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Six Worcester County Students Are Named Bayside Senior Scholar-Athletes

[Newark] Six Worcester County Public School students, two from each high school, were recognized as Bayside Conference Senior Scholar-Athletes at the eighth annual Bayside Conference Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet, held in Dorchester County on May 5. The following students were recognized: Scott Baker, Snow Hill High School (football, wrestling, and tennis); Matthew Gladding, Pocomoke High School (cross country and tennis); Leah Klump, Snow Hill High School (cross country and wrestling); Lindsey Parker, Stephen Decatur High School (field hockey, girls basketball, and lacrosse); Kori Pitts, Pocomoke High School (volleyball and girls basketball); and Logan West, Stephen Decatur High School (soccer, indoor track, and lacrosse). A total of 35 students from the Bayside Conference received this prestigious honor.

The Bayside Conference began recognizing students as Senior Scholar-Athletes in 2001, based on a recommendation made by the conference's superintendents who believed that student athletes with academic excellence should be honored. The criteria for selection is as follows: a student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or better for all four years (9th – 12th grades); a student may not have any failing grades on his/her transcript; and a student must participate in a minimum of two sports during the student's senior year.

Bayside Conference President Allen Miller of Snow Hill High School and former Salisbury University Men's Basketball Coach Ward Lambert presented plaques to each senior scholar-athlete. "As you go through life," Miller explained to the recipients, "there will be a couple of people who you will look back on and be thankful for the impact that they had on you. Some of these people are right in this room, and my guess is that they have always put academics first."

Lambert shared with the honorees a list of qualities which lead to success, including discipline, passion, integrity, confidence, and teamwork. "Everybody goes to

practice and does what the coach says,” said Lambert. “That’s what is expected, but you’ve got to do more than the minimum. You’ve got to be self-disciplined and out-work your opponent.” Lambert explained that these qualities work in sports and in life.

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