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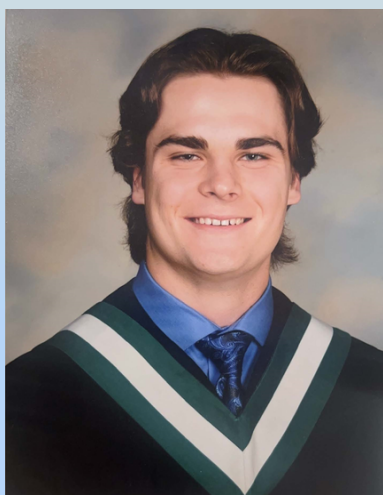


Dave Gifford Memorial Scholarship Recipients

This scholarship is awarded to commemorate longtime BC School Sports director, Dave Gifford. The top male and female student-athletes in the province receive this award in Dave's honour. Recipients exhibit excellence in athletics, service to their school or community, and high academic achievement. They will both be attending accredited post-secondary institutions in the fall.

Congratulations to these incredible student-athletes! We wish you all the best with this next chapter of life.

Thank you for your contributions to school sports.



Micah Barker
Robert Bateman
Secondary

Sports: Football, Rugby.

Athletic Accolades: Provincial Football Champion, Provincial Football Most Outstanding Back, two-time Coast Conference All-Star, Provincial Football All-Star, Bateman Offensive Player of the Year, BC High School Football All-Star Team Running Back, Grade 11 and Jr Male Athlete of the Year, Athletic Excellence Award, captain of the football team, and more.

Academic Accolades: Honour Roll, Honour Band, Student of the Month, BCSSFA Academic Player of the Year.

Micah is a next-level athlete, that his team looks toward in times of need. He wills his team to victory and inspires them in times of defeat. Micah has the biggest heart, leading by setting a positive example and encouraging others. He is a member of the Student Leadership Team, which organizes pep rallies, sports weeks, and restores the natural environment outside his school. He also volunteers with Challenger Baseball, teaching special needs children how to play the sport and guiding them through games. Micah earns respect from everyone he meets. His coaches believe Micah's integrity and strength of character are everything you look for in a student-athlete. He shines most in times of difficulty, which is when true leaders are made.

Sports: Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field.

Athletic Accolades: Provincial Basketball MVP, Provincial records for Most Points in a Tournament, Most Free Throws Made, and Most Points in a Career, Provincial Basketball First Team All-Star, Walnut Grove Outstanding Athlete, two-time Zone MVP, made the U16 Canadian National Basketball Team, BioSteel All-Star Selection, cross country and basketball team captain, and more.

Academic Accolades: Aboriginal Achievement Academic Award.

Kiera is one of the most gifted athletes this province has ever seen. Her name will be synonymous with BC High School Basketball for years. For someone so talented, Kiera remains humble and willing to give back. She organized and coached her own basketball skills camp for girls in her community. Her camp raised over \$1000 for KidSport charity. She also assists at Basketball BC summer camps, teaches PE at her local elementary school, and volunteers at her church's nursery. Kiera uplifts others and makes those around her better. School staff are in awe of Kiera's dedication to sport, academics, and service, believing everyone could benefit by following her example.



Kiera Pemberton
Walnut Grove
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