

# Ohio State's Anjali Fernandes, Amari McMahon Earn Big Ten Postgraduate Scholarships



Amari McMahon and Anjali Fernandes, two standout Buckeyes, are Ohio State's recipients of the 2020 Big Ten postgraduate scholarships.

One male and one female student-athlete from each Big Ten institution who plan to continue their education at a graduate degree program were awarded a \$7,500 scholarship, based primarily on academic achievements.

This year's recipients span 18 different sports and will continue their education in a variety of different disciplines, including accountancy, biomedical engineering, business, chemical and biological engineering, chemistry, dentistry, economics, law, optometry and medicine.



**FOOTBALL**

**BIG TEN  
POSTGRADUATE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENT**

**AMARI  
MCMAHON**

 **SASSO**  
STUDENT-ATHLETE  
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Courtesy of Ohio State Athletics.

McMahon joined the Ohio State football team as a walk on in 2017 and recently graduated with his degree in biology. He plans to attend Ohio State's College of Dentistry in the fall.

A standout in the classroom, McMahon is a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree and Ohio State Scholar-Athlete. He was also a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar in the 2018-19 academic year for having a grade-point average of 3.7 or better.

In addition to the Big Ten's Postgraduate Scholarship, McMahon also received Ohio State's Corwin A. Fergus Award, which is a \$5,000 scholarship that is renewable for up to three years.

As a walk-on running back from Dublin, Ohio, Scioto, McMahon joined the Buckeyes in 2017 and became a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

On the field, McMahon was a member of three Big Ten championships teams and can forever boast a 38-4 combined record as a Buckeye. He played on teams that won the 2017 Cotton Bowl, 2019 Rose Bowl, earned three pairs of gold pants and appeared in the 2019 College Football Playoff.

Interestingly, McMahon took his one career carry for 10 yards against Miami (Ohio) in 2019, giving him


a team-leading 10.0 yards-per-carry average for the season.



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POSTGRADUATE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENT**

**ANJALI  
FERNANDES**

**WOMEN'S ROWING**

 **SASSO**  
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Fernandes is a two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree, a four-time Ohio State Scholar-Athlete and a 2019 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. The coxswain for the Buckeyes' 1V8 team, Fernandes helped guide the boat to a second-place finish at the 2019 Big Ten Championships and a sixth-place finish at the 2019 NCAA Championships.

In 2017 and 2018, Ohio State won the Big Ten team title. Fernandes was also a 2018 Women's Elite 4+ Club National Champion in 2018.

In addition to several Big Ten and Ohio State academic awards, she also was named a 2019 Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Scholar Athlete and she also earned CRCA Pocock Second Team All-America recognition.

In 2018, Fernandes was a Wexner Medical Center Student Research Intern worked with Dr. Alexa Meara studying patient numeracy and its effects on the severity of systematic lupus erythematosus.

Fernandez received two other awards in the spring of 2020, the Varsity "O" Alumni Society Postgraduate Scholarship and the Leann Grimes-Davidge Award. The Perrysburg, Ohio, native graduated this spring with a degree in English literature with a minor in biology.

What follows is the complete list of 2020 Big Ten Postgraduate Scholarship recipients:

Illinois

Michael Paradise, Men's Gymnastics

Lauren Smitherman, Women's Soccer

Indiana

Sean Caulfield, Men's Soccer

Michelle McKamey, Women's Tennis

Iowa

Claire Graves, Women's Soccer

Jason Kerst, Men's Tennis

Maryland

Johannes Bergmann, Men's Soccer

Darby Moore, Women's Soccer

Michigan

Thomas Cope, Men's Swimming & Diving

Erika Yasuda, Women's Rowing

Michigan State

Scott Piper, Men's Swimming & Diving

Karrigan Smith, Women's Cross Country/Track & Field

Minnesota

Jacob Herbers, Football and Baseball

Zetta Mason, Women's Cross Country/Track & Field

Northwestern

Allison Lindroth, Volleyball

Charles Maxwell, Baseball

Nebraska

Grace Mitchell, Women's Basketball

Luke Siedhoff, Men's Track & Field

**Ohio State**

Anjali Fernandes, Women's Rowing

Amari McMahon, Football

Penn State

Mason Nadeau, Baseball

Jade Rowland, Women's Fencing

Purdue

Susan Hubbard, Women's Cross Country/Track & Field

Dylan Lydy, Wrestling

Rutgers

Rebecca Chanin, Women's Rowing

Kieran Mullins, Men's Lacrosse

Wisconsin

Eric Geunes, Men's Swimming & Diving

Heather Rudnicki, Softball

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