

William. F. Duran Award

Adrian C. Wilcox High School

For the past 48 years, the Willam. 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 Champs 5 straight years, winning 93 out of 100 games. Coaching Football at the same time, his teams were League Champs 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.

2020 DURAN AWARD FINALISTS

Duran Award Winner -- Paul M Rosa



Paul played 4 years of Varsity Baseball and 4 years Varsity Football. In baseball he was named an All League shortstop every year. Even though his baseball career was very impressive, he made his name on the football field. He was named as an All League player in all 4 years and was team MVP of the 2019 State Championship team. Here is a list of his awards while playing football... Cal Hi Sports Player of the Week (twice) -- CCS Freshmen of The Year -- CCS Junior of The Year -- SCVAL League MVP (2019 and 2020)-- Mercury News 1st Team All Bay Area (2019 and 2020) -- 2020 CCS Scholar Athlete of the Year -- 2020 Cal Hi Sports Scholar Athlete of the Year -- Honorable Mention to the Mercury News All Decade team -- All NorCal 1st team (2020) -- 3rd Team All State (2019) -- 2nd Team All State (2020)

Paul also earned a 4.3 GPA and will be playing Football at Chapman University next year.

First Runner UP -- Tyler Rowland



Tyler played 4 years of football (2 years Varsity), Wrestled 3 years (2 years Varsity) and played Volleyball 4 years (3 years Varsity). In football he was 1st team all league his senior year and part of the 2019 State Championship team. While wrestling he was league Champion his senior year and placed 6th in the CCS meet. In Volleyball he was first team all league every year and was named best defensive player on the team. He also qualified for CCS in the shot put for Track and Field.

Tyler earned a 3.5 GPA and will be playing Football at De Anza college next season.

Second Runner Up -- Zachary Edwards



Zachary played water polo for 4 years (3 years Varsity) and was on the swim team for 4 years (3 years Varsity). While playing water polo, he was 2nd team all league his Sophomore year and 1st team all league in both his Junior and Senior years. In the pool Zachary was 1st team All league his Junior and Senior year and received the coach's award his Junior year.

Zachary earned a 4.3 GPA

Third Runner Up -- Matthew Staples



Matthew Staples played soccer for 4 years (2 years Varsity) and ran Track for 4 years (3 years Varsity). While playing soccer, he was 2nd team all league his Junior year and 1st team all league his Senior year. In track Mathew was Sprints MVP of the team his Junior Year and his senior year was cut short.

Matthew earned a 4.3 GPA and will be running track at Seattle University next year.

Fourth Runner Up -- Jeremy McCollough



Jeremy played Baseball for 4 years (2 years Varsity) and played football for 4 years (2 years Varsity). While playing Baseball, he won the David Adkins Award (best pitcher) his Senior Year and was 2nd team All League his Junior year. On the Football field he was a 2nd team all league QB for a league undefeated season.

Jeremy earned a 3.6 GPA and will continue playing baseball at Mission College.