

DORIAN McMENEMY

Dorian McMenemy of Northboro, Massachusetts has been a longtime participant in Bay State Games Swimming and Basketball events. She has won countless medals, primarily gold. As a high school swimmer, Dorian was a four time Massachusetts state champion, a National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association (NISCA) All-America Academic Selection and two-time USA Swimming Scholastic All-American (2013-2015). After high school, Dorian chose to attend Wagner College where in her first year she was a member of the medley relay team that set a new school and conference record.

As a dual citizen of both the United States and the Dominican Republic, Dorian has also excelled as a swimmer on the international stage. Dorian has competed in the 2012 London Olympic Games and the 2016 Rio Olympic Games representing the Dominican Republic where she holds five Dominican national records in swimming. In 2012 She has competed in three swimming world championships representing the Dominican Republic (2011-Shanghai, 2013 Barcelona, 2015 Kazan). She also competed in the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympics.

On September 12, 2016, one month after competing in the Rio Olympics, Dorian suffered a stroke during college swim practice. After spending a week in the hospital, she spent months in recovery. She returned to Wagner for her second semester and while she could not compete with her swim team, she resumed practice and began working out again to regain her health. After months of hard work, she returned to the Bay State Games in the Summer of 2017 just 10 months after suffering her stroke and won three swimming gold medals.

MASON BALCH

Mason is a resident of Westfield and has participated in the Bay State Games Lacrosse competition in 2015, 2016 and 2017. In each of his three years, he lead his West team to a gold medal. He attends the Williston-Northampton School, in Easthampton. Over the course of his last season, Mason was named the team MVP and Offensive Player of the year as well as the Tournament Championship MVP and an All-League selection in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference. He is also a two year team captain. He is considered one of the top lacrosse players in Western Massachusetts and has already committed to attend Bryant University in Rhode Island where he will play Division I lacrosse starting in the fall of 2018. In addition, he is one of the top players on the Williston-Northampton football team.

As a student at Williston-Northampton School, Mason is a top Honors Student and is also a member of the schools National Honors Society. At Bryant University he will attend their business school.

Mason has a strong sense of community and is always given back to others. He has served as a volunteer coach at the Westfield Youth Lacrosse League, teaching young players about the game of lacrosse. He has also helped produce youth lacrosse clinics. He was selected as an athlete representative at the Bay State Games Western Massachusetts Athletes night.

KYLA HANSEN

Kyla Hansen, a resident of Avon, is a longtime state games participant who excels in athletics, academics and in the community. Kyla has competed in 7 Bay State Games figure skating competitions dating back to 2011. In this very competitive skating event, Kayla has won Gold in 2011, 2014 and 2015. She also won other medals during her time at the Games. In addition to the Bay State Games, Kyla competes in other skating events including the prestigious Boston Open. Kayla was selected as the Bay State Games ambassador at Blue Hills Regional Vocational High School. As her school ambassador, Kayla works with athletic administrators, coaches and student-athletes at her school to promote the Bay State Games and distribute organization materials.

Kyla is an outstanding student at Blue Hills Regional High School and she has a 4.0 average. She is also a member of her schools' National Honors Society. In addition to being an accomplished figure skater, Kyla has played varsity girls volleyball since the 8th grade and is looking forward to becoming a team captain in her senior year. She also gives back to her community by serving as a teacher in a youth Learn to skate program.