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The Societies  
of Haverford College  
present the  
Archibald MacIntosh 1921 Award

to Jackson D. Sgro '28

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The MacIntosh Award is named for Class of 1921 graduate Archibald MacIntosh, who had the rare double honor of serving as Haverford College football and track & field captain during his senior year. A right fullback in football, "Mac" scored a touchdown in a 10-7 win over Franklin & Marshall in 1919, then had two touchdowns and both extra points in Haverford's 14-0 win at Delaware in 1920.

He outscored all of his teammates combined, 29-25, with three touchdowns, five point after touchdowns and two field goals during his senior year. The last track & field captain before the arrival of head coach Alfred W. "Pop" Haddleton in the fall of 1921, Mac rallied the Fords, winless in dual meets for two years, to a 57-55 victory over Swarthmore in his final college track meet. Haverford had lost to the Garnet the previous year, 80 1/2 - 31 1/2, despite MacIntosh's third victory of the season in the 220-yard low hurdles.

Over the next four-and-a-half decades, Mac became "Mr. Haverford" to generations of students, serving as coach, athletic director, director of admission, vice-president, twice acting president and a professor of psychology. The MacIntosh Award, presented by the Societies of Haverford (formerly presented by Beta Rho Sigma), has honored the top scholar-athlete in the first-year class at Haverford since 1964.



## Past MacIntosh Award Winners

- 1964 - Donald Urie '67 (football, baseball)
- 1965 - James Ritter III '68 (football, baseball)
- 1966 - Eric Smith '69 (soccer, baseball)
- 1967 - Donald Thompson '70 (basketball, baseball, football)
- 1968 - Robert Mong '71 (football, baseball)
- 1969 - Ronald B. Norris '71 (basketball, tennis)
- 1970 - Douglas Nichols '73 (football)
- 1971 - not presented
- 1972 - Daniel A. Iracki '75 (football, baseball)
- 1973 - Thomas Gerlach '76 (soccer)
- 1974 - Timur Galen '77 (soccer)
- 1975 - Matthew Zipin '78 (soccer)
- 1976 - Jeffrey Kehne '79 (cross country, track & field)
- 1977 - Anjan Chatterjee '80 (track & field)
- 1978 - Paul N. Forshay '81 (basketball, baseball)
- 1979 - Michael V. Sheely '82 (cross country, track & field)
- 1980 - not presented
- 1981 - Jennifer A. Kehne '84 (field hockey, basketball, lacrosse)
- 1982 - Lydia Martin '85 (field hockey, lacrosse)
- 1983 - Patty Dinella '86 (tennis)
- 1984 - John Loughnane '87 (baseball)
- 1985 - Chris Edwards '88 (fencing)
- 1986 - Christopher Lee '89 (soccer, lacrosse)
- 1987 - Daniel Crowley '90 (soccer, baseball)  
Tamara Lave '90 (cross country, track & field)
- 1988 - Laura Miller '91 (soccer)  
Jonathan Wren '91 (soccer)
- 1989 - Amy Taylor '92 (volleyball, basketball)
- 1990 - Lisa Heald '93 (field hockey, basketball)  
Peter Landon '93 (soccer, track & field)
- 1991 - Rachael Lucatorto '94 (volleyball)
- 1992 - Tara Brendle '95 (volleyball, track & field)  
Danielle May '95 (cross country, track & field)  
Chris Rosselli '95 (soccer)
- 1993 - Julia Napier '96 (soccer)
- 1994 - Elizabeth Werbe '97 (field hockey, lacrosse)
- 1995 - Ntobeko Ntusi '98 (cross country, track & field)  
Amanda Salter '98 (soccer)
- 1996 - Nicole Zito '99 (soccer, track & field)
- 1997 - Rich Billings '00 (soccer)  
Lindsey Carey '00 (soccer, lacrosse)  
Ryan Taggart '00 (lacrosse)
- 1998 - Robin Herlands '01 (field hockey, lacrosse)
- 1999 - Ronnie Bossert '02 (cross country, track & field)  
Matt Genna '02 (baseball)  
Liz Young '02 (soccer, squash)
- 2000 - Kristen Wilson '03 (cross country, track & field)
- 2001 - Jen Constantino '04 (volleyball)
- 2002 - Rebecca Gaugler '05 (soccer)
- 2003 - Laura Chaddock '06 (tennis)  
Grant Scott '06 (cross country, track & field)
- 2004 - Aislinn Sowash '07 (cross country, track & field)
- 2005 - Joseph Awantang '08 (track & field)  
Emily Hinchcliff '08 (volleyball)
- 2006 - Darian Lunne '09 (track & field)  
David Nowacki '09 (basketball)
- 2007 - Andrew Lanham '10 (cross country, track & field)
- 2008 - M. Elias Tousley '11 (cross country, track & field)
- 2009 - Zachary Cohen '12 (lacrosse)  
Katherine Comey '12 (volleyball)
- 2010 - Mary Hobbs '13 (field hockey)
- 2011 - Jen DiCandilo '14 (softball)
- 2012 - Casey Fox '15 (baseball)  
Caitlin Gallagher '15 (tennis)
- 2013 - Sarah Waldis '16 (field hockey)
- 2014 - Jacob Youse '17 (tennis)  
Dorian Wirz '17 (soccer)
- 2015 - Jessica Koshinski '18 (softball)
- 2016 - Gabriel Braun '19 (fencing)
- 2017 - Kevin Yan '20 (tennis)
- 2018 - Julianna Clark '21 (basketball)
- 2019 - George Jiang '22 (tennis)
- 2020 - Ryan Kredell '23 (cross country, track & field)  
Cortlyn Morris '23 (basketball, track & field)
- 2021 - Ally Landau '24 (basketball, track & field)
- 2022 - Juliet Young '25 (volleyball, track & field)
- 2023 - Lauren Anderson '26 (soccer, lacrosse)
- 2024 - Marko Arboleda '27 (tennis)

