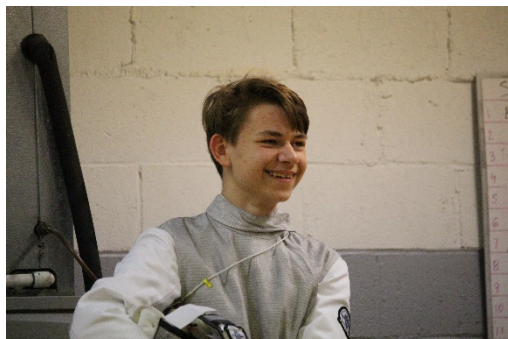


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**Everson Honored as “Positive Athlete”**

Sam Everson, a rising junior at Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh, was recently recognized as one of the most Positive Athletes of Western Pennsylvania in 2020. Everson is the Boy’s Foil Fencing Team Captain at the school. Positive Athlete of Western Pennsylvania, led by former Steeler great Hines Ward, is a movement by high-character athletes in Western Pennsylvania to promote the benefits of “positivity” to young athletes. This year there were over 1,000 nominations for the award throughout Western Pennsylvania. Sam Everson was selected as one of the top 32 athletes from this group. The honor is bestowed on those individuals who exemplify the definition of a “Positive Athlete”. The definition includes not only athletic excellence but recognition as a teamwork-oriented leader who endeavors through their optimism and infectious positive attitude to provide team encouragement, give 100% all the time and recognize that the team is more important than the individual.

Everson closed his 2020 high school season with a 19-4 bout record and was named the team MVP. He also fences competitively for Pittsburgh Fencers’ Club. An honor student, Sam aspires to attend one of our nation’s military academies and major in mechanical or nuclear engineering.

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