

BLAIR ATHLETICS

June 2026 Newsletter

To the Blair Athletics community,

As we bring our 178th school year to a close, we look back with immense pride at an extraordinary year of athletic endeavor, growth and triumph. This year has been defined not just by the scores on the board, but also by the profound development of our student-athletes both on and off the field. In every practice, classroom and competition, our students have shown a relentless commitment to character and developing leadership that extends far beyond athletic competition. Underpinning all of these achievements were the exceptionally strong bonds forged within and among our teams. Our athletes consistently played for one another, creating an authentic culture of mutual support and shared purpose that elevated our entire athletic community.

This collective dedication is beautifully reflected in our graduating class, which features an exceptionally high percentage of seniors committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Across a diverse array of sports and prestigious programs, these student-athletes are ready to carry the Buccaneer spirit into the next chapter of their lives. We invite you to explore this final newsletter of the year to celebrate these achievements, recognize our award winners and reflect on a remarkable year of unity. Thank you to our parents, faculty, staff and families for your unwavering partnership and support—you are the foundation of Blair Athletics. Go Bucs!

Warmly,

The Blair Academy Athletics Department

BLAIR HAMMER AWARD

Recipients of the Blair Hammer Award are not necessarily the most accomplished athletes on a team—or even varsity players. Instead, the award honors students who embody the qualities engraved on the hammer itself: Grit, strength, teamwork, character and effort.

This season, we are proud to award the Blair Hammer Award to:
Maya Zimmerman '28, softball
Jaiveer Chauhan '26, track

RECENT HEADLINES

- Swarthmore College's Dylan Zhang '22 was named All-Region III Team by the Golf Coaches Association of America this May.
- Olivia Miles '21 was the second pick in the 2026 WNBA Draft, selected by the Minnesota Lynx.
- Wrestler Eric Bocanegra '27 earned a spot on the U20 Puerto Rico National Team and will represent them at the world championships in Slovakia.
- Princeton University's Ella Sloan '23 made the All-IVY women's lacrosse tournament team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEAMS WHO WON MAPL AND NJISAA PREP CHAMPIONSHIPS!

- Boys' Basketball (MAPL)
- Girls' Basketball (MAPL)
- Wrestling (MAPL)
- Softball (MAPL)
- Girls' Crew (MAPL)
- Boys' Golf (MAPL)
- Boys' Lacrosse (NJISAA Prep Championship)

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/12	SOCCERFEST
10/10	MAPL WEEKEND @ HOME VS. HUN
10/31	MAPL WEEKEND @ HOME VS. HILL
10/23-24	FAMILY WEEKEND @ HOME VS. LAWRENCEVILLE
11/7	PEDDIE DAY (@ PEDDIE)

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COLLEGE SIGNING LIST

In 2026, an impressive 32 percent of Blair’s graduating seniors were recruited for college athletics. At a time when college recruiting has become increasingly selective, this number underscores the caliber of Blair’s athletic programs and the perseverance of our students.



STUDENT	SPORT	COLLEGE
Isaiah Carroll '26	Basketball	University of Pennsylvania
Jaen Chatman '26	Basketball	University of Rhode Island
Coleman Elkins '26	Basketball	University of Texas
Ava Fajardo '26	Basketball	Drexel University
Isa Grant '26	Basketball	United States Naval Academy
Callen Murphy '26	Basketball	Ithaca College
Calla Pentzien '26	Basketball	Carnegie Mellon University
Priyanka Ponnamm '26	Basketball	University of Arizona
Deron Rippey Jr. '26	Basketball	Duke University
Lena Rodriguez '26	Basketball	Emory University
Kenny Thompson '26	Basketball	New York University
Simon Davis '26	Football	United States Naval Academy
Jack McCauley '26	Football	Western University
Mayan Muchugia '26	Football	Columbia University
David Owusu '26	Football	Harvard University
Andrew Pearce '26	Football	Davidson College
Hannah Wilson '26	Swim	Penn State University
Shane Hadden '26	Baseball	Trinity College
Brady Hoffman '26	Baseball	Ursinus College
Casey Kozelnik '26	Field Hockey	The College of New Jersey
Connor Bercume '26	Wrestling	Stanford University
Sarah Henckel '26	Wrestling	Lehigh University
Benji Koch '26	Wrestling	Williams College
Ryan Meier '26	Wrestling	Northwestern University

STUDENT	SPORT	COLLEGE
Barry Norman '26	Wrestling	Princeton University
Cole Pangborn '26	Wrestling	United States Military Academy West Point
Jaiveer Chauhan '26	Track and Field	Amherst College
Andrew Zhang '26	Track and Field	Trinity College
Sara Groseibl '26	Soccer	University of Miami
Layton Glover '26	Soccer	Christopher Newport University
Dash Neville '26	Golf	Kenyon College
Andy Lee '26	Tennis	Amherst College
Mikey Antonelli '26	Lacrosse	United States Naval Academy
Maxwell Bowers '26	Lacrosse	University of Maryland
Stephie Hughes '26	Lacrosse	Winthrop University
Kenzie Quigley '26	Lacrosse	United States Naval Academy
Alice Xu '26	Crew	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Faye Allen '26	Softball	Hamilton College
Asser Eldemerdash '26	Squash	Hobart and William Smith Colleges

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ATHLETIC AWARDS



Pictured from left to right: Deron Rippey Jr. '26, Hannah Wilson '26, Mikey Antonelli '26 and Faye Allen '26.

Congratulations to our recent graduates who received athletic honors at the Class of 2026 Prize Assembly.

The Robert Dalling Prize, presented to the male athlete who has best represented Blair Academy in athletic competition: Deron Rippey Jr. '26.

The William Zester Prize, presented to the female athlete who has best represented Blair Academy in athletic competition: Hannah Wilson '26.

The Herbert J. Siegel Prize, presented to those seniors whose sportsmanship, spirit and selfless dedication to their teams best represent the ideals of Blair Academy: Mikey Antonelli '26 and Faye Allen '26.



Hammer Award recipients from left to right: Jaiveer Chauhan '26, track, and Maya Zimmerman '28, softball.

