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The Bowling Green Daily News and Med Center Health were proud to host the 6th annual Kentucky Super Preps program at Bowling Green Ballpark on June 13th. Fourteen local high schools all participated in the program to honor the best of our local student-athletes. Kentucky Super Preps celebrates area student athletes who excel not only in their sport, but also in the classroom, in school, and in the community. The nominees are chosen by their head coach as representatives of their sport at their respective school. Being nominated is an honor as the requirements are stringent: They must excel academically, participate in community service, and be an inspiration for their teammates in order to be chosen as nominee.

Once the nominees are submitted, the selection committee evaluates each written nomination form and chooses one student to represent each sport. In addition, specialty winners are chosen for student-athletes who demonstrated exceptional qualities for special recognition.

An Overall Boy and Overall Girl were each awarded a $500 college scholarship. Congratulations to all these outstanding student-athletes!
Girls Tennis
Macy Meisel Bowling Green
Greer Glossick Greenwood
Madison Lemily South Warren
Cing "Mary" Huai Warren Central
Lily Buffa Russellville
Abigail Nuetzman Barren Co
Kaylee Lindsey Edmonson Co
Kathryn Hardin Glasgow

Girls Cross Country
Kathryn Harris Bowling Green
Kaydee Wooldridge Greenwood
Ryleigh Johnson South Warren
Chesney McPherson Barren Co
Mia Cassady Glasgow
Harlie Chapman Butler Co
Maggie Meister Warren Central

Girls Archery
Kaitlin Hsieh Bowling Green
Micah Bettersworth Greenwood
Isabella Shevetz South Warren
Ava Jones Warren Central
Carlie Johnson Edmonson Co
Kinsey Hayes Logan Co

Girls Track
Kaiyn Mason Bowling Green
Jessica Peterson Greenwood
Kennedy Cordini South Warren
 Jenetna Shobe Warren Central
Jermani Morris Russellville
Gracie Reed Barren Co
Harmony Taylor Butler Co
Cheyenne Stark Warren East
Ivana Huffines Franklin Simpson
Caroline Murphy Glasgow

Girls Swim
Paige Wierson Bowling Green
Sarah Zoellner Greenwood
Madeline Barbee South Warren
Addison Monroe Franklin Simpson
Aleia Kate Harper Barren Co
Briley Webster Butler Co

Girls Bowling
Allison Osborne Bowling Green
Natalie Naftel Warren Central
Autumn Anderson Barren Co
Rylee Carter Warren East
Elizabeth Morrow South Warren

Girls Track
Jonathan Hunter Bowling Green
Drew Smothers Greenwood
Charlie Hendrix South Warren
Deanglo Patterson Warren Central
Dratavyn Barber Warren East
Taylor Ogles Barren Co
Taunton Kelly Franklin Simpson
Luke Laughing Butler Co

Boys Tennis
Owen Hunley Bowling Green
Dylan Dethridge Greenwood
Gavin Wilson South Warren
Ermin Saihovic Warren Central
Ramon Amos Russellville
Andrew Mccall Barren Co
Max Hughes Glasgow
Carson Miller Butler Co
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Boys Cross Country
Elek Olson Bowling Green
Andrew Champion Greenwood
Smith Carter South Warren
Samuel Larson Logan Co
Brody Miller Barren Co
Parker Smith Butler Co
Alex Manjarrez Warren Central

Boys Archery
Gabe McGrew Bowling Green
Hayden Shaff South Warren
Isaac Stanley Logan Co
Tyler Cornell Warren Central
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Dance
Alaia Odedina Warren Central
Ella Bartley Barren Co
Kennedi Alexander Franklin Simpson
Gabrielle Winston Greenwood

Wrestling
Adam Vincent Greenwood
Kayden York South Warren
Shukuru (Mateo) M'Munga Warren Central

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Esports
Hiromu Aono South Warren
Caden Furlong Barren Co
Carly Turner

GPA: 4.0

Tarter Realty & Auction Volleyball Student-Athlete of the Year

Barren County High School

Carly is an amazing individual with a giving heart. She strives to do what is best for others in all aspects of her life. She is a strong member in her youth group at church and family. She is a great leader for her peers on and off the volleyball court. She works hard to improve on her own skills and knowledge but wants others to be successful. She is one of the first to volunteer to help younger players and is very understanding when things get tough. She has made many sacrifices for the greater good. She performs well in class and is very goal oriented. In addition to her many volunteer hours, she works as a retail sales clerk and social media manager for a local business. She will also spend a great deal of her summer lifeguarding at the community pool. Her peers look to her for guidance and leadership. She keeps a great balance in her life and will do great things in her future.

From the Coach:

“She strives to do what is best for others in all aspects of her life.”

(L to R) Carly Turner, David Tarter from Tarter Realty and Auction

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Eli Heady  GPA: 3.5

Southern Lanes Boy’s Bowling Student-Athlete of the Year

Bowling Green High School

True leader on and off the lanes. Eli started bowling just over a year ago and ended up making our team’s Top 5 and was an intricate part of our regional final four run.

From the Coach:

“True leader on and off the field.”

Eli Heady
Congratulations to all the Boys Student Athlete Award Nominees and to the Overall Award Winner.

