

Abigail Stow, (F), ECA Stars

It is a privilege to nominate Abigail Stow, forward for the 2018 Wisconsin Ms. Hockey Award. Abigail is a dedicated student-athlete who has excelled both on and off the ice during her career as a member of the ECA Stars.

During her four years as a member of the ECA Stars hockey program, Abigail has been an active member in the Eau Claire community. She has volunteered with Eau Claire's Parks and Recreation department as a youth soccer coach, and volunteers for the Eau Claire Youth Hockey Association working with the Learn to Skate program, Mini-mites, and all levels of the Chippewa Valley Girls Hockey Association. Abigail has also volunteered with other community organizations such as the YMCA's Turkey Trot running race and the Eau Claire Clearwater Holiday Parade.

Abigail has also excelled academically during her four years as a student at Memorial High School, earning a 3.25 GPA while taking numerous upper level and Advanced Placement courses during her academic career. Abigail has also been very active in an educational leadership role at Memorial High School. She has participated in a variety of clubs such as Key Club, SADD, and Link Crew. Abigail has also been an active member of her church where she has volunteered in a variety of capacities. She has also raised money for the Feed My People Food Bank in Eau Claire.

Abigail has also been a standout athlete on the soccer field for the Memorial Old Abes. Abigail was named to the All-Conference Big Rivers Conference Team during the 2016 and 2017 seasons. She was named the 2017 Big Rivers Conference Player of the Year, as well as the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram's Player of the year in soccer. Abigail's talent has also been recognized at the state level for her accomplishments in soccer: First Team All-State soccer in 2017; Team Captain for the highly-ranked Memorial soccer program for the upcoming 2018 season.

Abigail has also been an integral part of the Team Wisconsin program the past four years. She has been one of the program's top scorers during her four years as a member of the Team Wisconsin program.

Abigail's outstanding on-ice accomplishments also make her an outstanding candidate for the 2018 Wisconsin Ms. Hockey Award. Abigail is in her second season as the captain of the ECA Stars. Abigail's leadership abilities both on and off the ice have been a contributing factor in the success and growth of the ECA Stars program during the past four years as the team has improved its won/loss record each of Abigail's four seasons. It is difficult to measure what an individual has done for a program in terms of leadership, but Abigail has been the on and off ice leader of the ECA Stars Hockey Program.

Abigail's on-ice accomplishments as a player for the ECA Stars have earned her numerous honors during her career. Abigail has been the state's leading scorer during her Sophomore and Junior seasons and is currently the leading scorer for the 2017-18 season. Abigail has earned First Team All-Conference recognition each season as well as Conference Co-Player of the Year honors during her Sophomore and Junior seasons. Abigail has also received recognition at the state level as a member of the All-State Second Team her Freshman year and First Team honors her Sophomore and Junior years. Last season, Abigail was named the Wisconsin Prep Hockey Forward of the year for her Junior Season. She also received unique recognition this past year in Eau Claire as she was named the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram's Female Athlete of the Year, which is an award that goes to the top female athletes in Eau Claire at the high school, collegiate, or professional level.

The combination of community involvement, academic achievement, and athletic success make Abigail Stow an outstanding candidate for the 2018 Wisconsin Ms. Hockey Award.