockey programs in Natick. She brings her passion and love for hockey to every practice. As a captain, she is a strong leader on and off the ice and respected by all her teammates. Sophia is a courageous and strong young lady. She lost her dad to cancer last June and dedicated last hockey season to her father Anthony Luoni. With all of life's challenges, Sophia steps up to every challenge with passion, courage, and determination."*

**-Bruce Ihloff, Head Coach**

**Elizabeth Stutzman**

**Sandwich High School '27**

*"Elizabeth is a pleasure to coach. A leader on and off the ice. Her game is complete in all 3 zones with an incredible hockey IQ. She is a 3-sport athlete playing field hockey and lacrosse as well. She is the type of athlete who makes you and the program better every day."*

**-Billy Ferreira, Head Coach**

**Georgia Murray**

**Bishop Feehan High School '27**

*"Georgia is a role model for all student-athletes, demonstrating a great work ethic as well as character and sportsmanship. Georgia is a leader on and off of the ice for her team, helping to foster a positive team culture. She is the hardest worker I have ever coached. Her teammates look up to Georgia and follow her lead. Georgia loves and respects the game. She plays the game the right way, always displaying respect for her teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials."*

**-Mike Cripps, Head Coach**

**Julia Monaghan**  
**Stoughton High School '26**

*"Julia has been a four-year member of our team and served as a captain during this past season. She has also played 4 years of field hockey and softball. She is a captain in both of those sports as well. Julia has been the consummate teammate and opponent throughout her time at Stoughton High School. She balances fierce competitiveness with a genuine love of playing, which is what educational athletics should be. She's a model for others to emulate. I hope she passes this love for sport to others through coaching some day."*

**-Chad Kelley, Head Coach**

**Caroline Burns**  
**Ursuline Academy '26**

*"Senior Captain Caroline Burns is a true example of what it means to receive this award. Caroline has exemplified leadership, sportsmanship, friendship, respect, and hard work these last four years as a Varsity athlete to her coaches, referees, teammates, and opponents. Caroline is very deserving of this honor."*

**-Lindsay Gioioso, Assistant Coach**

**Margaret Urden**  
**Lexington High School '26**

*"Margaret is a senior captain who always has a positive attitude no matter the outcome of the game. She is someone who is constantly there for her teammates and who wants the best for everyone. She is respectable both on and off the ice and a great role model for her teammates. She is a hard worker, leader, and mentor which allows her and helps make her a great team captain."*

**-Megan McNabb, Head Coach**

**Madelyn Glynn**  
**Algonquin Regional High School '26**

*"Maddy has had an outstanding attitude and work ethic for her entire 4-year varsity career with the Algonquin Girls Hockey team. She has shown the utmost respect to all teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents alike. Through the years with the program, she grew into a leader on the team and earned captaincy her senior year. She has done a tremendous job of setting a perfect example of how to play the game the "right way" for our young team, half of which are freshmen. "Glynnie" embodies all the qualities of a true sportsmanship award recipient."*

**-Will Downs, Head Coach**

**Allie Martell**  
**Shrewsbury High School '27**

*"Allie is the complete package of hockey ability, a great and supportive teammate, and a true leader on and off the ice. She respects her opponents and game officials. It's a privilege to coach a student-athlete like Allie."*

**-Frank Panarelli, Head Coach**

**Lucy Irwin**  
**Central Catholic High School '26**

*"Lucy wrapped up a stellar high school athletic career this year and unfortunately missed out finishing her hockey season due to injury. During her time at Central, she performed at an all-conference level in multiple sports. Her relentless dedication, drive, and passion in the arena and in the classroom are great examples for*

*her teammates. She has grown as a captain and leader the last few seasons, which will serve her next team well when she plays soccer on scholarship at Stonehill next fall."*

**-Ron Cardillo, Head Coach**

**Ashley Freitas  
Danvers High School '26**

*"Ashley Freitas embodies what it means to be a true student-athlete. She is competitive, selfless, always puts her team first. Whether on the ice in hockey or on the field in soccer, she leads with heart, resilience, and a level of character that makes everyone around her better.*

**-Drew Betts, Athletic Director**

**Vanessa Federico  
Hanover High School '26**

*"Vanessa is an outstanding student-athlete who is not only engaged in with her hockey team and its success this season, but she is highly involved with community service that benefits students with mental health issues."*

