



Penn Station Athlete of the Month – February 2018

**Presentation Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2018

**Student:** Claire Hinkle

**Sports:** Soccer, Basketball

**Twitter Handle:** @clairehink

**GPA:** 4.275

**School:**

Tippecanoe High School  
615 E. Kessler-Cowlesville Road  
Tipp City, OH 45371

**Athletic Director:** JD Foust

**Parents:** Lynn and Jim Hinkle

**Sibling/s:** Jennifer, Kostas, Matt

**Favorite Penn Station Restaurant:** Troy

**Favorite Penn Station Sandwich:** Philadelphia Cheesesteak

**Extracurricular Activities:** National Honor Society

**Favorite Book:** All the Light We Cannot See

**Role Model:** My older sisters, Jennifer and Kostas

**Sports Role Model:** My dad

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Individual: ranked fifth all-time in OHSAA for career shutouts  
Team: five district championships between my two sports

**Plans After High School:** I plan on majoring in Economics and playing soccer.

**How has participating in high school athletics benefited you?**

I have learned valuable lessons on cooperation, determination, and good leadership that I only could have learned through high school athletics, which has made me a better person.

**What made you decide to play the sport for which you were named the Penn Station Athlete of the Month?** I love the competitive nature of soccer and the exhilarating feelings that follow after I make a save. I also have always loved the pressure and responsibility that comes with being a goalie.

**Quote from Principal:** "Not only is Claire a talented student and athlete, but also a leader and positive citizen for her community. Claire displays a positive attitude in and out of the classroom



and demonstrates a strong sense of loyalty to her teammates, schoolmates, and community. Claire exemplifies a high degree of intelligence, responsibility, maturity, integrity and commitment. I am proud to say that Claire has earned the respect of her fellow students, the faculty, and the community. Claire is the epitome of what we want to produce in our students, in our athletes, and in our citizens.” – Steve Verhoff- Principal

**Quote from Athletic Director:** “Claire is an extraordinary leader on and off the field. Her hard work and dedication to soccer has earned her the Tippecanoe record for career shutouts and has placed her fifth overall in the State of Ohio for most (42) career shutouts. Claire will have great success in whatever she chooses to pursue.” -JD Foust- Athletic Director