

Northeast Running Club

2023
Scholarship
Recipients

Savannah Dennison - Mentor High School

Coach: Bill Dennison

Savannah received the Jeannie Rice Scholarship.

4.08 GPA; National Honor Society; 3 time Academic All-Ohio; Honors Diploma; OHSAA XC 4x state qualifier; XC Regional Champion and 4x District Champion; Holds the Mentor High school record in XC of 17:41; GCC champion and runner of the year; 2x News Herald XC runner of the year; OHSAA state champion in the 4x800; Qualified for OHSAA state track meet in 7 events over 3 years; GCC champion in the 1600 (twice), 800, and 4x800 (twice); Holds the Mentor High school record in the 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4x800m, 4x1600m, and Distance Medley Relay.

"Running has taught me to trust the process and that anything is possible There is nothing like the thrill of success from running when all of the hard work pays off.."

Savannah will be attending the University of Cincinnati where she will run XC and track while majoring in Business .



Amelia Matejka- Riverside High School

Coach: Lisa Wade

Amelia received the GCXC scholarship.

4.204 GPA; National Honor Society; #1 club (top 10% of class of 2023); Honors Diploma; 4x WRC scholar athlete award; highest GPA on XC team award; volunteers for many school based, XC/track/road racing events; 3 year varsity letter winner for XC and track; 3D Determination award for XC; participated in running since Just Run in elementary school (with a slight break in middle school to play volleyball); participates in and volunteers at numerous local road races.

I truly believe the running community has been the most supportive and welcoming community/environment I have been a part of. This aspect of running has contributed to my ability to learn to create a strong, caring personality and environment that can be used in my future profession of nursing.

Amelia will be attending the University of Kentucky where she will be running on the club team and majoring in Nursing.



Taylor Jasinski - Riverside High School

Coach: Lisa Wade

Taylor received the NERC Scholarship.

3.944 GPA; Principal's Honor Roll; 3x scholar athlete award for XC and track; OHSAA XC state qualifier ('22); OHSAA XC regional qualifier ('20 and '21); WRC conference XC runner-up ('22); 3x News Herald player of the week in XC and 2x in track; OHSAA Regional qualifier in the 1600m and 4x800m relay ('23); 2x Indoor Track state qualifier in 1600m.

"Having a strong mindset will get you far in life and I believe it is one of the most valuable things I have gained from my running journey so far."

Taylor will be attending John Carroll University where she run XC and track while majoring in Finance.



Taylor Hennessey- Madison High School

Coach: Tedd Wagner

Taylor received the NERC scholarship.

4.466 GPA; National Honor Society; ranked 5th in graduating class; 4 time academic award winner; 4 time varsity letter recipient in XC; 5th fastest XC time in Madison history; 3 time varsity letter recipient in track; OHSAA Regional track qualifier in the 400m ('23).

"These up-and-down races are not what define you as a runner, though. Instead, working your way through and pushing to be better than the week before is what shows how good of a runner you are."

Taylor will be attending Mount Union University where she will run XC and track while majoring in accounting.



Cecelia Henderson- Chardon High School

Coach: Julie Cole

Cecelia received the NERC scholarship.

3.667 GPA; Honors Diploma; WRC all-academic for XC and track; Topper Club Award (3.75 GPA and above); participated in the 24 in 24 for the last 5 years; Cecelia was injured and fought through illnesses for much of the '22 and '23 XC and track seasons...in spite of this, she remained connected to the team and was a student assistant coach during the season; completed 4 half marathons and many local road races

Running has gotten me through some really hard years and has given me something to look forward to everyday.

Cecelia will be attending Walsh University where she will be running XC and track and majoring in Nursing.

