



SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

On Tuesday, May 14, we had an opportunity to recognize many accomplished students, including six very deserving student-athlete award recipients. The following awards were presented, and honorees recognized.

The Sherman Award – Female MVP awarded to Lihini Ranaweera (Golf):

The Sherman Family presents this award. It goes to a female athlete with the following characteristics: athletic ability 50%, character 30%, and scholarship 20%.



The NexTier Award – Male MVP awarded to Isaiah Clerkley (Diving):

This award is given to a male athlete with the following characteristics: athletic ability 50%, character 30%, and scholarship 20%.



The O'Shea Award awarded to Brandon Kendrew (Track & Field):

This award is given to a student who most ably demonstrated the traits of Perseverance, Courage, and Desire during the current year. He/she need not be a starter, a star, or a letter winner. The student should be the athlete who has overcome the most severe obstacles or the greatest adversity to participate in athletics during the current year. The O'Shea Award is presented by the Knights of Columbus in Zelenople in memory of Doc O'Shea.



The Murray Award – Female awarded to Kylie Staudt (Tennis/Softball):

This award is given to a senior girl who has outstanding athletic and academic standards.



The Murray Award – Male awarded to Creed Erdos (Baseball):

This award is given to a senior boy who has outstanding athletic and academic standards.



Nichel Logistics Female Positive Athlete Award awarded to Kara Pasquale (Volleyball/Softball):

This award is designed to recognize a female student-athlete who exhibits the aspects of positive sporting behavior, exceptional sportsmanship, and genuine leadership.



GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL HAS ARRIVED!

The inaugural season for Raider girls flag football began in March and the considerable interest and excitement enabled Seneca Valley to field two squads for the season. For the initial season, 43 girls, including eight seniors, were rostered for the two teams. The teams were led by head coach Chris Eden and assistants Halley Rooney, Cortney Lambert, and Karissa Lambert. Finishing with an overall record of 5-4-1, the Raider Blue squad narrowly missed



the playoffs in their very first season. The returning players have already made up their mind that their goal is to not only make the playoffs, but to win playoffs in 2025. With the energy, skill and teamwork in this program, there is no doubt the goal is reasonable and motivating. We congratulate these athletes on making history in the first season of Raider girls flag football. The future is bright and with the imminent decision by the PIAA to sanction the sport, Seneca Valley is poised for a run at WPIAL and PIAA championships. Congratulations, Raiders – we are so proud of your first season!

SPRING SEASON SPORT RECAPS

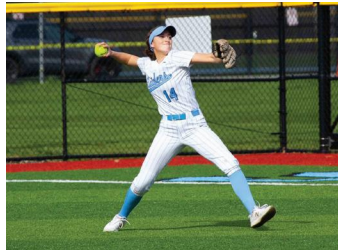
Baseball

At the time of this writing, Raider baseball was currently awaiting their WPIAL opening round playoff contest. The Raiders finished third in the section standings with a section mark of 6-6 and an overall record of 10-9-1 on the season. Seneca Valley enters the WPIAL 6A bracket as the fifth seed and will face off against fourth seed Hempfield. The winner advances to the semi-finals to face the winner of Mt. Lebanon vs Butler. Good luck in postseason play!



Softball

The co-section champions enter the WPIAL championships as the overall No. 2 seed and will face Canon-McMillan in the semifinals. The Raiders completed their regular season with a 19-1 overall record and 15-1 in section play, their only loss coming at the hands of Hempfield. Good luck in postseason play!



Boys Lacrosse

Raider boys lacrosse secured another postseason appearance with a roster comprised of mostly underclass players, except for four graduating seniors. While the opening round playoff result at Peters Township was not what the team had hoped for, we congratulate this young squad for making the postseason and look forward to a very bright future. For our graduating seniors, thank you for all you have given to Raider Athletics; we wish you the best in your future endeavors.



Girls Lacrosse

Raider girls lacrosse finished sixth in their section - once again qualifying for the WPIAL championships - and faced a tough Peters Township squad on the road in the opening round. Despite a four-goal effort from senior captain Lorena Lopez, SV was unable to seize a lead and fell to the Indians, bringing their season to a close. We congratulate this team on yet another postseason appearance and wish all graduating seniors the best in their future endeavors.



Boys Tennis

After missing the WPIAL Team Championships, the boys 2024 tennis squad closed out their season with matches against Chartiers Valley, Peters Township and Riverside. The team celebrated their seniors on May 1, and we certainly wish them all the best following graduation!



Track & Field

Following a dual-meet season where the boys and girls teams both finished with 4-2 records, the Raiders turned their attention to the WPIAL Individual Championships. The following athletes gave medal-winning performances, qualifying some for the PIAA state meet in late May on the campus of Shippensburg University.



