

*Twenty Fourth Annual  
Marin County High School  
Outstanding Student Athlete  
Awards Banquet*

*Embassy Suites Hotel, San Rafael  
May 10, 2010*

***Marin Athletic Foundation***  
***Providing Financial Support***  
***For Interscholastic and Intramural Sports***

The purpose of the Marin Athletic Foundation is to save and maintain high school sports programs in Marin County through community fundraising.

The Board of Directors of the Marin Athletic Foundation believes that:

- High school sports are a vital part of the high school experience and provide important and positive educational and developmental outcomes for students.
- School districts need community support to keep athletic programs from being eliminated. Declining enrollment and state financial support often make it necessary for school boards to cut back in almost all school programs.
- To insure broad participation by all students both interscholastic and intramural programs should remain available.
- An aware community will make a commitment to provide the resources necessary to help the schools keep these programs in place.

***Selection Criteria***

The student athletes being honored were selected by their schools in accordance with the following criteria, developed with the involvement of school athletic directors and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Marin Athletic Foundation:

Athletic Involvement  
Leadership  
Scholarship  
School-Community Involvement  
Department

These elements embody values that the Marin Athletic Foundation believes are vital in a comprehensive education for all young citizens.

# *Program*

**6:00 p.m. Reception**

**7:00 p.m. Dinner**

## *Welcome & Student Introductions*

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# Branson

## Ally Warson

The light-hearted demeanor that Branson's Ally Warson possesses belies the competitive fire and determination that burns within her. On her OSA fact sheet Ally notes that she loves to cook and make meatballs and signs it with a happy face. Beneath that exterior lies a girl that loves to compete and likes to win. Her competitiveness is reflected in her basketball career that saw her named to the MCAL all-league first team and the Division V all-State team in her junior and senior years. Ally was also a four-year varsity player in soccer and was the cross country team MVP. A 4.0 GPA student, Ally is headed to Washington University in St. Louis next fall and says she "may walk on for soccer or may just have fun and do intramural sports". Along with her accomplishments in athletics Ally was the president of the Interact Club, a member of the Honor Council at Branson, a Senior Mentor, a Canal Alliance Mentor and a member of the Branson Cum Laude Society. Ally was also recognized by the North Coast Section as a four-year recipient of their Scholar Athlete Award.



## Sam Jacobs

With interests as diverse as baseball and singing and soccer and guitar playing, Branson's Sam Jacobs may have the widest range of talents of all of this year's OSA recipients. Sam has sung as a tenor in the Branson Chamber Singers and has pitched a no-hitter; he has been named as the 2008 outstanding offensive soccer player and has played guitar and sang in the 2009 Rock to Relief concert. His varied interests have carried him through Branson with a 3.61 GPA and afforded him offers from several colleges and universities to play soccer or baseball at the next level. Sam's academic exploits have been equally diverse. He has taken AP classes in world history, U.S. history, English, calculus and Spanish. Sam was named as a North Coast Section Scholar Athlete in 2008 and 2009. With a singing career that has flourished from a variety of on-campus and community concerts maybe Sam will show up at a baseball park to sing the National Anthem and then play in the following baseball game. Sam plans to major in economics at an as yet undetermined college.



# Drake

## Erin Freeman

It will be a short trip across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge next fall when Drake volleyball sensation Erin Freeman brings her wealth of talent to the University of California, Berkeley. The two-time MCAL volleyball Player-of-the-Year and three-time first teamer plans to walk-on the potent Golden Bear volleyball team. But, it is not just volleyball talent that Erin brings to Berkeley. In her years at Drake, Erin has compiled a 4.17 GPA while being active in the Drake Leadership program and was president of the Pirate Health Club. She has been active in the community serving as co-president of the "Nothin' But Nets" fundraising effort to raise money to send mosquito nets to Africa to help prevent the spread of malaria. Erin has also acted as a lifeguard, camp counselor and swim lesson instructor in the San Anselmo area. Erin's prowess on the volleyball court where this year she was named as 1st team All-State by MaxPreps, overshadowed the fact that she was also an MCAL first team selection in soccer after her freshman and sophomore years. The Bears are definitely getting another top quality student in Erin.



