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Portsmouth Sports Club JAMBOREE

May 16, 2023

76th ANNUAL



The Portsmouth Sports Club's mission is to promote sports and to recognize local students, coaches, and volunteers with their special achievements in athletics.



Established in 1946

Portsmouth Sports Club Athletic Award Winners



2022 Clarence “Ace” Parker Award of Excellence Male High School Athlete Nicolas Simmons | Manor High School

Parents/Guardians: Nicole Conley
Sports: Volleyball, Track and Field, Swimming
College: US Naval Academy | Track and Field Scholarship
Track: Senior

- 2nd Triple Jump Indoor State 2022-2023
- 2nd Outdoor 2022
- 2nd LJ 2023

- 3rd Nike National in TJ Indoor 2022
- 2nd Place Finish Pentathlon, Adidas Indoor Nationals 2023

Volleyball: 1st Team All District 2nd Team All Region

Swimming: All District 3rd Eastern District Freestyle Swim

Community Service: Zoo Volunteer Church Fundraiser
Community Events



2022 Clarence “Ace” Parker Award of Excellence Female High School Athlete Llyric Driscoll | Western Branch High School

Parents/Guardians: Tanisha Driscoll
Sports: Indoor Track/ Outdoor Track/Cross Country
College: University of Illinois
Track: Senior

- High Jump, Triple Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put
- 55 Meter Dash 55 Meter Hurdles
- 4x200 Relay

Extracurricular Activities: Elementary School Reader

Community Service: Community Clean-up Activities

Awards: 2 Year Female Athlete of the Year for Indoor & Outdoor Track
Captain Girls Indoor and Outdoor Track
Ranked top 10 in the Nation 100 Meter Dash and Hurdles



MELODY WEBB

Melody Webb was appointed to the position of University Athletics Director on July 1, 2020 after serving for six years at NSU as Senior Associate Athletics Director for Administration/Senior Woman Administrator. She became the ninth athletics director in the history of Norfolk State, and the first female to hold the role.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Webb earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Savannah State University, where she was a four-year letter winner in volleyball, serving as team captain for three years. Webb also competed in basketball and track and field where she also received conference honors. After completing her undergraduate degree, she then earned her master's in public administration with a focus in public policy and management from Bowie State University. Webb is pursuing a Doctorate of Education from the United States Sports Academy.



2022 Abe Goldblatt Coach of the Year

Rashad Cook | Varsity Football Coach | Western Branch High School

Although Coach Cook has an impressive coaching resume, his greatest accomplishment may be his ability to build relationships and connect with his student-athletes beyond the football field. It is more than wins and losses. Coach Cook likes to say there are 2 C's that drive the process: Coaching and Character. They teach by coaching; they show character by leading and example. This is embedded in everything they do, allowing his athletes to learn life skills, not solely things pertaining to the field. It's a standard and an expectation. It's a culture of positivity that his athletes and future Bruins can't wait to be a part of.

Tamekia Foster Athletic Director, Western Branch High School

Coaching Credentials:

- 20 Season Coaching Middle and High School Football
- 21-6 record in last two combined seasons
- 4-0 record start since 2012
- 2 District Championship Appearances (2021, 2022)
- 2 Regional Championship Appearances (2021, 2022)
- 14 Players heading to or in College Division 1-Div 3 over the last 2 football seasons

Season Statistics:

- Overall Season: 11-3 (Top 5 in school history)
- Regular Season: 8-2 Southeastern District
- VHSL Division 6 Playoff: 3-1
- 2022 State Semi-Final Finish (2nd time in school history)
- District/State/National Awards/Rankings
- 2022 Southeastern District Runner ups
- 2022 Division 6A Regional Champs
- 2022 VHSL 6 State Semi-Final Four finish

Team Recognitions:

Players making 1st or 2nd Team All State

- 6-6A All Region First Team
- Offensive player of the year
- 7 -6A All Region Second
- Defensive Player of the year
- 2 - Class 6 First Team All State
- 4- Class 6 Second Team All State



J. Herbert Simpson 2022 Sports Person of the Year Maurice DeShazo

Portsmouth YMCA Volunteer Coach | Baseball Volunteer Coach

Maurice DeShazo was born in Patrick County, Virginia in 1972. He graduated from Bassett High School and continued his education at Virginia Tech where he earned a BS in Health & Physical Education. While in high school Maurice was a standout quarterback recognized in the top 10 nationally. He continued his football career as a three-year starter for Virginia Tech. After his team's success he was honored to be inducted into the Virginia Tech Football Hall of Fame.

