

# BAY STATE GAMES

## Winter Games Successful

*Thousands attend Massachusetts' winter sport festival*

The Berkshires- The Bay State Winter Games are as much a tradition as a sporting competition. Held since 1984 in Northwestern Berkshire Region of Massachusetts, the winter games attracts competitors from all New England states and New York. "As sports grow, you see new faces all the time. But it is great to get to know the competitors and their families that return year after year. You really get to know them over the years. That is one of the special things of hosting the winter games in the Berkshires, families come to compete and stay to enjoy the area," said Peter Leclerc, Director of Sports & Operations for the Bay State Games.

Williams College, nestled in Williamstown, played host to the premier figure skating competition in the State. With over 400 figure skating performances over two days, the Bay



State Games had the ice packed, using over thirty hours of ice-time for the competition. A host of volunteers were stringing lights and reflective paper to transform the ice hockey arena to a figure skating wonderland.

Also included in the 2018 winter games were Master's Ice Hockey and the newest sport added to the program, Curling. Those events were held at the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Ice Skating Rink in North Adams and at the Boys and Girls Club of the Berkshires in Pittsfield, respectively.

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2018 SUMMER BAY STATE GAMES

Registration is open for the high school showcase sports at the 2018 Bay State Summer Games. Those sports include: baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. These showcase sports are comprised of regional teams that tryout and compete against the other regions of the State.



Competitions are also held for individual and team sports in: archery, badminton, baton twirling, fencing, figure skating, judo, shooting, swimming, synchronized swimming, track & field, weightlifting, wrestling, girls' lacrosse, field hockey, rugby, and ultimate frisbee.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER:  
[WWW.BAYSTATEGAMES.ORG/SUMMER-GAMES](http://WWW.BAYSTATEGAMES.ORG/SUMMER-GAMES)**

OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST SAMANTHA LIVINGSTONE AT BAY STATE WINTER GAMES

Williamstown- Peabody native Samantha Livingstone went from winning a silver medal in swimming in 1995 to Olympic glory winning a swimming gold medal in the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

Samantha shared her “Dreams Come True” story to a full house of figure skating athletes, their parents, and coaches, as part of the figure skating athlete party. She interwove personal stories and utilized the acronym B. R. A. V. E.- **B**elieve, be **R**eady, be your own **A**dvocate, big picture **V**iew, and **E**njoy the journey as part of her presentation.

Samantha relayed that the journey contains the joy. One of the younger girls in the audience then replied, “It’s the best part.”

Kevin Cummings, Executive Director at the Bay State Games said of Samantha, “Samantha is one of

over a dozen athletes who have advanced to the Olympics or professional ranks after competing in the Bay State Games. I am grateful that she is willing to give back to her athletic roots and inspire today’s young athletes as they pursue their athletic dreams.”

Samantha also took the time to answer athlete’s and parent’s questions and personally interact with them as they got to wear her Olympic gold medal and look over her memorabilia, including her vintage 1995 Bay State Games’ swimming program.

The Bay State Games and Samantha are currently looking at new ways to connect athletes, coaches, parents, and those involved with sports to Olympians and share in their experiences.



MASTER'S ICE HOCKEY CLOSES OUT WINTER GAMES WITH A CLASSIC GAME

North Adams- With players on teams as far away as Buffalo, Boston, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, it was the Western Massachusetts' team, Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, that took home the gold medal in the most exciting gold medal match in many years.

In an evenly matched game, Teddy Bear led the Comets (Pennsylvania), 2-0 with five minutes to go in the third period. The Comets rallied to tie the game with less than one minute to go, sending the game to overtime. After a scoreless overtime period, the rules stated that the gold medal must be decided by a penalty shootout.

Goalies for both teams make key saves through the first five rounds of the shootout. In sudden-victory rounds, Teddy Bear Pools & Spas snuck one by The Comet's goalie for the 3-2 lead. The final attempt by The Comets was turned aside by Teddy Bear's goalie, propelling them to the gold medal!

"What a great game," was exclaimed by multiple members of both teams. This was followed by both teams exclaiming, "We can't wait for next year!" It was definitely a game to remember.

