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STALLONS, RANSDELL HONORED AS STATEWIDE SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

Jared Stallons of Trigg County and Katie Ransdell of Villa Madonna were named the statewide winners in the Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Program at the annual banquet held on Sunday, May 1, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington.

Both winners receive a one-time $3,000 scholarship, courtesy of the Forcht Group of Kentucky and Kentucky National Insurance. Each of the 32 regional winners were recognized and honored at the banquet. Each winner received an award courtesy of the KHSAA Officials Division and a $200 book scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky and Kentucky National Insurance.

This year’s banquet marked the 15th year of the program recognizing outstanding sportsmanship. KHSAA member schools selected one girl and one boy as the local school sportsmanship winner. School winners were then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners (one girl and one boy from each of Kentucky’s 16 regions), the statewide winners were selected. Selection criteria included grade point average, letters of recommendation, a verification of no game ejections, leadership roles/honors, and written response to a case study essay.

The following individuals were recognized as regional winners:
Region 1 – Jason Straub (Heath), Peyton Vaughan (St. Mary)
Region 2 – Jared Stallons (Trigg County), Janell Cooper (Caldwell County)
Region 3 – Kal Prince (Owensboro), Paige Kramer (Daviess County)
Region 4 – Nelson Price (Cumberland County), Taylor Watson (Cumberland County)
Region 5 – Bryan Goottee (Marion County), Valerie Whitlock (LaRue County)
Region 6 – Jacob Read (Bullitt East), Shelby Ritchie (Presentation)
Region 7 – Chris Lawrence (St. Xavier), Jenna Rogers (Christian Academy-Louisville)
Region 8 – T. Luke Magness (Henry County), Rebecca Saylor (Grant County)
Region 9 – Parker Ryle (Conner), Katie Ransdell (Villa Madonna)
Region 10 – Jake Schultz (Campbell County), Mandi McLean (Nicholas County)
Region 11 – Hunter Stewart (Lexington Christian), Alexandra Kubala (Model)
Region 12 – Colby Hall (Somerset), Charissa Burkett (Pulaski County)
Region 13 – Jeffrey Poston (South Laurel), Kayla Sears (Whitley County)
Region 14 – James M. Reed (Powell County), Hillary Moore (Leslie County)
Region 15 – Noah Hamilton (Pikeville), Mikayla Charles (Phelps)
Region 16 – Tyler Farley (Raceland), Chelsey McDermott (Bath County)

SPRING CREDENTIAL REQUEST FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Media credential request forms for the 2011 spring sports championships in tennis, track and field and softball, as well as the Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament, are now available on the KHSAA web site at http://credentials.khsaa.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS
May 15 KHSAA Officials Recognition Awards Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington
May 19 KHSAA Regular Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington
May 26-28  Boys’ and Girls’ State Tennis Championships, Boone/Downing Tennis Center, University of Kentucky and Sayre Athletic Complex, Lexington
May 26-28  Boys’ and Girls’ State Track and Field Meet, Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville

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