

2018 Fall Sports Awards

Casey Most Valuable Golfer Award – Girls

Taylor Dedmen

Plant City High School

Taylor is an exceptional golfer and has set the Plant City High School record twice for low round (4 under par). She has been MVP both her Junior and Senior year, two-time Girls Regional Champ, three-time Girls District Champ, two-time All-Western Conference Selection, First Team of Tampa Bay Times All County. Taylor maintains a 5.53 weighted GPA and has accepted a full scholarship from Austin Peay State University.

Casey Most Valuable Golfer Award – Boys

Senuda Rajapakse

King High School

Senuda started as an average golfer and through his hard work and practice rose to become the captain and King High School's number one player. He is King's MVP and 1st Team Western Conference. Senuda is a Scholar Athlete recipient, National AP Scholar, and on Principal's Honor Roll. He is an Officer in the National Honor Society, member of Beta Honors Society, UNICEF Coordinator, Relay for Life Captain, and First Tee Coordinator with USGA Golf Academy. Senuda holds a 3.9 GPA.

Henry Hicks Memorial Award for Outstanding Swimmer – Girls

Morgan Tankersley

Plant High School

Morgan is one of the best female swimmers to come out of Hillsborough County. She is the current Class 4A State Champion in the 500yd. Freestyle. As team captain this season, she led her team to Conference, County, District, and Region team titles as well as the 4A girls team State Runner-up. Morgan has won a total of five State titles. For three of those titles she broke three longstanding FHSAA state records at a single meet. Morgan recently had the fastest high school times in the country in two events. As a rising Junior she qualified and swam at Olympic Trials in four events. She was recently recognized by Swimming World Magazine as the National High School Swimmer of the Year. Morgan has been named All-American 15 times in seven different events. She has an un-weighted GPA of 4.0 and a 6.28 weighted GPA. Morgan was one of the most highly recruited swimmers in the country and has committed to swim for Stanford University where she will study medicine.

Henry Hicks Memorial Award for Outstanding Swimmer – Boys

Brendan Driscoll

Jesuit High School

Brendan is an elite National level swimmer. His high school honors include: State Champ in the 500 Freestyle (All-American), 3rd in the 200 Freestyle, led off the 2nd place 400 Freestyle Relay, went the entire season undefeated, and Most Outstanding Swimmer award winner on the State Championship Jesuit Swim Team. Brendan has logged well over 100 service hours outside the pool area, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Beta Club. With an unweighted 4.0 GPA, Brenda has qualified for Academic All-American for the past two years.

Dr. Ben Walker Cross Country Award – Girls

Tatiana Fabian

Robinson High School

Tatiana has been a valued member of the Robinson High School Cross Country team for four years. From a humble 29:00 5k runner as a freshman, she rose to District runner up her Junior year in 20:59. She has been the team captain for the last two years and has been a mentor both athletically and academically to our younger girls. Tatiana has maintained a 4.0 unweighted GPA in the IB program and has a weighted GPA of 6.48. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit Semi Finalist, on the Senior Class Student Advisory Council, founder and president of Junior Civitan at Robinson High School and Lt. Governor of the Greater Tampa Bay Region, on the Board of Directors of Cross Out Cancer, and a 1st chair orchestra cellist. Tatiana has been offered a full academic scholarship to USF and is waiting on acceptance to Duke, University of Chicago, and UF.

Dr. Ben Walker Cross Country Award – Boys

Walker Thomas

Plant High School

Walker has been the heart and soul of the Plant High School Cross Country team for four years. He placed 3rd at Districts with a time of 16:21 5k, 6th at Regionals and 22nd at States. Walker is an Eagle Scout, serves as a leader on Plant's Executive Board, Student Body Secretary, and President of the Sertoma Club. He also is a member of Plant's Prestigious Order of the Gold and Black. Walker carries a 3.5 unweighted GPA and 5.1 weighted GPA.

Kirkwood Volleyball Award

Gabriela Quarles

Carrollwood Day School

Gabi was a senior outside hitter on the 4A State Champion Carrollwood Day School Patriots Volleyball Team for the 2017 season. She is versatile and can play any position in the front or back row. Gabi is an excellent International Baccalaureate student. She has fantastic grades and has never had a problem in the classroom. Her high GPA and her scholastic awards show what a smart young woman she is. Gabi plans to attend the University of Miami or the University of Florida in the fall.

Coach Bill Minahan Award

Wilson Morse

Hillsborough High School

Wilson played tight end and long snapper at Hillsborough High School. He had 16 receptions for 192 yards. He left his mark on the Terrier's football field, but also off of it. A member of Hillsborough's prestigious International Baccalaureate program, Wilson helped his teammates with their school work and set up a mentoring program through Robles Park Elementary. Wilson is also a National Merit Finalist, Dartmouth Book Award Winner, and Vice President of the National Honor Society. He has a 4.0 unweighted GPA, 6.4 weighted GPA, and scored a 1530 on the SAT. Wilson will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Jim "Jimbo" Kynes Outstanding Lineman Award

Nicholas Petit-Frere

Berkeley Preparatory School

Nicholas is a 6'6", 273 lb. offensive tackle/defensive end. Currently a 4-star recruit ranked 16th in the nation and 2nd by position. He played in the Under Armour All-American Game, was nominated for the U.S. Army All-American Team, was the 2017 Tampa Bay Times Top 100 #1 Player, and Spectrum Sports #1 Player. Nicholas is also an excellent student in the classroom with an SAT score of 1270. He currently has offers from all Division 1 Power 5 schools.

Guy Toph Award
Michael Penix Jr.

Tampa Bay Tech High School

As the starting quarterback, Michael has two district titles, and three playoff victories. He has passed for a total of 4,262 yards, 61 touchdowns, only 6 interceptions, rushed for 649 yards and 16 touchdowns in two seasons. Michael is 1st Team Western Conference Quarterback for both his Junior and Senior seasons. As captain of the team, he has lead Tampa Bay Tech High School to a 20-4 record over two seasons including 11 straight wins this season. Michael has had full football scholarship offers from Tennessee, Florida State, Rutgers, USF, and Toledo. We are proud to say Michael has graduated early and is currently enrolled at Indiana University and will begin his collegiate football career in the fall.

Photos from today's presentation will be available on the Athletics Department website:
<http://athletics.mysdhc.org>.