The final results in the Master's Ice Hockey Tournament were: Gold: Teddy Bear Pools & Spas; Silver: The Comets; Bronze: The Berkshire Shamrocks



CURLING MAKES DEBUT AS SPORT IN BAY STATE GAMES



Pittsfield- The sport of curling, that has fascinated Olympic sport fans, has been officially added to the Bay State Winter Games' program.

The inaugural year's competition was kept to a total of

eight entries in the men's and women's divisions at the Boys & Girls Club of the Berkshires. The teams were selected by Massachusetts' curling clubs having "play-down" eliminations to decide which team will represent their club to compete for Bay State glory.

2018 curling clubs that competed were: Blackstone Valley, Marlborough, South Shore, and the host club Curl Berkshires.

Grand National Curling Club (GNCC) President and multiple time Olympic official, Gwen Krailo-Lyons was on hand from

New Hampshire to throw the ceremonial first stone commemorate the event.

The GNCC, the second oldest curling organization in the world, establishing itself in 1867, and is the governing body of curling along the eastern United States.

2018 Curling results:

Women:

Gold: Marlborough; Silver: Curl Berkshires; Bronze: South Shore

Men:

Gold: South Shore; Silver: Marlborough; Bronze: Curl Berkshires.

DORIAN MCMENEMY,  
NAMED STATE GAMES OF  
AMERICA NATIONAL  
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Orlando, FL- Dorian McMenemy of Northboro, Massachusetts was named the State Games of America National Athlete of the Year in the adult female category. Dorian was presented the award by the National Congress of State Games at the world's leading conference and expo for the sport-event industry, TEAMS.

Following the red carpet awards dinner at the Hard Rock Café, Dorian and guests enjoyed an evening at Harry Potter World in Universal Orlando for a private party of TEAMS award winners.

Dorian 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



L-R Kevin Cummings, Ron McMenemy, Dorian McMenemy, Pete Leclerc

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.

## OPERATIONS & SPORTS INFORMATION INTERNS

The Bay State Games Internship Program offers candidates the opportunity to gain valuable experience in all phases of Sport Management. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about event management, financial management, operations, sponsorship fulfillment, and media relations. Unlike many other internships the Bay State Games Internship Program allows candidates to take ownership of specific projects, and manage events.

**Kushal Agarwal,**  
*Springfield College Graduate Student*

**Kiara Killelea,** *Isenberg School of Management, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

**Erin Laskey,** *University of New Hampshire*

**Erika Sheinhait,** *Western New England University Graduate Student*

**Marc Tebetts,** *Isenberg School of Management, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

**Alanis Tirabassi,** *Salem State University*

**Abigail Weaver,** *Isenberg School of Management, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

# BAY STATE GAMES FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Future Leaders Scholarship aims to identify young men and women who will be tomorrow's leaders. Each year the Bay State Games is proud to award these \$2,000 scholarships to six deserving Bay State Games athletes that are in their Junior year in high school. Over the past 25 years nearly \$300,000 has been distributed to students who wish to continue their education.

Past recipients of the Future Leaders Scholarship have gone on to institutions located in New England as well as across the nation including Harvard, Stanford, Boston College, Notre Dame, Princeton, UMass Amherst, Yale, UCLA, Boston University, Holy Cross, Tufts, University of Virginia, Holy Cross and Providence College.

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation awards these scholarships because it believes the future leaders of tomorrow are developed during their high school years with a solid foundation built on academics, athletics and other interests as well as community service. Achieving success in academics, athletics and community service teaches responsibility to self and to others, fosters a sense of self-worth, and develops an appreciation for the importance of setting goals and working to achieve them. If learned well, these lessons help make effective leaders in business, education, and the community. These values help to craft the leaders of tomorrow, and the Bay State Games hopes to help these leaders with the Futures Leaders Scholarship program.

For more information and full eligibility requirements, visit: [www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship](http://www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship).

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## What is it and who can participate?

The State Games of America is an Olympic-style event featuring competition between State Games medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) from across the nation. There are currently 30 states conducting or organizing statewide sports festivals known as State Games. The 2019 SGA are expected to draw over 14,000 athletes from Massachusetts and other States that host their own games.

2019 State Games of America - Lynchburg, Virginia  
July 31st - August 4th

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