Milford High School Athletics 2018-19 Year In Review

The Milford High School Department of Athletics enjoyed another year of success during the 2018-19 academic year highlighted by three Eastern Cincinnati Conference Championships, a final finish of fourth in the league's all-sport standings and the first OHSAA Football Playoff victory in school history. A more detailed look at the highlights of the 2018-19 academic year achieved by Milford High School coaches and student-athletes:

Overall

- 688 student-athletes competed on 69 teams in 32 sports in high school
- 34% students play at least one sport in high school
- 21 Three-Sport Athletes, 159 Two-Sport Athletes, 508 One-Sport Athletes
- Teams combined for a final head-to-head record of 181-202-8 (.473) and 81-79-3 (.506) in Eastern Cincinnati Conference play
- School finished fourth in the ECC All Sports Trophy standings; its best finish in the rankings since the 2015-16 school year
- Won three ECC Championships: Boys Golf, Boys Swimming and Cheerleading
- Sent two individuals in three events and one relay to the to the OHSAA Boys Swimming State Championships
- Senior Andrea Armstrong represented Milford at the OHSAA Girls Track & Field Championships in two events
- Football team captured its first OHSAA Playoff victory with a stunning come-from-behind win over Fairfield

Conference Awards

- Five ECC Athletes of the Year: Andrea Armstrong (Girls Track & Field), Chase Fisher (Boys Swimming), Cameron Kells (Football-Offensive), Justin Horn (Boys Golf), Katelyn Reynolds (Softball)
- One ECC Coaches of the Year: Corey Dauw (Boys Swimming)
- 11 Individual/relay/team conference champions: Andrea Armstrong (Girls Track & Field-400 meter dash), Tyler Babinec (Boys Swimming-100 breaststroke), Kobey Bronaugh (Wrestling-138 pounds), Kaylee Coultas (Cheerleading-Jump); Chase Fisher (Boys Swimming-50 freestyle & 100 freestyle), Justin Horn (Boys Golf), Trini Perez (Cheerleading-Leaps & Turns), Max Ward (Wrestling-132 pounds), Sam Leatherwood/Tyler Babinec/Evan Fentress/Chase Fisher (Boys Swimming-200 medley relay & 200 freestyle relay)
- 40 First Team All-ECC honorees: Academic Team (1)—Hannah Periman; Baseball (3)—Anthony Bassano, Zach Byron, Calvin Hunter; Boys Basketball (1)—Steven Huxell; Girls Basketball (1)—Azyiah Williams; Boys Bowling (2)—Franklin Abt, Nathan Hawkins; Girls Bowling (3)—Reagan Hodges, Reaghan Kaylor, Jessica Norman; Boys Cross Country (1)—A.J. Dickerson; Football (8)—Jake Ayler, Nate Flannery, Connor Foster, Dylan Hughes, Hayden Johnson, Cameron Kells, Dustin Laudermilk, Brian Stevens; Boys Golf (2)—Adam Horn, Justin Horn; Girls Lacrosse (1)—Sarah Cardell; Boys Soccer (3)—Kyle Boehm, Noah Hjelming, Joey Round; Girls Soccer (2)—Ali Kirk, Tori Kittrell; Softball (3)—Sam Boothby, Olivia Craycraft, Katelyn Reynolds; Boys Swimming (4)—Sam Leatherwood/Tyler Babinec/Evan Fentress/Chase Fisher, Tyler Babinec, Chase Fisher (2x); Girls Track & Field (1)—Andrea Armstrong; Boys Volleyball (1)—Caleb Cambron; Girls Volleyball (1)—Erica Sharp; Wrestling (2)—Kobey Bronaugh, Max Ward
- 32 Second Team All-ECC honorees: Academic Team (1)—M.J. Salvucci; Baseball (2)—Jake Becker, Grant Whitaker; Boys Basketball (2)—Jake Ayler, Jack Liles; Girls Basketball (1)—Paige Ayler; Boys Bowling (2)—A.J. Kaylor, Nick Murphy; Girls Bowling (1)—Samantha Miller; Girls Cross Country (1)—Emmy Sager; Football (3)—Tony Facciolo, Hunter Johnson, Jacob Turner; Girls Golf (1)—Megan Loux; Boys Lacrosse (3)—Carson Geier, Caleb Keller, Ben Tonucci; Girls Lacrosse (2)—Casey Roeder, Emily Stiles; Boys Soccer (2)—Jacob Haskins, Ryan Henke; Girls Soccer (3)—Ali Claus, Emily Dominique, Catrionna Manning; Softball (2)—Emily Allphin, Taylor Stemmerding; Boys

