

# **GHS Fall Student Achievement Recognition - 2015-2016**

## **Student Group Accomplishments**

### **Perfect Attendance –**

255 students had perfect attendance for first quarter.

### **Academic Letter Recipients –**

142 students earned Academic Letters for last school year.

### **Student of the Quarter – First Quarter**

51 students nominated first quarter.

Overall winner – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter -Bo Lindstrom

### **National Merit Scholars –**

Will Daniels – Commended Student

### **AP Scholars –**

AP Scholar (earned scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams):

Alaine Brucher, Tara Fisher, Elizabeth Hock, Bryce Iwinski, Trace Johnson, Elliot Koster, Morgan Miller, Quinn Singbush, and Wyatt Wade.

AP Scholar with Honors (earned an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scored a 3 or higher on 4 or more AP Exams):  
Halie Clark, Will Daniels, Lauren Endress, and Katie Smith.

AP Scholar with Distinction (earned an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scored a 3 or higher on 5 or more AP Exams):  
Bo Lindstrom

### **Elk's Club –**

September's nominees – Will Daniels and Tarah Fisher

October's nominees – Trace Johnson and Alaine Brucher

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade English Students –**

Freshman English students reported reading 738 books during Quarter 1.

## **Fundraising & Collection Activities**

### **Key Club –**

Raised \$400 for the Geneseo Food Pantry in September.

Collected over \$200 for Niabi Zoo, using the money to purchase items for the animals.

Key Club went trick or treating for UNICEF and in just two hours raised \$ 519. This amount will help protect 288 women and their newborns from maternal and neonatal tetanus.

## **Activities Highlights**

### **Key Club –**

Key Club students have been reading to students in the SAFE program at Southwest Elementary.

### **Student Council -**

Sponsored a very successful Homecoming Week and Dance. 627 attended the dance. New features introduced this year were the Float Face-Off and Spirit Week Points competition. 125 students worked to build homecoming floats in one night. The Junior class won the Float competition, and Freshman Class won the Spirit Day points competition.

### **Band -**

Total number of instrumental students who qualified ILMEA – 27 Band, 1 Jazz Band, and 3 Orchestra.

In Marching Band competition, GHS placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Class 5A at the Washington Marching Band Competition in September. At Metamora in October, GHS placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Class 3A and was also named Best Winds, Best Percussion, Best Color Guard, and Best Drum Majors. GHS also received the Crowd Pleaser Award and was the Overall Grand Champion. At the Quincy competition in October, in the Artistry Class,

GHS received the Gold Music Award for Parade and for Field, earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Parade and for Field, and earned Overall High Score for Illinois Schools, Overall Best Winds, Overall Best Drum Majors, and Overall Grand Champion.

**Choir -**

Total number of choir students qualified ILMEA – 26 Chorus, 14 Junior Choir.

**FFA -**

The Horse Evaluation team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Section III contest and 4<sup>th</sup> in the State contest. Team members include Elizabeth Korthals, Chelsea Connor, Helen Ehret and Amy Wethington. Individually, everyone on the team placed in the top ten at Section III with Elizabeth Korthals placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Section III and 4<sup>th</sup> at State.

Trap Team - Team #1 placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the LeRoy Alumni Trap Shoot. The team consisted of Seth Nelson, Benjamin Schillinger, Elizabeth Korthals, Nikalas Swan, and Ian Phillips. Team # 2 placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the same meet. The team consisted of Brittany Loenser, Justin Lyman, Logan Opsal, Alex Morgan and Austin Opsal. Overall individual results: Seth Nelson placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Benjamin Schillinger placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ian Phillips placed 4<sup>th</sup>, and Alex Morgan placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

Archery Team – Placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Eureka Archery Shoot. Team members were: Gavin Minnaert, Braden Keller, Felisha Ballard, and Logan Opsal.

