

2014-15 ATHLETIC REPORT

Board of Trustees
Discussion Item
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Introduction

The TUHSD **2014-15** athletic program consists of up to 45 teams at each of our comprehensive schools for a total of **2,631 athletes** (duplicated) participating on **126 teams**. This represents **14 fewer** athletes participating on district teams than last year and **438 more than in 2005-06** when we began keeping records. Sometimes, one site offers a level of a particular sport that the others do not depending interest in that sport.

Tamalpais Union High School District teams are members of the Marin County Athletic League (MCAL) in the North Coast Section (NCS) of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). The CIF governs all high school interscholastic athletics in California.

Athletic administration and coaches continue to uphold the purpose of our Athletic Code of Conduct (AR6145.21) which is to promote the idea of healthy competition and to set standards of good sportsmanship for everyone involved. The District and all of our schools, along with all other MCAL schools, subscribe to the tenets of Pursuing Victory with Honor.

Athletics is a learning situation where growth and maturity are expected to flourish and it is an experience that is intended to help our students develop poise and self-confidence, healthy and fair competition and many hours of hard work and enjoyment.

For the eighth year, District athletics operated under the TUHSD Athletic Manual, most of which is available at the www.tamdistrict.org/athletics website. The Parent-Student Guide to Athletics and the Coaches' Handbook are updated annually and reviewed by the Board whenever significant changes are made. For 2015-16, the handbooks will be upgraded to NIAAA standards and brought to the Board for review in the summer.

The attached information is an overview of this year's athletic program.

Sue Chelini, CAA
TUHSD Athletic Coordinator

TUHSD ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The TUHSD Athletic Council meets four times annually. It shares information and makes recommendations about district athletic programs and policies. The broad representation and expertise contributes to the high standards for athletics established by the Board of Trustees. The Athletic Council's support has never wavered from trying to do what is best for the kids. We are very lucky to have such a well-rounded support group for the athletic program.

2012-13 TUHSD Athletic Council Members:

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| Superintendent: | Laurie Kimbrel |
| Athletic Directors: | Christina Amoroso, Pete Donoff and Jessica Peisch |
| Athletic Administrators: | LaSandra White, Julie Synard/Brian Lynch and Chad Stuart |
| Booster Club Representatives: | Craig Collins (Tam), Gary Newman/Denise Helstrom (Drake) and Valerie Madison (Redwood) |
| District Athletic Coordinator: | Sue Chelini |
| Facilities Representatives (ex officio): | Tony Catrino and Chris McCune |

In 2014-15, the Athletic Council:

- Five-Year Athletic Plan: Reviewed the draft for the Five-Year Plan for Athletics several times in preparation for submittal to the Board for approval.
- Athletic Trainers: Supported the concept of the District gradually taking over responsibility for the athletic trainers from the parent booster clubs.
- MCAL/NCS/CIF:
 - Winter Soccer: Heard about the MCAL plans for a smooth transition of both boys' and girls' soccer to the winter for 2015-16.
 - CIF Practice Time Limits: Heard about the new CIF practice time limits for all sports. Practice time is limited to 18 hours/week and no more than 4 hours/day. Any competition day counts for 3 hours toward the allowable daily and weekly hours no matter the length of the game. Other mandatory activities (including, but not limited to study hall, tutorial sessions, team dinners), shall not be considered part of practice time.
 - CIF Football Drill Limits: Heard about the new rule for conditioning and non-contact drill limits for football. The purpose of this to reduce potential for concussions and other contact injuries.
 - Cardiac Arrest: Heard that, beginning August 1, 2015, coaches will need to complete a cardiac arrest certification course in addition to First Aid, CPR and concussion certification.
- Field Hockey: Recommended that Field Hockey be added as a new girls' Fall sport at Redwood.
- Register My Athlete: Appreciated the institution of a family-friendly, AD-friendly on-line registration program for next year.

