

**Athletics Department
Highlights of 2006-2007**

State Champions

Fall Sports:

State 2A Swimming Individual Championship – Jorge Ospina-Casas, Leto High School Grade 12 student-athlete, won the individual championship for the 100-yard Butterfly

State 2A Swimming Individual Championship – Margaret Anderson, Plant High School Grade 10 student-athlete, won the individual championship for the 50-yard Free Style

State 3A Cross Country Individual Championship – Brigitte Moreno, Plant High School Grade 11 student-athlete, won the individual championship for Cross Country

State 5A Volleyball Champions – Plant High School

State 4A Football Champions – Plant High School

Winter Sports

State 2A Wrestling Champions – Brandon High School

State 2A Wrestling Individual Championship – Ruben Perez, Armwood High School Grade 12 student-athlete won 135 pound weight class

State 2A Wrestling Individual Championship – Eric Grajales, Brandon High School Grade 10 student-athlete won 112 pound weight class

State 2A Wrestling Individual Championship – Joseph Cozart, Brandon High School Grade 9 student-athlete won 125 pound weight class

State 2A Wrestling Individual Championship – Sean Joyce, Brandon High School Grade 12 student-athlete won 145 pound weight class

State 2A Wrestling Individual Championship – Thomas Timothy, Brandon High School Grade 12 student-athlete won 160 pound weight class

State 2A Wrestling Individual Championship – Patrick Spano, Chamberlain High School Grade 12 student-athlete won 152 pound weight class

Spring Sports

State 4A, Division 1, Tennis Individual Champion – Megan Broderick, Alonso High School

State 3A Track Individual Champion (100M Hurdles, 200M Dash) – Teona Rodgers, Wharton High School

Special Awards and Recognitions

Guy Toph Award

Robert Marve
Plant High School

Robert is the most outstanding high school player Coach Weiner has ever coached or watched. This year he was 194 for 290 (67% completion percentage). He threw for 3,195 yard with 37 touchdowns in the regular season. Robert has an incredibly strong, accurate arm; is extremely mobile in and out of the pocket with excellent judgment to find the open receiver or keep the ball. As a quarterback, Robert is Coach Weiner's smartest player. Robert finds ways to deflect praise to his teammates. His teammates appreciate and respect him immensely. He has an incredible work ethic. Robert has an exemplary attitude. He is extremely coachable and is an inspiration to work with. Robert's high moral character is uncommon in a person his age. He is a dynamic leader. He serves the community by working in a homeless shelter and as a camp counselor for children with Muscular Dystrophy. Robert is a hard-working, diligent student. He is a full academic qualifier for a NCAA scholarship.

Jessie Helfrich Hicks Award for Outstanding Swimmers

Jorge Ospina-Casas
Leto High School

Jorge is the district champion in the 200 yard Freestyle and state champion in the 100 yard Butterfly. He led the district champion medley relay swimming backstroke. His was seeded #1 for the regional meet in the 100 yard Freestyle and the 100 yard Butterfly. Jorge has established an excellent rapport with his teammates. He is a true leader in experience, sportsmanship, and dedication. He has offered his help with proper stroke instruction techniques to new team members. He rejuvenated Leto's swimming program. Jorge consistently displays a very positive and respectful attitude which has filtered into the team's play. It has created a positive team approach to practices and competitions. Jorge possesses a confident demeanor emphasizing his leadership role in a daily basis to his peers and teammates. Jorge is a true gentleman with the highest moral character. He is respectful to his peers and adults. He has good family values that are expressed in every way daily. Jorge is diligently studying and learning English. He is a member of Leto's Educational Talent Search and the Spanish Honor Society. Jorge plans to continue swimming while studying Engineering in college.