## Cooper Scarbrough

Decisions, decisions. On the one hand, there is the chance to play soccer at an NCAA Division III college; on the other hand there is the opportunity to play volleyball at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Whatever choice Drake's Cooper Scarbrough makes rest assured he will give it all he has. Cooper's four years at Drake saw him become the teams MVP in both soccer and volleyball. He was an all-league selection in soccer and volleyball after his junior year and is likely to earn the same honor this year in volleyball when the selections are made later this month. Living in the West Marin community of Lagunitas, Cooper has been involved with the senior care help with livestock for some time. Despite his athletic prowess it is as a person that Cooper will leave a lasting impression on those he has come in contact with. Cooper's parents Rick and Jill note that "Cooper's passion and curiosity for life has always been amazing to us, but it is his respectful, kind-hearted, honest nature that consistently prides us and warms our hearts".



# Marin Catholic

## Theresa Devine

The toughest challenge for any student-athlete is the balancing act between sports, academics and community service. Very few handled the challenge better than Theresa Devine of Marin Catholic. Athletically Theresa had few peers when it came to track and cross country. She earned nine varsity letters, is the reigning MCAL champion in the 1600m and 3200m, and was the section champion for cross country the past two years as well as the state runner-up and a national qualifier. She was named the Marin Independent Journal Runner of the Year in 2008 and 2009. Academically, Theresa carries a 4.66 GPA and is headed to Princeton. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the California Interscholastic Federation. Her school activities include being secretary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and acting as a tutor. With community service becoming a large part of the student-athlete's agenda, Theresa found time to volunteer for special education helping in the classroom with literacy. She also coached CYO basketball. Theresa plans to continue her running career in both track and cross country at Princeton.



## Nick Hoffmire

Marin Catholic's Nick Hoffmire has his higher education plans narrowed down to two schools, both in California. It will either be north to the University of California, Davis or south to Cal Poly. Whichever school lands Nick they will have to consider themselves lucky. Nick's well-rounded high school experience includes varsity letters in soccer and track, acting as Associated Student Body treasurer and serving as a student ambassador. Although named a first-team All-MCAL player in soccer, Nick will probably leave the soccer pitch behind and concentrate on running track at the next level. He carries a 3.9 GPA and is a member of the National Honors Society and the California Scholastic Federation. At Marin Catholic, Nick was a member of the Italian Club and also served as a camp leader for the St. Luke's Bible Camp. As yet Nick has not decided on where to focus his academic career but with his experience in a variety of fields the choices seem unlimited. No doubt, Nick's hard work and leadership characteristics will serve him well as he moves on.



# Novato

## Nerissa Hansen

Intelligent, beautiful and athletic, Nerissa Hansen could be the poster girl for the Marin Athletic Foundation's Outstanding Student Awards. In her four years at Novato High Nerissa has compiled a GPA (3.75) that qualifies her for the Gold Honor Roll while excelling in softball, volleyball and basketball where she was named all-league in all three sports. It was basketball where she really shined as a senior finishing as the third leading scorer in the league and the top rebounder, garnering a first team all-league selection. Off the field and away from the classroom Nerissa was named as a homecoming princess and was active in the Advance Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. She has also helped coach elementary students in basketball fundamentals and supervised children at the Hornet Girl's Basketball Camps. Although she has been accepted to three CSU colleges and Dominican University, Nerissa will be attending Santa Rosa Junior College in the fall and honing her basketball skills. Nerissa's parents point out that sports have helped her commit herself to a higher level of achievement.



## Erik Olson

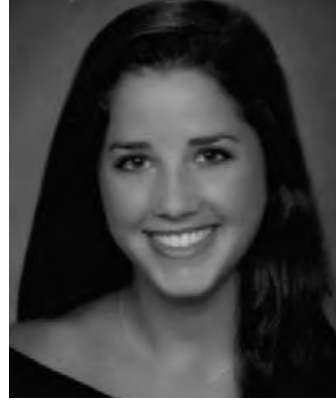
When Erik Olson leaves Novato High for Stanford University next year he will leave behind him a legacy that will be tough to match. Erik has rewritten the Hornet record book when it comes to cross country and track. Twice he has been named the MCAL cross country runner of the year. But his accolades don't end there. He finished first in the Division III cross country championships last year and was named NorCal runner of the year. His track accomplishments are equally impressive. He is the two-time defending MCAL runner of the year. He competed at the World Youth Championships in Italy where he finished 10th in the 3000 meters. Erik is practically as comfortable on campus as he is on the track. He carries a 4.41 GPA and is active in the Advance Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. He is also a lifetime member of the California Scholastic Federation. Erik has helped the Page Street Church hand out blankets and food to the homeless. Down on the Farm, Erik plans to continue his cross country and track career.