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RYLEE CARTER GPA: 3.96

Southern Lanes Girls’ Bowling Student-Athlete of the Year

Warren East High School

Rylee has been a staple on our bowling team for her patience and supportive nature throughout the seasons. She has been dependable and gracious to all those around her while also inspiring others to continue to strive for greatness within herself. Over the past three seasons, Rylee has taken on a stronger leadership role—leading to a captain position—while improving her average by almost 60-70 pins and finishing in the 2023 State Tournament in 9th place.

From the Coach:

“She has been dependable and gracious to all those around her while also inspiring others to continue to strive for greatness within herself.”

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News and Rylee Carter

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Congratulations to all the Girls Student Athlete Award Nominees and to the Overall Award Winner.
Kinsey Hayes

Kinsey is a teammate who constantly brightens the gym with her kindness and encouragement. She welcomes new teammates to make them feel comfortable and accepted as part of the team. She is positive, silly and often found singing a song to keep the mood light in stressful times. Kinsey is extremely busy with other activities and class load but always makes it a priority to practice. She keeps a balance in all of her weekly responsibilities while continuing to find success in archery. Her dedication doesn’t go unnoticed. She has been an anchor to the team’s success and fortunately had some individual achievements as well. Kinsey placed 3rd at NASP 3D state tournament as a junior and was a Top 10 senior girl in NASP state bullseye this year. Kinsey consistently shined as a leader of the LCHS Archery team. She will be extremely hard to replace next year.

From the Coach:

“She keeps a balance in all of her weekly responsibilities while continuing to find success in archery.”
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Kaitlynn Kirby Clark, Kevin & Lynn Kirby
Isaac has always been a true definition of a student athlete, always excelling in the classroom. He has excelled in archery, and baseball at Logan County High School. He won the individual state title for archery his sophomore year and was a state finalist this year. He has been a vital part of our pitching staff for the past three seasons.

From the Coach:

“Isaac has always been a true definition of a student athlete, always excelling in the classroom.”

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News and Isaac Stanley

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Rylee Bratcher GPA: 3.73

South Central Kentucky Community & Technical College Girls’ Soccer
Student-Athlete of the Year

Warren East High School

Rylee demonstrates what we want Lady Raider soccer players to be on the field and in the classroom. She is hard working, dedicated, and a great teammate. Rylee constantly showed to be selfless in putting the needs of her teammates first to make sure we could be as successful as possible.

From the Coach:

“We are hardworking, dedicated, and a great teammate.”

(L to R) Rylee Bratcher, Denna White from SKYCTC

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For the past five years, I have had the opportunity of being Connor’s soccer coach. During this time, I have seen Connor grow as both a player and an individual. On the field, Connor has made strides in his soccer knowledge and ability. He isn’t afraid of outworking anyone and is mentally ready for any challenge he may face. During the past two seasons, Connor has stepped up as a leader for the team. Both in production on the field - in leading the defense to a top ranking in the state; and during training sessions - in encouraging his teammates and pushing them to be better. Connor was integral in the team having two of the most successful seasons in program history and has been a standout amongst keepers in the region. Off the field, Connor has grown as a leader over the past five years. His demand for excellence in his teammates, both on the field and in the classroom, is second to none. Connor isn’t afraid to have the hard conversations with his teammates and will lead by example. In the classroom, Connor is well liked by his teachers and works hard to be successful in his studies. There are very few people that can have the effect and impact that Connor Vincent has on others. His sacrifice and dedication help him to rise above the crowd.

From the Coach:

“He isn’t afraid of outworking anyone and is mentally ready for any challenge he may face.”
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Dylan Dethridge

GPA: 3.7

Novo Dolce Boys’ Tennis
Student-Athlete of the Year

Dylan has been the leader on Greenwood High School’s Tennis Team for the last 5 years. During this time he has finished as regional doubles runner up, regional doubles champion, regional singles champion, and 4 regional team championship. He was the leader of a KHSAA State 3rd place finish, the highest team finish in 4th region history. Dylan has grown the sport by recruiting friends and classmates to join the program. The program has grown to 50 plus kids and he takes time to mentor these kids so they are successful young people. During Covid, Dylan held summer tennis workouts teaching kids how to serve, volley and hit groundstrokes.

Dylan has made a positive impact on tennis in the 4th region and has dedicated hours of his time teaching kids that are less fortunate. During the summer he works summer camps for free to help kids from the western part of the county learn how to play tennis. He is the favorite to win the 2023 singles regional tournament. He recently led his team in the Oakland Invitational Tennis Tournament in Murfreesboro, Tennessee defeating teams from Memphis, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Bristol, Tennessee. He won the singles and doubles championship and led the team to the overall team championship. Dylan works relentlessly on developing his game and if he is not practicing at Greenwood High School you can find him practicing hitting balls at the Buchanan Tennis Complex.

From the Coach:

“Dylan has grown the sport by recruiting friends and classmates to join the program.”

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News, Dylan Dethridge

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Macy Meisel GPA: 3.95

Farago & Associates Girls’ Tennis Student-Athlete of the Year
Bowling Green High School

If I could have all my players with Macy’s attributes I would be a lucky coach! She is a great competitor and athlete. She handles herself so well on the court and off! She is not easily upset or rarely ever shows her emotions while playing. Others yell and want to argue but she just takes it all in stride and keeps on fighting. She is doing a co-op at Bluegrass Therapy and hopes to go into a medical career of some kind. She has the disposition and the grades to be able to do this. She is very pleasant to be around.

