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TWELVE SENIORS SELECTED FOR IHSAA / CATO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

For the seventh year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association is proud to recognize 12 senior student-athletes to be honored with the 2010 IHSAA / C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Awards.

Each recipient will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for their prep accomplishments and be recognized on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis as a part of the Methodist Sports Medicine's Annual Thomas A. Brady Achievement Awards Banquet.

To reward the efforts of Indiana's complete student-athletes, the IHSAA, Methodist Sports Medicine – The Orthopedic Specialists, the Indianapolis Colts, Comcast, Sport Graphics and Taco Bell have all partnered in sponsoring the program which highlights those well-rounded, positive role models who have demonstrated excellence in academics, school and community involvement, character, sportsmanship and citizenship.

This year's honorees, listed in alphabetical order, include: **Seth Brown**, Hammond; **Maria Cochran**, Providence; **Jacob Daghe**, Speedway; **Evan Daily**, Pioneer; **Christian Duncheon**, Barr-Reeve; **Keilor Gilbert**, Eastern Greene; **Casey Hueni**, Bremen; **Cara McCauley**, North Montgomery; **Stephen Roberts**, Greenfield-Central; **William Sievern**, Evansville Memorial; **Kendall Smith**, Decatur Central and; **Daniel Wodicka**, West Lafayette.

Each student had to meet certain criteria to qualify including: 1) be enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at an IHSAA member school during the 2009-10 school year; 2) be a senior at an IHSAA member school who will graduate during the 2009-10 school year; 3) win a varsity letter as an athlete in at least one of the 20 IHSAA sanctioned athletic programs; 4) be nominated by the school's principal; 5) carry a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale or the equivalent; 6) have no violations of the school's athletic code of conduct; 7) must not have been ejected from any IHSAA contest due to unsportsmanlike behavior and; 8) verify that he/she has made a commitment to remain substance free throughout high school.

A panel of five individuals, through much time and effort, decided upon the deserving students. That panel consisted of: Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana Department of Education; Dr. Mark DeCarlo, Vice President of Clinical Services, Methodist Sports Medicine; Tom Faulconer, Senior Vice President, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance; Bob Kanaby, Executive Director, National Federation of State High School Associations; and; Blake Ress, Commissioner, Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Since 2003-04 when the IHSAA celebrated its 100th year, the annual awards were known as the Centennial Scholarships. This year, the program has been renamed in tribute to the late former IHSAA Commissioner C. Eugene Cato. "Gene" served as assistant commissioner of the Association from 1976 until he became commissioner in 1983 - providing leadership until he retired in 1995. His passion for athletics and his belief in the intrinsic value of athletic competition on the formation of a child's character enabled Gene to positively impact generations of young men and women with his well-known "Firm, Fair, and Friendly" approach to caring for others. He passed away in 2008.

Through the awards program, the IHSAA has recognized 77 outstanding student-athletes with scholarships totaling \$192,500.



Seth Brown
Hammond HS

"My athletic involvement in sports has taught me how to work closely together with other people in an efficient manner. From being a part of my school's athletic program, it has taught me universal principles of how to look into myself and aspire to become the best that I can be in every facet of my life."

Seth Brown has excelled in basketball, cross country, and track and field at Hammond. He is Vice President of the National Honor Society, President of Athletes in Motion Club, and Student Government Leader. Seth volunteers as a Boys and Girls Club Recreational Leader, youth minister at New Zion Ministries and is the Chaplin of Men of Tomorrow Program. He was the recipient of the Sportsman Award in cross country and basketball and was named as the 2009 Hoosier Boys State Governor. Seth is the son of Cheryl Brown.



Maria Cochran
Providence HS

"Participation in sports throughout my entire life has truly helped to shape the person that I am today. My teams and coaches have taught me so much more than simply how to pass a volleyball, field a softball, or swim freestyle. My participation in sports has taught me things like responsibility and leadership that have contributed to my development as a productive member of society."

