

2024 Norby Awards Recap

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On Monday, April 29, over 600 student-athletes representing 23 different sports teams attended the 2024 Norby Awards in the Mulva Family Fitness and Sports Center. 18 awards were given out to athletes and teams, recognizing their accomplishments both on and off the field.

The first award of the night was Freshman of the Year, which recognized a male and female freshman athlete who made a big impact during their first year of collegiate competition. The recipients of this award were Eden Maranell ('27) from the women's track and field team and Zach Hanse ('27) from the men's swimming and diving team.

The second award presented was Academic Athlete of the Year, which recognized a male and female athlete for their hard work and dedication in the classroom. This award was based on factors including a 3.5 GPA or above, academic rigor and time management skills. The recipients of this award were Brielle Bertler ('26) from the dance team and Tyler Bonin ('25) from the men's soccer team.

The third and fourth awards of the night were both awards created in honor of St. Norbert College alumni: the Becky Dickhut Award, presented to a female athlete, and the Steve Wilmet Award, presented to a male athlete. Both awards recognized student-athletes for their achievements in athletics, academics and the community. The recipients of these awards were Amelia Carlson ('24) from the women's soccer team and Zak Pearson ('25) from the men's swimming and diving team.

The fifth award presented was Comeback Athlete of the Year, which recognized a male and female athlete for their perseverance in overcoming adversity and their triumphant return to competition. This year's recipients were Emilie Harwood ('25) from the women's soccer team and Michael Black ('25) from the men's hockey team.

The sixth award of the night was Most Valuable Player, which was presented to a male and female athlete who were great contributors to the success of their team. The recipients of this award were Brooke Clement ('24) from the women's volleyball team and Carter Gebler ('24) from the men's basketball team.

The seventh award presented was the Norby Spirit Award, which recognized a male and female athlete who showed great school spirit, brought positive energy to their team and truly embodied what it means to be a Green Knight. This year's recipients were Nicole Condon ('24) from the softball team and Charlie Neitzke ('24) from the men's soccer team.

The first team award of the night was Power Play of the Year, which recognized a male and female sports team for an incredible moment that changed the course of the competition and resulted in a victory for the Green Knights. The recipients of this award were the female indoor track and field team and the football team.

The second team award presented was Strength and Conditioning Team of the Year, which recognized a male and female sports team for their hard work and dedication in the weight room during the off-season and on-season. The recipients of this award were the women's soccer team and the football team.

The final award of the night was Team of the Year, which was presented to a male and female sports team that worked together to achieve great success during the 2023-2024 athletic season. This year's recipients were the women's indoor track and field team and the men's hockey team.

As the 2023-2024 academic and athletic year comes to an end, the spring sports teams are preparing to finish out their seasons. Overall, the Norby Awards were a great way to look back and celebrate all of the athletic success St. Norbert College has had this past year.

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