Items for the Athletic Council to address in the future:

- Implement and update the TUHSD Five-Year Plan for Athletics.
- Use National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) standards for improving the athletic program and publications.
- Ongoing review athletic policies and make recommendations to the Board as needed.

2014-15 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS:

Athletic Directors:

We have been fortunate that all three athletic directors, **Christina Amoroso (7 years)**, **Pete Donoff (6)** and **Jessica Peisch, CAA (Certified Athletic Administrator) (6)**, continued their positions giving strength and stability to the athletic program at all three schools after many years of a revolving door of athletic directors.

- Jessica continues as a member the new CIF Athletic Administrators Advisory Committee, comprised of 20 athletic directors and assistant principals statewide who meet twice/year. She also represents the MCAL on the NCS Sports Advisory Committee.
- The Drake community will be sad to see Pete leave at the end of this year. He came to Drake in 2009-10 after having retired as a PE teacher at White Hill Middle School. He has known many Drake families for years as he watched their children become adults. Even though he is not a full-time staff member, he can be seen on campus at all hours of the day. He resides in the Drake community. He has gone through several serious medical issues and family tragedy during the time he has been with us. His calm presence and never-ending energy will be missed. We all wish Pete well in the future.
- Jessica is a founding organizer and treasurer of the NCS Athletic Directors' Association, now in its third year.
- Jessica is working on her CMAA (Certified Master Athletic Administrator) and Christina on her CAA certifications through NIAAA.
- Christina, Jessica and Sue attended the NIAAA conference in National Harbor, MD in December. A highlight was hearing about the NIAAA Quality Program Award. Our Five-Year Plan expects to have our handbooks updated to their standards by this summer and at least one school prepared to apply for the Quality Program Award within three years.
- Christina, Jessica and Sue also attended the California State Athletic Directors' Association (CSADA) conference in Reno in April. This time, we came back excited by the possibility of unified teams which combine athletes with special needs and general education athletes to form interscholastic competitive teams.

Added Period for ADs

Christina and Jessica greatly appreciate the support of the District in increasing the AD position to .8. This extra time has been utilized for significant allowing the following activities:

- Increased communication with coaches, athletes, parents and the community.
- Getting out to the fields, gym or courts to observe more practices and games.
- More mentoring of coaches through informal chats and the evaluation process.
- Instituting use of social media including regular Tweets.
- Faster response time to inquiries.
- Updating the site athletic web sites.
- Catching issues before they cause a problem.
- Promoting the new Register My Athlete registration process for Fall, 2015.
- Being able to stay on top of things.

California Coaches Association Awards:

This is truly a great honor as only a select group of coaches and ADs and selected throughout the entire state and only one is chosen to receive the award at the state level. Announcement of the California winners will be made June 13, 2015 in San Diego at the Coach of the Year/Hall of Fame Banquet. **Jessica Peisch**, Redwood Athletic Director, was selected Northern California Girls' Athletic Director of the Year. **Laura Starrett Schmidt**, Redwood graduate, was selected as the Northern California Cross Country Coach of the Year.

NCSADA: NCSADA held their annual September, 2014 meeting at Redwood with **Jessica Peisch** as hostess. **Sue** was one of the speakers on the topic of establishing a comprehensive athletic website.

On-Line Athletic Participation Form: While our home-made GoogleDoc on-line has been generally successful at Tam and Redwood, the athletic registration process is onerous for both the ADs and the families. For various reasons, it has not been utilized well at Drake. At the NIAAA conference, Christina found a program, Register My Athlete, which streamlines the process for a nominal yearly fee. The websites can be personalized for TUHSD and include copies of the Parent-Student Guide and medical clearance forms. Families only need to register details once for the family and once for each child. Each year, the student-athletes request for participation on teams is updated and any new information added. Data is automatically updated each year until the student transfers or graduates. Families are responsible for all steps of the registration process and can see immediately if they have been cleared for play. Tam and Drake are committed to use this program for next year.