She is always encouraging her teammates to be their best. She’s a real leader on the court and off. I can always count on her to do whatever I ask or need. She has qualities that I will be looking for in my other players. I’m better for knowing her and coaching her!

From the Coach:
“She is always encouraging her teammates to be their best.”

(L to R) Macy Meisel, Peter Farago from Farago & Associates

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Ethan Reynolds, GPA: 4.0

Bowling Green Hot Rods Baseball
Student-Athlete of the Year

South Warren High School

Ethan is an exceptional student and student-athlete. He is a leader on our team and a leader on service projects in the community. The impact he has in both realms is impressive. He is a tremendous baseball player who is receiving interest and scholarship offers from top Division 1 programs.

From the Coach:

“He is a leader on our team and a leader on service projects in the community.”

(L to R) Ethan Reynolds, Kyle Wolz from Bowling Green Hot Rods

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Ally is an absolute joy to work with and coach. She is the type of player that makes coaching fun. She is very low maintenance, works extremely hard in her skill set to provide the best for her team to be successful. She is a great leader of example on the field as well as the classroom. Ally Anderson is a very dedicated young lady within her school, community and church family.

From the Coach:

“She is a great leader of example on the field as well as the classroom.”
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Parker Smith GPA: 4.0

Stanley Steemer Boys’ Cross Country Student-Athlete of the Year

Butler County High School

Parker is an amazing role model for the other runners. He is on the 1st Academic All State team and is our fastest runner of the season with a 16:56 at regional competition. He is very goal driven and worked on improving his time all season. He placed third in the region and made the all-region team. He also made his fourth appearance in the state XC championships and placed 18th in the state this past year at those championships. He is the epitome of leadership. He gets to practice early, stays late and many times runs again when he gets home. He is extremely coachable and completes all of the leadership duties that we ask. He has also been voted the “heart of the team” the past three years. I could never adequately describe the impact he has on our younger runners. They desire to emulate his work ethic and dedication.

From the Coach:
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(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News, Parker Smith

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Chesney McPherson is most deserving of a KY Super Preps nomination. She is the epitome of a student-athlete, utilizing not just her time efficiently between academics and athletics, but also using her intellect and skills to ultimately help others around her. There is no denying that McPherson is a force on the cross country course and track, and yet she performs with such grace and humility each and every time. She may be one of the first runners to cross the finish line, however, you will notice she is still there until the last runners come through, congratulating them on their achievement. McPherson is a true leader, with teammates and competitors alike looking to her for guidance and advice.

When Chesney speaks, others are sure to listen. However, her actions speak the loudest because she has completely bought into the regimen for success in numerous areas of her life - academics, athletics, community service, friendships and family. It would be remiss not to mention a few of Chesney’s recent accomplishments as an athlete in her field of sport - 2022 Region 2 Class 3A Cross Country Champion; 6th place finisher at KHSAA Class 3A State Championship; 2023 KTCCCA Class 3A 3000m Champion; 2023 KY Dream Mile participant. Additionally, McPherson has been named to the Governor’s Scholar Program and will participate in said program this coming summer. The list goes on and on, but the message is clear in that Chesney McPherson has what it takes to succeed in anything she sets her mind to.

From the Coach:
“McPherson is a true leader, with teammates and competitors alike looking to her for guidance and advice.”

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News, Chesney McPherson

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Jenetta Shobe GPA: 3.11

Warren County Parks & Recreation Girls’ Track Student-Athlete of the Year

Warren Central High School

Jenetta exemplifies what all WCHS Track athletes should strive to be: kind, considerate, friendly and helpful, hardworking and dedicated. In the 2 years that I have been coaching, Jenetta has never been less than warm-hearted and hardworking and an amazing team leader. She works extremely hard each day at practice and strives to become the best athlete possible and yet is never too busy to help out a fellow team member. I look forward to seeing her smiling face every day. WCHS is very lucky to have her on our team."

"Jenetta always has a smile and she is a pleasure to work with on and off the field. She has a great eye for detail and has always gone above and beyond on any requests and strives hard to break her own PR at each and every meet.” Jenetta has been a constant source of positivity and kindness. She is always willing and eager to help! Most importantly, she is thoughtful and really cares about her fellow team mates."

From the Coach: 

“Netta has done and will do anything that is asked of her. She played every role on the field.”

