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OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Name: Mikayla Reed
Sport: Cross Country and Track & Field
Grade: Senior
School: Washington HS

Reason for Nomination: A four-time state champion in the 2018 MSHSAA Class 4 track championships (800-, 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs and 3,200-meter relay), Mikayla Reed graduated from Washington High School as the program's most-decorated athlete.

She leaves Washington as the most decorated and arguably the greatest Blue Jay athlete ever. Through her high school career Mikayla won 14 GAC Central titles, nine district titles, 14 state medals and seven state championships.

In addition to her four state track titles this season, she won two championships (1,600- and 3,200-meter runs) and was the Class 4 state champion in cross country during her junior year.

Reed was a medalist during all four years in cross country and also claimed medals in each of her four seasons in track.

"The truth about Mikayla is that deep down inside her she has a desire," Washington Head Coach Mike Olszowka said. "Whatever that desire is she is going to have the inner strength to see it through. Whether it be an 'A' student, a future educator, a state champion, or even an All-American; her dedication and willingness to make sacrifices in her personal life will always put her in a position where she can achieve anything she desires."

Reed will continue her track and cross country career at the University of Missouri. She intends to major in biology and special education there and hopes to one day be able to coach.



Name: Cameron VanLeer
Sports: Basketball and Golf
Grade: Senior
School: Pacific HS

Reason for Nomination: Earning all-state honors in basketball and golf, Cameron VanLeer had a historic senior year for Pacific High School.

VanLeer was a four-year starter in both sports and made the all-state lists in both.

VanLeer was named the Four Rivers Conference and *Missourian* All-Area player of the year and was named to the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Class 4 all-state team.

He averaged 19.6 PPG, 8.6 RPG and 4.46 APG for the FRC champions. Cameron led his team to a district title, something that hadn't been accomplished at Pacific High School in boys basketball since 1982. Cameron finished his basketball career at PHS as a two-time all-state and four-time all-conference selection. He finished his career fourth in career scoring (1,571) and third in career rebounding (601).

This spring, VanLeer was the FRC championship meet medalist and a selection on the all-conference first team. He helped Pacific win both the regular season and tournament championships in the league.

In the postseason, VanLeer became Pacific's first four-time state qualifier. At the Class 3 state meet, he became the first Pacific golfer to earn a state medal, placing eighth with a two-day score of 151.

VanLeer has signed to continue playing golf at Columbia College, where he intends to pursue a degree in business administration.

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