Staff Development Day: Now that the ADs are 80%, we are committed to providing AD professional development on a district-wide staff development day. Christina, Jessica and Sue visited with the athletic directors and toured the facilities at Rancho Cotate and Analy High Schools in Sonoma County in March. As a result, we are taking advantage of some new ideas, especially the automatic eligibility for incoming 9th grade athletes. We also were reminded of our appreciation for the support of the Tam District and our school parent clubs in providing a quality athletic program for our students. It was a great opportunity to share information with schools out of our league. Next year, we hope to visit a NIAAA Quality Program Award school.

Athletic Eligibility for Incoming 9th Grade Athletes: On the Board agenda tonight is a request to grant automatic eligibility to incoming 9th grade student-athletes. Currently, eligibility for the initial Fall grading period is based on 8th grade report cards. Every year, only 3-5 incoming students fail to meet the 2.0 criteria. Why shouldn't new students have a fresh start in high school? After all, high school academic eligibility will begin only 6 weeks into the first semester.

Turf Fields: All-weather synthetic turf fields are on all three football fields, Red Hill baseball/soccer/lacrosse field at Drake, Ghilotti soccer/lacrosse field at Redwood and part of the baseball field at Tam. The football fields have been in place for over 12 years. Tam's will be resurfaced this summer, followed by Redwood and Drake in subsequent summers. While Drake and Redwood have two turfed soccer fields, Tam only has one. For winter soccer, Tam will need to rent lights in order to accommodate practice and games. Drake, Redwood, and Marin Catholic, fields will be used in the event of rain-outs at Branson or San Rafael who only have grass fields available. We all appreciate the foresight of the District in providing these low-maintenance, permanently striped, reduced injury-prone, waterless fields for our athletes and community users.

Incredible Parents: As was said last year, none of the TUHSD programs could exist without the supportive parents who serve as team parents, statistic keepers, snack bar staffing, team chauffeurs, fund-raisers and dedicated fans to mention a few. The Tam Boosters and the Drake Fund Athletic Committee and Redwood Benchwarmers have taken on the significant commitment of providing certified athletic trainers in addition to the other athletic activities/equipment they support. Some team's parents have formed sport-specific clubs such as the Hoops Club, Pigskin Club or Grapppler's Club. No words can fully express appreciation for all the dedicated and caring parents involved in our athletic program.

TUHSD Athletic Website: The website is accessed at www.tamdistrict.org/athletics. The *TUHSD Parent-Student Guide to Athletics* and *Coaches' Handbook* are posted there as well as Athletic Council agendas and notes. Sue checks the links at least twice a year to make sure they have not moved. Some of the pages are newer than others as the web site has been updated. As you can see, this is an important source of information for parents, athletes and coaches. Here are the statistics for the athletic web site.

TUHSD Athletic Website Page Hits as of May 18, 2015

As of 5/18/15, the web site had 13,516 total visits, 27,621 page views, and 13, 247 targeted views.

| From | Overview | Contacts | Sports | Guides Forms | Parent Links | Health | Transfer | College | Coaches Corner |
|--------------------|----------|----------|--------|--------------|--------------|--------|----------|---------|----------------|
| Inception 7-1-2011 | 9,535 | 3,540 | 4,381 | 3,830 | 1,092 | 678 | 1,112 | 377 | 4,980 |
| 2012-13 | 3,074 | 1,105 | 1,506 | 1,415 | 399 | 343 | 334 | 240 | 1,515 |
| 2013-14 | 1,705 | 661 | 766 | 1,493 | 86 | 60 | 154 | 29 | 861 |
| 2014-15 | 3,621 | 835 | 1,010 | 1,916 | 155 | 209 | 170 | 83 | 1,571 |

| Coach Guides | Coach Links | Coach Proced. | Athletic Council |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| 780 | 1,533 | 510 | 847 |
| 234 | 607 | 173 | 200 |
| 96 | 105 | 37 | 207 |
| 189 | 237 | 94 | 245 |

Budget: The athletic budgets continue to be extremely tight. The ADs want to acknowledge the support of the parent clubs at each school. In addition to subsidizing the athletic trainers, they sustain the athletic programs in many ways. Parents assist coaches, support individual sports, provide a fan base and raise funds for the athletic department. Parent clubs supplement the district athletic budget, especially for bussing, tournament fees and special team requests.