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News, Jenetta Shobe

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Drew Smothers GPA: 4.02

Greenwood High School

Drew is a true student-athlete. He maintains a 4.02 cumulative weighted GPA and has received the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Academic All State First Team (GPA 3.75+) in three sports in each season of participation. He has taken six AP courses and will have earned 15 hours of college credit upon graduation. In addition, he has earned academic honors in Geometry. In addition to his community service, Drew is involved in our school by participating in National Honor Society and the school’s spirit club where he has served as an officer the last two years. As an athlete, Drew is a KHSAA Triple Threat athlete, competing in three varsity sports – soccer, football and track and field. He has earned his varsity letter in all three sports. In soccer, he was named the varsity captain his senior year and helped his team to a district runner-up and region runner-up finish in 2022. At the conclusion of his senior football season, he was ranked 15th in the state in kicking PATs (point after touchdown) and had 87.2% accuracy in PATs. He earned his team’s Special Teams Player of the Year award one season. But we know Drew best as a Track & Field athlete. Drew’s primary track & field event is the hurdles and he has earned our team’s Sprinter of the Year award the last two seasons. This award considers several factors including scoring and region and state rankings in sprint events. Last season, he also earned our team’s award for spirit leadership because he demonstrates team spirit, mentors developing athletes and embodies leadership qualities. There are three things about Drew that stand out to me. 1. Drew has a humble spirit and makes sure his example is one to be followed. As a junior and senior, he stepped up as a leader and mentor to our hurdlers, both high school and middle school, teaching them and demonstrating drills. He knows his fellow teammates are watching his example and he leads with care and integrity. 2. Drew takes the time to thank his coaches. Numerous times throughout the season he makes a point to individually thank our coaching staff for the work they do at practice, at meets and behind the scenes. He also personally thanks the staff when they attend his football and soccer games. 3. Drew is extremely coachable and hard working. When I coach him, he takes the information and immediately puts it into practice. Many athletes today think they know more than their coaches. Drew is an exception. He truly listens and absorbs the coaching he receives. He always strives to be his best. In my 38 years of coaching track and field, Drew is one of the most driven and focused student athletes I have had the pleasure to coach and mentor. His character and integrity are impeccable. It is my honor to nominate Drew Smothers for the 2023 Boys Track & Field Super Preps Award.

From the Coach:

“In my 38 years of coaching track and field, Drew is one of the most driven and focused student athletes I have had the pleasure to coach and mentor.”

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From the Coach:

“Not only is Eden dependable, she represents the black and gold and the values that we hold close to Russellville High School.”

(L to R) Eden West, Ashley Benge from US Bank

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I have known Kennedi for five years. I first met her when she was a member in our school system’s Junior Beta Club (where I am one of the co-sponsors and where we ranked in the top 5 at state her 7th and 8th grade year); and then, I have been her Varsity Dance Team coach for the past three years (and I will be her senior year as we just had auditions two weeks ago and she made the team for her fourth and final season). Kennedi is an exceptional student-athlete; her character, work ethic, and desire to be a great teammate surpass the average individually. She embodies our school motto “Focus”, “Spirit”, “Honor”, “Success” in all aspects of her life, and she is truly a role model for the overall well-being of the team. And it doesn’t stop with her, she also encourages and supports her teammates to do the same. It is no wonder her teammates voted for her as “Dance Team Union Dancer of the Year” for the 2022-2023 season. While she’s been on the dance team, our team has qualified for state every year, has placed in the top 10 in hip-hop at state during her freshman and junior year, and has placed 16th in the nation (at the Dance Team Union National Championship) during her junior year. I am also especially impressed with her accomplishments (non dance team related) throughout high school. Not only is she a member of the Varsity Dance Team, but she has been a member of our Varsity Soccer Team for four years and is currently a captain of the team. Along with her athletic pursuits, she is also involved in our school’s BETA and HOSA clubs; and she teaches dance class every Tuesday at her dance studio. Along with all of her extracurricular activities, she takes AP, honors, and dual credit courses. Despite everything she is involved in, Kennedi still maintains a 4.0 GPA. Based on our experience together, I can confidently recommend Kennedi for the KY Super Preps Dance Team Award. From the evidence I have given, I truly believe that you will not receive a better applicant.

From the Coach:

“She embodies our school motto “Focus”, “Spirit”, “Honor”, “Success” in all aspects of her life, and she is truly a role model for her fellow peers and teammates at Franklin-Simpson High School.”

(L to R) Autumn Wiles from Club Pilates, Kennedi Alexander, Sonja Coulter from Club Pilates

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ROBBIE DYE GPA: 3.7

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From the Coach:

“Robbie has helped grow interest in our program and is a role model student athlete.”

(L to R) Robbie Dye, Kevin Childers from Club at Olde Stone

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Ainslee Cruce GPA: 4.0
Saylors Golf Carts Girls’ Golf
Student-Athlete of the Year
South Warren High School

Ainslee has been a leader for our team the last 2 seasons. She has a strong passion for helping others. She gives her time to her school’s past and present. She volunteers at the yearly fall festival at the elementary school she attended and Dance Big Red for her high school. She is active with several groups at her church and with the Curbside Ministry. She contributes her time to the Hunters Crossing Neighborhood Association and had the courage to rappel off five stories to help raise money to help fight child abuse in her local community. She also donates her time helping at the local humane society. She helps support teens and their families who are new to the United States at Teranga Academy. She also gives back to her sport by volunteering at the boys state golf tournament.

From the Coach:
“She gives her time to her school’s past and present.”

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News, Ainslee Cruce

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Eli Carter GPA: 3.9

Gary Force Body Shop Bass Fishing Student-Athlete of the Year

South Warren High School

Eli is an excellent leader and has made a huge impact on our fishing team. He is always willing to share his knowledge with others, especially our younger team members. He is an excellent angler that has worked at becoming better as he was one of the founding members of this team. He has demonstrated leadership for the team as he inspires others to perform at a high level. He is always willing to do whatever you ask of him. As good of an athlete Eli is, he is even a better person. Always willing to help others. He is a great example of a student-athlete.