- Swimming (3)—Tyler Babinec, Sam Leatherwood, David Niehaus; Girls Tennis (1)—Elise Ostrander; Boys Track & Field (1)—A.J. Dickerson/Dylan Hughes/Jared Engelman/Dustin Laudermilk; Girls Track & Field (1)—Andrea Armstrong
- 25 All-ECC Honorable Mentions: Baseball (1)—Sam Greenwell; Boys Basketball (1)—Caleb Farrell; Girls Basketball (1)—Ali Kirk; Boys Bowling (1)—Michael Kozakiewicz; Girls Bowling (1)—Fallon Austin; Boys Cross Country (1)—Dylan Mullarkey; Girls Cross Country (1)—Olivia Loeffler; Football (1)—Owen Martin; Boys Golf (1)—Max Steinmetz; Girls Golf (1)—Abi Loux; Boys Lacrosse (1)—Tyson Behrens; Girls Lacrosse (1)—Alexis Montalvo; Boys Soccer (1)—Harrison Eckels; Girls Soccer (1)—Madison Chitwood; Softball (1)—Lilly Copp; Boys Swimming (1)—Porter Bausch; Girls Swimming (1)—Lauren Clark; Boys Tennis (1)—Mark Ostrander; Girls Tennis (1)—Jackie Hooper; Boys Track & Field (1)—Owen Martin; Girls Track & Field (1)—Emmy Sager; Boys Volleyball (2)—Jacob Downs, Jake Pearson; Girls Volleyball (1)—Abby Thierauf; Wrestling (1)—Jonah Fouts
- 212 ECC Academic Awards selections. Click here for list.

Individual Awards & Honors

- All-State Selections:
 - Cameron Kells (Football: 2nd team)
 - Connor Foster (Football: Honorable mention)
- All-Region Selections:
 - Sarah Cardell (Girls Lacrosse: 2nd team)
- All-District Selections:
 - Connor Foster (Football: 1st team)
 - Steven Huxell (Boys Basketball: 1st team coaches & third team media)
 - o Cameron Kells (Football: 1st team)
 - Dustin Laudermilk (Football: 2nd team)
 - Brian Stevens (Football: 2nd team)
 - Jake Ayler (Football: honorable mention)
 - Max Ward (Wrestling: honorable mention)
 - Azyiah Williams (Girls Basketball: honorable mention coaches & media)
- All-City Selections:
 - o Calvin Hunter (Baseball: 1st team)
 - o Anthony Bassano (Baseball: 2nd team)
 - Zach Byron (Baseball: 2nd team)
- Six Cincinnati Enquirer First Team All-Stars: Tyler Babinec (Boys Swimming), Sarah Cardell (Girls Lacrosse), Olivia Craycraft (Softball), Connor Foster (Football), Cameron Kells (Football), Katelyn Reynolds (Softball)
- 12 Cincinnati Enquirer Second Team All-Stars: Emily Allphin (Softball), Anthony Bassano (Baseball), Chase Fisher (Boys Swimming), Calvin Hunter (Baseball), Ali Kirk (Girls Soccer), Tori Kittrell (Girls Soccer), Dustin Laudermilk (Football), Matthew Marks (Boys Water Polo), Casey Roeder (Girls Lacrosse), Joey Round (Boys Soccer), Brian Stevens (Football), Ellen Victory (Girls Water Polo)
- 15 Cincinnati Enquirer Honorable Mention All-Stars: Andrea Armstrong (Girls Track & Field), Jake Ayler (Football), Kyle Boehm (Boys Soccer), Sam Boothby (Softball), Zach Byron (Baseball), Emily Dominique (Girls Soccer), Adam Horn (Boys Golf), Noah Hjelming (Boys Soccer), Steven Huxell (Boys Basketball), Reaghan Kaylor (Girls Bowling), Emmy Sager (Girls Cross Country), Erica Sharp (Volleyball), Brittney Thomson (Girls Water Polo), Max Ward (Wrestling), Azyiah Williams (Girls Basketball))
- Eight Cincinnati Enquirer Athlete of the Week Awards: Andrea Armstrong (Girls Track & Field), Kobey Bronaugh (Wrestling), Noah Burnett (Boys Soccer), A.J. Dickerson (Boys Track & Field), Stephanie Karan (Water Polo), Carley Mills (Water Polo), Joey Round (Boys Soccer), Bre Severns (Girls Golf)
- Three Cincinnati.com High School Sports Awards nominees: Cameron Kells (Football), Matthew Marks (Boys Water Polo), Ellen Victory (Girls Water Polo)

