



Penn Station Athlete of the Month – March 2018

Presentation Date: Monday, February 26th at 9:30am

Student: Harrison Schertzinger

Sports: Lacrosse, Soccer

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GPA: 3.56

School:

The Summit Country Day School
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Cincinnati, OH 45208

Parents: Kathleen and Howard Schertzinger

Sibling(s): Meredith and Henry

Favorite Penn Station Restaurant: Hyde Park and Loveland

Favorite Penn Station Sandwich: Dagwood

Extracurricular Activities: Student Senate, Pep Club leader, Diversity and Inclusion, Philanthropy Club, and Student Ambassador Club

Favorite Book: Extreme Ownership

Role Model: Tony Robbins

Sports Hero: Tony Dungy

Greatest Achievement So Far: Being a two-sport All-American

Plans After High School: After high school, Henry and I will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where we will continue our academic and lacrosse careers. I plan on studying business and entrepreneurial studies at North Carolina, as well as continuing to run our apparel company that Henry and I started last year.

How has participating in high school athletics benefited you? High school sports have offered an opportunity to give back to a community that has given us more than we can ever repay. There are few greater honors as a high school student than wearing the Summit jersey and representing the vast number of people who take pride in the Summit community. It has benefited me the most in my servant leadership; as a captain, you play a vital role in what happens during a season. If something does not get executed as planned, as a leader, there is no pointing fingers, but learning and growing then moving on. High school sports have also benefited me in strengthening, what I view as one of the most important virtues, patience. Patience is difficult at times when you are struggling on the field but is important as you move



through the season. High school sports have enabled me to fully trust in God. Not getting upset with losses; rather, as a captain, focusing on lessons to be learned. As I look back on my four years at Summit, the greatest rewards have been the friendships formed from the success and adversity on the field.

What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month?

If we were named for soccer, then it is because soccer at a young age gave us the best foundation: focus, discipline, and footwork, as well as our first experience of being on a team. We did not decide or choose; we were so young and simply grateful for the chance to go out and compete. To this day, soccer is at the core of what we have been able to achieve and the lessons that have been learned along the way. Our older sister, who was an avid soccer player, was another reason for our falling in love with the sport. Her passion became ours, as we wanted to always share, and take part in her successes.

If it was for lacrosse, then our initial exposure was much later and different than soccer, being a sport our dad just wanted us to try. We picked up a stick in kindergarten, but I really decided to focus on lacrosse when the mantras of "you can't" and "it's not possible from the Midwest" became a common theme. Then the beauty and class of the sport made me fall in love and truly commit, and the desire to be a part of an incredible national lacrosse community began to influence me. I believe another big factor for this was the people God was able to bring into my life through this sport.

Quote from Coach: "Henry and Harrison possess exceptional skills and athletic ability. What separated them from the other athletes is their dedication to improving on their skills and athleticism and to be the best. Even as three-sport athletes, year-round, before and after school, they would be in the weight room or honing their skills on the field. They are exceptional leaders on and off the field and great teammates." -Head Boys Lacrosse Coach, Pat Collura

Quote from Principal: "Henry and Harrison are both exceptional young men. They have served our Upper School through their leadership on and off the field. They both are on our Student Senate and our Pep Club. Their genuine humility and ability to lead has helped make this a memorable year for all our students. They truly embody the mission of our school." -Upper School Director, John Thornburg