# Redwood

## Michaela Sinrod

All volleyball. All the time. Well not exactly. Despite lettering in volleyball all four years, Redwood's Michaela Sinrod still found time to participate in numerous school activities and give back to her community as well. Her academic and athletic prowess earned her admission into Tufts University outside Boston where she will help the Jumbos continue a tradition of top notch women's volleyball. Michaela's volleyball career was punctuated by many awards including being named first team all-league in both her junior and senior years. She was named team captain and team MVP in her senior year. A 4.14 GPA student, Michaela was involved in the Link Crew at Redwood and was in AP ceramics. When she wasn't playing volleyball for the Giants or for her club team, Michaela worked as a babysitter and as a Farmer's Market vendor. Her enthusiasm for all Redwood sports and the school in general impressed her parents Eric and Carin. "Michaela has always been a very dedicated athlete and student herself, and has also been an enthusiastic supporter of other school athletes and teams."



## Robert Chrisman III

Redwood's Robbie Chrisman has to be a freak of nature. He must be able to bypass sleep and just stay up non-stop. That is the only way to explain how he accomplished all he did while at Redwood. In his time as a Giant Robbie played four years of baseball and football and threw in two years of basketball. He spent four years on the speech and debate club and was named a lifetime member of both CSF and the Redwood High Honors Society. He is a three-time Marin County Fair award winner in the arts (woodworking, photography and ceramics) and has put in more than 100 hours of community service at the Marin County Bicycle Coalition. On the athletic field Robbie was honored as a first team all-leaguer in baseball as a junior and was named the team MVP. He also garnered all-league recognition as a tight end in football. Robbie plans to attend McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin in the fall and may try to play baseball as a walk on, although he says that could be tough since the Longhorns are the number two team in the nation.



# San Marin

## Sabrina Cochrane

Combine excellence in the classroom with excellence in the swimming pool and what do you get? In the case of San Marin High's Sabrina Cochrane you get admission to UC Davis and a partial swimming scholarship. Equally at home in swimming competition or in a water polo match, Sabrina pulled down awards in both sports. She was a USA Swimming Scholastic All-America in 2008 and 2009; she was named to the NISCA All-America team in 2008 and 2009; she was an MCAL 1st team selection in water polo in 2008 and was named as team MVP in both swimming and water polo. She proved her versatility in the classroom as well knocking down AP classes in physics, calculus, chemistry, language and composition. Sabrina also serves as a teaching assistant at San Marin and was featured in the homecoming court. In her leisure time, Sabrina has volunteered at the San Ramon Elementary School and is team captain of the Marin Pirates Swimming Club. Sabrina plans to put her scholarship to good use at Davis majoring in Environmental Science.



## Brian David Soares

San Marin High's loss will be St. Mary's College's gain as Brian Soares packs his bags to leave Novato and head east to Moraga. Brian leaves big shoes to fill at San Marin having played basketball and baseball for four years, the last two on the varsity. Along with earning his four letters Brian was named as a scholar-athlete in his freshman and junior years and was selected as team captain this past basketball season. He also won the Coaches Inspiration Award for basketball and has been awarded sportsmanship honors in both sports. In the classroom, Brian carries a 3.36 GPA while taking AP classes in statistics, Spanish and government. Brian has put his wealth of baseball knowledge to good use volunteering for the local little leagues preparing them to become part of the Mustang family. In keeping with the sports theme, Brian has been working with the Novato Parks and Recreation Department in the free time he has. As Brian continues his education as a Gael, his parents Carla and Dave see the growth of Brian as a person, "we couldn't be prouder of the young man Brian has become".



# San Rafael

## Anna Marie Gray

Anna Marie Gray might be the toughest person to find on the San Rafael High campus. You might find her in the pool working on her swimming or water polo technique, or you could find her in the music room working on her trumpet or you might find her in the ASB office counting money or you might find her hanging out with underclassmen in her role as a senior mentor. She could be anywhere! As far as being in the pool Anna Marie spent plenty of time there grabbing all-MCAL honors in water polo as she led the Bulldogs into the MCAL playoffs for the first time in two decades. She was also on the swim team and was named most inspirational in 2008.

When she dries off, Anna Marie moves to the music room where she has played trumpet in the jazz band for four years and in the pep band for three years. She has served as the ASB treasurer for two years and has spent this past year as a senior mentor. Anna Marie is a volunteer coach for the Swimarin swim team and serves as a lifeguard at the Rafael Racquet Club. Anna Marie hopes to play water polo at an as yet undetermined college.



