

# 33 Student Athletes Presented 2018 Best Teammate Award At Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center

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MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY , UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, May 18, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For the sixth consecutive year, the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center hosted student athletes from member schools of the [Super Essex Conference](#) along with their families and coaches for a celebration of the qualities that made Yogi a national treasure. Recipients of the [Investors Bank](#) Best Teammate Award exemplify the strength of character, sportsmanship and supportive spirit that, though often unheralded, are vital to a team's success.



Student athletes were honored by their families, coaches and athletic directors during ceremonies at Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center.

“The recipients of the Best Teammate Award display the supportive, respectful dedication to team and sport that defined Yogi Berra as an athlete and a person,” said Eve Schaenen, the Museum’s Executive Director. “The Museum is all about sustaining Yogi’s legacy and the ideals he lived by his entire life, both on and off the field. We are proud to recognize young people who are living up to the high standards he set for us all. And we’re very grateful to Investors Bank for helping make the experience possible for these exceptional student athletes.”

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*Investors Bank President & CEO Kevin Cummings*

The winners, selected by their respective athletic departments, enjoyed a celebratory banquet before hearing from special guest speaker Holly Gera, Director of Athletics at Montclair State University (MSU). An alumna of Montclair

State, Gera has been associated with the school for 26 years, including over two decades in her current position. During her tenure, Gera has been responsible for many positive developments for the Red Hawks, including the construction of MSU Soccer Park and the MSU Softball Stadium. Gera has served as the President and Past President of the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators and was a member of the NCAA Division III Championships Committee from 2011 to 2015.

Gera saluted the 2018 Best Teammate Award recipients in her remarks, stating: “Best teammates keep us honest and make us appreciate everyone’s talents. Best teammates play hard but with integrity. Best teammates make all of us better.”

Investors Bank President and CEO Kevin Cummings explained his ongoing support of the event: “Each year, we look forward to meeting the outstanding student athletes that earn the Best Teammate Award by making positive and significant contributions to their teams and schools. The Bank knows the value of teamwork because our inspired employees are one of the key reasons we continue to grow, innovate, and succeed in a highly competitive marketplace. We are grateful and honored to recognize each exceptional teammate – student athletes who often arrive early for practice, stay late and do their best both on and off the field to achieve notable goals.”

The 2018 Investors Bank Best Teammate Award Recipients:

ARTS HS – MARVIN WORTHY  
BARRINGER HS – TY-NAJAH PEPPERS  
BELLEVILLE HS – SANTINO IMPARATO  
BLOOMFIELD HS – JACKIE GIUNTA  
BLOOMFIELD TECH – ELIANA RIVERA  
CALDWELL HS – SHAUN RAUSCHENBERGER  
CEDAR GROVE HS – ALEX LO PRESTI  
CENTRAL HS – YARELIS VALENTIN  
COLUMBIA HS – LAUREN YELNER  
CHRIST THE KING PREP – JEAN MORA  
EAST ORANGE CAMPUS – IMMYOURI ETIENNE  
EAST SIDE HS – GEORGE MONTERO  
GLEN RIDGE HS – MORGAN CONNAGHAN  
GOLDA OCH ACADEMY – NINA ROBINS  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – ANGELO GILOT  
IRVINGTON HS – NIFELLIE KNIGHTS  
LIVINGSTON HS – EDWARD KASMIN  
MILLBURN HS – ANTHONY PACE  
MONTCLAIR HS – DANIEL BANKS  
MONTCLAIR KIMBERLY ACADEMY – NICO ESPINOSA-DICE  
NEWARK ACADEMY – BRADY SHEAFFER  
NORTH 13TH STREET TECH – CRISTIAN DIAZ



Student athletes from multiple high schools in Newark, New Jersey earned the Best Teammate Award



Best Teammate Award ceremonies filled the auditorium at the Yogi Berra Museum.

NUTLEY HS – VICTORIA PALMIERI  
ORANGE HS – KENIA LUNA  
SAINT VINCENT ACADEMY – MIRANDA ALICEA  
SETON HALL PREP – COLE KIRST  
TECHNOLOGY HS – VICTOR DIAZ  
UNIVERSITY HS – ABRIELLE SCREVEN  
VERONA HS – MAGGIE KOUSOULOU  
WEEQUAHIC HS – VICTORIA ROE  
WEST ESSEX HS – GABRIELLA FERROVECCHIO  
WEST ORANGE HS – ANANT NARAIN  
WEST SIDE HS – DESTINY HAWKINS

About The Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center:

The Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center is a nonprofit sports education organization on the campus of Montclair State (NJ) University. The Museum's mission is to preserve and promote the values of perseverance, respect, sportsmanship and excellence through inclusive, culturally diverse, sports-based educational exhibits and programs.

For additional information about the Museum, please visit [www.yogiberramuseum.org](http://www.yogiberramuseum.org) or call 973.655.2378

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