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**Niagara Track & Field
Hall of Fame**

Press Release

Winners of the 2016 Annual Awards of the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame are announced

Rochester, NY: The Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame is proud to announce its 2016 Annual Awards. These awards recognize performances and accomplishments made during the 2015-2016 school year. The three finalists for each of these awards were outstanding performers during the 2015-2016 school year. The very high quality of these finalists continues to be a hallmark of this awards program. While the three finalists for any one of these awards couldn't all be selected as the winner, any of the finalists would have been a well-deserved winner.

There are three repeat winners, all the first time for the award, from 2015 Annual Awards. **Samuel R. Wray**, of Starpoint High School, is our first repeat winner of the **Trenton J. Jackson Award**; **Samantha Watson** of Rush Henrietta Sperry High School is our first repeat winner of the **Cynthia J. Wyatt Award**; and the **Syracuse University Men's Cross Country team** is our first repeat winner of the **Charles H. Moore, Jr. Award**.

The Donald J. Paige Award was won by a thrower for the fourth consecutive year (4 of 5 times the award has been given). A Syracuse athlete won the Lambelet Award for the second time in a row.

There has been at least one repeat winner since the second year of these awards (2013). Repeat winners are: **Sean Bernstein**, SUNY Oneonta (James D. Ulrich Award) in 2013, **Rachel Sorna**, Cornell University (Doriane Lambelet Award), in 2014, **Amy Cymerman**, Grand Valley State University and St. Lawrence University (Jack T. Daniels Award) and **Joseph Postwaite**, Lake Erie College (James D. Ulrich Award) in 2015. **Jonathan W. Jones**, University at Buffalo (Donald J. Paige Award) won in 2013 and 2015.

As of 2016, every award except for the Bob Ivory Award, has had at least one repeat winner.

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The winners of the 2016 Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame Annual awards are:

Award	Name	School	Hometown	Event
Donald J. Paige Award	Rudy Winkler	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	Sand Lake, NY / Averill Park HS	Hammer Throw
Doriane Lambelet Award	Shaina Harrison	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	Aurora, ON / Maximilian Kolbe HS	Sprints
James D. Ulrich Award	Luis Rivera	Nazareth College, Pittsford, NY	Rochester, NY / James Monroe HS	Weight Throw / Hammer Throw
Jack Tupper Daniels Award	Katherine Pitman	Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY	Swampscott, MA / Swampscott HS	Pole Vault
Trenton J. Jackson Award	Samuel R. Wray	Starpoint HS, Lockport, NY	Lockport, NY	Discus Throw
Cynthia J. Wyatt Award	Samantha Watson	Rush-Henrietta Sperry HS, Henrietta, NY	Henrietta, NY	Mid-Distance
Bob Ivory Award	Not awarded			
Charles H. Moore Jr. Award	Men's Cross Country Team	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY		

Previous Winners:

Donald J. Paige Award

2012 **Jarrett A. Eaton**, Syracuse University
 2013 **Jonathan W. Jones**, University at Buffalo
 2014 **Stephen Mozia**, Cornell University
 2015 **Jonathan W. Jones**, University at Buffalo

Doriane Lambelet Award

2012 **Melissa Kurzdorfer**, Penn State University
 2013 **Rachel Sorna**, Cornell University
 2014 **Rachel Sorna**, Cornell University
 2015 **Margo Malone**, Syracuse University

James D. Ulrich Award

2012 **Sean Bernstein**, SUNY Oneonta
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 2014 **Joseph Postwaite**, Lake Erie College (OH)
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Jack Tupper Daniels Award

2012 **Emma Dewart**, Ithaca College
 2013 **Sasha Henry**, Buffalo State College
 2014 **Amy Cymerman**, St. Lawrence University
 2015 **Amy Cymerman**, Grand Valley State University (MI)

Trenton J. Jackson Award

2012 **Za'Von Watkins**, Liverpool HS
 2013 **Desmond Mobley**, Greece Olympia HS
 2014 **Devon Patterson**, Williamsville South HS
 2015 **Samuel R. Wray**, Starpoint, HS

Cynthia J. Wyatt Award

2012 **Stephanie Izard**, Sweet Home HS
 2013 **Katie Lembo**, Penfield HS
 2014 **Jaskiran Dhaliwall**, Grand Island HS
 2015 **Samantha Watson**, Rush Henrietta Sperry HS,

Bob Ivory Award

2012 **William J. Aris**, Fayetteville-Manlius HS
 2013 **Walter McLaughlin**, East Aurora HS
 2014 **Raymond Lawson**, Corning High School
 2015 **Michael DeMay**, Rush Henrietta Sperry HS

Charles H. Moore Jr. Award

2012 **Fayetteville-Manlius HS** Girls Cross Country Team
 2013 **East Aurora HS** Girls Cross Country Team
 2014 **Cornell University** Men's Indoor Track and Field Team
 2015 **Syracuse University** Men's Cross Country Team

To see the historical placings for the three finalists for these awards, view the Award Winners web page at http://www.niagaratrackhof.org/watch_lists/AwardWinners/award_winners.php and click on the name of each award.

