



**American University Athletics**  
2026 Student-Athlete Academic & Leadership Awards

# PROGRAM

Tonight's event is hosted by the Student-Athlete Support Program, a collaboration between the Office of Undergraduate Education and the Department of Athletics and Recreation

## **WELCOME**

**Erin Saunders**

Director, Student-Athlete Support Program

## **REMARKS**

**JM Caparro**

Director of Athletics & Recreation

**Dr. Bridget Trogden**

Dean of Undergraduate Education and Academic Student Services

## **AWARDS**

**SASP Awards**

**School Awards**

**Top 25 GPA Awards**

**Top Senior GPA Awards**

**Leadership Awards (AUx First Year, Emerging Leader,**

**Stephanie Bennett-Smith Award for Outstanding Leadership)**

## **TOP SENIOR AWARDS**

**Adeline DiPaolo**

Women's Track

**Daniel Coughlin**

Men's Swimming & Diving

## **CLOSING**

**Erin Saunders**

Director, Student-Athlete Support Program



# SASP AWARDS

*Student-athletes from each of the department's 12 programs were selected by the SASP staff for their efforts both in the classroom and in the larger AU community.*



**JULEN ITURBE**  
Men's Basketball  
Sophomore  
Marketing



**ANNA RESCIFINA**  
Women's Basketball  
Senior  
Finance



**OWEN EDSSELL**  
Men's Soccer  
Junior  
Finance



**NICKIE PRENDERGAST**  
Lacrosse  
Senior  
Physics



**COOPER MICHAUD**  
Men's Cross Country & Track  
Senior  
Environmental Studies



**ANNIE RIPOL**  
Women's Cross Country & Track  
Senior  
Legal Studies & Statistics



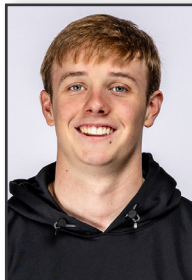
**PAULINE GINESTE**  
Field Hockey  
Senior  
American Government & Sociology



**EMMA BLANKENSHIP**  
Volleyball  
Sophomore  
Biology



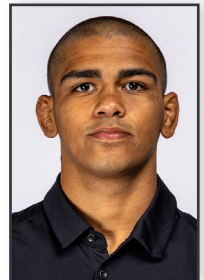
**ELIZA FISHER**  
Women's Soccer  
Senior  
Health Promotion



**BRENT HINCKLEY**  
Men's Swimming & Diving  
Junior  
American Government



**MAGGIE FANNING**  
Women's Swimming & Diving  
Senior  
Psychology



**RAYMOND LOPEZ**  
Wrestling  
Senior  
Philosophy

# SCHOOL AWARDS

*Student-athletes from – the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS), the Kogod School of Business, the School of International Studies (SIS), the School of Communication (SOC), the School of Education (SOE) and the School of Public Affairs*



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**SKYLAR DUFFY**  
Field Hockey  
Junior  
Psychology & Public Health

**DANIEL COUGHLIN**  
Men's Swimming & Diving  
Senior  
Biology

**SARAH STEINMAN**  
Field Hockey  
Junior  
Business Admin., Accounting, Management

**NOAH JONES**  
Men's Basketball  
Senior  
Finance



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**KATE RILEY**  
Women's Cross Country & Track  
Senior  
International Studies

**OWEN GARRETT**  
Men's Track  
Senior  
International Studies

**ADELINE DIPALO**  
Women's Track  
Junior  
Data Science for Poli. Sci.

**CONNOR FLORENCE**  
Men's Swimming & Diving  
Junior  
Comm., Legal Inst., Econ., Gov.



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**LAURA NOGUES**  
Women's Basketball  
Senior  
Elementary Education

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**ELLE McCLARY**  
Women's Soccer  
Senior  
Public Relations & Strategic Comm.