From the Coach:
“He is always willing to share his knowledge with others, especially our younger team members.”

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Aleia Kate (AK) has been the epitome of a team captain and team swimmer. She has devoted herself to getting better at her own events. But, she also took the time throughout the swim season to help the younger swimmers improve their techniques and skills. AK took additional time to help our autistic swimmer, not only to be able to swim better, but to feel a part of our swim team family. AK is the same out of the water as in. Her active involvement in her church, various activities here at school, etc.

From the Coach:
“Shes has devoted herself to getting better at her own events.”

(L to R) Pierce Ford from Ford’s Furniture, Aleia Kate Harper

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Landon Badstibner GPA: 3.63
Jewelry Barn Boys’ Swimming Student-Athlete of the Year

Greenwood High School

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From the Coach:
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Izayiah Villafuerte GPA: 3.66

The N9ne Boys’ Basketball Student-Athlete of the Year

Warren Central High School

Izayiah is the most selfless and humble young man I’ve ever coached. He cares about the success of others just as much if not more than he does for himself. He has been a blessing to coach. He has been a great ambassador for Warren Central on and off the court. He is a true champion, not only in basketball, but also in life! The sky is the limit for Izayiah!

From the Coach:
“‘He has been a blessing to coach.’”

(L to R) Seth Sales from The N9ne, Izayiah Villafuerte, Malik Carothers from the N9ne.

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Lily Jane Vincent is being nominated because of her hard work and her impact on her teammates and fellow classmates. She is so talented and creative in so many areas. Lily is a great leader on and off the floor. She’s always pushing her teammates to work harder and she leads by example.

Lily is very good with younger players and kids, they actually flock to her. She has truly been an Ambassador for our basketball program as well as our entire High School.

From the Coach:
“Lily is a great leader on and off the floor.”

(L to R) Lily Jane Vincent, Justin Henderson from Liberty Federal Credit Union

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Colin Fratus, our kicker for the Bowling Green HS Purples Football, is a perfect example of how hard work & dedication can result in great things. Many times kickers are not overly involved in team activities at the high school level due to the specialized nature of their position. Colin is unique in that even though his only athletic involvement was as a kicker, he participated in most of the workouts, practices & activities that were required of our everyday position players. He will be the first to tell you that he is not very gifted athletically, but he set a goal of becoming a college kicker. Through his dedication of countless hours of individual work, assisted training and kicking camps all across the nation, Colin developed himself not only into a very reliable kicker for our 5A state finalist team, but also a college scholarship recipient from Campbellsville University. Colin is a fine, young man that has excelled in the classroom as exemplified by his 3.7 GPA, and his future is very bright as he takes this next big step in moving to Campbellsville, Kentucky to become a Tiger for Campbellsville Football.

From the Coach:
“Colin Fratus is a perfect example of how hard work & dedication can result in great things.”

(L to R) Colin Fratus, Kacy Clemons from FHG Clothiers

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Jared Sell  
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Vette City Lacrosse Boys’ Lacrosse Student-Athlete of the Year

South Warren High School

Jared Sell is an outstanding leader and captain for the South Warren boys lacrosse program. He is always the first to show up and the last to leave, sweeping and mopping his way out the locker room door or picking up trash walking off of the field. He truly takes to heart, “Leave every place better than the way you found it.” In the classroom, Jared takes the term student athlete seriously holding an outstanding 3.9 GPA. On the field, he is stern and encouraging. Pushing his teammates to be the best that they can be, and those that he can not push, he drags them along with him. Jared is an “all progression, no regression” and an “all positivity, no negativity” type of person and you can see that emitting from him any time he is on the field, whether it be for coaching or playing. Jared currently has 21 Takeaways, which is first in our district and third in our region. Jared currently has 54 Groundballs, which is second in our district and third in our region.

From the Coach:
“He truly takes to heart, “Leave every place better than the way you found it.””

(L to R) Jared Sell, Nick Peters from Vette City Lacrosse

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The coaching staff of South Warren Girls Lacrosse nominated Rylee Reesy because she is a true piece of our team, South Warren, and our community. Rylee embodies what it means to be a student athlete on and off the field. Whenever she is not on the field, we know she is out serving our community. There’s a reason students come before athletes and that’s because you have to be a student before you’re able to be an athlete. And Rylee does exactly that, between her countless hours of work putting into lacrosse, her grades, serving our community and her Church. Rylee brings her strong willpower, determination, and commitment to not only our team but also South Warren and the town of Bowling Green. We are so honored to have Rylee Reesy on our South Warren Girls Lacrosse Team and we have no doubt that she will continue to do great things!

From the Coach:
‘‘Rylee embodies what it means to be a student athlete on and off the field.’’
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Senior at GHS: Adam is an incredible role model for student athletes of all ages. His dedication in the classroom, on the wrestling mat, and throughout the community does not go unnoticed and are many of the reasons why so many others try to emulate his character. He led by example as our team captain his senior year with his actions as well as his words. He knows when to praise those that have earned it, and when to lift those up that have fallen in their actions or behavior. Adam is the true example of what leadership should look like, he strives for greatness in everything part of his life and has an incredible mentality that will lead to extreme success in any path he chooses.

