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Scholarship winner sets bar high

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POINT PLEASANT – Wake up. Get dressed. Go to school. Go to practice. Go home. Shower. Do homework. Go to sleep. Repeat.

For many student athletes in the area this is the daily routine during their respective sports season, which is not taking account of additional activities like school clubs, workouts and local jobs – or that those practices turn into important games as the season wears on.

And while homework chronologically comes after practice on a daily basis, for Point Borough High School freshman Christian Aurin, homework is the most important part of his day.

“My mom has been pretty hard on me with grades and everything so I always make sure to get my schoolwork done first, always before sports,” said Christian with a smile and a glance to his mother. “I tried my best in school and football always came second.”

Bolstered by dedicated parents, Laura and Kevin Aurin, along with a supportive younger brother Ryan Aurin, the Boro freshman has found success early in both his academic and football career.

Prior to high school, where Christian played on Boro’s freshman and junior varsity squads, he closed out his American Youth Football [AYF] career as the recipient of the Carl Allegretti Scholarship – a prestigious national scholarship honoring student athletes.

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The man behind the scholarship, Allegretti, played Division I football for Butler University, graduating from the College of Business Administration in 1983. He currently serves as chairman and CEO of Deloitte Tax LLP in Chicago.

Christian was named the “Top AYF Academic Athlete” for his 2014-15 season with the Point Pleasant Pirates. The scholarship is awarded to only one youth football player in the country that exhibits AYF’s four pillars of achievement: academics, respect, discipline and performance.

The Allegretti scholarship also came with a \$2,000 check, which, according to the Aurins, has already been put aside for college.

“I was so excited and proud,” said Mrs. Aurin. “I was very excited to see all of Christian’s hard work and dedication from his whole life was paying off in something that was tangible for him to see now.”

Christian’s take on the award was a bit more reserved before he took the time to really let it sink in.

“I didn’t really think about it at first. I thought, ‘oh wow, that’s cool,’ but then I realized I’m the only person in the nation to get this,” admitted Christian.

“It’s pretty exciting – especially from Point Pleasant since we’re a small town.”

In fact, out of everyone in the Aurin family it was Ryan who was most excited for his big brother.

“I think Ryan told more people about his brother’s award than his brother told,” stated Mr. Aurin. “He was very proud that

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Christian Aurin [with the ball] was awarded the Carl Allegretti Scholarship for his 2014-15 season with the Point Pleasant Pirates. The scholarship is awarded to only one youth football player in the nation. *Photo courtesy JOE ANDUJAR*

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his brother got that award.”

Ryan, who also plays football, went on to write a report for school on his brother’s achievement. The 13-year-old not only looks up to Christian but made a strong point as to why others should too.

“I think he’s a really great sportsman. I’ve never seen him throw his helmet or do anything,” said Ryan. “So if he loses, he loses. If he wins, he wins.”

Christian, who also wrestles and plays baseball, made the most of his first year on the freshmen football team, even earning junior varsity playing time.

“Freshman [team] was just a whole bunch of fun. My goal was to at least dress for varsity if not play,” he stated. “I didn’t get to play but I got to start in a JV game, which is a big stepping-stone.”

Christian, who played multiple positions for the freshman team, also played in a junior varsity game against Lakewood. He did not start that time but made the most of the opportunity by scoring a touchdown – another small reward for his efforts on and off the field.

But what really separates Christian from the rest of the players in helmets and pads is his maturity and understanding of what it will take to reach his ultimate goal: to play football for Notre Dame.

“One of Christian’s goals is to play football at Notre Dame and I told him it doesn’t matter how great of a football player you are or how great of an athlete you are,” stated his father. “If you don’t have the grades to get in, you’re not getting in to Notre Dame.”

According to a study by the NCAA, only 6.5 percent of high school football players compete in college football. Slimming it down a bit more, only 2.5 percent play Division I football.

The number becomes even smaller when it comes to players on scholarship, but there are many players at the collegiate level who used their grades to get to their school of choice and then worked hard to earn a spot on the team.

While that time is still a few years out for the scholarship recipient, Christian knows that the work he puts in now could make all the difference down the road. He received a small wake up call in the form of a B in one of his classes during the fall.

“This year, honestly I started off kind of bad. I think I got my first B ever so I kind of got mad at that,” explained Aurin. “I’m definitely going to start working harder. You don’t really realize how important this year is. I’m going to be going for all A’s.”

It is easy to see the impact Christian’s parents have on him as a young adult and how dedicated they are to both of their children’s success.

“If you try your hardest, no matter what the outcome is, you’ll always succeed,” said Laura. “No matter what the outcome is I will always be proud of them as long as they put their best effort into it.”

It is rare to find a young student athlete as disciplined and driven as Christian. His dedication and desire coupled with his intelligence and athletic skill could yield a field of possibilities for the freshman’s future.

With his sights set on Notre Dame, a strong support system at his back and an academic resume filled with A’s, Christian defines what it truly means to be a student athlete.

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