

The Claudia Dodson Integrity in Sport Award
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The WinS Claudia Dodson Integrity in Sport award honors a senior female athlete who consistently displays the qualities of integrity and fair play in practice, competition, and life. The recipient of the award earns a **\$3000.00** scholarship toward their continued education at an institution of higher learning. Only **senior female athletes** are eligible. The following paragraphs describe the qualities necessary in applicants, as well as the nomination procedure.

This award honors the memory and legacy of a WinS founder, but more importantly, a person for whom girl's participation in sport was a lifelong passion and mission. Through her work with the Virginia High School League and her advocacy for girls, Claudia Dodson worked tirelessly to increase opportunities for girls to participate in sport and to be treated equitably. She was a highly ethical leader who by her words and actions made those around her better. Claudia understood the meaning of fair play in its truest sense: To know what's right and act on that belief, regardless of the consequences. The recipient of this award should share those qualities. Among them:

- A dedicated athlete and scholar; demonstrates personal commitment through hard work, persistence and a strong work ethic. Not necessarily the most talented athlete, but one who has put forth consistent effort over time in her chosen sport(s).
- Role model for others; displays a high degree of integrity and ethics in her dealings with teammates, officials, coaches, and opponents. Helps others be better at what they do.
- Someone who epitomizes fair play; a gracious winner and respectful competitor; someone who upholds not only the rules of play but the "spirit" of the game.

For 2010, we are returning to a simpler, 1-stage nomination process:

1. A coach, player, or school administrator can nominate a candidate for the award. The Athletic Director should receive nominations and decide on the candidate to be forwarded for the award. Nominations may be for someone on an opponent's team, but no self-nominations are permitted.
2. The nominator should submit (a) the nomination form and (b) a recommendation letter providing specific information regarding why this person is a good candidate for this award, and providing specific examples of behaviors the individual has displayed that conform to the qualities of the award. The individual writing the letter should be someone who has direct knowledge of the athlete's performance and behavior. Nominations are due **no later than May 7, 2010 (NOTE: This is the same due date as the other WinS awards)**.

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Nomination Form

Please fill out ALL information on this form and return **no later than May 7, 2010.**

Name of nominee: _____ School: _____

Name of nominator: _____ Date: _____

E-mail of nominator: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known the nominee for this award? _____

In what capacity do you know the nominee? _____

Sport(s) participated in: _____

Address and phone number of nominee (All nominees will be invited to the WinS banquet)

Please attach a letter of support that provides evidence for how this individual has displayed and represents the values associated with this prestigious award. The letter should be written by someone who has direct knowledge of the athlete's performance and behavior, but can and should draw from a variety of sources (e.g., Athletic Director, Coach, Administrator, teammate). We ask that each school submit one recommendation letter for their candidate. The letter should be 1-2 pages in length and give specific and concrete examples of how the candidate conforms to the following criteria:

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Send this nomination form, together with the letter of recommendation as an email attachment to:

Diane Whaley
Chair, CD Integrity in Sport Award Committee
dwhaley@virginia.edu

If you cannot send the form electronically you can Fax it to: 434 924-1389 (be sure to include a cover page with any FAX, addressed to Diane Whaley)