# HONORING THE TOP 25 GPAs OF AU STUDENT-ATHLETES

*Earned at least a 3.97 cumulative GPA for the Spring and Fall of 2025*

## CLASS OF 2026

Name	Sport	School	Major
Daniel Coughlin	Men's Swimming & Diving	CAS	Biology
Adeline DiPaolo	Women's Track	SPA	Data Science for Poli. Sci.
Madan Morris	Men's Swimming & Diving	CAS	Psychology & Business Admin
Grace Netz	Women's Swimming & Diving	CAS	Psychology
Laura Nogues	Women's Basketball	SOE	Elementary Education
Campbell Hall	Men's Swimming & Diving	SOE	Finance

## CLASS OF 2027

Name	Sport	School	Major
Skylar Duffy	Field Hockey	CAS	Psychology & Public Health
Ashley Huddleston	Field Hockey	CAS	Biology
Grace Koepke	Women's Basketball	Kogod	Business Admin. Analytics
Carly Sciborski	Volleyball	SOC	Communication Studies
Sarah Steinman	Field Hockey	Kogod	Business Admin., Accounting, Management
Natalie Webb	Women's Swimming & Diving	Kogod	Business Administration
Emilia Winkler	Field Hockey	CAS	Health Promotion

## CLASS OF 2028

Name	Sport	School	Major
Lauren Appleby	Lacrosse	CAS	Computational Science
Camryn Kowalewski	Lacrosse	SPA	Justice & Law and Psychology
Zoe Rector	Women's Cross Country & Track	SPA	Political Science (Policy)

## CLASS OF 2029

Name	Sport	School	Major
Emma Colavito	Women's Cross Country & Track	CAS	Neuroscience
Ella Daehnke	Lacrosse	SPA	Political Science
Mary DelVecchio	Women's Soccer	SIS	International Studies
Jill DuVarney	Field Hockey	Kogod	Finance
Maren Holecek	Women's Track	SIS	International Studies
Charlotte Orr	Women's Cross Country & Track	CAS	Political Science
Lucy Penna	Women's Swimming & Diving	SPA	Data Sci. for Justice, Law, & Crim.
Logan Rivers	Women's Soccer	CAS	Biology
James Soergel	Men's Track	Kogod	Finance

# TOP SENIOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

*Congratulations to the two seniors with the highest grade-point average!*



**ADELINE DIPAOLO**

- SPA / Data Science for Poli. Sci. '26
- Women's Track
- Contributed to multiple program top-10 times in the indoor and outdoor 4x400 meter relays
- Named to the Patriot League Honor Roll each year



**DANIEL COUGHLIN**

- CAS / Biology '26
- Men's Swimming & Diving
- Contributed to a 2nd AU all-time mark in the 400 medley relay and 4th all-time mark in the 200 medley relay, and ranks 11th all-time in the 200 butterfly
- Second consecutive year with a top-25 GPA in the athletic department
- Named to the Patriot League Honor Roll each year

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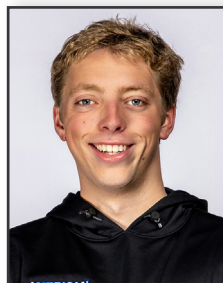
# SASP LEADERSHIP AWARDS

*Congratulations to our SASP Leadership Academy award winners!*

## AUx / FIRST YEAR LEADERSHIP AWARD



**JILL DUVARNEY**  
Field Hockey  
Freshman  
Finance



**MATTHEW PISTORINO**  
Men's Swimming & Diving  
Freshman  
Finance

## EMERGING LEADER AWARD



**CIERA THACKER**  
Women's Track  
Junior  
Psychology



**LIAM PACKER**  
Wrestling  
Sophomore  
Undeclared (Kogod)

## STEPHANIE M. BENNETT-SMITH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP



**COLIN JUE**  
Men's Swimming & Diving  
Senior  
Public Relations & Strategic Communications



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**Character Forged Through Competition**