Currently, Maurice is in solar sales and logistics. He has been married to his wife Natalie for 15 years and they are the proud parents of Levi and Stella. Levi is a budding athlete hitting grand slams on the baseball field. Stella is a rising fashion model with a nationwide ad cover to her credit. His greatest joy is being a parent and watching his kids grow.

In his spare time Maurice loves to coach kids. He is passing his athletic talents forward as a volunteer youth basketball coach for the past 7 years at the Portsmouth YMCA. He also helps coach his son's baseball team the Dirt Bags.

Portsmouth Sports Club Foundation Scholarship Recipients



2023 Tyrone Hines Scholarship Jamie Young | I C Norcom High School

Jamie will graduate from I C Norcom with a 4.2 GPA and 2nd in her class of 259. She graduates as the Salutatorian for the Class of 2023.

She has participated in Track and Field all 4 years while at Norcom. Her specialty is Shot Put and Discus Throw. Jamie is a State Champion for Indoor shot Put in 2022, District and Regional Champion in both Shot Put and Discus as well as the 2022 Female MVP. She has numerous other athletic awards and recognitions as well but most impressive is being named an 8x All-American.

Jamie also is active in her community and volunteer work with Lakeview Elementary School, Village Outreach Food Pantry, Key Club with the Kiwanis International and several others.

She has applied to UVA, ODU, Liberty, Temple and Clemson to name a few.

Jamie's school counselor says, "Jamie is an amazingly spirited young lady, whose personality is like a burst of raw energy."



2023 W. O. Bill Lewis Memorial Scholarship McKaya Robinson | Manor High School

McKaya will graduate 6th in her class of 263 from Manor High School. She participated in Varsity Volleyball all 4 years while earning a Letter and also becoming Captain of her team. She also played Varsity Soccer where she also earned a letter and became Captain of that team. McKaya added Indoor Track and Field in her Senior year as well.

McKaya is a member of the schools Latin Club, National Honor Society and Student Council Association. McKaya also played Club Soccer in Suffolk all the while working at Chik Fil A since she was a freshman and recently obtained a 2nd job with Trinity Episcopal Church.

She has applied to several schools including James Madison, Old Dominion and University of Virginia.



2023 Mahlon Parker (Mr. PIT) Memorial Scholarship Josalyn Morgan | Portsmouth Christian School

Josalyn Morgan will be a 2023 graduate of Portsmouth Christian after playing Varsity Basketball for 5 years and Varsity Soccer and Softball, earning letters in each sport. She will graduate with a 4.16 GPA.

Josalyn was chosen Metro All Conference Basketball team for 3 years, MVP and Coach's Award twice for her basketball team. She was also the Captain of her basketball team for 4 years as well as 1 year on the soccer team. She has been recognized with the William and Mary Leadership Award, Metro Academic Athletic Award, National Honor Society just to name a few.

She has also volunteered her time with Little Patriots Basketball as a coach, Hoops for Hopes Outreach and a volunteer with Greenbrier Regional Medical Center. She is active in her church youth group, choir and nursery. Also serving as Student Council Chaplin.

Josalyn has applied to several schools including Ferrum, North Greenville, Eastern Menonite and Grove City to name a few.



2023 David Hutto Family Scholarship In memory of Delwyn Hutto Olivia Riddick | Portsmouth Christian School

Olivia will graduate from Portsmouth Christian having played Varsity basketball for 5 years, Varsity volleyball for 4 years and Varsity softball for 1 year. Olivia lettered in all 3 sports during her time at Portsmouth Christian.

