



Dear Members, Guests, and Friends of Raleigh Sports Club:

On Wednesday February 10, the RSC recognized Michael Diorio as the Student Athlete of the Month. Mike is a senior at Wake Cristian Academy. He is a 4 yr varsity soccer letterman, 2 yr varsity track letterman and also a 1 yr varsity basketball letterman. All while achieving a 4.0 GPA! He was selected 3x All Conference Soccer, 2x All Region Soccer, the 2020 Team Captain and has led the team in scoring three consecutive years. He also is the track school record holder in the 4x200 relay. Michael also serves weekly with the "With Love from Jesus" Ministry in Raleigh.

This impressive young man has been accepted to attend the United States Naval Academy to major in aeronautical engineering and hopes to serve our Country as a Naval Officer!

One of the things we miss at our face to face meetings is hearing our Student Athletes speak to us. This is what Michael had to say.

"I'd like to thank the Raleigh Sports Club for this award. It really is an honor and is very much appreciated! I would like to thank Wake Christian Academy and the athletic department; Randy Johnson, Chad Robbins Principal and Varsity Soccer Coach Wayne Helder and even my former JV Coach (and the voice of the Bulldogs) Greg Pierce for trying their best to make this challenging senior season one to remember. I would also like to thank my coaches in basketball and track. I've been very fortunate to have very supportive and encouraging coaches both at school and in club sports like Coach Jonas, Coach Carducci and Coach Glas. Most importantly, as this is a Student Athlete award, I'd like to thank the fantastic and supportive teachers I've had. There have been so many but most noteworthy Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, Mr. Brad Hoyle, Mr. Melvin Duckenfield who have been so supportive academically, intellectually and spiritually. There is no question in my mind that I would not be here today without them. Last but not least, I'd like to thank my family for being supportive and encouraging throughout the years."

From the RSC, thank YOU Michael!



Pictured above: Michael and Rick. (Rick noted Michael looks a bit like a young Tom Cruise) And then Michael with his family; Mom Rachel, younger brother James and Dad Michael. Not present was sister Caroline who was a RSC Student Athlete of the Week in 2016. Congratulation Michael Diorio!

A few quick notes. Vice President Nickolas Hulsey hopes to have confirmation from Duke Head Football Coach David Cutcliffe for a Zoom meeting on February 24. More to come!!

The Board is also considering a Forks Takeout in April. We will not be able to have an April Banquet but the food will be just as good (or better:)

We certainly hope that weekly face to face meetings can resume this fall! Until then, stay in touch and stay well!

Best Regards,
The Raleigh Sports Club Officers and Board of Directors