Maria Cochran has excelled in softball, swimming and volleyball during her career at Providence. The valedictorian holds a 4.0 GPA and is a member of National Honor Society, St. Genisius Society, Usher Ministry, theatre program, and math team. This year, she organized a coat drive and has also volunteered as a youth leader at Summer Daze and summer sports camps. Maria is the daughter of Rick and Mary Cochran.



Jacob Daghe
Speedway HS

"One of the most important principles that I have learned from athletics can be summed up by the phrase "we not me." As a soccer, basketball, and baseball player, I have spent my entire athletic career as a member of various teams. This has required both commitment to and reliance upon others. I have learned to lay down my pride and strive for the good of the whole team."

Jacob Daghe of Speedway has lettered in baseball, basketball, and soccer. He carries a 4.0 GPA and is the Vice President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Student Council, and Hoosier Boys State Delegate. He was named the Phi Beta Kappa Outstanding High School Junior and Exchange Club Student of the Month. He has volunteered for community service through the Key Club and was part of the Chapel Rock Guatemala Mission Team. He is the son of Bret and Laura Daghe.



Evan Daily
Pioneer HS

"I've been taught how to persevere even when there are seemingly insurmountable odds. Having strong self-efficacy expectations will be important every day of my life, and I am grateful that athletics have allowed me to develop mine so greatly. While life is sure to be full of unavoidable hardships, athletics have prepared me to face each day and each challenge head on, and know that I have the tools to succeed."

Evan Daily of Pioneer has been a part of the swimming, baseball, and football programs during his high school career. The salutatorian and Student Council President is a member of the Quiz Bowl Team and takes part in the Big Brother Local Heroes Program. Evan has participated in mission trips with his youth group to Biloxi, Mississippi and the Appalachian Mountains to help provide flood relief and offer assistance to families in need. He also volunteers with the Special Olympics. Travis is the son of Jim and Paula Daily.



Christian Duncheon
Barr-Reeve HS

"Sportsmanship is a player's ability to play his or her heart out, lose in the final seconds, still have the character to shake his or her enemy's hand at the end and say, "good game." It is this dignity that interschool athletics both creates and reveals. Without the desire and passion high school athletes put into their sports, winning and losing would be insignificant. However, for both the champion and the defeated, this character is kept and used outside the lines to face all of life's adversities."

The 2010 recipient of the Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award in Class A basketball, **Christian Duncheon** has achieved a 4.5 GPA during his career at Barr-Reeve. The valedictorian and senior class vice president has participated in basketball, golf, and tennis throughout his high school career. He is the Student Council President and member of the Spanish Club, Art Club and Beta Club. Christian is a member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church Youth Group and is the United Way representative for Barr-Reeve. Christian is the son of Tony and Lisa Duncheon.



Keilor Gilbert
Eastern Greene HS

"Every athlete must remember that, in order to feel the joy of winning, another person must feel the pain of losing. For their pain and for our joy, we must be gracious winners. Interschool athletics relies on good sportsmanship because good sportsmanship unites local teams to form communities in support of the sport and its high school athletes."

Keilor Gilbert has excelled in both swimming and cross country at Eastern Greene. Keilor is Vice President of the Diversity Club, President of the Science Club and Treasurer of National Honor Society. He is valedictorian of his class and has a 4.0 GPA. He is a member of Boy Scouts of America, Bloomington Swim Club and Indiana Historical Society. Keilor is the son of Amy Dyken and Bert Gilbert.



Casey Hueni
Bremen HS

"Sportsmanship must be an integral part of interschool athletics because the purpose of these competitions is not to make enemies of the other team or the officials, but rather to develop the skills necessary to work and build relationships with teammates as well as opponents, all within the boundaries of healthy competition."

A three sport athlete who has participated in softball, basketball, and volleyball, Bremen's **Casey Hueni** also excels in the classroom and in her community. The National Honor Society member carries a 4.1 GPA and is valedictorian of her class. She is a member of the Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the IHSAA Role Model Program. Casey is a member of her local youth group, Stay in Bounds Youth

Mentoring Program, and is a D.A.R.E. Ambassador. She is the daughter of Charlie and Karen Hueni.



