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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Blanchet Catholic School's Scholar Athletes

Each fall, winter and spring the Dairy Farmers of Oregon recognize outstanding achievement in the classroom by Oregon high school athletic teams. The boys and girls team in each OSAA-sanctioned activity with the highest team grade point average (G.P.A.) earns the Academic All-State Award. Each member of a winning team receives a commemorative pin and certificate and the school receives a plaque in honor of the team.

This spring Blanchet Catholic School's softball team earned first place in the state 2A classification with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.68. "From top to bottom, this year was a success for the Lady Cavs. Not only did they excel in the field but they maintained an outstanding record in the classroom as well," said softball coach Matt Arnold. Of the fourteen softball team members, eight were listed on the Fall Semester Principal's Honor Roll by earning a 3.5 to a 3.99 G.P.A. and both Rene' Belleque and Kristen Belleque earned recognition on the President's Honor Roll with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A.

Blanchet is very proud of its high achieving student body. The school is well known for its rigorous college preparatory curriculum. Maintaining a high G.P.A. is very challenging at Blanchet and requires a tremendous amount of dedication, particularly for those students involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities.

Other Blanchet athletic teams were recognized this year by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon as well. The varsity baseball team earned a cumulative 3.17 G.P.A. and a tenth place ranking among 2A schools in the state. The boys swim team ranked at seventh place with a 3.48 G.P.A., the girls basketball team tied for second place with a 3.79 G.P.A., the boys basketball team came in ninth with a 3.36 G.P.A., the football team in eighth place with a 2.87 G.P.A., the volleyball team in fourth place with a 3.72 G.P.A. and the boys soccer team with a 3.41 G.P.A. and a sixth place ranking.

Since the fall of 2003, Blanchet athletic teams have placed in the top ten within their classification 29 times. During the 2003-04 school year the boys golf team ranked number one with a G.P.A. of 3.58. The girls basketball team, the baseball team and the volleyball team all held the number two position during the 2006-07 school year with a 3.84, 3.44 and a 3.78 G.P.A. respectively. During that same year the boys soccer, tennis, track and football teams all ranked in the top ten as well.

Since its opening in 1995, eighteen Blanchet students have been recognized by the prestigious National Merit Scholarship program. Students consistently score higher than local and national averages on both the SAT and ACT and of the 395 students enrolled this year, 162 earned a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher. At least 95% of Blanchet seniors go on to study at institutions of higher learning immediately after graduating and the 52 graduates making up the class of 2008 earned a remarkable \$1.7 million in scholarship offers.

President Charles E. Lee said, "Blanchet has a tradition of helping to develop scholar athletes. Our administration and coaches emphasize excellence in the classroom coupled with hard work, dedication and superior sportsmanship on the playing field."

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