



Penn Station Athlete of the Month – October 2018

**Presentation Date:** Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

**Student:** Dominic Ruffolo (pronounced Dom-ah-nick Rough-a-low)

**Sports:** Soccer, Basketball

**Twitter Handle:** @dom\_ruffolo

**GPA:** 4.23

**School:**

Archbishop Alter High School  
940 East David Road  
Kettering, OH 45429

**Athletic Director:** Christina Hart

**Parents:** Rick and Tina Ruffolo

**Sibling/s:** Danielle, Robby, Julia, Anthony

**Favorite Penn Station Restaurant:** Brown Street

**Favorite Penn Station Sandwich:** Chicken Teriyaki

**Extracurricular Activities:** Soccer, Basketball, National Honors Society, Key Club, Peer Ministry, and Student Council

**Favorite Book:** *The Name of the Wind* – Patrick Rothfuss

**Role Model:** My sister, Danielle Ruffolo

**Sports Role Model:** Cristiano Ronaldo

**Greatest Achievement So Far:** Winning the state soccer championship as a Sophomore and leading the team back to state as a Junior.

**Plans After High School:** I plan on attending the University of Dayton where I will continue my education and play soccer for the Flyers!

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

I have made many friends through high school sports. I have grown as a leader, and I have developed a real sense of community with everyone involved.

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



I started playing soccer with my older brother's team when I was six. Our dad was the coach. It was so much fun, and I like that all it takes is one moment or one move to change the momentum and win the game.

**Quote from Principal:** - "Dominic's work ethic is evident in all he does. He works hard academically, athletically and spiritually to be the best person he can be. This work ethic—combined with a positive attitude and intense determination—make him an exemplary Alter Knight. We are so proud of all he has achieved thus far knowing that the best is yet to come. Congratulations, Dominic!" - Principal Lourdes Lambert

**Quote from Coach:** - "Dom is an excellent leader, demonstrates a strong work ethic, and is a very good ambassador for the sport of soccer!" - Coach Bob Ellis