



2020-2021 William. F. Duran Award Adrian C. Wilcox High School

For the past 48 years, the William. F. Duran Award has been given to the outstanding Senior Male Athlete. The award is named after the former Assistant Principal at Wilcox. He served in that capacity from 1961 until he retired in 1978. He started teaching at Santa Clara High School in 1943.

As a Basketball coach, his teams were SCVAL Champions 5 straight years, winning 93 out of 100 games. Coaching Football at the same time, his teams were League Champions 3 straight years. In 1957, he left coaching to become Dean of Students at Santa Clara prior to coming to Wilcox in 1961.

Former winners of this award include NCAA wrestling and Cross Country Champions, numerous college athletes, and Major League Baseball players.

Those who apply for this award must have played at least 2 sports during their senior year. The point system for selection is based on team membership, letters won, team, all league, and all CCS honors, grade point average, club membership, and ASB/club offices held.

Each finalist will receive a plaque and a lifetime pass to all Wilcox home-sporting events. The Duran Award winner will also receive a \$250 scholarship that is sponsored by our Dads, Grads and Moms Booster Club as well as \$250 from Wilcox Athletics.

2021 DURAN AWARD FINALISTS

Duran Award Winner -- James Odle



James was a three sport athlete at Wilcox. He was on the Swim Team for his senior year and played Baseball during his freshman, sophomore and junior years. James was an outstanding Baseball player for Wilcox; he played Varsity for one year and FS for two years. He was a 1st team all league player in all three years of Baseball and was also named captain his sophomore year. Where James really excelled was in the water. He was a four year Varsity Water Polo player. He received 1st team all league his freshman through junior and was named team captain for two years. Unfortunately, due to COVID he was unable to receive post season awards his senior year.

James earned a 3.9 GPA and will be attending Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles next year.

Here are a few words from Coach Tanase, his Water Polo Coach: "I'm extremely proud of James and how he was able to do so well academically with the many hurdles he faced including the COVID pandemic and online classes. As an athlete, James is a tremendous leader in the pool as well as in the locker room. His passion for Water Polo, as well as his personality, inspired the entire team to compete at a higher level. It has been a pleasure to be able to coach him and to get to know him."



First Runner Up -- Jared Gee



Jared was a two sport athlete at Wilcox. He played three years of Volleyball and was on Varsity for two of those years. While on the Varsity team, he was named team captain his senior year and MVP of the team.

Jared also played Soccer. He played all four years of Soccer for the Chargers, two on Varsity and two on FS. He was team captain and named team MVP two times in his career. The Soccer team made CCS both his junior and senior year and the went undefeated his senior year.

Jared earned a 3.7 GPA at Wilcox.

Jared's Soccer Coach reflected, "Jared's work ethic and leadership is unmatched. He is a born leader who is an example to follow both on and off the field."

Second Runner Up -- Cole Shumaker



Cole was a two sport athlete at Wilcox. He played four years of Baseball and four years of Soccer.

Cole was a member of the Baseball Team for all four years. He played two years on Varsity and two years on FS. During this time, he was a part of a CCS qualifying team, and this upcoming week will find out where the team will place his senior year for CCS.

While on the Varsity Soccer Team, he was named team captain and was 1st team all league one year. The Soccer team made CCS both his junior and senior year and they went undefeated his senior year.

Cole earned a 3.6 GPA and will be attending West Valley College next year.'

His Soccer Coach shared, "Cole's flexibility and reliability is something every coach needs. Cole has always accepted the responsibility to do what the team needs in order to succeed."

Congratulations to all three honorees and Wilcox Athletics thanks you for your commitment to our athletic programs.