2014-15 TUHSD Athletic Successes: Traditionally, TUHSD teams have been very successful in MCAL and NCS competition. This year is no exception. Pennants listed are MCAL unless otherwise indicated. RR is the MCAL Round Robin league season. By the time of the Board meeting, we will have additional results for spring playoffs.

2014-15 Marin Athletic Foundation Outstanding Student Athletes

The student athletes are selected by their schools in accordance with the following criteria, developed with the involvement of athletic directors and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Marin Athletic Foundation including *Athletic Involvement *Leadership *Scholarship *School-Community Involvement *Department
See their accomplishments at the end of this report.

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| Tam: | Isabella Amyx Daniel Carroll | Basketball & Soccer Water polo & Swimming |
| Drake: | Kendall Christie Will Martel | Water polo & Swimming Soccer & Baseball |
| Redwood: | MaryMonda Oewel Giorgio Cico | Cross Country and Track &Field Waterpolo & Swimming |

2014-15 MCAL Athletes of the Year

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Fall, 2014 | Cross Country | Andy Ehrenberg | Redwood |
| Fall, 2014 | Cross Country | Glennis Murphy | Redwood |
| Fall, 2014 | B Water polo | Giorgio Cico | Redwood |
| Fall, 2014 | G Volleyball | Bailey Osborn | Redwood |
| | | | |
| Winter, 2015 | B Basketball | Jesse Hunt | Drake |
| Winter, 2015 | G Wrestling, Madison Award | Hannah Twomey | Redwood |
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| Spring, 2015 | G Soccer | Isabella Amyx | Tam |
| Spring, 2015 | B Track: Field Events | Frankie Shaw | Tam |
| Spring, 2015 | B Golf: Bobby Jones Award | Riley Kuffner | Tam |
| Spring, 2015 | Softball: Player of the Year | Sabrina Nuñez | Redwood |
| Spring, 2015 | Softball: Pitcher of the Year | Mahealani Kaleikini | Redwood |
| Spring, 2015 | B Volleyball | Owen Karlenzig | Drake |

Tamalpais Pennants:

Fall: Good news: Girls XC qualified and placed 15th in Division 3 CIF state meet.

Spring (5): MCAL: G V Soccer, G JV Soccer, B JV Track

NCS: G V Soccer, G Softball, 2nd, Diving - Ethan Daniel, 7th place medalist

CIF: Swimming - Miki Dahlke, 4th place in 200-yard freestyle; Track - Frankie Shaw, Pole Vault

NCS Scholastic Pennants (3): G Cross Country, B Soccer, Softball

Tamalpais Hosted MCAL/NCS Events:

Fall: MCAL: Host site for Water polo MCAL tourney and championship...but MC organized it. G Tennis semi-final,
NCS: B Soccer

Winter: MCAL: G basketball quarterfinal
NCS: B basketball

Spring: MCAL: G Soccer, B Tennis
NCS: G Soccer. Softball, Baseball

Drake Pennants:

Fall (1): MCAL: B V Water Polo RR

Winter (3): MCAL: B V Basketball regular season, MCAL & NorCal 2nd place

Spring (3): MCAL: B Volleyball, B Track
NCS: Baseball DIII 1st place

State Championship: Mountain Biking

Drake Hosted Events:

Fall: MCAL: Soccer Championship

Winter: NCS: B Basketball
NorCal: B Basketball

Spring: MCAL: G Soccer, V Baseball, JV Baseball, Swim Finals, G Lacrosse finals, B Volleyball Finals;
NCS: B Volleyball, Baseball