**Bass Fishing Club –**

The Geneseo Bass Teams competed in the Sangamon Valley Bass Tournament. Team members were: Hunter DeSplinter, Tristan DeSplinter, Benjamin Ford, Brandon Gallagher, Erik Sammons, and Cole Toone. The team of Hunter DeSplinter and Tristan DeSplinter placed 4<sup>th</sup>, and the team of Benjamin Ford and Brandon Gallagher placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Theatre –**

Four current GHS students were recently inducted into the International Thespian Society. This is the Honor Society of High School Theatre Students. Each student completed over one hundred hours of excellent work in theatre arts and related disciplines. Those inducted were: Elizabeth Jolly, Gibson Kluge, Ryan Rockensock, and Grace Burmahl.

## **Special Recognition -**

- Community Service volunteers at Hammond Henry Hospital are: Shelby Clary, Grace Burmahl, Maya Esparza, Sarah Fisher, Lynsey Gradert, Andrew Roseman, Josephine Brown, Sarah Buzard, Victoria Cocquit, and Ian Ellis.
- Kudos to seniors Devin Haxby, Jacob Yarger, Nickolas Anderson, and Callen Magerkurth for showing kindness and compassion at a local restaurant to a person in need. This individual was having difficulty and they took time to stay and help him until he was alright.
- GHS was recognized as one of the top 37 student broadcasting high schools in the nation by the National Federation of State High School Association's NFHS Network.
- Tara Fisher was featured in the Scholar Athlete Spotlight portion of the Moline Dispatch for her excellent academics and participation in tennis, basketball, and soccer.

## **Athletic Highlights**

**Special Olympics –** GHS Special Olympics team had students compete in the 2015 Summer State Games at Illinois State University. John Schraeder placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 50 Meter Dash and Softball Throw. Kyle VanDeWoestyne placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 50 Meter Dash.

**Boys Soccer – 8 All Academic and 7 Honorable Mention Team GPA - 3.35**

All Academic includes: Logan Alexander, Will Chaney, Nicholas Fox, Cayson Frerichs, Adam Miller, Ethan Pullman, Noah Sebastian, and Joshua Yoder. Honorable Mention includes: Arthur Atwell, Andrew Benhart, Nathan Cowan, Hunter DeSplinter, Tristan DeSplinter, Matthew Henry, and Cole Toone.

Boys Soccer Team earned the Regional Championship title.

Quentin Radue was chosen as Dispatch-Argus Player of the Match for his performance on September 14, which resulted in a Leaf's victory.

**Volleyball – 9 All Academic and 3 Honorable Mention Team GPA – 3.75**

All Academic includes: Shalana Atwell, Alaine Brucher, Halie Clark, Danielle Clary, Jenna Decker, Sydney Himmelman, Morgan May, Samantha Rokey and Brooke Vanhoutte. Honorable Mention includes: Shelby Clary, Kayleigh Kruger, and Madelyn Mackey.

**Boys Golf - 7 All Academic and 5 Honorable Mention Team GPA - 3.83**

All Academic includes: Jordan Anderson, Grant Chaney, Trace Johnson, Marshall Rice, Alexander Sottos, Wyatt Wade, and Alex Williams. Honorable Mention includes: Christos Andrios, Ryan Ford, Austin Jump, Nathan Lauritzen, and Dylan Pardoe.

Boys Golf won the Geneseo Invitational for what is believed to be the first time in school history! Austin Jump placed a close 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Geneseo Invitational after being tied for 1<sup>st</sup> at the end of 18 holes.

The Team won Conference Championship and Regional Championship, placed first at the Sectional contest, and advanced to State for the first time in school history where they placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Individually, Austin Jump repeated as Conference champion and placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Sectionals. Austin was also named as a Moline Dispatch Pacesetter. Ryan Ford earned Regional Champion title, and Wyatt Wade placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sectionals.

**Girls Golf - 4 All Academic and 2 Honorable Mention Team GPA - 3.99**

All Academic includes: Amber Dauksas, Lilly Henderson, Sierra Sommer, and Emma Vandemore. Honorable Mention includes: Monica Lieving and Corey Panicucci.

