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LHSAA 2011 ALL-ACADEMIC VOLLEYBALL, FOOTBALL, BOYS' AND GIRLS' SWIMMING, AND BOYS' AND GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

RELEASE DAY/DATE

Football	Volleyball, Swimming & Cross Country
COMPOSITE TEAM. . WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9	COMPOSITE TEAM . . . SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13
ALL CLASS TEAM MONDAY, DECEMBER 12	ALL DIVISIONAL TEAM.. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Based on the philosophy that high school classrooms were built before the playing fields and arenas, the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) instituted its scholar-athlete program in 1986 featuring the sport of football and expanded the program to include girls' and boys' basketball and girls' volleyball in 1987. Softball was added in 1995 and baseball in 1997.

This year 265 female athletes will receive recognition in the sport of girls' volleyball; 112 female athletes will receive recognition in the sport of girls' swimming; 93 male athletes will receive recognition in the sport of boys' swimming; 158 female athletes will receive recognition in the sport of girls' cross country; 151 male athletes will receive recognition in the sport of boys' cross country; 515 male athletes will receive recognition in the sport of football. All of the other boys' and girls' composite all-academic teams will be recognized and honored during the state championships for their respective sports, and other students who cannot attend this event will be sent to the school.

Not only are the student-athletes honored in their respective class or divisions, but composite squads have also been selected from the players who scored the highest grade point averages from all classes/divisions in a sport.

This year's composite All-Academic, All-State squads will honor the following: volleyball will feature 49 student-athletes, girls' swimming will feature 22, boys' swimming will feature 27, girls' cross country will feature 31, and boys' cross country will feature 31, while 66 have been chosen to represent football.

Members of each composite squad will receive special recognition at the 2011 LHSAA state championship events.

To qualify for an All-Academic, All-State team, a student-athlete must have achieved a three-year cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better and must have been members of their schools team for two years.

In reviewing this year's scholar-athlete program, LHSAA Executive Director, Kenny Henderson stated, "We want all of the student-athletes in Louisiana to realize and understand that the educational foundation and values that they receive in our member high schools will be life-lasting and will serve them long after their high school playing days are over."

Henderson continued, "We are convinced that participation in high school sports can serve as an extension of the high school classroom and as after-school laboratory classrooms for students in their present and later lives."

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“The LHSAA’s scholar-athlete program is designed to stress success in the classroom for those who have been successful in either the playing arena or on the playing field. This program serves notice to younger students, athletes and non-athletes alike, that this association stresses the qualities that are important for successful living; in fact, we want the entire state to realize the LHSAA’s commitment to all-around excellence in our schools,” he added.

For the second straight year ExxonMobil will underwrite the LHSAA’s Scholar-Athlete Program and serve as title sponsor in recognizing the Louisiana’s student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom

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