

2024-2025

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.

Isaiah Falk



Yale Secondary

Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer

Athletic Accolades: 3x Male Athlete of the Year, 2x Basketball All-Star, Basketball and Soccer Team Captain, Senior Boys Soccer Leadership Award

Academic Accolades: Principals Honour Roll, 4.0 GPA

Isaiah is an exemplary student-athlete who prides himself on his competitive performance, and being a good teammate. Isaiah was used to being a top-performer and leading his teams to championships, but a serious injury sidelined him for much of his senior year. Isaiah was forced to contribute to his teams in different ways. He continued to show up to every practice and game, and lead his team from the sidelines. He took on a role as assistant coach and mentored the younger athletes. In what was a difficult time for him, Isaiah was resilient and found a way to reclaim his joy in sport. He demonstrated a strength of character that inspired his peers, coaches, and teachers. In his free time, Isaiah helped raise money for BC Children's Hospital and organized the British Columbia Student Leadership Conference.

Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Cross Country, Soccer

Athletic Accolades: Provincial 1st Team All Star, 2x Vancouver Basketball MVP, 2x Zone 1st Team All Star, 2x City Championships MVP, Basketball Captain

Academic Accolades: Loran Provincial Award, Platinum Service Hour Award, Valedictorian

Bianca carries herself with a maturity that is far beyond her years. Her life philosophy is "lift others up", and she truly lives by that. She carries herself with kindness both in the community and in the heat of competition. She is an outstanding athlete with numerous accomplishments, and she's an even better person outside of athletics. Bianca has founded after school programs, organized charity tournaments and events, made care packages for the homeless, led the student council and grad committee, and is involved in countless other community initiatives. Her willingness to serve others goes above and beyond. Bianca is a pillar in the Britannia school community. She is held in such high regard by both staff and peers, and they can't say enough good things about her.

Bianca Padolina



Britannia Secondary