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CENTRAL COAST SECTION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2005 SCHOLAR/ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Board of Managers of the Central Coast Section is proud to announce the recipients of the five (5) scholarships being awarded in this year's **CCS SCHOLAR/ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** program.

The **2005 CCS FEMALE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE-OF-THE-YEAR** is *Hillary Austinn Freeman*, from Palo Alto High School, and the **2005 CCS MALE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE-OF-THE-YEAR** is *Brian Bensch*, from Bellarmine College Prep. Each of these two student-athletes will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Additional 2005 CCS Scholar/Athlete scholarships were awarded to the following student-athletes:

- \$500, to *Christopher Jacobson*, from Santa Cruz High School;
- \$500, to *Michelle Meyer*, from Carmel High School; and
- \$500, to *Audrey Yau*, from St. Francis High School in Mountain View.

Selected from more than 50 extremely talented applicants from throughout the Central Coast Section, these five student-athletes were chosen to receive their respective scholarship awards by a Selection Committee made up of CCS member-school Administrators, Athletic Directors and Coaches from across the Section. The Committee used criteria based on the students' athletic and academic accomplishments, school and community service and written essays on the general subject of "*Imagine your life without high school athletics. How would your character and attitude be different? How has high school athletics impacted your life?*" After all application materials were reviewed and evaluated by the Selection Committee, a slate of Finalists was designated to come before the Committee for a brief interview as the last step in the selection process.

In order to apply for the **CCS SCHOLAR/ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**, the applicants had to meet rigorous minimum qualifications, which included the following:

- Be a graduating senior;
- Possess at least a 3.5 un-weighted grade-point-average over seven semesters;
- Score at least 950 on the SAT (or 21 on the ACT);
- Have competed at the Varsity level for a CCS school for at least two years; and
- Be able to verify an exemplary record of positive athletic and non-athletic citizenship.

CCS Ass't. Commissioner Steve Stearns stated, "The quality of extremely talented and dedicated student-athletes throughout the Central Coast Section is again exemplified by these outstanding young men and women. The accomplishments they have already displayed in their school work, athletic endeavors, community service and personal lives is almost unfathomable. They are role models "par excellence" for their peers. The CCS wishes them well as they continue to inspire others while proceeding toward achieving their lofty goals. We are extremely proud of our scholarship recipients, as well as all the other fine applicants!"