From the Coach:
“Adam is an incredible role model for student athletes of all ages.”

(L to R) Adam Vincent, Brandy Nicole Bemiss from Bowling Green Daily News

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Hiromu Aono GPA: 4.20630

Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electrical E-Sports Student-Athlete of the Year

South Warren High School

He has demonstrated great leadership in South Warren High School inaugural year for E-Sports Mario Kart. Not only does he help others understand the game and get better he shows them kindness and patience. He has positively impacted the team not only in his outstanding performances but through his sportsmanship.

From the Coach:
“ He has positively impacted the team not only in his outstanding performances but through his sportsmanship."

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Heart & Desire Award

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Elliana has been playing volleyball since the 3rd grade and I’ve been blessed to be her Coach for her entire career. Not many Coaches get to say that, but I have had the privilege of watching this young lady grow physically, mentally, and spiritually through the years. As her athletic skills grew, so did her leadership skills. She is not an in your face leader, she leads by example. She works harder than anyone else in practice, she absorbs feedback from coaches and puts it into action, and she encourages and supports her teammates. Elliana lets her light shine every day, on and off the court. We are a young program, we just finished our 5th season. Elliana has been there from the beginning, through wins and losses, she has been a constant source of encouragement to me and to her teammates. In the 2022 season, Elliana led our team with 48 Service Aces and 71 Kills. She has been an offensive force for us over the past 2 seasons and I’m looking forward to seeing what she is able to accomplish next year as a Senior! Not only does Elliana lead our team, she has a servant’s heart and looks out for others. Two years ago she came to me with the idea of us hosting a PINK Out game in October to support Breast Cancer Awareness. Elliana organized the entire night and we were able to donate the proceeds from our gate and concessions to help search for a cure. This year, she came to me again and wanted to make this night bigger and better so that we could help one of our staff members that was suffering with cancer. With Elliana’s leadership, we planned a wonderful night to honor those that had fought against cancer and were able to help our staff member by donating $2,500 to her family to help with expenses. Elliana also works hard off the court, this year she went to the Presidential Leadership Institute at York University in Nebraska and came back to FCA with the goal of establishing our Student Body Government. With help from her peers, we held our first election this year and elected leaders for our Student Council and class representatives. Elliana was voted Vice-President of the Student Council. Her leadership can be seen in all aspects of our school, not just athletics. However, she shines on the volleyball court and deserves to be recognized as a Kentucky Super Prep Athlete.

From the Coach:
"As her athletic skills grew, so did her leadership skills."
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Brayden Brown GPA: 4.0

Barren County High School

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Extra Mile Award

Brayden puts in countless volunteer hours as he peels off from his working within a car cleaning business to help with anything we need at the field. Including edging, mowing, seeding, and field prep. He is the leader that we needed for a young and coming baseball team. After a season ending surgery cost him his junior year he came into senior year with high hopes. After starting through the beginning of the season, it became apparent he wasn’t going to be in the everyday lineup. He buckled in and communicated that he would do ANYTHING it took for the team to win. At that point he began playing first base but had a Designated Hitter that took his place in the lineup. He led us to probably the most IMPROABLE District Championship this school has seen in baseball. Without his leadership and command of the players none of that is possible!!!

From the Coach:

"He buckled in and communicated that he would do ANYTHING it took for the team to win."

(L to R) James Lyle from Berkshire Hathaway, Brayden Brown, Kevin Trimble from Berkshire Hathaway

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Warren East High School

Dalton overcame tremendous adversity at the beginning of his golf season last year due to a lawnmower accident. Dalton suffered broken ribs, a punctured lung, a broken collarbone, and other small injuries after getting struck by a truck while on his mower. Dalton battled through rehab to get to a point where he could compete at the midway point throughout his golf season. Dalton finished his 2022 golf season averaging 39.1 in matches with a still-broken collarbone. This incredible display of perseverance by Dalton impacted those on the golf team, as well as the students at Warren East High School.

From the Coach:

“Dalton overcame tremendous adversity at the beginning of his golf season last year.”
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Mia Cassady

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Sportsmanship Award

Glasgow High School

Mia Cassady is an incredible athlete! Trainable, coachable, goal oriented, studious, likable, and a multi-sport athlete. I have seen exceptional growth in Mia from her freshman to her sophomore year. She had a personal goal of getting under 24 minutes in the 5K going into her sophomore year, however she trained diligently and consistently throughout the season. She would run long distances on weekends to build her endurance and endure tough practices on the track. Gains indeed! She ended the season with a PR of 21:57 which qualified her in state. As a senior she completed a successful season and managed a new PR of 21:22 at region, qualifying her again for state. Graduation marks an incredible loss to the Glasgow Cross Country program. Not only is she an ideal athlete in both cross country and basketball but she also is involved in so many other clubs, activities, and service organizations. She is ranked 1st out of 128 students in her class and is class valedictorian. Mia is an exceptional candidate for this recognition and honor. Mia is well liked among the team. Many of the team members train throughout the year and she consistently involves others in training and maintaining their endurance. She has currently taken on a mentor type role with a younger runner. Her drive, determination, and improvements has earned her well deserved respect from her peers.

When she speaks, they listen. She also advocates healthy habits to her peers. Overall, she desires to see progress not only in herself but in her teammates as well.