Redwood Pennants:

Fall (9): MCAL: B Soccer, B Water Polo, G Cross Country, G JV Volleyball, RR & MCAL: G Tennis;
NCS: B Water Polo, G Cross Country, G V Volleyball

Winter (1): MCAL: Wrestling,

Spring (9): MCAL: B Tennis, B Swimming, G Swimming, V Baseball, F Baseball, Softball, G Track
NCS: V Baseball, D II 1st place; Softball, 2nd place

NCS Scholastic Pennants (4): Wrestling, B Basketball, G Basketball, B Volleyball

Individual Recognition: MCAL Boys Tennis Doubles: Kimi Kamei & Danny Geitheim

Redwood Hosted Events:

Fall: MCAL: B Soccer, G Volleyball, G Tennis
NCS: B Soccer, G Volleyball, G Tennis
NorCal: G Volleyball

Winter: MCAL: Basketball, B Basketball,

Spring: MCAL: B Tennis, Track & Field, Diving, G Lacrosse, B Lacrosse, B Volleyball
NCS: B Tennis, G Lacrosse, B Lacrosse, Marin Academy B Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball

ATHLETIC PARTICIPANTS BY SPORT AND TEAM FOR 2014-15:

The District statistics for participation in MCAL teams give you an idea of the duplicated student participation in athletics at the three comprehensive high schools. The growth in athletic participation mirrors the growth of the school population growth. As you can see, the three Athletic Directors are supervising a total after-school program almost twice as large as one of our comprehensive schools.

| | 2014-15 | | | TOTALS | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Fall | Winter | Spring | 05-06 | 06-07 | 07-08 | 08-09 | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 | 12-13 | 13-14 | 14-15 |
| Tam | 338 | 117 | 451 | 762 | 780 | 682 | 780 | 812 | 862 | 898 | 900 | 912 | 906 |
| Drake | 241 | 101 | 343 | 640 | 673 | 706 | 748 | 750 | 715 | 740 | 706 | 685 | 685 |
| Redwood | 426 | 152 | 462 | 780 | 748 | 829 | 889 | 962 | 962 | 985 | 991 | 1045 | 1040 |
| District | 1005 | 370 | 1256 | 2182 | 2201 | 2217 | 2417 | 2524 | 2539 | 2623 | 2597 | 2642 | 2631 |

Attached is a list of the individual sports by season and number of participants this year at each site. Note that some students participate in more than one sport, so the actual number of student athletes is \pm 80% of the number of total team members.

2014-15 Sports Participation

| FALL SPORTS | Tamalpais | Drake | Redwood | District Totals | Cuts |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Cheerleading: Coed Varsity | 11 | 8 | 27 | | R = Redwood |
| Cheerleading: Coed JV | 0 | 0 | 17 | | D = Drake |
| Cross Country: Boys' | 29 | 25 | 24 | | Tam did not submit numbers |
| Cross Country: Girls' | 33 | 24 | 47 | | |
| Football: Varsity | 23 | 26 | 44 | | |
| Football: JV | 23 | 24 | 24 | | |
| Football: Freshman | 27 | 32 | 46 | | |
| Golf: Girls' Varsity | 6 | 6 | 15 | | |
| Soccer: Boys' Varsity | 24 | 21 | 24 | | R=5, |
| Soccer: Boys' JV | 20 | 22 | 22 | | R=15, |
| Tennis: Girls' Varsity | 23 | 15 | 22 | | R=6, |
| Volleyball: Girls' Varsity | 13 | 12 | 17 | | R=4 |
| Volleyball: Girls' JV | 11 | 11 | 10 | | R=2 |
| Volleyball: Girls' Freshman | 10 | 10 | 12 | | R=9, |
| Water polo: Boys' Varsity | 16 | 21 | 19 | | |
| Water polo: Boys' JV | 29 | 0 | 20 | | |
| Water polo: Girls' Varsity | 11 | 15 | 11 | | |
| Water polo: Girls' JV | 28 | 10 | 11 | | |
| FALL TOTALS | 337 | 282 | 412 | 1031 | |

