

SPORTS PAGES

The Barker Bulldogs Athletics Department is proud to recognize the following teams and athletes for their Winter sport season accomplishments:

Niagara-Orleans League Champion: Luke Fay, Wrestling

Scholar-Athlete Teams: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Girls Swimming

Individual Scholar-Athletes:

- Wrestling - Luke Fay, Jordyn Kinne, Max Liuzzi, Taylor McGovern, and Noralie Pierce
- Swimming - Oscar Dergel



STUDENT-ATHLETES FIND THEIR VOICE THROUGH SAAC

Student-athletes across the Niagara-Orleans League have a unique opportunity to share their perspectives and help shape the future of athletics through the SAAC (Student Athletic Advisory Committee). The committee brings together student representatives from schools throughout the league to discuss important topics, share ideas, and provide feedback on the student-athlete experience.

SAAC is made up of student-athletes who serve as liaisons between their schools and the league. These representatives gather feedback from teammates and fellow athletes, bring that information to league discussions, and report back to their schools about important events, changes, and ongoing conversations. In this role, SAAC members help ensure that the voices of student-athletes are heard when decisions are made that affect them.

The committee's main goal is to provide a positive experience for students who participate in interscholastic athletics. By encouraging student involvement in league discussions, SAAC promotes leadership, communication, and collaboration among athletes from different schools. Members also help enhance the overall student-athlete experience by promoting positive sportsmanship, strengthening the image of student-athletes, and encouraging greater engagement in school athletics.

SAAC serves several important purposes within the league. The committee helps generate a strong student-athlete voice, provides feedback on potential changes or issues affecting athletics, and creates an avenue for student representation across the Niagara-Orleans League. It also acts as a bridge between student-athletes, coaches, and administrators, helping all groups better understand the needs and perspectives of student participants.

SAAC meets three times each year, bringing together student leaders from across the league and section. Through SAAC, student-athletes have the chance to go beyond the field or court and play an active role in shaping the future of athletics in their schools and across the Niagara-Orleans League. By sharing ideas, discussing challenges, and celebrating successes, SAAC helps ensure that the student-athlete experience continues to grow in a positive and meaningful way.

Barker SAAC members are: Naomi Bish, Luke Fay, Madyson Flint, Drew LaGreca, Madelina Pavlock, Noralie Pierce, Salvatore Ruvio, and Peyton Wagner.



(L-R): Salvatore Ruvio displays the SAAC shirt. Madyson Flint and Madelina Pavlock play Tic-Tac-Toe with other SAAC members.

BARKER SENIORS HONORED WITH NIAGARA PAL AWARDS

Two Barker High School Seniors were recently recognized with the prestigious Niagara County Police Athletic League (PAL) Sports Award, an honor presented annually to one male and one female student-athlete who demonstrate leadership and success across multiple sports rather than specializing in just one.

This year's recipients from Barker are Madelina Pavlock and Luke Fay, both of whom have made a lasting impact on Barker athletics through their dedication, versatility, and leadership.

Pavlock has been a key contributor in field hockey, swimming, and softball throughout her high school career. Her commitment to competing in multiple seasons each year has helped set a strong example for younger athletes, while also highlighting her ability to excel across different sports environments.

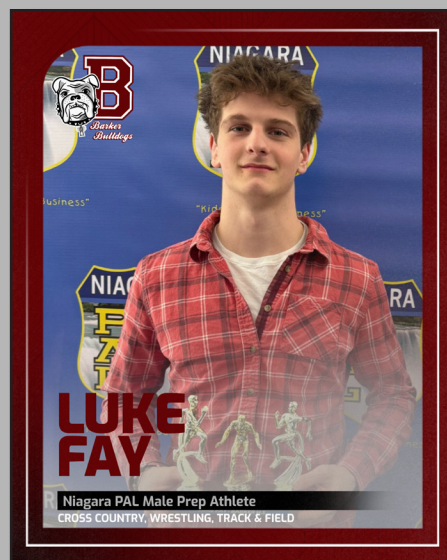
Fay has also demonstrated outstanding versatility as a three-sport athlete, competing in cross country, wrestling, and track & field. His dedication to year-round competition and willingness to take on the challenges of different sports reflect the determination and work ethic that the Niagara PAL award seeks to recognize.

The Niagara PAL award celebrates student-athletes who embody the values of teamwork, commitment, and leadership while contributing to multiple teams during their high school careers.

Niagara PAL was founded on a simple but powerful belief: that positive relationships between youth and law enforcement can change lives and strengthen communities. From its earliest days, the organization has focused on providing opportunities for young people through sports, mentorship, and community engagement.

Over the decades, Niagara PAL has grown from a small local effort into a cornerstone of youth engagement across Niagara County. Thousands of children and teens have participated in its programs, building confidence, character, and community pride along the way.

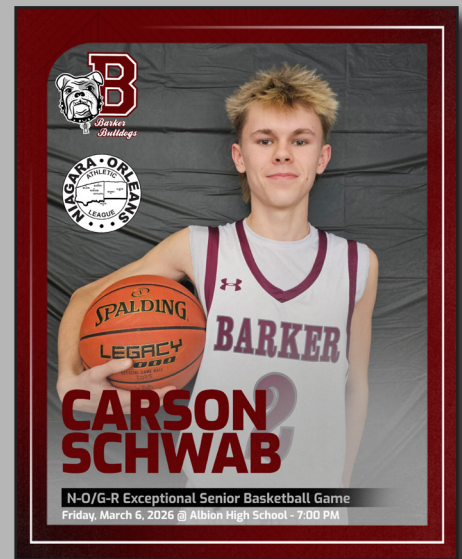
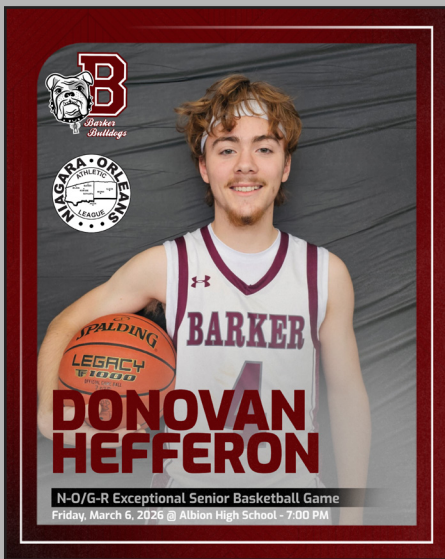
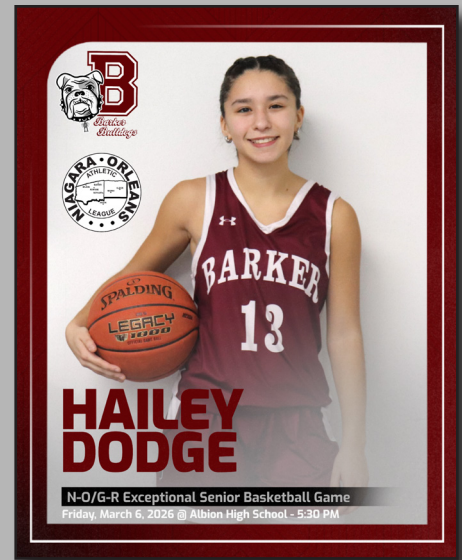
Pavlock and Fay represent the spirit of the award—well-rounded student-athletes who compete with determination, lead by example, and proudly represent Barker across multiple sports seasons. Their recognition highlights not only their individual achievements but also the strength of Barker's athletic program.



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(L-R): Jack Schwab - Blotted Ink Drawing. Sophia Pavlock - Blotted Ink Drawing.