From the Coach:

“Her drive, determination, and improvements has earned her well deserved respect from her peers.”

(L to R) Mia Cassady, Kim Thomas
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Warren Cunningham is something of a throwback. Barren County’s athletic director is charged with guiding the Trojans’ sports programs, from scheduling to facilities management -- all the normal duties of a full-time AD. At the same time, Cunningham serves as Barren County’s boys’ basketball coach -- a job he has done exceedingly well over the years, making the Trojans perennial Region 4 contenders. This season was no exception, as Barren County’s boys’ basketball team advanced to the Region 4 semifinals and produced another 20-win season. But that was just one of many highlights for Barren County athletics this school year. In the fall, Barren County’s girls’ soccer team earned a spot in the regional tournament, while Chesney McPherson claimed a sixth-place finish in the girls’ cross country state meet. McPherson won a state indoor track championship in the 3,000 meters and added a runner-up finish in the 1,500, while the Trojanettes capped a 28-7 season with an appearance in the Region 4 Girls’ Basketball Tournament championship. In the spring, Barren County’s softball team posted a stellar 29-3 record and advanced to the regional semifinals, while the Trojans also made strides on the baseball diamond by reaching the regional semifinals as well. McPherson added to her tremendous season in the outdoor track and field season, earning a Class 3A state runner-up finish in the 3,200 and a fifth-place finish in the 1,600, while teammate Addison Roemer was seventh in the high jump.

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from Bowling Green Daily News, Warren Cunningham

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I would like to nominate Colby Collins for this distinguished award. Colby is one of the most impressive young men I have ever had the privilege to coach. He is widely respected by his teachers, coaches, and peers at Logan County High School. Colby was a vital member of our basketball team this season and he earned the role as Captain as voted on by his teammates. This tells me what his teammates think of him and the impact he has. One word I would use to describe Colby is encourager. I have never seen Colby have a bad day. He goes out of his way to encourage his teammates, classmates, and coaches. Colby has completed a tremendous amount of community service/volunteer hours through various activities. He also holds key offices within different clubs in our school. He is a member of FBLA, BETA, Captain of the basketball team, and Senior Treasurer for FFA. On the court, Colby also had a great junior season for us. He finished 2nd in the region and made 3 point field goals. As I said, Colby is a coach’s dream and a role model for the young student athletes of Logan County. He is the epitome of what this award represents. I hope that you will consider Colby Collins for the Kentucky Super Preps Award.

From the Coach:

“Colby is one of the most impressive young men I have ever had the privilege to coach.”
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Daily News, Bowling Green, Kentucky

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past four meetings between the

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Brad Mahung GPA: 4.486

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Glasgow High School

Brad has become a great example for his teammates, of what it takes to accomplish ones dreams. He sets high expectations for himself and the team and works hard to accomplish them. He is very vocal about the goals that are set and his expectations of each teammate. Brad ensures that his teammates have whatever help they require in order to do well on the field, at school or at home. When Brad shared with his teammates that he was planning on attending Rice University, they told him that they were not smart enough to attend such high caliber schools. On learning this, he strongly encouraged them to work hard and apply to schools that were well known in the field that they wanted to study. He was admitted to Rice University, but also has one teammate who will be attending Vanderbilt University to study medicine and another who will be attending Dartmouth University to study linguistics. The younger kids are now working harder to improve their grades so that they too can apply to universities of their choice.

From the Coach:

"Brad ensures that his teammates have whatever help they require in order to do well on the field, at school or at home."

(L to R) Jase Pinerola from Med Center Health, Brad Mahung, Noel Belcher from Med Center Health

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Cole Meador  GPA: 4.486

Bowling Green Daily News
Overall Boys’ Student-Athlete

Allen County-Scottsville High School

Cole is an outstanding young man. Over the last few years Cole has fought through injuries and hardships but never backed down. His work ethic and character are enough to make him qualified for this award. His leadership not only helped him become such a vital part of our football team but it has made him a stand out student as well. Cole is a Governor Scholar as well as one of the top students in his class.

From the Coach:
“Over the last few years Cole has fought through injuries and hardships but never backed down.”

(L to R) Andrea Dennis from the Bowling Green Daily News, Cole Meador

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The 6th annual Kentucky Super Preps program included over 222 deserving student-athletes from 14 local high schools who were nominated by their coaches to be a representative of what being a Kentucky Super Prep is all about.

Congratulations, Cole Meador!

