

HANK BODNER AWARD FOR GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

NOAH GRIMSLEY



Ever since Noah was a child, he has had a passion for competition and sports.

Noah's JCC athletic journey began with the 14U JCC Maccabi soccer team. He competed at the 2015 Dallas games, earning a bronze medal and also played the following year at the 2016 St. Louis games. Although the team did not medal in 2016, Noah was given the Warrior Award by his coach. This award is given to the hardest worker, best teammate and team leader. The next year Noah went a different direction and competed in flag football in Birmingham, Alabama. Noah played quarterback, throwing 53 touchdowns, leading his team to gold. He also earned a Midot Medal for his outstanding sportsmanship. In 2018, Noah served on the Maccabi Teen Board for the games in Orange County. Noah played flag football once again and the team earned a silver medal.

In Noah's spare time, he serves as his chapter's Aleph Godol (president) in BBYO. Every year, the youth group hosts a football and basketball league and last year, his chapter Eamonn Lacey AZA, won the basketball championship at the J.

In addition to Maccabi and BBYO, Noah has been a Sports Camp counselor for the past two summers at the J and is returning for another summer. Noah is also an assistant soccer coach for the JCC youth soccer program. These opportunities are a way to continue his athletic journey and help build the Jewish athletic community here at the Dallas J.

Noah is a rising junior at Greenhill and serves as the junior class president. He plays varsity football, soccer and lacrosse for his school and continues to lead his teammates to success. Noah cannot wait to see what the future holds for him and is ecstatic to start his college application process next year!

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GABBY OHAYON



The J was a major part of Gabriella Ohayon's life even before she was born. In fact, her first summer at Camp Chai was spent at the ranch in her mom's belly. She was born shortly after camp ended that summer. Gabriella began preschool at the J when she was 18 months and has spent her days there ever since. Her first soccer games were played at the J and she found her love for dance in the J's dance program. If there was a J program for her age, Gabriella was there. She attended Camp Simchah, Camp Chai and Teen Travel Camp for her entire camping career.

Gabriella is a four-year Team Dallas Maccabi athlete for dance where she led the team, choreographed dances and participated in numerous styles of dance such as hip-hop, jazz, Israeli, lyrical and open categories. She accumulated 20 JCC Maccabi medals over the years. Gabriella was also honored to sit on the Maccabi Athlete Committee where she got to help with the logistics of Team Dallas. Gabriella says the JCC Maccabi Games® was one of the best experiences of her life because she got to compete in her favorite sport with all of her best friends, meet Jewish teens from all around the world and represent the Dallas J with pride.

Gabriella is a rising senior at Yavneh Academy where she participates in the annual Students Against Terrorism Fundraiser, planning committees, is the Layout Manager and Photographer for the Bulldog Print and is co-president of the Spirit Club. She attends synagogue at Chabad of Dallas and proudly started the CTeen Dallas Chapter, where she is currently the president.

Gabriella is about to work her third summer at Camp Chai - her happy place. She has definitely found her calling at camp and hopes to turn camp into her career. After graduation in 2020, Gabriella plans on taking a gap year in Israel, attending college and finding her future career in the Jewish community. Gabriella is so honored to receive the Hank Bodner Award at the J, her home away from home.