

Mid-Atlantic Recreation & Parks' Sports Alliance

PRESS RELEASE – February 12, 2024

Media Contacts

Derrick Thompson, President at dthompson@rockvillemd.gov

Mac Slover, Vice President at jslover@pwcgov.org

The Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks' Sports Alliance 2024 Dennis Callahan "Good Sports" Award Recipients

Manassas, Virginia – The Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks' Sports Alliance (MARPSA) will recognize youth players, coaches, administrators and officials throughout the Maryland and Virginia area at a special reception and awards ceremony in Annapolis on Monday, March 11th at 6:30 pm. Special guest speaker will be Hondo Handy, is an author, former Sports Supervisor for Town of Ocean City Parks & Recreation, and is currently the Mid-Atlantic Region Representative for the National Alliance for Youth Sports. Handy is also a former member of MARPSA.

Award recipients will receive their awards from MARPSA in the Blue Heron Room at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. Quiet Waters Park address is 600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, MD 21403

The Dennis Callahan Good Sport Awards is a MARPSA sponsored program providing opportunity for member jurisdictions to recognize young athletes, coaches and administrators who have modeled Good Sports actions and behaviors in local athletics. The Good Sports Award is named after Dennis Callahan, co-founder of MARPSA and former Director of Anne Arundel County Parks and Recreation Department.

The Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks' Sports Alliance is a consortium of Recreation and Parks Departments, sports officiating groups, and sport governing bodies in the region. Each member organization designates a player, coach, administrator and official to represent their community as a model of Good Sports.

The mission of the Alliance is to develop and communicate a consistent message that organizations and their players, coaches and spectators will be held accountable to a code of conduct that promotes Good Sports and keeps recreational competitive and non-competitive sporting activities in proper perspective.

Awards winners to be honored include:

Anne Arundel County

Athlete – Jaiden Johnson

Coach – Heather Hahn

City of Alexandria

Anne Arundel County

Carroll County

Charles County

Frederick County

City of Annapolis

City of Gaithersburg

City of Rockville

Howard County

Kent County

Montgomery County

Prince Georges
County

Prince William County

Town of Ocean City

Queen Anne's County

USSSA

City of Alexandria
Athlete – Delray Waters
Coach – Matt Lahr
Official – Robert Hay

City of Rockville
Coach – Ken Sonner
Administrator – Leroy Dimes
Official – Tom Lansinger

Frederick County
Coach – Austin White

Howard County
Athlete – Charles Gaines
Coach - Nathaniel Bond, Jr
Administrator – Brianne Miller
Official – Gail Kennedy

Kent County
Coach – Thomas Goldsborough
Administrator – Katelyn Blevins

Ocean City
Athlete – Noah Nguyen
Coach – Travis Fones

Prince William County
Athlete – Aiden Redd
Athlete – Kelsi Da Re
Athlete – Mary Ann Barannowski
Athlete – Zoey Kellum
Coach – Royce Keown
Administrator – Kate Bachman

If you have any questions, about the Mid-Atlantic Recreation and Parks' Sports Alliance, contact Derrick Thompson, President at dthompson@rockvillemd.gov or Mac Slover, Vice President at jslover@pwcgov.org.