Blitz 5 Primetime Performer: Cameron Kells

Team Recaps

Baseball

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 16-12, 9-5 ECC/2nd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Sam Greenwell (V), Vince Ringland (JV), Daniel McCoy (FR); Sportsmanship Award: Cameron Sunderlage (V), Cody Roth (JV), Ian Worthington (FR)
- Finished second in the battle for the ECC Championship, marking the sixth time in the league's seven-year existence that the Eagles have finished in the top-two
- Won at least one OHSAA Tournament game for the seventh consecutive year
- Were invited to play in the Reds Futures Showcase Big League Weekend, taking on Centerville on the field at Great American Ballpark
- Shutout three straight opponents in early April, winning by a combined score of 41-0

Boys Basketball

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 13-12, 7-7 ECC/T-4th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: A.J. Dickerson (V), Alex Hannah (JV), Spencer Harlow (FR); Sportsmanship Award: Jake Ayler (V), Jack Ackermann (JV), Cooper Ray (FR)
- Won 9 of final 13 games of the season after starting 4-8.
- Won multiple OHSAA Tournament games for the first time since advancing to the District Finals during the 2014-15 season
- Enjoyed the program's 11th winning season in the last 13 years. Also reached double digit victories for the 12th time in the last 13 seasons
- Knocked off sixth-seeded LaSalle in the second round of the OHSAA Tournament to give head coach Joe Cambron his 200th win at Milford
- The win over LaSalle came in the first game for the Eagles against a member of the GCL South in at least 18 years
- Snapped a seven-game losing streak to league rival Walnut Hills
- Handed Taft, ranked sixth in Ohio in Division II at the time, one of only three regular season losses the Senators endured all season and its only home setback
- Senior Steven Huxell represented the Eagles at the District 16 All-Star Game

Girls Basketball

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 10-14, 3-11 ECC/T-6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Kaitlyn Geis (V), Devin Morris (JV), Brooke Fender (JVB);
 Sportsmanship Award: Abby Thierauf (V), Mia Gilman (JV), Gillian Roeder (JVB)
- Won at least one OHSAA Tournament game for the fifth time in the last six years
- Recorded double digit victories (10) for the first time since the 2015-16 season
- Picked up a key non-conference victory over future ECC and eventual SWOC Champions Little Miami; a team that finished 17-7 on the season

Boys Bowling

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 12-6, 8-4 ECC/3rd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Nathan Hawkins (V), Chase Naylor (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Franklin Abt (V), Erick Smith (JV)
- Senior Nathan Hawkins represented Milford at the All-Star Bowling Tournament
- Sophomore A.J. Kaylor represented Milford at the OHSAA District Championships

Girls Bowling

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 12-6, 8-4 ECC/T-2nd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Reaghan Kaylor (V), Jennifer Kelly (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Jessica Norman (V), Willow Dunning (JV)

- Seniors Reagan Hodges and Jessica Norman, along with sophomore Reaghan Kaylor represented Milford at the All-Star Bowling Tournament
- Team qualified for OHSAA District Championship for the third straight year after finishing seventh at districts

Cheerleading

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/1st
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Kaylee Coultas (V), Felicia Brewer (JV), Brynn Morgan (FR); Sportsmanship Award: Reece Gormley (V), Madison Healy (JV), Chole Bowling (FR)
- Competition team captured a National Championship in the non-building Game Day category at the UCA 2019 National High School Championship
- Team captured the ECC Championship for the fourth straight year

Boys Cross Country

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Dylan Mullarkey (V), Payton Pschesang (JV);
 Sportsmanship Award: Zeke Edwards (V), Payne Ackermann (JV)

Girls Cross Country

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/7th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Emily Rodeffer (V), Kate Lane (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Haley Rodeffer (V), Ayla Grabenbauer (JV)
- Freshman Emmy Sager became just the fourth Eagles girls cross country runner to qualify for the OHSAA State Championships

Dance

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/3rd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Andrea Armstrong (V); Sportsmanship Award: Candace Walson (V)

Football

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 9-3, 6-1 ECC/2nd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Connor Foster (V), Vince Ringland (JV), Jaxon Stickle (FR);
 Sportsmanship Award: Jacob Turner (V), Mark Gibson (JV), Nicholas Klenk (FR)
- Finished season with a school record nine wins and a second consecutive OHSAA Playoff appearance
- Overcame a 35-7 third quarter deficit to stun Fairfield and score the school's first-ever football playoff win
- Kells' six rushing touchdowns tied for the most by a Milford player over the last decade as he now shares the mark with Nathan Termuhlen who accomplished the feat against Woodward in 2010. No player in the last decade has accounted for seven TDs
- Senior Cameron Kells was named a finalist for the TristateFootball.com Player of the Year award
- Senior Connor Foster was chosen for the OHSFCA North-South Classic all-star game
- Seniors Nate Flannery and Jackson Reusser, along with assistant coach Gregg Pickett represented the Eagles at the Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association East/West All-Star Game

