Paige Holley of Parkville High School named a McCormick 2021 Unsung Hero

The honor, a first for Parkville High, comes with $40,000 scholarship; three other BCPS students also honored at McCormick’s virtual event

Towson, MD – Paige Holley, a senior at Parkville High School, was announced as one of two recipients of the Charles Perry McCormick Scholarship, worth $40,000 over four years. She is the first Parkville High student to earn this honor.

The scholarship was announced during a virtual Unsung Heroes program event hosted by McCormick and Company, Inc., on May 3.

Holley and the other Charles Perry McCormick Scholarship recipient were chosen from 100 Baltimore area student athletes recognized as Unsung Heroes this year. When the women’s lacrosse team at Parkville High needed a goalie, Holley, a field player, stepped up to learn new skills to benefit the team. During the pandemic, she also volunteered to be a group leader during the team's virtual practice sessions.

Her coach, Shannon McFadden, describes Holley as the team's morale booster. "She has the best attitude no matter what her role is that day," McFadden said.

“Paige is everything a coach can ask for in an athlete,” said Jeff Markle, Parkville High’s athletic director. “She is an athlete who shows up every day and works as hard as possible to improve, and a great teammate whose attitude is infectious on the team.”
Three of the four other students recognized with additional scholarships at this year's Unsung Heroes event also represent BCPS. Dustin Krotee of Hereford High School received a $7,500 scholarship. Aureole Djoumejio of Owings Mills High School and Chase Glenn of Western School of Technology and Environmental Science each received $5,000 scholarships.

McCormick's Unsung Heroes program was founded in 1940 by Charles Perry McCormick, Sr. The mission of the program is to recognize athletes for unselfish team play and highlight the efforts of those who contribute to the success of their teams without acclaim. To date, the company has awarded over $1.9 million in scholarships to deserving student-athletes.

(Editor’s note: An individual photo of Holley and a photo of Holley (center) celebrating with her teammates accompany this release.)

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