## Mak Klein

After a long and varied sports career at San Rafael High, Mak Klein now has his sights set on Stanford University. Mak participated in three sports at San Rafael, baseball, soccer and basketball. He played two years each of varsity baseball and soccer. He was named team captain for the Bulldog baseball team for three years and was named a CIF Scholar Athlete every year. "I'm excited to attend Stanford and plan on playing lots of intramural sports there," Mak says. Mak's school activities were as varied as his sports. He was part of Project Chair, Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL), community service class that also focuses on mentoring and conflict resolution; student liaison, Prospective Parent Tours; and President of Mu Alpha Theta, national math honor society. Mak's community service activities were equally as varied. He served as a summer school tutor for Making Waves, San Francisco, he was also a volunteer tutor at the Coleman Academy and he was a cook/server for Dinners for the Unhoused put on by St. Raphael's Church and the Marin Interfaith Chaplaincy.



# Tamalpais

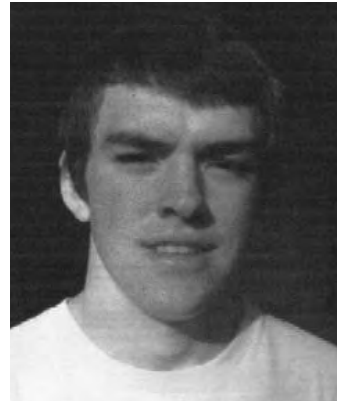
## Erin Schlueter

Perhaps the biggest hurdle for high school, student athletes to overcome is time management. Most sports have become year-round ventures and the student-athlete has to work school activities and community service around their chosen sports. Few have managed their time better than Tamalpais High's Erin Schlueter. Erin starred for the Red-tailed Hawks in both water polo and swimming. She played both sports at the varsity level all four years. She is the team record holder in the 100 backstroke and 100 free style. Erin was the team water polo MVP in 2008 and 2009 and was all-MCAL and all-NCS as well. In the 2009-10 season she was nominated for All-America status. Despite the many hours of training in the pool Erin pursued other interests. She has been involved in the Tam leadership program, was a member of the link crew and was part of the peer tutoring group. Erin spent many hours volunteering at the Redwoods Retirement Center. She was also a volunteer for Second Chance Rescue, trying to place homeless pets and helped out with swim and water polo instruction. Erin hopes to continue playing water polo in college.



## Jackson Palmer

Look our Emeril! It looks like we have a new "Top Chef" headed your way. If everything goes right for Jackson Palmer he will be able to pursue two of his passions – playing baseball and cooking when he heads off to college. Jackson will be attending Johnson & Whales University in Providence, Rhode Island studying culinary arts and food service management and playing baseball. His leadership qualities honed at Tam will serve Jackson well as he moves forward in his culinary career preparing him to manage the insanity that is the kitchen of a big-time restaurant. Jackson played football, basketball and baseball at Tam being named team captain at some point in every sport. He was active in Tam's leadership program, was involved in the drama program and served as an emcee at various school rallies. Jackson worked on his cooking skills throughout his career at Tam, cooking at food banks and volunteering at the Marin Farmers Market. His parents, Scott and Annie, admire his passion for cooking, his focus as an athlete and his ability to keep a marvelous sense of humor about him.



# Terra Linda

## Tyler Campagna

The focus needed to become a top flight athlete many times reflects in the classroom. The dedication and work ethic required on the sports field is shared when it comes to academics. Case in point is Terra Linda's Tyler Campagna. Tyler is coming to the end of her fourth year of varsity soccer at Terra Linda. During that time she has been named to the MCAL all-league second team twice and received honorable mention recognition as a freshman as a center midfielder. More accolades will surely follow as her senior season comes to a close. Taylor has maintained a 4.04 GPA over her career and has parlayed the combination of her involvement in the Associated Student Body, soccer prowess and academic excellence into admission to the University of San Francisco in the fall. Although she plays soccer nearly year-round, playing with the Marin FC '93 club soccer team in the off season, Taylor also ran on the Trojans cross country team as a freshman. Her involvement with the Terra Linda ASB covers three years from 2006-2009. Taylor's focus and dedication will continue to serve her well as she plans on playing soccer at USF in the fall.