Cara McCauley
North Montgomery HS

"My interaction with coaches, referees, teammates, and opponents has instilled this "work together and be fair mentality" on and off the field. I am now comfortable confronting my elders in reference to tense or uneasy issues as well as my peers with similar problems. Without athletics, I would not be as prepared to deal with the variety of issues that I am facing today and will face in the coming years."

A track and field and soccer standout, **Cara McCauley** of North Montgomery is valedictorian of her class and holds a 4.0 GPA. Cara is President of National Honor Society, a member of Sunshine Society, and editor of the school newspaper. She has volunteered for the Head Start Literacy Program the last three years. Cara is the daughter of Jeff McCauley.



Stephen Roberts
Greenfield-Central HS

"As a member of a football team that had a less than stellar record during my high school career, I came to realize that how I played the game truly mattered more in the long run than the wins and losses. The confidence, commitment, and self-discipline I developed as a high school athlete will be key components to success in all aspects of life, including college, career, and personal relationships."

Stephen Roberts has starred in football and track and field at Greenfield-Central. He is ranked fifth in his class and carries a 4.2 GPA. Stephen is a member of the D.A.R.E. Role Model Program and Student Leadership Academy, and is Vice President of the National Honor Society. He was the recipient of the 2009 Colts/Indiana High School Academic All State Team. Andrew volunteers with the United Way of Central Indiana, Hancock County Back Pack Attack and Hancock Hope House homeless shelter. Andrew is the son of Rick and Jeannie Roberts.



William Sievern
Evansville Memorial HS

"Interscholar sports play an important role in shaping the citizens of tomorrow. It is during the elementary school through high school years that many of the values and lessons that shape our lives are learned. When good sportsmanship is stressed in school athletics, we are learning lessons that are relevant all through our lives -- respect, fair play, and winning and losing with dignity."

Scholar athlete **William Sievern** has excelled in both cross country and track and field during his career at Evansville Memorial. The senior class vice president has earned a 3.9 GPA and was a National Merit Commended Student, Wendy's High School Heisman National Finalist, and Southwest Indiana Arts Council 2009 Young Artist of the Year. He is an active member of Boy Scouts of America and is currently an Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol Leader. William is the son of Bill and Luann Sievern.



Kendall Smith
Decatur Central HS

"Sportsmanship is the single most important trait that can be obtained from participation in high school athletics. While "sportsmanship" can't be defined as one single action or event, there are many circumstances that athletes are faced with throughout their careers. The occurrences build life characteristics which student-athletes can use for the rest of their lives."

Kendall Smith has been a part of the track and field, basketball, and football teams at Decatur Central. He is involved with the National Honor Society, Student Council, College Summit, and Prom Committee. The salutatorian of his class has accumulated over 117 hours of tutoring throughout his four years and is a

member of Decatur Township Relay 4 Life, Safe Halloween at DCHS and 4-H. Kendall is the son of Rex and Lori Smith.



Daniel Wodicka
West Lafayette HS

“The word respect implies sportsmanship. Appreciating that your opponent has worked as hard as you and has identical goals; realizing that although opposing players have been raised in a different community than your own, they share a sense of hometown pride and a dedication to the task at hand; understanding that their camaraderie makes them more capable than the sum of their individual talents as gleaned from pre-game stat sheets; and knowing that emotions can be as debilitating as they can be helpful if not appropriately channeled.”

West Lafayette's **Daniel Wodicka** is a multi-talented athlete who has lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. The valedictorian owns a 4.0 GPA and is a member of National Honor Society, Advanced Orchestra and the Best Buddies program. Daniel was the 2009 recipient of the Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award for Class 3A football, was named to the Associated Press All-State First Team in football and was deemed the Indiana Army Iron Man of the Year. He also volunteers his time at West Lafayette Parks and Recreation as a summer coach for football and baseball. Daniel is the son of George and Mary Jo Wodicka.