Runners-up

The runners-up for the 2016 Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame Annual awards are:

Award	Name	School	Hometown	Event
Donald J. Paige Award	Freddie Crittenden III	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	Utica MI / Utica HS	Hurdles
Doriane Lambelet Award	Ashley Petersen	Wichita State University, Wichita, KS	Allegany, NY / Allegany-Limestone HS	High Jump
James D. Ulrich Award	Peter Girardi	St. John Fisher College, Pittsford, NY	Cicero, NY / Cicero-North Syracuse HS	400m Hurdles
Jack Tupper Daniels Award	Brandy Smith	Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY	Miami, FL / Ransom Everglades School	Discus Throw
Trenton J. Jackson Award	Ben Petrella	Liverpool HS, Liverpool, NY	Liverpool, NY	Distance
Cynthia J. Wyatt Award	Lanae-Tava Thomas	Rush Henrietta Sperry HS, Henrietta, NY	Henrietta, NY	Long Jump / Sprints
Bob Ivory Award	Not awarded			
Charles H. Moore Jr. Award	Men's Outdoor Track & Field Team	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY		

Second Runners-up

The second runners-up for the 2016 Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame Annual awards are:

Award	Name	School	Hometown	Event
Donald J. Paige Award	Justin Knight	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	Vaughan, ON / St. Michael's HS	Distance

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Doriane Lambelet Award	Margo Malone	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	Pittsburgh, PA / North Hills HS	Distance
James D. Ulrich Award	Nick Vachon	Cortland State, Cortland, NY	Johnson City, NY / Maine-Endwell HS	High Jump
Jack Tupper Daniels Award	Jacquelin Huben	Geneseo State, Geneseo, NY	Williamsville, NY / Clarence HS	Steeplechase
Trenton J. Jackson Award	Tobi Tella	McQuaid Jesuit HS, Rochester, NY	Rochester, NY	Triple Jump
Cynthia J. Wyatt Award	Tiana Luton	Sweet Home HS, Amherst, NY	Amherst, NY	Multi-events
Bob Ivory Award	Not awarded			
Charles H. Moore Jr. Award	Women's Outdoor Track & Field Team	Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY		

The Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame congratulates winners of our 2016 annual awards. These award winners continue set the standard against which excellence in Athletics is measured in this region. The eight 2016 award winners have indeed achieved at a very high standard.

Nominations for next year's annual awards are being accepted now. Any member of the public may submit a nomination. Self-nominations are welcome.

About the eight annual awards:

- **Donald J. Paige Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding NCAA Division 1 Male Athlete of the Year in or from the Niagara Association.
- **Doriane Lambelet Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding NCAA Division 1 Female Athlete of the Year in or from the Niagara Association.
- **James D. Ulrich Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding Male College Athlete of the Year from other than NCAA Division I Colleges in or from the Niagara Association.
- **Jack Tupper Daniels Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding Female College Athlete of the Year from other than NCAA Division I Colleges in or from the Niagara Association.
- **Trenton J. Jackson Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding Male High School Athlete of the Year in the Niagara Association.

- **Cynthia J. Wyatt Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding Female High School Athlete of the Year in the Niagara Association.
- **Bob Ivory Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding High School Coach of the Year in the Niagara Association.
- **Charles H. Moore, Jr. Award:** Presented annually by the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame to the outstanding Cross Country Running, Indoor Track and Field, or Outdoor Track and Field High School or College Team of the Year in the Niagara Association.

For more information About the Hall of Fame members for whom the awards are named see: [Annual Awards Announcement Press Release](#).

About the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame:

Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame is provisionally chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York. The purpose of the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame is to recognize those individuals who made significant and outstanding contributions to the Sport of Athletics (including Track & Field, Long Distance Running, Race Walking, and Cross Country Running) while living within the geographic boundaries (New York State West of and including the counties of Oswego, Onondaga, Cortland, and Broome) of the Niagara Association as athletes (including Masters), coaches, and/or administrators (including Competition Officials).

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