*\*This article is an excerpt that ran in the Philadelphia Inquirer during August of 1965 at the time of Dr. Archibald MacIntosh's retirement from Haverford College. The original article was written by Glenn McCurd.*

There is a large segment of Haverford College's alumni who feel directly indebted to a rugged-looking Scot who has ruled Haverford's admissions desk from 1932 through 1965. This man is Dr. Archibald MacIntosh.

During his career in admissions, "Mac," would first weigh a prospect's high school or prep school record, his College Board scores, and his achievements outside the classroom. Then he met the boy in person. Here is where many people credit Mac with having a sixth sense, the ability to see something in an applicant that statistics and lists of activities could never capture. Consequently, there are hundreds of Haverford graduates who can look across long years of success and say, "Thank you, Mac, for giving me a chance."

The son of a Presbyterian minister, "Mac" was born in Malone, N.Y. in 1899 and spent a good deal of his boyhood roaming the forests around the St. Lawrence River and on his family's vacation island.

From this woods and stream environment, Mac came to Haverford and the Main Line. Until the stocky, quiet woodsman from New York discovered the bruising rewards of football, he was one of the loneliest freshmen ever to wander across a first semester away from home. At first, he was painfully shy; the extrovert side of his nature came to the surface during the exhilaration of athletic contact, and the Haverford yearbook of this era (1920-21) describes a gruff, seldom-heard voice raised above the sounds of Saturday afternoon competition as he urged on the team to greater efforts.

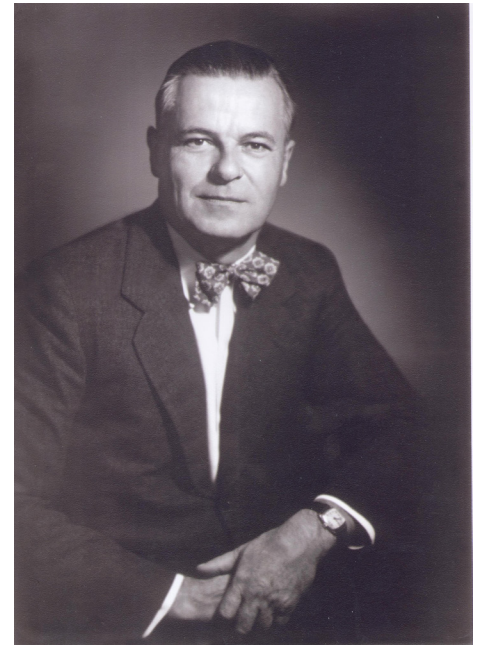
After his freshman year (1917) MacIntosh enlisted in the Army. He returned wearing the uniform of a second lieutenant in the Artillery to start his sophomore semesters. About this time, Mac had his first clash with a gregarious Bryn Mawr student whose family was part of Main Line tradition. Indeed, Margaret Wood Taylor's mother was a member of the first class ever to attend Bryn Mawr (and her great-uncle, Joseph Wright Taylor, was its founder).

