

DAVE GIFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2023 - 2024



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.

August Portal



Handsworth Secondary

Sports: Basketball, Football, Ultimate

Athletic Accolades: Football MVP, Buchanan Bowl MVP, Pacific Conference Football All-Star, Defensive MVP for Football, Best Back Award for Football

Academic Accolades: Certificate of Excellence in Chemistry 11, Maintained Academic Excellence

"August Portal is not just a star on the field; he's a natural leader who uplifts his team with resilience and spirit," remarks Coach Ryan Jensen about the standout student-athlete. He excels both academically, consistently maintaining stellar academic record, and athletically, with multiple accolades in school sports. Serving as captain for his football team, August has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, guiding his peers with dedication and integrity. His contributions extend beyond sports, including founding The Stash Project to aid the homeless and fostering inclusivity through the Best Buddies program. With plans to pursue Commerce at UBC Sauder, August is set to continue making a lasting impact in his community and beyond.

Sports: Field Hockey, Cross Country, Track and Field, Volleyball, Ultimate

Athletic Accolades: Provincial Championships Player of the Game, Small Block Athletic Award, Athletic Spirit Award, Large Block Athletic Award

Academic Accolades: Forte Superior Achievement in Choir Award, Oak Bay High Choral Program

Maia stands out as a dedicated student-athlete embodying a steadfast commitment to excellence throughout her high school journey. As she reflects on her achievements, a quote that has deeply resonated with her is "Work hard in silence, let success make the noise." This motto encapsulates her approach to both academics and athletics. Maia demonstrates strong leadership as captain of several sports teams and actively contributes to community service initiatives such as the Best Buddies program and coaching junior field hockey. With her drive and dedication, Maia is poised to excel in higher education and beyond.

Maia Lawrence



Oak Bay Secondary