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Addison Trail announces senior athletic award winners

Gilliam, Villalobos earn Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors

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Addison Trail recently hosted its annual senior athletic banquet at Alta Villa Banquets.

Eric Gilliam was named the school's Athletic Booster Club Male Scholar Athlete of the Year, while Joanna Villalobos earned the Athletic Booster Club Female Scholar Athlete of the Year honor.

These two scholarships are presented to the male and female athlete with the highest grade-point average from the

senior class. Recipients also must be a two-sport athlete.

Jaavion Bradley was named Addison Trail's Male Athlete of the Year. Kim Schonder was named the Female Athlete of the Year.

The school also honored a host of student-athletes who will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. That group includes: Rachel Baumgartner (Aurora University, basketball), Bradley (Iowa Western, football), Joseph Conforti (Elmhurst College, baseball), Alex Dickmann (IPFW, men's volleyball), Taylor Fischer (Central Michigan University, cheerleading), Christian Grabowski (Elmhurst College, baseball), Michael Huynh (Harper

College, wrestling), Anthony Metallo (Wisconsin-Platteville, football and wrestling), Jonah Moran (College of DuPage, soccer), Michael Rybarczyk (Minnesota-Duluth, football), Zachary Vaca (Carthage College, golf), Jaime Valdez (Lincoln College, wrestling and baseball), Jonathan Valentini (Benedictine University, men's volleyball), Taylor White (Aquinas College, basketball), Alex DiSilvio (Elmhurst College, cheerleading) and Darius Conrad Jr. (Youngstown State, football).

Addison Trail boys volleyball

A number of players from Addison Trail's record-setting boys volleyball team earned postseason honors.

Alex Dickmann was named to the

American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American second team. The AVCA is the national association for volleyball coaches in the U.S.

Dickmann also earned all-West Suburban Conference Gold Division accolades and was an academic all-conference selection.

Vaca and Jack Vrchota also were all-WSC Gold picks and earned academic all-conference honors.

Kevin Andrews and Joey Nasti were academic all-conference selections.

Addison Trail finished the season with a program-best 35-7 mark and finished third in the state. The Blazers went 2-1 in the state tournament at Hoffman Estates High School.

Two Willowbrook softball players earn all-state honors

Warriors soccer players named to academic all-state team

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Willowbrook softball players Sam Schmidt and Alyssa Ressinger have been named to the Illinois Coaches Association all-state team.

Schmidt, who will continue her at Northern Illinois University next season, hit .578 with 14 homers and 61 RBI for the Warriors. Ressinger hit .496 with 43 RBI. Both Schmidt and Ressinger were four-year varsity players.

Willowbrook girls soccer

Two Willowbrook girls soccer players have earned academic recognition. Natalie Wolski and Jessica Budig were

named to the Chicago Fire Academic all-state team.

Willowbrook Spring Awards

Willowbrook had a host of players earn all-conference and all-conference academic honors during the spring season.

In badminton, Brooke Bimber, Dalia Cruz, Haley Patel, Sydney Planz and Leana Pavese were named to the academic all-conference team. Bimber, Planz, Ally Kelly, Grace Chantos, Nessa Banushi, Alex Klapecki, Patel, Husna Syeda, Pavese, Meghan Foley and Taylor Ratkovich earned all-conference honors.

Bimber and Planz were state qualifiers. The Warriors badminton team won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title.

For boys tennis, Matt Buhr, Joe Draus, Matt D'Alessandro, Tony Pauletti, Raffay Siddiq,

Abdulaziz Ahmed and Mohamed Hameed were named to the academic all-conference team.

Buhr, Draus, Leo Mares, Khateeb Raza, D'Alessandro, Tony Pauletti and Siddiq earned all-conference honors.

In boys volleyball, Tom King, Ryan Wakely, Anthon Acitelli, Liam Atkins, Mike Ernst, Kristian Johansen, Avery Kirchner and Henry Wallace were academic all-conference recipients.