## Christian Manoli

A large part of the recent successes by the Terra Linda High basketball and football teams can be traced to the emergence of Christian Manoli. As a member of the Trojan basketball team, Christian led the Trojans to the playoffs in both his junior and senior seasons. He was named a first team all-leaguer both years and was honored as the team MVP each year. His senior season saw him finish as the league's second-leading scorer at more than 18 points-per-game. As a wide receiver on the football team Christian was a key part of the Trojans potent passing attack. He was named to the second team all-league squad as a junior and received first team recognition as a senior. Christian balances his athletic interests with work on the Trojan Associated Student Body and the link crew. He has volunteered at Bahia Vista School and helped coach youngsters in basketball. Christian is considering several colleges including Carnegie Mellon, Lewis and Clark and San Diego State University. Wherever he decides to go Christian wants to continue to play basketball.



# Tomales

## Melissa Martinoni

A career in the field of business or perhaps the insurance game is in the offing for this three-sport Tomales High star. Melissa Martinoni is packing up her collection of awards accumulated over her four years of playing volleyball, basketball and softball and heading off to Chico State University with eyes on a business career. Along with attaining numerous awards for her sports endeavors – volleyball MVP and team captain, all-league and best offensive player in basketball and all-league and all-empire in softball – Melissa was also the recipient of scholar-athlete awards in all three sports.

Apparently playing three sports left Melissa with so much time on her hands that she volunteered with Meals on Wheels, worked on the Tomales Founder's Day Parade and was a 4-H camp director. Melissa's non-athletic activities were not limited to community service. In her senior year Melissa was on the homecoming float committee, served as ASB vice-president, was on the prom committee and was a Link Leader all this while maintaining a 3.80 GPA.



## Andrew Murphy

Andrew Murphy classifies himself as an avid hunter. He does not, however, distinguish his hunting between wildlife and running backs. His ability to bring down both two-legged and four-legged animals has made him one dangerous Brave. At Tomales Andrew was an outstanding three sport athlete (football, basketball, baseball) but he was especially impressive on the gridiron. Andrew was selected as an all-leaguer for the past three years as a lineman and was tabbed as an all-empire first team defenseman in 2008, 2009 and 2010. He was also named to the all-league baseball team as a sophomore and junior and hopes to continue playing when he attends Santa Rosa Junior College in the fall. When he is not playing sports Andrew is active in 4-H groups and shows hogs for the Future Farmers of America (FFA). Andrew has also been a big part of the West Marin-Sonoma community helping set up for the Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival. He has been a dynamic volunteer in Tomales helping set up various shows at community fairs. He has also worked as a server at the Annual Bodega Bay Grange event.



## *The Local School Teams*

<b>School</b>	<b>Principal(s)</b>	<b>Athletic Director</b>
<b>Branson</b>	Woody Price	Tom Ryan
<b>Drake</b>	Don Drake	Pete Donoff
<b>Marin Catholic</b>	Chris Valdez	Rick Winters
<b>Novato</b>	Rey Mayoral	Mike Chole
<b>Redwood</b>	Nancy Neu	Jessica Peisch
<b>San Marin</b>	Robert Vieth	Craig Pitti
<b>San Rafael</b>	Judith Colton	Tony Butler
<b>Tamalpais</b>	Tom Drescher	Christina Amoroso
<b>Terra Linda</b>	Lars Christensen	Steve Farbstein
<b>Tomales</b>	Dino Battaglini	Leon Feliciano

## *Master of Ceremonies*

### **NATU TUATAGALOA**

*President, Marin Athletic Foundation Board of Directors*

Natu Tuatagaloa was raised in Marin County and graduated from San Rafael High school in 1984 as a four sport letterman in Football, Basketball, Boxing and Track. After graduation Natu accepted a full ride scholarship to University of California at Berkeley. He was a four year letterman and three year starter on the Golden Bears Football Team and graduated with a BA in History. Natu went on to play six years in the NFL for teams such as the Cincinnati Bengals, the Seattle Seahawks, New Orleans Saints and the Houston Oilers. Natu is currently a principal of a Design/Build firm specializing in full service engineering, electrical, telecommunications and commercial solar. He was elected to the San Rafael City School Board in 2001 and also proudly serves as the President of the Marin Athletic Foundation. He was inducted into the Marin Athletic Foundation High School Hall of Fame in 2004. Natu and his wife, Judy, reside in San Rafael with their daughters, Tianna, Malia & McKenna.

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