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Positive Athlete Names “Most Positive” Athletes in Washington for the 2026 School Year

LOS ANGELES, CA (May 26, 2026) – For the second consecutive year, the Positive Athlete organization is recognizing local athletes from all across Washington as high-character kids that have been nominated and confirmed by their schools as the most representative of “How Positive Athletes O.P.E.R.A.T.E.”:

Optimistic
Puts Team First
Encouraging
Respectful
Admits Imperfections
True Heart for Others
Embraces Service

This year, Positive Athlete is naming 10 different individuals as the “Most Positive” in the market, including seven high school student-athletes and three coaches. Todd Beamer High School in King County has also been named the market’s Positive Athlete “Athletic Department of the Year” after an impressive number of high-quality nominations were submitted and their continuous engagement in various ways with the program throughout the year.

Over 15,000 nominations from coaches, principals, ADs, counselors, teachers, and parents were submitted for the Positive Athlete program nation-wide, from over 6,000 schools, representing 30% of the high schools in the country. Positive Athlete was created in the early 2010’s as a movement for more positivity in youth sports and to create a culture change across high schools. In addition to excellence on the field, each nominated Positive Athlete was required to show the above characteristics in order to be nominated. Here is a list of the 2025-2026 Washington Award Winners:

<u>ATHLETE NAME</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COACH / AD NAME</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Brynn Hughbanks	Chelan High School	Andria Terry	Woodland High School
Jordin Alexander	Mount Tahoma High School	Bud Bannon	Kent-Meridian High School
Lexie Zabel	Everett High School	Shayna Heimbigner	Easton School
Matvii Ustinov	Lake Washington High School		
Sophie Lin	Mercer Island High School		
Theodore Molnar	Sammamish High School		
Zander Morrow	Mabton Senior High School		

About Positive Athlete

[Positive Athlete, INC.](#) is a national organization that seeks to promote the benefits of positivity to young athletes around the country through awards, scholarships, and special opportunities. Active across all 50 states, Positive Athlete recognizes high school athletes who lead with character, resilience, service, and leadership both in and out of sport. Since 2013, Positive Athlete has recognized thousands of student-athletes nationwide and awarded more than \$825,000 in scholarships and special opportunities.