King and Wakely earned all-conference awards.

For boys gymnastics, Willowbrook won the West Suburban Conference Gold Division title, a sectional title and took fourth in the state.

Bailey Heppner and Adam Sousa were academic all-conference choices. Sousa, Keawe Winstead and Bret Golz earned

all-state and all-conference distinctions.

For baseball, Mike Petruzzi, John Halloran, Trey Jones, Cam Ligocki, Cam Murer, Dom McDonnell, Luke Schuemer and Chris Roycroft earned academic all-conference honors. Roycroft, Cam Zunkel, Jones, Schuemer and Matt Pizur were all-conference selections.

In softball, Sam Schmidt, Alyssa Ressinger, Delaney Pelsor, Isabella Devens, Cheyenne Brunig, Elisa King, Megan Ciapponi, Courtney Ruchala and Francesca Santelli were academic all-conference picks.

Schmidt, Ressinger, Erin Sporer, Pelsor and Zoe Dannenberg were all-conference picks.

Budig and Wolski were academic all-conference selections for the Willowbrook girls soccer team. Budig, Wolski and

Samantha Wozniak were all-conference selections.

In boys track, Christian Batiz, Nick Eufrazio, Frank Francione, Jimmy Funteas Jr., Andrew Kanelos, Tyler Olson, Chris Senese and Austin Stoner were academic all-conference choices. Donnie Hawkins, Funteas Jr., Eufrazio and Tyler Olson earned all-conference honors.

In girls track, Stefani Enescue, Stephanie Wohnrade, Gloria Johnson, Zakisha Hudson, Elizabeth Pegler, Alexandra Downer, Molly Frobela, Alexandra Pawlak and Sumeya Mchabchib earned academic all-conference accolades.

Enescue, Wohnrade, Johnson, Shantel Powell, Kyla Denwood, Shannon Jones, Melissa Johnston, Diana Marin and Diana Mendoza were all-conference selections.

Strong finish helps IC Catholic Prep's Hurt take second in golf tournament

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Call IC Catholic Prep junior-to-be Maddie Hurt the comeback kid.

Hurt, playing in a Mid-America Junior Golf Tour event at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, shot 3-under par over the last five holes to leapfrog several competitors and take second in the event in the Girls Division of the Player's Challenge No. 1 tournament.

"I felt really confident going into it," said Hurt. "I had played the course before and knew it

very well. I was very excited to go play there. It's a fun course to play."

Hurt finished with rounds of 75 and 79 during the two-day event and ended up with a 154, 10 shots over par.

Included in that white-hot finish on the second day was an eagle on the par-4 18th hole.

"That was the first time I eagled a par-4," said Hurt. "It was very exciting. My drive off the tee went left and went into the rough. I used my range finder and shot the pin 83 yards using my approach wedge. I

got a solid swing and watched it bounce a couple times and it rolled. I didn't see it after it bounded so I knew it had to have gone in."

Hurt took second in the tournament that featured 35 competitors.

"I knew I had a pretty solid front nine and going into the back nine I knew I needed to par holes and play it safe and get up-and-down par saves."

Hurt birdied the par-5 15th hole and then parred 16 and 17 before finishing with a flourish on 18.

"On 15 I hit it within a few feet and knocked it in," she said. "Those last five holes were a nice way to finish the round."

Hurt has been keeping herself busy on the tournament circuit this spring and summer. She won events at Eaglewood Resort and White Pines in Bensenville and also had a runner-up finish at Naperbrook. Through late last week Hurt was ranked No. 1 in the IJGA Girls 16-18 point standings.

"I would definitely say my putting has gotten much better," she said. "I've really been focus-

ing on knocking down those five-foot-and-in putts. Those are the ones that can make or break your round. Over 50 percent of this game comes down to your short game. If you master that, you can pretty much score on any course. I've been practicing almost every day."

Hurt is coming off a sophomore high school season where she finished tied for 16th in Class A.

"I can't wait for the high school season to start again," said Hurt.