2023 Kentucky Super Preps Male Student-Athlete of the Year

Thank you to our sponsors, coaches, athletic directors, principals and school administrators who help the Bowling Green Daily News present this program each year to some very deserving high school students.
Jordyn is one of the top cheerleaders that I have coached. When I first met Jordyn she was in 8th grade and the BGJHS cheer team was experiencing some difficulties, so I assumed the role as their coach. Immediately, Jordyn impressed me with her work ethic and dedication to our cheer team and school. Regardless of the previous coaching situation, Jordyn maintained a positive attitude and began to be a role model for the other cheerleaders. This type of behavior impressed me for someone so young. I continued to see her maturity and leadership skills as she moved to the high school squad. As Jordyn emerged as a leader on the high school squad, I knew her leadership role was special as she mentored those her own age and began to lead those older than she. That year we won the National Championship, a first for the Bowling Green High School. Much of that can be attributed to Jordyn’s hard work and dedication. Her positive attitude led others to work hard and strive to be the best athletes possible. In addition, Jordyn continued to display leadership skills during the following year when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. This diagnosis could have been devastating for the team, especially when the girls saw me throwing up in the gym or my hair falling out; however, Jordyn stepped up and continued to mentor and lead the team. She even set up a surprise birthday party for my daughter because I had chemo and my daughter was feeling left out by some of her friends. To my surprise a Kona ice truck arrived and the whole cheer team. The next year after a devastating tornado hit our community, Jordyn organized a tornado cleanup program and assisted students whose homes were destroyed with packing and recovery. Finally, Jordyn is an encourager and diplomat in tense situations. I have watched her assist in molding a group of very distinct and very strong-willed individuals. When we had girls who had disagreements, Jordyn would speak with them and encourage them to come together as one team. Our success in winning championships is proof that her willingness to take on this role in the team was effective. At our banquet this year, her teammates cried saying goodbye to her and how much they would miss her leadership and encouragement next year. Parents even asked if she could be a super senior and stay on the team. The countless rides, conversations, tutoring, encouragement did not go unnoticed by our parents. Jordyn leaves our cheer program as the most successful all girl cheer class. She is leaving with 6 championship rings and numerous medals, banners, and plaques. I talk about her cheerleading as if that is all she has to offer. Jordyn has the highest GPA on the team and takes the hardest classes. She has numerous dual credit classes and is a certified CNA and Phlebotomist. I recommend Jordyn to you with the highest regard. Not only is she a leader in the classroom, she is a leader on the mat. Her work ethic, her leadership skills, and her encouragement of others will serve her well in life. If you would like for me to answer any further questions about Jordyn, please feel free to reach out.
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Expectations were high for Warren Central’s boys’ basketball team this season. After a dazzling run to the KHSAA Boys’ Sweet 16 championship game in 2022 where the Dragons came up just short in a one-point loss to George Rogers Clark, Warren Central’s veteran squad was widely viewed as a serious contender for the state title this season. The Dragons proved they were just that right from the start, reeling off nine straight wins to open the season and winning the prestigious King of the Bluegrass tournament in Louisville to earn the state’s No. 1 ranking. The Dragons suffered their lone loss immediately after, then closed out the regular season 18 straight wins. After winning the District 14 tournament title, Warren Central survived for a 52-50 overtime win against rival Bowling Green in the Region 4 tournament championship at E.A. Diddle Arena. Back at Rupp Arena in Lexington, the Dragons dominated their first two games to reach the semifinals. After dispatching Woodford County in the state semifinals Saturday morning, Warren Central got the rematch it wanted all along -- George Rogers Clark. This time, the Dragons came out on top by a 64-60 score, capping a 36-1 season by earning Warren Central’s second-ever boys’ state basketball championship.
Thank you,
Patrick Reynolds and Robert Reynolds!

The 2023 Kentucky Super Preps student-athletes were honored to have Patrick Reynolds and Robert Reynolds as the 2023 Keynote Speakers. They spoke to the attendees in a way that motivated and encouraged the students, their families, school administrators and sponsors.

Colin Fratus
Colin, we are so incredibly proud of all of your accomplishments!
Good Luck at Campbellsville University.

Love,
Your Family

Clayton Daniels
SOUTH WARREN HIGH SCHOOL
We are so proud of all you have accomplished.
We will always be your biggest fans!

Love,
Dad & Mom

Covington
Jonathan Hunter

Jonathan, we are so proud of you and we thank God for your gifts and talents.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Bree

Jordyn Carothers

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Jamale

Watching your kid grow up is kind of like releasing a kite. You hate to see it go, but it looks so beautiful and free as it climbs higher in the sky.

Ryleigh Campbell

Your entire family is proud of your many accomplishments. Your story is still being written, and great things await.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Ally Reese
Kathryn Harris

Congratulations, Kathryn!
We are so proud of all of your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Isabella Shevetz

Congratulations, Isabella!
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jake, Grammy & Nana

Kendall Willingham

You are always doing your best. We love watching you grow into a confident young woman who knows how to be respectful and kind to others. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom + Dad
Luke,

We are so incredibly proud of you! You are a fine Christian young man and God has big plans for you. We know that you will continue to shine your light at Freed-Hardeman University!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Griff
We are all so proud of your accomplishments this past year. Congratulations! Good luck this fall!

Love,
Your Family!!

David Yusk

Zane McCauley

Congratulations Zane! We are so proud of you.
Love, your family

Best of Luck at WKU!

We love you and are very proud of you!

Love,
Your Family

Chelsey Thomas
Congratulations, Dillon, we are very proud of you!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kayelee & Macie

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We are so proud of you!

love,
Mom and Dad

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Colby Collins
Logan County High School

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Colossians 3:23

We love you,
Dad, Mom and Tate
MILES DUFF

Congratulations, Miles!
From, Mom, Dad + Luke

MJ WARDLOW

MJ, we are so proud of you!
Love, your family!

Addi McEwing

Congratulations, Addi!
We are so proud of you and your achievements on and off the court.

Love,
Mom, Mark, Mason, Andrew and Aryn
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