



2019 Mariners Volleyball Club Scholarship Award Winners

The Mariners Volleyball club is proud to announce their 2019 Scholarship winners. For the third consecutive year, three outstanding Mariners Volleyball Club seniors were each awarded \$500 to support their respective post-secondary educational goals. Each recipient was selected after displaying remarkable academic achievement, outstanding athletic achievement or exemplary leadership skills.

Each of these athletes were presented their scholarships at the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation ceremony at the Port Theater on June 11, 2019.

Jayden Saywell – Leadership

Jayden is a standout athlete, consistently demonstrating desirable character traits that any coach could possibly want, including a desire to compete, commitment, coach-ability, leadership and selflessness. She guides her teams to win, through her pure desire to compete. Jayden leads her teams by example, as she is an extremely hard worker, on and off the court. She is a dedicated athlete who has dedicated her life to pursue her athletic passions.

Jayden is actively involved in giving back to the community at the grassroots level. She has helped coach younger athletes at both the elementary school level and for Volleyball BC, in both indoor volleyball and beach volleyball. She is also an active volunteer official within the school, officiating games for the younger students.

“It is not often that coaches come across an athlete like Jayden. As an athlete, Jayden has demonstrated a level of commitment needed to compete at the highest possible level within her sport, but also has the respect of her coaches and peers through her leadership abilities. She is also active in giving back to the community. Jayden is not only an exceptional athlete, but an outstanding person.” - Stephen Epp Volleyball BC Regional Manager (Vancouver Island)



Jayden Saywell presented with the Mariners Volleyball Club Leadership Award presented by MVC Board Member Roger Beck

Jack Harrison – Athletic Award

Jack has been a part of the Mariners Volleyball Club for the past five years. During his time with the club he has been a leader both on and off the court. His commitment to excellence not only shows up on the Volleyball Court, but he has also excelled in Beach Volleyball. Jack represented the Mariners Volleyball Club at the 2018 BC Summer Games for Beach Volleyball where he and his partner finished in 4th place. Jack has also represented the Mariners Volleyball Club at the 2017 Baden Cup.

Jack had a successful High School volleyball career with Dover Bay helping lead his school to the 2017 and 2018 High School Provincial Championships. He was also a First Team All-star at the 2018 Vancouver Island Championships.

“Over my time as Jack’s coach, it has been my pleasure to see him grow over the course of the last three years. I truly believe he will be someone who can positively impact a community, and given the opportunity, will excel in his career. His skill on the volleyball court is matched with a motor that wants to affect the world in a positive way, which brings out something special. Jack can and will succeed everywhere he goes.” - Zachary Andres Mariners Volleyball Club 18U Head Coach



Amanda Merner – Academic Award

Amanda has participated with the Mariners Volleyball Club over the past four years. During this time, she successfully balanced a heavy academic load while still competing with the Mariners Volleyball Club. She was also a provincial participant in four High School Sports while at Nanaimo District Secondary School. Amanda leads by example through her dedication to training, her cooperative manner and selfless demeanor.

As a student Amanda has always been recognized in the top percentile of her class. Amanda received the Biology 12 award at Nanaimo District Secondary School and has a 93% average within all of her courses.

“To our school community, Amanda has been a caring nurturing person to have in our building, often going out her way to work with all students, not just her buddies. In addition, she has numerous volunteer roles such as; loaves and fishes, athletics, scorekeeping, and coaching various teams.” - Ryan Orton Nanaimo District Secondary Sr. Girls Coach



A little more about the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation

Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation is a registered charity directed by a Board of community volunteers who solicit scholarships and bursaries to encourage graduating high school students to continue their education at a college or university.

For more information on the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation please visit their website at <https://www.nlsf.ca/>