
MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Date: April 21, 2021
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler
From: Mr. Tom Rogers
Re: Board Presentation for Tradition of Excellence Award



I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to present to the Board of Education students whose accomplishments and contributions to Geneva High School exemplify the Tradition of Excellence Award. On Monday, April 26, 2021 we will present to the Board of Education the following students.

A. **Girls Badminton State Qualifiers:**

Megan Morris – Singles
Lisa Colin and Annabelle Karch – Doubles
Makayla Flanigan and Payton Hunter – Doubles

These athletes qualified to compete at the IHSA State Badminton Tournament held on March 31st and April 1st at Hinsdale South High School. The badminton team is coached by Dee Neukirch, Head Coach, Doug Ross and Mike Glabinski, Assistant Coaches.

B. **Boys Golf State Qualifiers:**

Joseph Adams	Calvin McKittrick	Thomas Sewczwicz
Jesse Balc	Zachary Padgett	Carter Williams
Austin Frick	Samuel Pospisil	

These athletes qualified to compete at the IHSA Boys State Golf Tournament which was canceled due to COVID-19. The boys' golf team is coached by Eric Hatczel, Head Coach, Lukas Willems, Garret Lane, and Zachary Butcher, Assistant Coaches.

C. **Girls Golf State Qualifiers:**

Reese Clark

This athlete qualified to compete at the IHSA Girls State Golf Tournament which was canceled due to COVID-19. The girls' golf team is coached by Jordan Zimmeroff, Head Coach and Julia Callahan, Assistant Coach.

D. **Dance Team State Qualifiers:**

Brooke Baurer	Meena Gosain	Kelli Kaufman
Allison Chaffee	Brenna Heth	Lillian Kott
Charlotte Davis	Madeline Hughes	Allison McCall
Avery Evans	AnnMarie Japlon	
Emma Fuller	Katherine Japlon	

The GHS Varsity Dance team competed at the IHSA Virtual State Dance Competition held March 6, 2021 and finished in First place. The varsity dance team is coached by Amy VanWagenen.

E. **Cheer Team State Qualifiers:**

Kallie Dougherty
Grace Evans
Rachel Fassbinder
Eleanor Fesmire
Kaeley Filas
Sabrina Filas
Alexa Hardin

Morgan Hoover
Bryanna Knott
Rachel Koerner
Kendra Legieza
Mia McFadden
Elena McManus
Maddux Pairitz

Grace Renda
Sara Stedronsky
Marla Trimble
Angelina Zimmer
Aniella Zimny

The GHS Varsity Cheer team competed at the IHSA Virtual State Cheer Competition held March 13, 2021 and finished in 21st place. The varsity dance team is coached by Taylor Murphy, Shannon Hansen and Sidney Lehmann.

F. **ILMEA All-State Music Festival:**

Hannah Bolender – All-State Orchestra – Violin
Nico Gonnella – Composition – 3rd place, Remix Contest)
John Henderson – Composition –Honorable Mention – Instrumental Small Ensemble
Steven Meyer – Composition –3rd Place – Instrumental Solo; 3rd Place – Instrumental Small Ensemble; 2nd Place Jazz Instrumental/Vocal; 3rd Place – Vocal Ensemble
Matthew Styrna – All-State Orchestra – Tuba
Hannah Thill – All-State Orchestra – Viola

These musicians were chosen to represent Geneva High School at the **ILMEA – Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Virtual Conference & Festival** held March 20, 2021. The GHS Music Directors are Pat Frederick, Krista Halvorson, Jessica Palmisano and Neil Shipton.

G. Geneva High School has seven seniors who have been named “**National Merit Scholarship Commended**” in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Sean Chalmers
Darian Holda
Caleb Humphrey

Zachary Lew
May Phan
Isabella Reed

Noah Rieber

To achieve this distinction, these students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

H. Two Geneva High School seniors have been named “**National Merit Scholarship Finalist**” in the 2021 National Merit Program:

Evan Horvath
Nathaniel Marcelo

To achieve this distinction, these students placed among the top one-half of one percent (or above the 99.5 percentile) of college-bound students on the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Together, these students distinguished themselves, our school and Geneva District #304. Thank you for this opportunity.