Jessie Helfrich Hicks Award for Outstanding Swimmers

Chelsea Nauta
Tampa Preparatory School

Chelsea is an outstanding swimmer who is looking toward the 2008 Olympics. She holds 10 school swimming records. She has been the captain for 2 years and swims all events as needed. Chelsea has the best attitude; she is focused on the team. Everyone likes and respects her. Chelsea has straight A's, is a member of NHS, team captain of the USA National Junior Team, student body president, Mu Alpha Theta, Head's Award—Top Junior, and Physics award—Top Student. Chelsea's accomplishments include 2006 Summer Junior National Champion in 100 meter Freestyle, All-time record holder in 200 and 400 meter Freestyle at USA Swimming Summer Junior Nationals, 2006 Florida High School Athletic Association champion in 100 and 200 Freestyle, 2006 Florida Dairy Farmers' Female Swimmer of the Year, 2006 Pinch-A-Penny Florida Female Swimmer of the Year, and 2006 Florida Swimming 17-18 Female Swimmer of the Year. Chelsea has received a full swimming scholarship from the University of Georgia.

Jim "Jimbo" Kynes Outstanding Lineman Award

Mike Williams
Jefferson High School

Mike is a three year starter and four year letterman. He has received Division 1 scholarship offers. He has great speed for a lineman; toughness and the ability to play at the next level. Mike wants the team to win over his individual statistics. He has a great attitude and always handles adversity. He is a true player and friend. Mike has always shown great character and the ability to move on through tough times.

Casey Most Valuable Golfer Award

Sarah Fisher
Chamberlain High School

Sarah has grown from a golfing novice as a freshman to winning the 2005 and 2006 district individual championships. She is a polite young lady with a fantastic personality. Her playing ability speaks for itself. Sarah received Tampa Tribune All-County honorable mention as a freshman; Hillsborough County National Division 1st Team as a sophomore; 2005 District Champion, 4th place at Regionals, 1st Team Tampa Tribune, Tampa Tribune Parade of Athletes, and Hillsborough County National Divisions 1st Team Selection as a Junior; and 2006 District Champion, 3rd place at Regionals, and a 38.6 season average. Sarah exhibits leadership qualities. She helps other golfers with rules interpretations during matches and works with newer golfers on rules and general golfing etiquette.

Casey Most Valuable Golfer Award

Matthew Cooney
Gaither High School

Matthew was named Player of the Year 2006 on the Florida Junior Tour. He played all 12 matches this year and averaged 36.0. He is a District medalist "70," and Regional 2nd place "72." Matt has been the Gaither captain for the past two years. He has helped the younger players on the team improve their own game. Matt has earned the respect of his peers with his down-to-earth attitude. He is never arrogant and always kind to others. Matt is active in SWAT Club and community service. He is an outstanding student on honor roll.

Kirkwood Volleyball Award

Jennifer Chamblee
Plant High School

Jennifer is one of the most consistent, hardworking players. She led on and off the court providing her teammates with encouragement, guidance, and fellowship. She is only 5'6" but that did not stop her. This young lady is a joy to watch "jumping out of the gym." She conditioned before and after practice, pushing herself every second since she made varsity her sophomore year. She played selflessly for the team with a smile on her face. She is missed when she is not on the court. Jennifer plays both outside hitter and Libero. She had 152 kills, 238 digs, and 61 aces in 2006. Academics are just as important and compelling to Jennifer. She is very focused in the classroom. She has recently offered an academic/athletic scholarship to Davidson College in North Carolina. Jennifer set and accomplished this goal. She is the president of the Gold and Black Club and editor of the yearbook.

Outstanding Cross Country Runner of the Year Award

Cody Hill
Robinson High School

Katie Quick
Gaither High School

Brigithe Moreno
Plant High School

Tom Wells Award (Wrestling)

Sean Joyce
Brandon High School

Sean is a three time state champion with an impressive 154-7 overall record, highlighted in his senior year with an undefeated season and 21 pins. He has been a four time District and County Champion and Ippolito Champion as well. This scholar-athlete and team captain, who scored an 1125 on the SAT, will attend West Point in the fall.

Alston "Mac" McGahagin Memorial Basketball Award

Adam Noble
Wharton High School

Adam has been described as the ultimate team player. With a high school record of 76-11, he has led his team to district and semi-final appearances. Team statistics put him in the top three for assists, scoring, steals, charges and rebounds. This well rounded young man has earned a 4.83 weighted grade point average, and is active in his church youth group.

