



## 2017-18 RIIL Student Advisory Board

Max Blane, Barrington High School  
Sydney Chabot, North Kingstown High School  
Lauren Civetti, Johnston High School  
Kendall Duprey, Bay View Academy  
Alexis Florio, Cranston West High School  
William Lavigueur, Rogers High School  
Katie Mullaney, Mt. St. Charles Academy  
Maddie Quigley, Exeter/West Greenwich High School  
Elena Rouse, La Salle Academy

*In 2013-14, the RIIL Student Advisory Board was established to give student-athletes an opportunity to serve as liaisons between the RIIL and their schools, have a voice and provide an invaluable resource to the League.*



The R.I. Interscholastic League would like to thank the students who served on our Student Advisory Board for the 2017-18 school year. Thank you for taking time away from your studies and your sports teams to attend the monthly meetings at the RIIL office. Thank you for your assistance in launching the RIIL's Battle of the Fans Competition and the Peanut Butter Express Challenge and for helping to make the RIIL Leadership Training Workshop last spring such a great success. Thanks to those of you who helped to ensure the RIIL Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony ran smoothly last October. Thank you also for taking time out of your summer vacation to represent the RIIL at the New England Student Leadership Conference in Massachusetts.

You provided thoughtful insights into what is taking place in your schools and the many challenges that student-athletes face every day. So thank you once again for assisting the League in its mission to provide educational opportunities through interscholastic athletics. The RIIL hopes that serving on the Student Advisory Board has proven to be an equally beneficial learning experience for each of you.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors!







***RIIL SAB members share some of the reasons they became involved and what the experience was like:***



**Max Blane, Barrington High School:** "After attending the New England Student Leadership Conference in the Summer of 2016, I became intrigued with the idea of leadership in association with High School Athletics. As a member of the board, I have learned the importance of collective teamwork and the ability to work on a larger scale team than just within my respective school or district. For my future on the board, I hope to establish more fundraisers, sponsor more high school events across the state, and do all that I/the board can to help high school athletics in Rhode Island function to the best of its ability."

**Sydney Chabot, North Kingstown High School:** "I am interested in becoming a member of the Student Advisory Board because I want to help make an impact on our community and our state. I want to get more people involved in the events and projects we host. I want to make this program more known throughout our schools and our state as well."



**Lauren Civetti, Johnston High School:** "The Student Advisory Board has really opened my eyes as to what the Interscholastic League really does. I wanted to join the board not only to have my high school be more active in state initiatives, but to help all Rhode Island schools come together for the betterment of the community. I've met so many people and have had the pleasure of being able to do so many different things to help make Rhode Island a better place for all community members."

**Kendall Duprey, Bay View Academy:** "I wanted to be on the Student Advisory Board because of my love for athletics, and my understanding of how important leadership is on each and every sports team. I believe that without the portrayal of leadership, integrity, and hard work, it is difficult to succeed at your highest potential. The Advisory Board, and the students and the adults involved, taught me how crucial it is to have the ability to work with others, as well as providing others with your ideas and thoughts. I am grateful for this opportunity, and hope to achieve even more, as well as learn more about being a leader and how to bring that to my teams."





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**Alexis Florio, Cranston West High School:** “I am interested in becoming a RIIL Student Advisory Board Member because I really enjoy taking on a leadership role and I want to be as helpful as I can to my fellow students and student athletes throughout the state. As Deb Hult told us at the Leadership Conference this past May, “Leadership is Influence”. Having the position of board member, I will be able to develop leadership skills and interact with my peers about things that impact us and impact our community. As I prepare to go to college next year, I want to leave a mark on my community and help others in any way I can. Attending the Student Leadership conference this past May helped me to realize that. I loved being able to talk and do activities with other student athletes in the state that I did not know, but we all had a passion for our sports and want to excel in all areas of our lives. Being on the board would give me the opportunity to do this on more of a regular basis.”



**William Lavigueur, Rogers High School:** “I am interested in becoming a Student Advisory Board member because I'd like to expand on my leadership, community, and interpersonal skills. I want to help my community locally and state wide.”



**Katie Mullaney, Mt. St. Charles Academy:** “On a personal note I've gained so much by playing high school sports and now I'm lucky enough to have the opportunity to be a member of RIIL. It's great to work with other students off the field. Simply put - RIIL is where sportsmanship and community meet.”



**Maddie Quigley, Exeter/West Greenwich High School:** “The RIIL Student Advisory Board is a great leadership opportunity. As someone who is extremely involved in athletics, I want to be part of something bigger than just my team. It is so important for students to have a voice in RIIL, and I would love to be able to speak on behalf of all the other athletes and make a difference in my senior year. Not only that, I would like to give some insight from the athletes to the adults apart of RIIL. If we are all on the same page, really great things can happen!”



**Elena Rouse, La Salle Academy:** “I want to become a RIIL Student Advisory Board member mainly because of the lessons learned while being a student athlete, and then more recently during the summer New England Student Leadership Conference at Worcester State. It was empowering to be with fellow student athletes exchanging ideas, building friendships, learning about inclusion, respect, and leadership and to then carry the lessons back to our teams and schools. The speakers that came provoked a will inside me to go out and make a difference. I am interested in being able to continue this experience and work on making an impact within the RI schools and communities with current and new initiatives and ideas. Also, to assist in increasing the RI student athlete experiences during high school.”