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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME NAMES 2017 BOYS WESTERN MASS. ALL-STARS**

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame (IVBHOF) in Holyoke, MA is proud to announce the sixth Annual Spalding Western Massachusetts Boys High School Volleyball Hall of Fame All-Star Teams and Spalding All-Star Showcase presented by Whip's Sporting Goods, Pioneer Valley Juniors and All The Right Stuff Sports.

**Holyoke, MA – June 1, 2017** - The 40 players selected represent 14 different high schools in Western Mass. All selected players will be invited to play in the Spalding All-Star Showcase Games on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at a location TBA.

The event will start with a 3-set 2nd team all-star match at 6:30pm followed by a 3-set 1st team match at 7:30pm. Adult tickets are \$10 and Students/Seniors are \$5.

Admission to the All-Star Game also includes a FREE future admission pass to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame Museum. For the fourth year, we will also announce the Western Massachusetts Player of the Year at the conclusion of the evening!

"What a great way to celebrate the end of an amazing season of volleyball and put an exclamation point on 32 wonderful high school careers." said IVBHOF Executive Director George Mulry. "It really is an honor and a privilege to recognize the rising stars right here in our own backyard."

Selected players were chosen by a committee consisting of local coaches, officials, and the media. Agawam led all teams with 6 total selections while Chicopee Comp, Minnechaug, and Westfield each had five. Ludlow and West Springfield are represented by their four all-stars.

For more information on the Spalding Western Massachusetts Boys High School All-Star Volleyball Showcase, go to [volleyhall.org](http://volleyhall.org).

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**2017 International Volleyball Hall of Fame  
Western Massachusetts Boys High School Volleyball Hall of Fame All-Stars**

**1st Team W. Mass Hall of Fame All-Stars**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>YOG</b>
Michael Basile	Agawam	H	2017
Nikolas Bates	Minnechaug	H	2017
Austin Benoit	Sabis	S	2017
Gavin Berkeley	Minnechaug	H	2017
Dondre Crump	Chicopee Comp	H	2017
Jerry Cruz	Holyoke	H	2017
Jared Davis	West Springfield	H	2017
Devon Francis	Putnam	H/MB	2017
Joseph Hendrickson	Agawam	MB	2018
Joshua Herk	Athol	H	2017
Garrett Hollander	Agawam	S	2017
Noah Kappel	Westfield	MB	2017
Eduard Loboda	Westfield	OPP	2017
Nicholas Manewich	Ludlow	H	2017
Chandler Noga	Ludlow	H	2017
Josiah Pernell	Chicopee Comp	M/H	2017
Eduard Popovinchenco	Chicopee Comp	H	2017
Tyler Stanton	Westfield	L	2017
Artur Taganov	West Springfield	L	2017
Scott Walsh	Westfield	S	2017

**2nd Team W. Mass Hall of Fame All-Stars**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>YOG</b>
Dominick Albano	Ludlow	L	2017
Justin Blake	Athol	H	2018
Hayden Bottomley	East Longmeadow	S	2017
Timothy Budrow	Minnechaug	OPP	2018
Nicholas Cafaro	East Longmeadow	H	2017
Nick Chambers	Southwick	H	2017
Austin Corcoran	Chicopee Comp	S	2017
Nathan Dahn	Minnechaug	S	2017
Andrew Duquette	Belchertown	S/H	2017
Matt Garbecki	Minnechaug	S	2017
Logan Giebner	Ludlow	S	2017
Shane Kiendzior	Westfield	H	2018
Jon Lozada	West Springfield	S/OPP	2018
David Marsh	Sabis	MB	2017
Naween Mendis	Chicopee Comp	L	2017
Brian Modzelesky	Agawam	L	2017
Henry Nguyen	Central	S	2018
Joseph Paier	West Springfield	S	2017
Teal Savoury	Agawam	H	2018
Ben Yovenko	Agawam	OPP	2019

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