Dottie McGahagin Basketball Award

Gianna Messina
Academy of Holy Names

Gianna is a hardworking go-getter who gives all to her team, making her an outstanding role model and respected team member. Her diminutive stature belies her toughness as evidenced by an average of 13 rebounds a game. A diligent scholar as well, Gianna has earned an impressive 4.7 grade point average, scoring a 1200 on the SAT. She was awarded a scholarship to the University of South Florida.

Joel Medgebow Coach of the Year (Wrestling)

Donny Peek
Bloomington High School

Donny is a coach who shows leadership and integrity in all he does. He is a role model for his athletes and sets high expectations for his team both in the athletic arena and in the classroom. In his five years of coaching, he has a 73-26 record and has sent eight wrestlers to state competition, three of those this year alone. Donny was named the 2005 Bloomington Coach of the Year, and the 2006-2007 Western Conference Coach of the Year.

Andres Garcia Memorial Tennis Award (Boys)

Dilip Kamath
Hillsborough High School

Dilip is a four time district champion and ranked #54 in USTA Boys. Captain of the tennis team, he was also active in Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National and Spanish Honor Societies. His 3.86 unweighted GPA helped earn him academic scholarships from Bright Futures, Drexel and George Washington University.

Andres Garcia Memorial Tennis Award (Girls)

Megan Broderick
Alonso High School

Megan is a force to be reckoned with on the court as evidenced by her numerous awards and recognitions: Team MVP, Western Conference (4 years), Tampa Tribune Player of the Year (2 years), St. Pete Times Player of the Year (2 years), Overall State 4A Singles Champion (2 years) and State 4A Player of the Year. Megan has earned a 3.8 GPA and has received a full athletic scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

Jack and Barbara Thompson Softball Player of the Year

Jessica Mouse
Chamberlain High School

Jessica has been described as a model student and athlete. Her prowess on the field has earned her First Team Western Conference (2 years), Western Conference Player of the Year 2007, First Team Tampa Tribune, First Team St. Pete Times, and 1st Team 5A All State. In the academic field, her stats are also impressive. She is a member of National Honor Society, BETA, and DECA, and maintains a 4.36 weighted GPA. She will attend LSU on full athletic scholarship.

Pepsi Flag Football Player of the Year

Michelle Trugillo
Riverview High School

The Riverview Sharks, led by Michelle, were the first Hillsborough County Flag Football team to advance to state tournament. In the quarterfinal game, Michelle ran a 66 yard touchdown to break the longest run record in FHSAA Flag Finals History. A dual threat as both an offensive and defensive player, Michelle finished the season with 961 rushing yards and 23 touchdowns. She completed 152 passes for 2,010 yards and 33 touchdowns. Michelle was named the Tampa Tribune's Player of the Year and was voted 1st Team Western Conference Offensive Player and 2nd Team Western Conference Defensive Player, as well as Western Conference MVP.

Academic Award Winners

Football		Volleyball		Boys Cross Country	
Wharton	3.188	Newsome	3.643	Newsome	3.567
Girls Cross Country		Boys Swimming		Girls Swimming	
Bloomingtondale	3.790	Spoto	3.570	Robinson	3.690
Boys Golf		Girls Golf		Boys Basketball	
Spoto	3.500	King	3.609	Jefferson	3.453
Girls Basketball		Boys Soccer		Girls Soccer	
Lennard	3.458	Newsome	3.297	Hillsborough	3.613
Wrestling		Cheerleading		Baseball	
Durant	3.416	Durant	3.550	Bloomingtondale	3.427
Softball		Boys Track		Girls Track	
Wharton	3.596	Newsome	3.221	Plant	3.680
Boys Tennis		Girls Tennis		Girls Flag Football	

King	3.740	Hillsborough	3.824	Newsome	3.611
Overall Comprehensive Winner: Newsome High School – 3.310					