Boys

- Kyler Matson - 300 Hurdles (WPIAL 6th place) - *PIAA qualifier*
- Dakari Payne - High Jump (WPIAL 6th place)
- Boys 4 x 100 Relay (WPIAL 7th place) - Karter LeRoy, Eddie Strong, Noah Rieger, and Gavin Skarbek

Girls

- Kathryn Morrison - 100 Hurdles (WPIAL 3rd place) - *PIAA qualifier*
- Girls 4 x 800 Relay (WPIAL 6th place) - Claire Riehl, Sydney Heltzell, Paige D'Amico, and Delaney Mansfield - *PIAA qualifier*
- Jordan Monteleone - High Jump (WPIAL 4th place) - *PIAA qualifier*
- Aubrey Popp - 100 Meters (WPIAL 8th place)
- Addie Weaver - Javelin (WPIAL 7th place)
- Audrey Wolfe - Javelin (WPIAL 6th place)

Boys Volleyball

The Raiders finished fourth in their section with a 6-6 record and an overall mark of 14-6. Seeded fifth in the WPIAL championship bracket, the boys took care of the visiting Moon Tigers in the opening round by a score of 3-1 and next traveled to Norwin to face the fourth seeded Knights. After dropping the first set, SV rattled off three straight wins to take the match 3-1 on the host Knights' home court. Once again, this program finds itself in the WPIAL semifinals and will face the top-seeded Titans of Shaler. A testament to the strength of their section, the boys WPIAL 3A semifinals are comprised of all four teams from Seneca Valley's section. Good luck in the remainder of the playoffs! ■



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH, APRIL 2024

The Female Athlete of the Month for April was girls track and field hurdler Kathryn Morrison. The junior had a breakout season in the 100- and 300-meter hurdle disciplines, placing in all meets she competed in during the last month. Kathryn had a handful of top-three finishes including first place in the 300-meter hurdles at the Butler County Invite and the North Hills, North Allegheny and Butler section meets; first place in the 100-meter hurdles at the North Hills and North Allegheny section meets and at the Pine Richland Invite. Kathryn capped off her stellar month by finishing third place in the 100-meter hurdles at the 2024 Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Track and Field Championships which qualified her for the state championship meet. Not only was she Seneca Valley's highest finisher at the WPIAL Championships, her time of 15.07 in the 100-meter hurdles moved her to second all-time in the SV Track & Field record books. We recognized Kathryn as the April Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Kathryn!



The Male Athlete of the Month for April was senior boys lacrosse goalkeeper Dylan Kunkelmann. Dylan has been a key contributor in helping the Raiders return to the 2024 WPIAL Boys Lacrosse Playoffs. He has averaged 13.5 saves over the last 10 games which included a gauntlet of top-five WPIAL teams. Dylan's play in the net kept his team in games and was a major reason the Raiders finished sixth place in a difficult section. He also reached a major milestone, tallying his 200th career save. For an impressive month, we recognized Dylan as the April Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations, Dylan! ■



ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED IN SPRING SPORTS

The Big 56 Conference recently announced its spring sport honorees in baseball and softball and the Raiders were well represented. The following Seneca Valley student-athletes were recognized for their excellence on the field.



Softball

1st Team

Bella Gross
Lexie Hames

2nd Team

Anna Kalkowski
Neve Miller
Kara Pasquale

Baseball

1st Team

Luke Anderton
Mike DelDuca
Creed Erdos

2nd Team

Zyler Freedman
Nick Parrotto

Honorable Mention

Kallen Durbin
Aedan Fowler
Ryan Piekutoski

Boys Volleyball All-Section

The WPIAL boys volleyball coaches recently announced their All-Section teams for the 2024 season and the Raiders were well represented.

1st Team

Peter Breski
Jordan Hoover

Third Team

Nick Dunmire
Abheek Nelikil ■

SO UNCOMMON IN SPORT

The Northern Area Athletics Directors Association (NADA) recently honored a small collection of student-athletes who compete in three sports during their senior year. In this era of youth sport, to compete in three sports as a high school senior is a rare and uncommon experience. We recognize our two honorees – Cenzo DiTullio and Katie Craig – for their vast contributions to our Athletics program. Katie will graduate as a three-sport letter winner in volleyball, indoor track and outdoor track & field. Cenzo will graduate as a four-sport letter winner in football, ice hockey, tennis and lacrosse! We recognize Cenzo and Katie for their contributions as a student, an athlete and honorable citizen in our community. ■



COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2024

Many Raider student-athletes made their college commitment official with their signing ceremonies recently. We congratulate these seniors in achieving their goals of continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Each of you are tremendous representatives of Raider Athletics and we are very proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition, and in the community. ■

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Peter Breski	Volleyball	Misericordia University	Business
Logan Randall	Rifle	Virginia Military Institute (VMI)	International Studies



REMINDERS FOR 2024-25

- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2024-25 will be available on [Parent Portal](#) and the SV Athletics website starting May 1. **New for 2024-25:** No paperwork may be completed **prior to May 1.**
- ALL fall sports** paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1. Coaches will not accept paperwork on the first day of tryouts.
- Dates for physicals are not yet confirmed. Once dates are set, we will announce. Please note physicals are first come, first served - we do not take reservations in advance. *We encourage families to have their physical completed as soon as possible after May 1. You may visit your PCP or any Urgent Care Clinic for an athletic physical.*
- The PIAA mandates their CIPPE form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.
- All student-athletes must register in the [Parent Portal](#) under "Sports Registration" before tryouts/practice begin. Registration begins May 1.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting May 1.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs completed every other year. Parents may call the Athletics Office at (724) 452-6040, x1752 to confirm the status of their child's baseline concussion test.

Drug Testing and Baseline Concussion Testing Dates – Senior High School

- Tuesday, July 9**, from 3– 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 10**, from 8 a.m. – noon **and** 1 – 3 p.m.
60 physicals from 8 a.m. – noon; 30 physicals from 1-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 30**, from 3 – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 31**, from 8 a.m. – noon **and** 1 – 3 p.m.
60 physicals from 8 a.m. - noon ■

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