"I thought he was an impossible little snip...and he thought I was a snob," she said ... but eventually, they were married two years later in 1923 and had two children, Charles Archibald and Gertrude Alinson MacIntosh.

Mac's collection of honors as a senior included the captaincy of both the football and track teams. His classmates called him both a thinker and a doer, the quiet man who led the team through a grueling afternoon on the playing fields, and then composed a brilliant analysis of Carl Sandburg's work or produced poems of his own, full of devotion for the natural things he loved: a whispering lake, the burst of spray in a sailor's face, a shoreline fading from sight.

The youthful teacher-administrator came back to Haverford in 1929 after receiving his master's in English from Columbia in 1927 and heading the English department of the Montgomery School for two years. He then earned his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1957 received an honorary degree from Haverford College. He was named director of admissions and dean of freshmen in 1932 (later vice president). Only for brief periods of one year each, in 1945 and 1956 when he served as acting president, did he fail to take part in the careful selection of Haverford applicants. From these experiences he put together a book, "Beyond the Academic Curtain" in 1948. From 1955-58, Mac was chairman of the College Entrance Examination Board and his deeply rooted beliefs in the fundamentals of education have had a great deal to do with changes in the board's testing structure. Looking over his long association with Haverford, the man who has been called the personification of this somewhat unique system of individual education says that he is proud to have been part of such a "great adventure."

At the entrance to this "great adventure" since 1932 has been Archibald MacIntosh, a perennially youthful adventurer in his own life, a first-rate sailor and mountain climber in the Hemingway tradition. He was introduced to the exhilaration of climbing in 1944 (and later he) worked out a "retrieve arrangement" with a friend, to bring that friend's beautiful sloop back to Baltimore from races in which they competed to Bermuda, Newport or Halifax.



Mrs. MacIntosh said about her husband: "He likes to fight things. He loves mountain climbing but hates to just go hiking somewhere. Swimming is boring but sailing he adores. He's never been a philosopher but always a man of action, out to prove something."

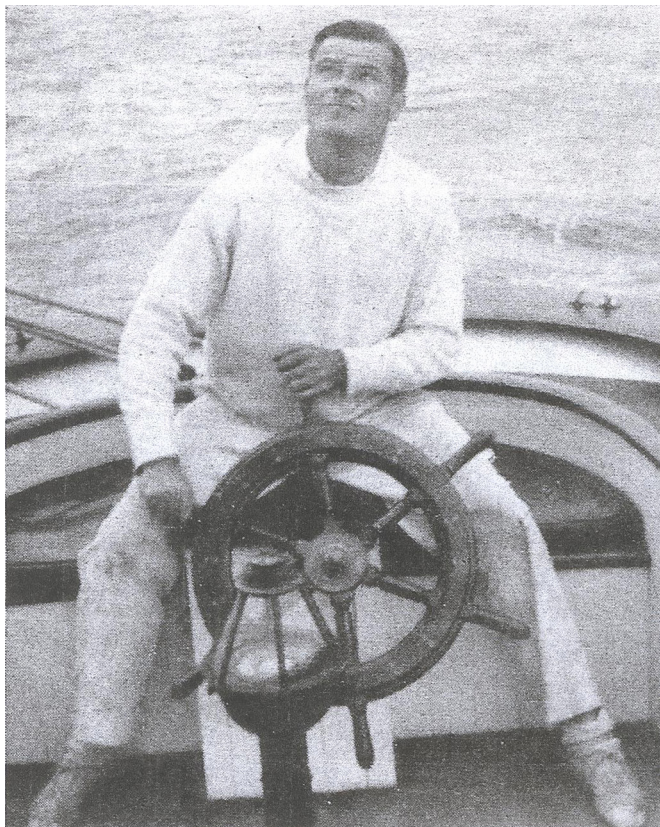
Throughout his association with the undergraduates of Haverford College, there has always been a large amount of mutual respect. Students with only a nodding acquaintance with the stern-appearing Scotchman respected him as do most people who have ever known a sincerely modest, quiet person.

One particular instance of the effect of his presence will serve as an excellent example. Several years ago a normal springtime campus riot, complete with water-filled balloons, wastebaskets, blaring hi-fi sets and barricades made from piles of branches, got entirely out of hand. The Lower Merion police had no effect on the noisy rioters. Two squad cars were trapped between piles of branches and had their tires flattened. It was easily the worst riot in the school's history.