| WINTER SPORTS | Tamalpais | Drake | Redwood | District Totals | Cuts |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Basketball: Boys' Varsity | 12 | 13 | 15 | | R=0, |
| Basketball: Boys' JV | 13 | 13 | 14 | | R=4 |
| Basketball: Boys' Freshman | 15 | 14 | 17 | | R=15, |
| Basketball: Girls' Varsity | 14 | 9 | 15 | | R=0 |
| Basketball: Girls' JV | 12 | 9 | 12 | | R=1 |
| Basketball: Girls' Freshman | 20 | 11 | 15 | | R=5; |
| Cheerleading: Varsity | 11 | 6 | 23 | | |
| Cheerleading: JV | 0 | 0 | 15 | | |
| Wrestling: Coed Varsity | 25 | 14 | 11 | | |
| Wrestling: Coed JV | 0 | 0 | 18 | | |
| WINTER TOTALS | 122 | 89 | 155 | 366 | |
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| SPRING SPORTS | | | | | |
| Baseball, Varsity | 18 | 15 | 24 | | R=1, D=2 |
| Baseball, JV | 16 | 14 | 16 | | D=2 |
| Baseball, Freshman | 18 | 16 | 20 | | R=13, D=2 |
| Diving: Coed | 5 | 2 | 7 | | |
| Golf, Boys' Varsity | 12 | 13 | 9 | | R=1 |
| Lacrosse: Boys' Varsity | 27 | 18 | 24 | | |
| Lacrosse, Boys' JV | 11 | 16 | 27 | | R=6 |
| Lacrosse: Girls' Varsity | 29 | 24 | 19 | | |
| Lacrosse: Girls' JV | 0 | 0 | 26 | | |
| Soccer: Girls' Varsity | 16 | 25 | 20 | | |
| Soccer: Girls' JV | 26 | 24 | 19 | | |
| Softball: Varsity | 15 | 13 | 19 | | R=2 |
| Softball: JV | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Swimming: Boys' | 33 | 15 | 42 | | |
| Swimming: Girls' | 61 | 25 | 65 | | |
| Tennis: Boys' Varsity | 19 | 15 | 23 | | R=13 |
| Track: Boys' Varsity | 75 | 43 | 54 | | |
| Track: Girls' Varsity | 60 | 26 | 49 | | |
| Volleyball: Boys' Varsity | 12 | 10 | 15 | | |
| SPRING TOTALS | 453 | 314 | 478 | 1245 | |
| | | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 912 | 685 | 1045 | 2642 | |
| | 34.50% | 26% | 39.50% | | |
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| TOTAL TEAMS | 42 | 41 | 45 | 128 | |
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MARIN ATHLETIC FOUNDATION -- OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES

TAMALPAIS

Daniel Carroll

It's probably not too surprising that a person with aspirations to play college water polo found his way to U.C. Santa Barbara. But it was likely his other interests that cemented Tam's Daniel Carroll's spot on the Gaucho's campus. Daniel's diverse interests include journalism, playing guitar and community service work. At Tam, Daniel served as a reporter on the Tam News and as a senior was elected to its Editorial Board. He was also a member of the Music Community Service Club performing solo or duet guitar at Tam rallies and events and was voted Most Musical by the senior class. With more time to spare Daniel completed community service work for a full week in New Orleans and Fiji. Of course there was water polo and swimming. As a senior water polo player Daniel was team MVP and co-Captain. He ranks as the third highest scorer among all Tam players since 2000. Daniel also was co-Captain of the swim team and received the Sam Mielkley Award for exceptional dedication to high school academics and swimming as a junior.