Olivia was selected to the All-Conference team and All Tournament team 2 times in the Metro Conference, served as Captain of her Basketball and Volleyball teams and won several Coach's awards as well.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, serves as Student Body Vice-President as well as serving on several other committees in school. Olivia is an active member of her Student Body Ministries. She also has worked as a lifeguard at Davis Lakes Campground.

Olivia plans to attend a University in the fall and has applied to Liberty, Marymount, Virginia Wesleyan and Wingate to name a few.



2023 Gene Luke Memorial Scholarship Jonathan McEwen | Churchland High School

Jonathan will be graduating from Churchland, 1st in his class of 338 with a 4.42 GPA. While at Churchland, Jonathan competed on the Varsity Golf team all 4 years and earned a letter as well. He also was on the Varsity Swimming team for 3 years while earning another letter for swimming. Jonathan also found time to play on the JV baseball team while in the 8th, 9th and 10th grade years.

Jonathan was selected as Regional Player of the Year in Golf, All Regional Team Captain of his Golf Team and also chosen as MVP more than once in his 4 years of competition. He was the Portsmouth City Jr. Champion in 2019 and the Portsmouth City Amateur in 2022.

He has volunteered his time with The Links at City Park youth golf camps as an Instructor and coached youth basketball at the YMCA. Also helping with Toys for Tots, Churchland Soccer League Churchland Little League.

Jonathan is a member of the National Honor Society Principals List all 4 years of high school and selected by VHSL as student rep for advisory committee. Jonathan has been accepted and will be attending Washington & Lee University and has signed to play golf for the school.

Jonathans golf coach adds, "He gives his best everyday, 100% of the time, maintains a positive attitude and continually looks to motivate and inspire his teammates."

76th Annual Portsmouth Sports Club Jamboree

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Program

Social	11:30 AM
Welcome	Glenn Fritz President, Portsmouth Sports Club
Invocation	Warriner Atkinson
Patriotic Medley & National Anthem	Western Branch Chamber Choir Choral Director Robin Duncan

Lunch

Introduction and Recognition of Special Guests	Glenn Fritz
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Awards

Presented by Sharon Moore, Jamboree Committee Chair

Clarence "Ace" Parker Female and Male Athletes of the Year Awards

Abe Goldblatt Memorial Coach of the Year Award

J. Herbert Simpson Community Sports Person of the Year

Portsmouth Sports Foundation Scholarship Awards

Todd Rose, Foundation President

Other Awards

2022-23 James L. "Jimmy" Williams

Sports Club Member of the Year

Presented by: Richard Wentz

Introduction of Speaker	Sharon Moore
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Featured Speaker	Melody Webb Director of Athletic, Norfolk State University
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Closing	Glenn Fritz
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May 16, 2023

Letter from the Club President,

Welcome to the 76th Annual Portsmouth Sports Club Jamboree. At this afternoon's luncheon, we will recognize those individuals who have supported the mission of the Portsmouth Sports Club with their time, dedication and leadership.

The Sports Club Foundation will award five deserving local high school student athletes with a \$3500 college scholarship in recognition of their academic and athletic accomplishments.

We will also recognize the following award recipients: the Ace Parker Award of Excellence for the male and female athletes of the year, the Coach of the year, the J. Herbert Simpson Community Volunteer of the year, and the Jimmy Williams Sports Club member of the year.

We are especially pleased to welcome Melody Webb, Director of athletics and Norfolk State University as our guest speaker.

We would like to express our appreciation to all of our Jamboree sponsors listed in the program. It is through their generous contributions that today's celebration was made possible. A special thanks to Jamboree Chairperson Sharon Moore and the Jamboree committee for their devotion, time and energy ensuring another successful event.

On behalf of the Portsmouth Sports Club membership, we thank you for your continued support. Please enjoy this wonderful event.

Sincerely,

Glenn Fritz President Portsmouth Sports Club



Board Members: Phyllis Pieroni, Janet Thornhill, Glenn Fritz, Sharon Moore, Richard Wentz, JT Sykes, Dan Evans, Billy Hasty, Frankie Edmondson, Merrill Craig. Absent: Rob Wilber, Dale Stewart, York Poole, Rob McMurren