A police official, a friend of Mac, called him at home and said there was nothing he could do to stop the riot. Mac pulled his trousers on over his pajamas, put on a pair of slippers and was escorted to the scene of the full-scale spring exuberance in a squad car. Walking through the darkness ahead of two patrolmen, he was immediately recognized by those on the outskirts of the battle and the resulting silence spread across at least 250 frisky male undergraduates.

"OK, fellows," said Mac, "that's enough." The riot immediately disappeared. The police had never seen anything like it. And Mac, according to Mrs. Mac, has always been quite proud of that night. "Sometimes he gets awfully pleased with himself," she said, "and he certainly was then."

In the list of background questions which every new college public relations man sends out to both administration and faculty, there is one that is particularly difficult: "What do you consider your outstanding contribution to your field." Mac's answer: "The Haverford College graduating class from 1932 until the present time." It says more about this dedicated educator than we've said with all these hopeless words.



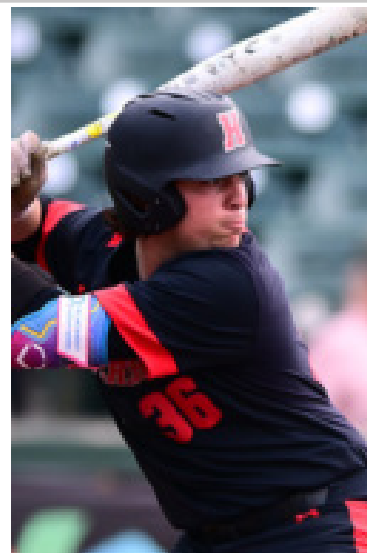
## Jackson D. Sgro '28

In his first season with Haverford baseball, first-year shortstop Jackson Sgro established himself as one of the premier talents in Division III. His debut was not simply impressive, it was historic.

Sgro led the Centennial Conference with a .442 batting average, delivering power, consistency, and production that made him one of the most feared hitters in the league. His résumé from 2024 included 50 hits, 30 runs scored, 11 doubles, 11 home runs, and 43 RBI.

He also posted a .504 on-base percentage and an .832 slugging percentage, numbers that placed him among the top 20 players nationally in batting average, home runs per game, and RBI per game.

That performance earned Sgro the title of D3baseball.com National Rookie of the Year and a spot on the All-America Second Team. Just as importantly, it arguably set a new standard for what a first-year student-athlete at Haverford can achieve.



Sgro made his impact felt immediately. In only his second collegiate game, he launched a two-run home run against an Arcadia team coming off an NCAA tournament berth. Over the course of the spring, he tallied 19 multi-hit games, highlighted by a four-hit outing at Ursinus and a six-RBI day against Washington College.

He saved his best for the postseason, homering in each of his last three games during the Centennial Conference Tournament as the Fords made a run to the Centennial Conference Championship series. From February through May, he paired steady poise with explosive production.

Yet the numbers alone do not explain why Sgro is this year's recipient of the Archibald MacIntosh Award, one of Haverford College's most distinguished honors. Presented annually to a first-year student who exemplifies the ideals of the scholar-athlete, the award recognizes academic achievement, integrity, and character, as well as athletic excellence.

Head coach Dave Beccaria recognized those traits from the moment Sgro arrived on campus. "From the first time he stepped foot on campus, Jackson demonstrated maturity beyond his years, consistently strong work habits, and a sense of purpose in all of his pursuits as a student-athlete," Beccaria said.

"Those traits led to one of the all-time great first years in D3 baseball and the honor of being named D3baseball.com National Rookie of the Year. The MacIntosh Award is a terrific honor and a fitting testament to all of Jackson's hard work and ability."

For Sgro, the award reflects more than individual recognition. It is a testament to the support around him, both on campus and at home. "Finding balance when you are trying to do anything at a high level is a challenge," he said. "At Haverford, I think the most important thing is that you lean on the resources of the community that you are in. The professors, coaches, and students are always there to support you where they can. Asking for help when you need it can go a long way when it comes to getting you on the right path quicker. It's another way of working smarter so that you can get some time back, to accomplish what you need to do, and do it as well as possible."

He is quick to share credit with those who have guided him along the way. "I definitely need to shout out to my Mom and Dad," Sgro said. "They have both made countless sacrifices and given relentless effort to help me get where I am today. I would also like to thank my coaches and teammates last year, especially the seniors. They were a remarkable influence. On-field success is not possible without an incredible team behind you in a sport like this."

The MacIntosh Award reflects the balance and foundations of resilience that define the Haverford student-athlete experience. For Sgro, it marks the celebration of an extraordinary first year while opening the door to the continued growth, challenges, and opportunities that lie ahead during his time at the College.