

2019-2000 Westfields Athletics Club Annual Presentation

Presidents Welcome

Welcome to the 29th Annual Presentation of the Westfields Athletics Club. Under these difficult times of COVID 19 restrictions it was impossible to hold our usual formal function as we have done in the past, and with the 2020/21 season about to commence in a couple of weeks it was necessary to organise this online presentation. Most importantly we need to recognise the achievements of our athletes and the support of our sponsors, families and friends.

I will start by thanking our club executive Janet Stickler, Brett Mathison, Sharyn Dickson, Kyle Alexis, Godwin Opoku Mensah and Nick Tselepis. Your input to the running of our club is invaluable. I want to thank Westfields Sports for their ongoing support. If it wasn't for the assistance of Principal Andrew Rogers and Director of Sport Joanne Kenny it would not be possible to provide such a great service to our club members. Athletics NSW has been very helpful, particularly Ben, Megan, Matthew and all the staff who are always available to assist us with problems and issues.

Westfields is very fortunate to have a wonderful collection of dedicated and well learned coaching staff. Thank you to the committed and unselfish work of Denis Knowles, Christie Baker, Shane Castlereagh, Leo Dulay, Sharyn Dickson and Brett Mathison. I would like to pay particular mention to Brett who's contribution to the running of the Athletics Program at Westfields is both invaluable and irreplaceable. Also special mention to our own Dani Stevens whose commitment and dedication to our club over 20 years is unsurpassed. To have the greatest ever female discus thrower as a proud member of our club is something that few clubs can appreciate. Dani is always available to attend and support our activities, and only ever gives her apologies when she is representing her country overseas and is unavailable.

COVID has taken its toll on NSW Registered clubs and their ability to provide grants to local clubs such as ours. Generally speaking about 75% of the NSW Registered Clubs had to put a hold on all funding this year. However, there was one club that refused to abandon us. For the 19th year in a row Club Liverpool (formerly the John Edmonson VC Memorial Club) has come to the party and continued to support us with their annual donation of \$4000, bringing their total donations over the years to \$76,000.00. To all the board members of Club Liverpool please accept the thanks of the entire Westfields Family.

Unable to hold our annual Trivia night this year where Sharyn Dickson manages to raise almost \$5000 dollars and our Shopping tour organised by Janet Stickler, I was extremely concerned and sent out an SOS to our parents. I was hoping to raise a thousand dollars and asked parents if they would help out and make donations of \$100 towards helping sponsor individual awards. I am very proud to announce that the parents donated over \$2000. Those generous families were the Nadaya-Harb family, the Alizart family, the Goetz family, the Banovich family, the Hunter family, the Stickler family and a very generous donation of \$1000 from the Cassilles family's company Cassilles Joinery.

Continuing their sponsorship this year as well are firstly Steve Want owner of the Sportsfactory. In this current climate where most organisations order their sporting apparel from overseas suppliers it is refreshing to note the Sportsfactory continue to supply its clothing as an Australian Product where the majority of their clothing items are produced here in Sydney employing Australian workers. So if you are looking at organising sports apparel I urge you to support the Sportsfactory and give Steve a call. David and Karin Suchy each year continue to donate a substantial amount towards the athletes awards and for that we are once again grateful.

Last but not least are Rosemary and Wilf Mula who set up the Adhemar Ferreira da Silva Scholarship back in 2003. This marks the 18th year the Scholarship will be awarded. It is difficult to state exactly how much they have contributed however my estimate is in excess of \$60,000.00. We will hear from Rosemary shortly as she announces this year's winner who will receive the Adhemar trophy, \$1000

prizemoney and an all-expenses paid interstate trip for athlete and coach to the Interstate athletics meet of their choice.

A new award (called National level athlete) was added this year to recognise those athletes who would have competed at National Level (qualified for the Australian Championships) however were unable to do so with its cancellation. Impressively we had 21 athletes who were about to compete at the 2020 Nationals when COVID restrictions cancelled the Championships.

Life membership is awarded to athletes who have given a minimum of 10 years of service to Westfields. 2020 represents the 10th year of service of one of our most popular and dedicated athletes. It gives me great pleasure to award life membership to Bailey Woodward.