Boys Golf

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 8-3, 4-2 ECC/1st
- Team Awards—Sportsmanship Award: Max Steinmetz (V)

- Captured fourth ECC Championship in the last five years on the strength of a victory in the ECC Preseason Shootout and a runner-up in the league's postseason championship tournament
- Freshman Adam Horn represented Milford at the OHSAA District Tournament, finishing tied for 18th

Girls Golf

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 7-5, 4-2 ECC/3rd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Morgan Clawson (V), Kendall Slusher (JV)
- Team took eighth place overall at the OHSAA Sectional Tournament

Boys Lacrosse

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 2-16, 0-5 ECC/6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Ben Tonucci (V), Jackson Muldoon (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Michael Carraro (V), R.J. Mursinna (JV)
- Knocked off league rival Anderson in the opening round of the OHSAA Tournament to avenge a regular season loss to the Redskins

Girls Lacrosse

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 4-15, 0-5 ECC/6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Grace Powers (V), Ashley Frye (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Katie Prior (V), Shaina Lewis (JV)
- Sophomore Sarah Cardell led the ECC in goals for the second straight year, finishing with 72 goals to her credit
- Junior Emily Stiles has tops among league players with 196 saves in goal

Boys Soccer

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 13-4-2, 4-2-1 ECC/T-3rd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Harrison Eckels (V), Luke Schneider (JV), Brian Hall (JVB); Sportsmanship Award: Cole Cambron (V), Isaiah Flannery (JV), Aaron Coors (JVB)
- Won two OHSAA Tournament games for the third team in the last four years

Girls Soccer

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 8-6-4, 4-1-2 ECC/4th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Emily Dominique (V), Kylie Clifton (JV), Ashley Taylor (JVB); Sportsmanship Award: Hayden Moehring (V), Emily Abas (JV), Grace Schneider (JVB)
- Erupted for 11 goals in an OHSAA Tournament opening win over Edgewood. The mark matched the second-highest scoring performance in school history.

Softball

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 19-7, 12-2 ECC/2nd
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Katelyn Reynolds (V), Riley Shuluga (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Sam Boothby (V), Haley Passarge (JV)
- Finished second in the battle for the ECC Championship, marking the seventh time in the league's seven-year existence that the Eagles have finished in the top-two
- Won at least one game in the OHSAA Tournament for the 10th consecutive year
- Sophomore Olivia Craycraft won the ECC batting title, hitting a robust .557 during the regular season. She also paced the league in hits, triples, on-base percentage and stolen bases
- Classmate Emily Allphin topped all league players with 41 regular season RBI, while Sam Boothby secured a league-high 14 victories

 Freshman Taylor Stemmerding made her first career homerun a big one, as her walk-off solo blast in the bottom of the seventh inning gave the Eagles a 5-4 win over West Clermont on April 10

Boys Swimming & Diving

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/1st
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Tyler Babinec (V); Sportsmanship Award: Nathan Klick (V Swim)
- Senior Tyler Babinec placed third in the 100 breaststroke at the OHSAA State Championships, marking a third straight top-five state finish in the event. Babinec also won the sectional title in the same event
- The 200 medley relay of Sam Leatherwood, Babinec, Evan Fentress and Chase Fisher also qualified for state competition
- Babinec and Fisher also each qualified for state in the 50 freestyle
- Qualified seven individuals in 12 events, along with a trio of relay squads at the 2019 OHSAA Sectionals.
- Fisher won two individual titles, swam anchor in two winning relays and set four Eastern Cincinnati Conference records, leading the Eagles to the 2019 ECC Championship. For his efforts, Fisher earned the conference's Swimmer of the Year Award, while first-year Milford head coach Corey Dauw was tabbed ECC Coach of the Year
- Fisher, Babinec, Fentress and Leatherwood also won the 200 freestyle and 200 medley relays
- Babinec was also crowned champ in the 100 breaststroke
- The conference crown for the boys was the first for Milford since joining the ECC and the first overall since winning back-to-back FAVC titles in 2009-10
- Team won the Butler Invitational for the third straight year and also captured the title at the Milford Invitational

Girls Swimming & Diving

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Lauren Clark (V); Sportsmanship Award: Acacia Spencer (V)
- A trio of Milford student-athletes (Lauren Clark, Lauren Bell, Sophie Cooper), along with a pair of replay squads earned berths in the OHSAA District meet
- Team won the Butler Invitational for the third straight year and also captured the title at the Milford Invitational