This team won their Conference Championship, Regional Championship (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row), and Sectional Championship for the first time in school history. The team topped off a great season with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish at State.

Individually, Emma Vandemore placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Conference, Amber Dauksas placed 7<sup>th</sup>, Lauren Murray placed 8<sup>th</sup>, and Sierra Sommer placed 9<sup>th</sup>. Monica Lieving repeated as Conference Champion. She became a 3 time Regional Champion and earned the Sectional Champion title. She was also named Dispatch Metro Pacesetter.

**Girls Tennis - 10 All Academic and 5 Honorable Mention Team GPA - 3.88**

All Academic includes: Olivia Carroll, Tarah Fisher, Lindsey Francque, Sommer Gagnon, Allyson Klein, Michaela McCright, Morgan Miller, Erin Starkey, Amy Wethington, and Abigail Zobrist. Honorable Mention includes: Savanna Anast, Paige Gramling, Grace Madigan, McKinsey Walters, and Karen Wheeler.

They won the Conference Championship. All 3 Doubles teams placed first at Conference. Teams were: Tarah Fisher & Grace Madigan, Ally Klein & Paige Gramling, and Sommer Gagnon & Renee Rumler. In Singles play at Conference, Erin Starkey placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Jane Thomas placed 6<sup>th</sup>. The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sectionals. The doubles team of Tarah Fisher and Grace Madigan placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sectionals qualifying them for State for the second year in a row.

**Boys Cross Country – 5 All Academic and 9 Honorable Mention Team GPA**

- 3.41

All Academic includes: Bo Lindstrom, Tate Neff, Charles Schlindwein, Kyle Sellers, and Nathan Soria. Honorable Mention includes: Charles Elden, Keith Elden, Maguire Hoon, Gabriel Johnson, Tristan Johnson, Nelson Laingen, Kristopher Nguyen, Brandon Ramos, and Chandler Schwartz.

Boys Cross Country placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Regionals, qualifying them to compete at Sectionals. Individually, Nathan Soria placed 10<sup>th</sup> at Regionals.

Special recognition goes out to Mr. Fredericks, who jumped into action on the way to a meet. When the bus driver became incapacitated while driving, Mr. Fredericks grabbed hold of the steering wheel and kept the bus under control until it came to a stop. His quick actions and bravery prevented what may have been a horrible tragedy.

**Girls Cross Country – 5 All Academic and 7 Honorable Mention Team GPA -**

3.79

All Academic includes: Emma Alexander, Lindsey Bideaux, Lauren Coulter, Emma Lovett, and Callie Miller. Honorable Mention includes: Clara Akers, Taylor Claus, Sally DeBrock, Morgan Hartsock, Molly Lembke, Katelyn Mielke, and Madison Miller.

Girls Cross Country placed 5<sup>th</sup> at Regionals, qualifying them to compete at Sectionals. Individually, Josie Brown placed 9<sup>th</sup> at Regionals.

**Football – 17 All Academic and 10 Honorable Mention Team GPA - 3.52**

All Academic includes: Will Daniels, Hunter Hinton, Cade Humphries, Cole Hunzeker, Callen Magerkurth, Andrew Pischke, Braden Ries, Benjamin Rowley, Justin Scott, Quinn Singbush, Logan Swartzendruber, Samuel Thomas, Jacob Verplaetse, Logan Weber, Conner Welch, Samuel Welch, and Charles Wiese. Honorable Mention includes: Noah Aper, Dylan Decker, Reid Gradert, Ryan Hartsock, Devin Haxby, Lucas Hofer, Bryce Iwinski, Jordan Jackson, Jacob VanDoren, and Jacob Widger.

This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> winning season in a row for Geneseo Football, which is a State record. It is the 38<sup>th</sup> playoff appearance, which is also an IHSA State record.

**All varsity fall sports had a GPA average of 3.63.**

**The Fall Sports Team GPA winner for 2015 is Girls' Golf with a Team GPA of 3.99.**