So, without any further delay, let's announce this year's award winners.

Achievement Awards

Larry Adeniran
Kyle Alexis
Madeline Baptist
Georgia Campos
Praneesh Chand
Sophia Dagher
Alessia De-Rossi
Ryan Dueza
Aaliya Farre
Anthony Fediakov
Maddison Kernagan
Tim Marendy
Laura Martino
Taneka Osgood
Michael Taylor
Bailey Woodward
Kaitlyn Woodward

State Medallists

Alexandra Alizart
Cameron Banovich
Lachlan Baptist
Ciara Cassilles
William Cluff
Reina Dagher
Breanna De Groot
Abel Faanati
Alex Goetz
Riley Harrington
Scarlet Heather
Ava Honore
Jai Horton
Maddison Hunter
Teagan Hunter

Harley Ibitzki
Rashid Kabba
Latecia Lolohea
Destiny Lyons
Emily Malakovski
Emillio Martinez
Jakob Masters
Destiny McGoon
Le'Ati Moefaaau
Charlize Monzon
Godwin Opoku Mensah
Mikayla Osgood
Mitchell Parsons
Olivia Pyda
Raven Pyda
Sarah Ringrose
Aleksandra Stoilova
Marisa Stojanovic
Vaea Tanupoa
Sambhranta Verma

National Level (2020 award for athletes who qualified for cancelled Nationals)

Alexandra Alizart – National Level
Lachlan Baptist – National Level
Ciara Cassilles – National Level
Reina Dagher – National Level
Ava Honore – National Level
Jai Horton – National Level
Maddison Hunter – National Level
Rashid Kabba – National level
Latecia Lolohea – National Level
Destiny Lyons – National Level
Tim Marendy – National Level
Emily Malakovski – National Level
Destiny McGoon – National Level
Le'Ati Moefaaau
Godwin Opoku Mensah -National Level
Mitchell Parsons - National Level
Raven Pyda - National Level
Sarah Ringrose – National Level
Aleksandra Stoilova – National Level
Marissa Sojanovic – National Level

National Medallists

Shola Adeniran
Audrey Nadaya-Harb
Bryce Nolan

New Life member:

Bailey Woodward (10 years of club membership)

The following awards are our major awards and thanks to the support of our sponsors each recipient receives the certificate or trophy with a cheque attached.

Sports Factory Awards

Male		Jakob Masters	\$200
Female		Charlize Monzon	\$200
Roger Green award	-	Emillio Martinez	(\$100)
Fred O'Connor Award		Sambhranta Verma	(\$100)
Ron White Award		Godwin Opoku Mensah	\$100
Gregory Kavadas Award		Alexandra Alizart	\$100

Sprints

Male Junior	-	Rashid Kabba	(\$100)
Female Junior	-	Shola Adeniran	(\$100)
Male Senior	-	Kyle Alexis	(\$100)
Fem Senior	-	Nil	

Middle Distance

Male Junior	-	Lachlan Baptist	(\$100)
Fem Junior	-	Ava Honore	(\$100)

Jumps

Male Junior	-	Rashid Kabba	(\$100)
Fem Junior	-	Audrey Nadaya-Harb	(\$100)
Fem Senior	-	Laura Alexis	(\$100)

Throws

Male Junior	-	Bryce Nolan	(\$100)
Fem Junior	-	Mikayla Osgood	(\$100)
Fem Senior		Sarah Ringrose	(\$100)

Winter Athletes

Junior Male		Raven Pyda	(\$100)
Junior Female	-	Ciara Cassilles	(\$100)

Athletes of the year

Male Junior	-	Rashid Kabba	(\$250)
Female Junior	-	Aleksandra Stoilova	(\$250)
Male Senior	-	Kyle Alexis	(\$400)
Female Senior	-	Sarah Ringrose	(\$400)

And now I will hand over to Rosemary Mula for the Adhemar Scholarship announcement.

Winner of Adhemar Ferreira da Silva Scholarship:

Shola Adeniran		(\$1000)
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