**-Dan Dailey, Head Coach**

**Brooke Moreno  
Dedham High School '27**

*"Brooke is hard working, passionate, and driven to succeed whether she's competing on the ice or in the classroom. She leads by example and makes everyone around her better with her positive energy and motivation. She is the ultimate teammate and any coach's dream player. She is a natural leader with her steady and calm nature both on the bench and in the locker room, and her level of respect for her teammates, coaches, officials, and opposing teams is second to none."*

**-Christine Gurskis, Head Coach**

**Brody Whalen  
Natick High School '26**

*"Brody is a senior goaltender who was to be my starter his senior year, coming off an all-star caliber junior year. Unfortunately, 2 games into the season he needed surgery to repair a torn labrum. His 2 games of the season he had 2 shutouts. He was at every game and practice post surgery helping and keeping players focused. Away from the rink, he was very active raising money for cancer research."*

**-Karl Infanger, Head Coach**

**Logan Caron  
Greenfield High School '26**

*"The epitome of a TEAMMATE, as a back-up goalie and teammate on any team, he believes in the game of Hockey and the creation of a team/family that comes with it. When he was little, he refused to play unless he was able to play goalie. As stated earlier Logan is the epitome of TEAMMATE as a back up goalie for the Green Wave varsity for the past three seasons, along with the JV starter for his high school career. Show up to every practice working as hard as he can, always with a smile on his face. Truly believing that if he works his hardest, he is making the team better. Every varsity game he dresses as the back up or even #3 goalie but assists on the bench with strategy and always lifting his teammates up. For this and many, many, many more reasons, Green Wave Hockey is proud of Logan and the contributions he has made to the program, and making it better for being part of it. Thank you Logan. You are going to do amazing things in your future."*

**-Adam Bouchard, Head Coach**

**Matt Swartz**  
**Cape Cod Regional Tech High School '27**

*"Matt Swartz has been a three-year varsity starter for the DY/Cape Cod Tech/Cape Cod Academy co-op boys hockey team. He has been a leader on and off the ice all season. Unfortunately, a concussion cut his season short, forcing him to miss the final month of the season."*

**-Lew Alberti, Head Coach**

**Chase Pelletier**  
**Pentucket Regional High School '26**

*"Chase is the kind of player every coach wants, and every team needs. He plays hard, leads quietly, and carries himself with class. Being named League MVP speaks to his talent. The sportsmanship award speaks to who he is."*

**-Dan Bly, Head Coach**

**David Tandy**  
**Archbishop Williams High School '26**

*"DJ represented the very best of sportsmanship and integrity throughout the season. He consistently honored both the spirit and letter of all league and MIAA rules and regulations, serving as a role model for teammates and competitors alike. His respect for game officials was evident in every contest, as he accepted decisions with maturity, professionalism, and composure. Both on and off the ice, DJ's conduct brought credit to himself, his team, his school, and the entire community. He embraced the true meaning of teamwork; valuing the strengths of each teammate and encouraging everyone to contribute to the group's success. Above all, he competed with class, demonstrating genuine respect for opponents before, during, and after every game. His character, leadership, and camaraderie embody what it means to wear his school's colors with pride."*

**-Sean McDonagh, Athletic Director**

**Ryan Ruzzo**  
**Northbridge High School '26**

*"Ryan represents everything our Athletic Department values both on and off the ice. His commitment to the integrity of the game, his respect for opponents and officials and showing class in victory or defeat are character traits that make him a leader. We are tremendously proud of Ryan for this well-deserved award."*

**-James Lagos, Athletic Director**

**Anthony Barbarini**  
**Agawam High School '26**

*"Anthony is our team captain and displays all the qualities of what we look for in a leader and teammate. Following his junior year, which resulted in a Western Mass championship, Anthony was selected as captain for his senior year. This season looks a little different in the standings for Agawam High School, but Anthony has done an excellent job of keeping the players positive and continuing to lead the team both vocally and by example. Anthony works hard in practice, supports all of his teammates, and makes sure everyone is involved in on and off-ice activities throughout the season. Anthony is a great student, participated in Wreaths Across America and the team's annual toy drive, and treats players, officials, coaches, teachers, and families with the highest level of respect."*

**-Todd Rowley, Head Coach**

**Thomas Cronin**  
**Malden High School '27**

*"At Malden High School, our hockey program is built on the belief that true victory is found in the character we display under pressure. This season, our student-athletes have embodied the highest standards of the MIAA, proving that respect—for officials, for opponents, and for the game itself—is just as vital as any goal scored. By prioritizing camaraderie and conducting themselves with honor both on and off the ice, this team has brought immense pride to our school and community. We are proud to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship that the Boston Bruins and the MIAA represent."*