Isabella Amyx

The trip from Mill Valley to Petaluma is a short one. But, the journey from youth and high school soccer player to intercollegiate athlete is a huge one. Such is the story for Tamalpais High's Isabella Amyx. Transforming herself from a 10-year-old, fun-loving, silly, unserious athlete to a 1st team all-MCAL forward who will be playing next year on the prestigious Sonoma State University women's soccer team, has been something to behold. Although playing soccer was the goal, Isabella also excelled at cross country and basketball. This 3.83 unweighted GPA student-athlete was twice named team MVP in cross country and was named MVP for JV basketball twice. Despite the endless hours devoted to sports, Isabella has managed to be part of the Junior State of America (JSA) Club, where they debate many of the world's key issues. Isabella is also an active member of Mt. Carmel's youth group, putting in countless hours of community service. Success seems to follow Isabella and here's hoping that success continues next fall at Sonoma State.

DRAKE

Will Martel

It's quite a jump from the baseball diamond and the soccer pitch to the high tech, critical services of an operating room of a hospital. A long jump perhaps, but not an impossible one. That huge leap is one that Drake High's Will Martel has planned for himself. The ace pitcher on the Pirates playoff bound baseball team and a soccer all-leaguer, Will plans on majoring in pre-med in the fall at an as yet undetermined university, while continuing his baseball career. Good doctors are leaders and Will has certainly shown his capacity to lead by serving as team Captain for both the baseball and soccer teams. He carries a 3.9 unweighted GPA and has also found time away from the classroom to serve as a Peer Resource, participate in Drake's student government and been a member of the Link Crew. Away from the San Anselmo campus Will is giving back to the community by serving in the San Anselmo Baseball Association as an umpire.

Kendall Christie

A political career could be in Kendall Christie's future if she continues down her Sir Francis Drake High School path. Kendall currently serves as Drake's Associated Student Body President and prior to that served as her sophomore and junior class president. Maintaining an unweighted 4.0 GPA, Kendall has been an Outreach Crew Captain, worked two years on the Drake Leadership Council, was a Peer Tutor and served on the Gay-Straight Alliance Club. It was just politics for Kendall at Drake. She is one of the school's most accomplished water polo players. She was named the MCAL's Player of the Year in 2013 and was named a first team all-leaguer in 2014. She also earned first team NCS recognition in 2013 and 2014. Kendall was also a stand out on the Pirate swim team placing in the top five in her individual events for three consecutive years. Kendall plans on attending either U.C. Davis or U.C. Santa Barbara and hopes to play water polo.

REDWOOD

Giorgio Cico

As a former opinion editor of the award winning school newspaper the “Redwood Bark” Giorgio Cico could surely have written his own bio for this program. We’ll give it a shot anyway. Giorgio, a four year MCAL all-leaguer and Player-of-the-Year this season in water polo will be headed to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland in the fall where he will continue his water polo career. He will be a welcome addition to the Blue Jays squad that has dominated Division III water polo having been named the Nation’s No. 1 team 25 different times since 2005. Giorgio’s water polo accolades were not just league wide they were also within his team. He was named team Captain as both a junior and senior. Giorgio was also on the swim team at Redwood and was part of the 2014 league championship squad. That championship coupled with both the MCAL and North Coast Section water polo championship made him a double-dip winner.

MaryMonda Oewel

The University of New Hampshire and Redwood High’s Mary Monda Oewel look to be a match made in heaven. New Hampshire has high academic standards and a highly rate women’s cross country team. Mary ranks in the upper echelon of her class with a 4.5 GPA and holds lifetime membership in CSF and the Honors Society. She is also a top MCAL cross country performer earning first and second team all-MCAL recognition the past two seasons. As a result Mary has accepted an athletic scholarship to New Hampshire and will run cross country and track for the Wildcats. Mary’s academics are highlighted by completion of AP classes in European History, U.S. History, Language and Composition and Literature... Outside the classroom Mary served as vice-president of the Athlete-to-Athlete Club where she was part of two very successful athletic shoe drives collecting over 100 pairs of shoes and sending them to needy individuals in Costa Rica and other countries.