

Student Ambassador Spotlight: Adrian King of Hackensack



Adrian King has always felt a connection to sports.

“Since I can remember, sports have always played a significant role in my life,” said the junior from Hackensack High School. “From the first time I set foot on a football field and track, I knew sports would play an important role in my development as a student and athlete.”

It was because of that connection that he applied last year to become a NJSIAA Student Ambassador. He was then among 19 student-athletes from throughout the state who were selected to serve.

“Becoming a NJSIAA Student Ambassador would enable me to learn some of the necessary leadership skills to instill sportsmanship among the teams and leagues I will play against,” he explained. “I would also be excited to learn more about how the NJSIAA tries to promote fair competition among its teams.”

He’s enjoyed the meetings with his peers and NJSIAA administration, and is looking forward to what the group can accomplish.

“Something that has interested me most about the meetings so far is the interactivensess and engagement that is displayed,” he said. “Everyone gives their best effort and their own opinion on different things that help me gain an insight on these topics.”



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“I hope the group can help create new rules that enforce sportsmanship and make the athletic environment a better place for all athletes,” he added.

At Hackensack, Adrian participates in football and track.

“My two favorite sports are football and track,” he said. “In football, I play wide receiver on offense and safety on defense. In track, some of my favorite events are hurdles, long jump and triple jump. Being involved in sports during the school year helps me create new friendships and experiences that one might not have if they are not involved in sports.”

Being a multi-sport athlete isn’t easy, but Adrian enjoys it all.

“There are lots of challenges that come with playing sports,” he says. “But the main one is balancing school and sports.”

Getting to know Student Ambassador Adrian King:

Favorite subjects: Math and Science.

Favorite team: Washington Commanders. “When I was younger, we went to Maryland and I got to visit the stadium, which I thought was cool.”

How do you spend time on the bus on the way to an away game or meet? “I listen to music. It helps me get in a competitive mindset.”

What’s your favorite thing about being a high school athlete? “My favorite thing about being a high school athlete is that I learn lessons and skills

that prepare me for the future.”

What’s the best quality in a teammate? “Someone who holds others accountable.”

Do you have a favorite sports memory? “When my little league football team won the championship.”

What’s the best place you’ve ever traveled to?
“Puerto Rico. I got to visit family and I had a great time.”