Boys Tennis

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 2-9, 1-5 ECC/6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Mark Ostrander (V), Matt Altemuehle (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Michael Faler (V), Brendan Beterman (JV)

Girls Tennis

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 2-11, 1-5 ECC/6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Elise Ostrander (V), Lydia Krager (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Emme Thomas (V), Victoria Puterbaugh (JV)

Boys Track & Field

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/7th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: McKeon Buchanan (V), Duncan MacRae (JV);
 Sportsmanship Award: Brett Rininger (V), Jason Poleski (JV)
- Senior A.J. Dickerson (800 meters), along with the 4x200 relay squad of Dickerson, Dustin Laudermilk, Jared Engelman and Dylan Hughes qualified for the OHSAA District meet

The same foursome also earned runner-up honors at the ECC Championships

Girls Track & Field

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/5th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Jade Avance (V), Amy Pham (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Meredit Goff (V), Annabelle Ramos (JV)
- Senior Andrea Armstrong qualified for the OHSAA State Championships in both the 200 and 400 meters
- Freshman Emmy Sager capped an impressive first high school season by qualifying for the OHSAA Regionals in the 3,200 meters
- Armstrong was the top point performer at the ECC Championships, capturing the title in the 400 meters, along with top-four finishes in the 100 and 200 meters as well as the long jump
- Took the team title at the New Richmond Invitational for the second straight year

Boys Volleyball

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 12-7/N/A
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: William Turner (V), Brendan Sullivan (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Jake Menchhofer (V), Benjamin Bayne (JV)

Girls Volleyball

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 9-15, 4-10 ECC/T-6th
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Erica Sharp (V); Sportsmanship Award: Molly Buck (V), Rory Huseman (JV), Ella Lindsey (FR)

Boys Water Polo

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 8-24-1/N/A
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Nathan Klick (V), Theodore Week (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Porter Bausch (V), Nicholas Llerena (JV)
- Finished 8th in the Ohio State Championships

Girls Water Polo

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: 11-19/N/A
- Team Awards—Eagle Award: Stephanie Karan (V), Anna Sager (JV); Sportsmanship Award: Natalie Kunes (V), Ashtyn Miller (JV)
- Finished 7th in the Ohio State Championships

Wrestling

- Final Varsity Record/ECC Finish: N/A/3rd
- Senior Kobey Bronaugh (138 pounds) and junior Max Ward (132 pounds) each represented Milford at the OHSAA District Championships
- Both wrestlers also captured ECC Championships in their respective weight classes

Senior Class of 2019

- The following senior student-athletes earned MHS Athletic Department and OHSAA Awards:
 - Jake Ayler (Football & Boys Basketball) and Andrea Armstrong (Cross Country, Dance & Track & Field)—MHS Outstanding Senior Athletes
 - Jared Engelman (Football & Track & Field) and Ellen Victory (Lacrosse, Swimming & Water Polo)—OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship
 - Caleb Cambron (Volleyball) and Ali Kirk (Basketball, Cross Country & Soccer)— OHSAA Scholar Athlete
 - Tyler Babinec (Swimming) and Morgan Clawson (Golf)—MHS Senior Athlete Eagle
- 24 seniors committed to play collegiate athletics:

- Andrea Armstrong: Track & Field, Northern Kentucky University
- Jake Ayler: Football, Mount St. Joseph University
- Tyler Babinec: Swimming, Auburn University
- Kobey Bronaugh: Wrestling, Midway College
- Kaylee Coultas: Cheerleading, University of Louisville
- o Harrison Eckels: Soccer, Otterbein University
- Chase Fisher: Swimming, Denison University
- Nate Flannery: Football, Muskingum University
- Connor Foster: Football, Northwestern University
- o Dylan Hughes: Football, Eastern Illinois University
- o Calvin Hunter: Baseball, Marshall University
- Ali Kirk: Soccer, Eastern Kentucky University
- o Dustin Laudermilk: Football, Mount St. Joseph University
- Sam Leatherwood: Swimming, University of Evansville
- o Katelyn Reynolds: Softball, University of Akron
- Casey Roeder: Lacrosse, Marietta College
- Erica Sharp: Volleyball, Edinboro University
- o Brian Stevens: Football, University of Dayton
- o Jacob Turner: Football, Georgetown College
- o Dylan Vearil: Swimming, University of Indianapolis
- Jacob Wehrman: Football/Volleyball, Thomas More College
- o Steven Lucas Wilson: Baseball, Clark State Community College
- o Caitlin Wiscombe: Basketball, Point Park University
- Adam Yoh: Baseball, Bluffton University