

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE WINNERS NAMED BY NCHSAA

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High school students in the spring semester earned over 14,000 individual awards for achievements in

the classroom as well as on the playing court or athletic field.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association made the awards in its AAA Scholar-Athlete program, which includes recognition of varsity teams that attain certain grades as well as individual athletes.

A total of 5,468 student-athletes earned the individual Scholar-Athlete award.

Individual Scholar-Athletes attained at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester in which he or she competed. The award is based on first semester grades for fall and winter sports and second semester grades for spring sports, and the school submits the nomination form verifying the grade point average on behalf of the athlete or team.

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In the team division, a varsity team earns Scholar-Athlete recognition by attaining a 3.1 aggregate GPA for that designated semester. The school receives a certificate from the Association honoring the accomplishment and each member of the squad will also receive a certificate. A total of 8,611 individual awards were given in this category, and 350 varsity teams captured team honors.

A minimum of five individuals is necessary to constitute a team, and all team members must be included in figuring the team GPA. The team achieving the highest grade point average in the state in its particular sport and submitting its application by the appropriate deadline receives a plaque commemorating that achievement.

In addition, the top three finishers in each sport will receive a cash incentive from AAA for its athletic department as part of the AAA Scholar-Athlete program.

"We are extremely proud of the achievements of these outstanding student-athletes," said Davis Whitfield, NCHSAA commissioner. "Our AAA Scholar-Athlete program demonstrates that we have a tremendous number of athletes who are participating in athletics and succeeding in the classroom..

Weddington captured top honors in both men's and women's lacrosse and Salisbury was also a

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double winner.

The Scholar-Athlete program recognized over 40,000 individuals during the course of the 2012-13 academic year. There were 886 varsity teams that earned the team award during the academic year. The Scholar-Athlete recognition has been a part of the NCHSAA program for over 25 years.

AAA NCHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE TEAM AWARD WINNERS

NCHSAA Spring Sports 2013

SPORT	SCHOOL	GRADE POINT AVERAGE
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Softball	Hayesville	3.88
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Baseball	Avery	3.58
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Men's Tennis Salisbury 3.76

Women's Soccer Highland Tech 3.76

Men's Track N.C. School of Science and Math 3.45

Women's Track Chatham Central 3.69

Men's Golf Salisbury 3.64

Women's Lacrosse Weddington 3.55

Men's Lacrosse Weddington 3.37