Albany High School’s athletic program is excited to celebrate recipients of special recognition. These awards are presented in conjunction with 2020 graduation, which took place in a special ceremony Friday night. The AHS coaching staff nominated deserving seniors who met specific criteria for each award.

Please join us in congratulating all Class of 2020 student athlete graduates, award nominees and award recipients...Go Cougars!

**Grace Dinsdale Female Athlete of the Year Award**
Joanna Qiu won the Grace Dinsdale Female Athlete of the Year Award. Joanna was a state semi-finalist for the Cougars’ top ranked girls wrestling team, played doubles on Albany’s NCS tennis team and competed in Track and Field.

**Paul Pericilli/Al Seiling Male Athlete of the Year Award**
AJ Gilbert was named Paul Pericilli/Al Seiling Male Athlete of the Year. AJ was a three-year captain on basketball teams that advanced to the North Coast Section tournament. He earned first team all-league honors for the TCAL Rock and led the team in scoring and assists.

**Valterza Scholarship Awards**
Dayna Riggio-Kerley and Ben Newton were honored with the 2020 Valterza Scholarships. Dayna was a key contributor on the Cougars highly ranked volleyball team and Ben has been a four-year starter on the Albany baseball team. Both Dayna and Ben are planning to continue their athletic careers at the college level.

The Valterza Family provides two scholarships annually for student-athletes who exemplify great leadership, role modeling and mentorship.

**Doug Kagawa Victory with Honor Award**
Francesca Lopresti, who broke many of the schools’ career wrestling records, and Gabe Malat Del Valle, a highly respected leader of the Cougar baseball team, were Kagawa honorees for the Class of 2020.

The Doug Kagawa Victory with Honor Award is presented to students who excel while conducting themselves with the highest level of integrity.

**Larry Eaton Award for Student-Athlete Excellence**
Caleb Williams, who earned a 4.3 cumulative GPA while running on both the Cross Country and Track teams, won the Larry Eaton Award for Student-Athlete excellence.
Robert Giblin Award
Moxie Evan, the scrappy point guard for the Cougar Girls’ basketball team, won the Robert Giblin award for 110% effort.

Reginald Jackson Award for Sportsmanship
William Pennington-Kent, who finished his Cougar career on the football field in the Fall, won the Reginald Jackson award for sportsmanship.

Wallman Family Legacy Award for Excellence
David Obbard earned the Wallman Family Legacy Award for excellence in Track and Field.

AHS Athlete Award Nominees
Other outstanding Cougars nominated for athletic awards included: Jade Blum, Henry Burditt, Clare Connors, Cairo DaSilva, Christina Fadelli, Ali Fraga, Juliane Ivtchenko, Erin Montagh, Ruby Oyle and Jaime Trujillo.