

Local student-athletes honored at awards ceremonies

Student athletes from various sports received their MVP awards. (Kassie Simmons)

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West Point, New Kent, King William and King and Queen Central high schools recognized athletes' achievements during awards ceremonies over the past week.

West Point High School awarded Shannon Hayden, Jared Lawson and Ethan Hatcher the most prestigious awards Tuesday night at its athletic awards ceremony.

Junior varsity and varsity students received pins, letters, sportsmanship and MVP awards.

The J. Earl Jarrell Award recipients are selected and voted on by the coaching staff, who looks at integrity, good conduct and courtesy. This year's winner, Shannon Hayden, will attend Rappahannock Community College in the fall to study health care.

Jared Lawson received the Harvey Bristow Memorial Outstanding Athlete Award. Recipients must be active participants in athletics, be involved in two or more sports and must show exemplary discipline, hustle and dedication. Lawson will attend Hampden-Sydney College and major in physical therapy.

Numerous students applied for the Athletic Boosters \$500 scholarship by submitting an essay and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or advisor. Ethan Hatcher was chosen for the award and will attend Randolph-Macon College.

King and Queen Central High School recognized several track athletes at its awards ceremony for participation throughout the season, including their success at the state level.

Ja'Twon Hence won the Region A State Championship for the high jump. He also came in first for the regional tournament and third for the 200-meter dash. After graduation, Hence plans to attend Rappahannock Community College.

Kayla Hill placed fourth in girls discus during the regional tournament and also participated in the state championship. Hill will attend Bridgewater College in the fall.

The school's 4-by-100 relay team placed fifth in the regional tournament.

New Kent High School recognized their spring athletes Monday night. During the ceremony, players from each team were recognized for their efforts.

Four students were awarded Athlete of the Year awards. Male Athlete of the Year went to Michael Gatling. Gatling plans to attend Virginia Wesleyan University to join the track team. Female Athlete of the year was Peyton Slater. Slater will attend [Morehead State University](#) after graduation to play softball.

Trent Ragland and Mackenzie Taylor were named Male and Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Ragland will attend [Virginia Tech](#) to join their wrestling team. Taylor will also attend Virginia Tech.

Track athlete C.J. Reeders, junior, was recognized as the State Champion for triple jump in outdoor track and field. His jump measured 45 ft. 3.75 in. in height. His jump broke the school record.

Raven Harris, sophomore, also broke the school record for triple jump. Her jump measured 37 ft. 1.75 in. in height.

King William High School was not able to provide information about their ceremony by deadline.

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