**-Charlie Conefrey, Athletic Director**

**Jake McSweeney**  
**Stoughton High School '26**

*"Jake averaged only 4 penalties over his 4-year career. This year, he only had 2 penalties. I never saw him retaliate or do anything unsportsmanlike. He has been a 2-year captain and provided excellent leadership and set a great example for his teammates. He has had an impressive career, scoring 50 goals and 27 assists, but his sportsmanship has been his most impressive accomplishment."*

**-Dan Mark, Head Coach**

**Gabe Santos**  
**Newton South High School '28**

*"Despite being sidelined in the fall with a debilitating illness and having to miss the entire season, Gabriel Santos was a huge part of the 2025-2026 Lions. Fighting through treatments and symptoms, coming to every practice and game despite everything - he was a source of inspiration for the team every day. Just a sophomore, Gabe started the fall a leader of the program - leading by example at pre-season meetings and workouts. Though he couldn't join us on the ice this year, his presence in the locker room and passion on the bench resonated through the team. He fought a harder battle than anyone ever fights on the ice, but still showed up and actively participated in trainings, film sessions, and developing the team."*

**-Gabriel Feldstein, Head Coach**

**Grady Avila**  
**Lowell High School '26**

*"Grady has overcome personal loss to be a valuable member and leader of our team. He personified our core values of working hard; being physically and mentally tough; not making excuses; and being a great teammate. Grady truly represents the City of Lowell, Lowell High School, and our hockey program in the greatest possible light."*

**-Brian Akashian, Head Coach**

**Jack Feeney**  
**Melrose High School '26**

*"Jack has been a model leader all four years in high school. He has been the leader for both the boys' hockey and football teams. He serves the community well and makes his family and community proud."*

**-Joe Ciccarello, Head Coach**

**Gilbert Prepetit**  
**Algonquin Regional High School '26**

*"Gilbert is our team's compass, keeping us focused on our process, commitments, and ideals. He puts the game first, goes out of his way to acknowledge everyone who makes it possible to play, and is a relentless competitor. A captain, leading scorer, and emotional leader, Gilbert was not assessed a single penalty this season. His leadership, character, and commitment to fair play make him an ideal candidate for the Bruins - MIAA Sportsmanship Award."*

**-Tania Rich, Mid-Wach Hockey Chair**

**Thomas Fish**  
**Danvers High School '26**

*"Thomas represents everything you hope for in a student-athlete. He has a great work ethic, is humble in his success, and is fully committed to his teammates. Whether competing on the ice for hockey or on the course for golf at Danvers High School, he leads with consistency, character, and quiet determination."*

**-Drew Betts, Athletic Director**

**Flynn Gardner**  
**Hanover High School '26**

*"Flynn Gardner has been a dependable, quiet leader for Hanover High School in both ice hockey and lacrosse. He demonstrates a strong work ethic, steady composure, and humility in his achievements. Whether making saves in net on the ice or on the field, he consistently leads with character, reliability, and quiet determination."*

**-Jonny Abban, Head Coach**

**Lucas Matias**  
**Greater New Bedford RVTHS '26**

*"Lucas Matias didn't start skating until his junior year. He knew that the team needed a backup goaltender, so he stepped up and volunteered. During that year, he got about 30 minutes of game action. He stuck with it, knowing that he would have to be the full-time goalie his Senior year. Lucas participated in a Summer League to get some game experience. The rest is history, playing as the only goalie this season. He always gave his best effort, regardless of the score. Always a positive mindset. Fully supported his teammates. Always respected his teammates, his opponents, his coaches, and the officials. Never had anything negative to say. If he had not stepped up to play goal, we would not have had a team this season. He continued to work on his skills throughout the season, and the team was able to win 7 games."*

**-Michael Frey, Head Coach**

**Tyler Henderson**  
**East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School '26**

*"Tyler has been an outstanding leader for the East/West Bridgewater Hockey program. He has been a Captain the past 2 seasons, and is a 5-year player. He shows incredible sportsmanship on and off the ice with his teammates, coaches, officials, and opposing players. More importantly, he is a stellar person in the classroom and hallways at East Bridgewater High School, and is also a member of the National Honor Society."*

**-Phil Mahoney, Head Coach**

**Jason Gillis**

**Norwood Senior High School '26**

*“Jason Gillis is an outstanding student athlete who cares deeply for his school community and teammates. Jason was recognized as a TVL All Star in Ice Hockey, and he demonstrates respect for coaches teammates and opponents!.”*

**-Chuck Allen, Head Coach**