

# Latcham earns All-State Academic football honors

Beeville Trojan senior quarterback Eric Latcham recently was named to the All-State Academic Football Team by the Texas High School Coaches Association. The lone Bee County athlete chosen, he was selected to the Class 4A second team.

To be named to the all-state squad of top student/athletes, Latcham had to maintain a 90-plus scholastic average along with compiling points for class rank and high achievement levels on the standardized college entrance tests (SAT or ACT). Good standing within the varsity football program at A.C. Jones was also a requirement of the coaches association.

Latcham has played football four years at JHS, the last two as a starter on the varsity. He was named to the All-District 30-4A team as the second team quarterback and place kicker as a junior and received honorable mention quarterback as a senior, as well as all-academic team recognition.

He also has played four years in the Trojan basketball program, three years on varsity, earning all-district honorable mention and all-academic honors, and three years on the JHS track team, all on the varsity, picking up several medals in the high jump and long jump.

The 18-year-old senior has been ranked near the top of his class throughout high school and has been active in other school organizations including the Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCCLA, National



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*Trojan Athletic Director Chris Soza presents senior Eric Latcham with a certificate acknowledging Latcham's selection to the Academic All-State Football team as announced recently by the Texas High School Football Coaches Association.*

Honor Society and Renaissance. He has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and received a perfect attendance award in the 2003-04 school year. He recently was recognized as a 2004 Distinguished Scholar-Athlete award nominee by the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

In addition, Latcham has been active in church, community and volunteer activities and attended numerous sports camps and summer leagues. He has been accepted to attend the University of Texas next fall but may want to attend a smaller college to remain involved in team sports.