

Naval Academy Athletics



18 Varsity Sport Athletes Earn Graduate with Distinction Honors

Women's Rowing

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ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Included among those in the U.S. Naval Academy's Class of 2019 who participated in Commissioning Day ceremonies Friday at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium were 18 members of the Navy varsity sports program who earned Graduate with Distinction honors.

Those who garner Graduate with Distinction laurels finish in the top-10 percent of the graduating class in the Overall Order of Merit, which takes into account academics, military performance, conduct and physical education standing. There were 110 members of the Class of 2019 who earned the honor, including Valedictorian [Megan Hanson](#) (Woody Creek, Colo.) who was a member of Navy's women's rowing program.

This is the fourth year in a row, the seventh time in the last nine years and 14th time since 2000 in which the No. 1 graduate on the Overall Order of Merit is a varsity sport athlete.

Hanson was one of four varsity sport athletes to place among the top-13 members in the Class of 2019. Ranking second was Viktor Turner (Lincoln, Neb.) from the offshore sailing team, Stefano Pineda (Hockessin, Del.) from the men's track and field team ranked 11th and women's swimmer Ellie Deglau (Henrico, Va.) ranked 13th.

Varsity Athletes in Navy's Class of 2019 who Earned Graduate with Distinction Honors

[Megan Hanson](#), women's rowing

Viktor Turner, offshore sailing

Stefano Pineda, men's track and field

Ellie Deglau, women's swimming and diving

Drew Bennett, lightweight rowing
Zach Piedt, men's swimming and diving
Anne Richter, women's lacrosse
Sheppard Wilson, sprint football
Dean Rye, sprint football
Lauren O'Malley, women's swimming and diving
Andrew Reinhart, lightweight rowing
Christian Correale, gymnastics
Patricia Mattingly, volleyball
Joseph Bevilacqua, track and field
Michael Karls, men's cross country / track and field
Benjamin Stewart, men's track and field
Ana Mier, intercollegiate sailing
Ian Burgoyne, men's lacrosse
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