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CIF ANNOUNCES THE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

KARI E. CHRISTENSEN, PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND
JOHN J. MCGRORY II, SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

FULLERTON . . .

Miss Kari E. Christensen, Pleasant Valley High School, Chico, and Mr. John J. McGrory II, San Marcos High School, Santa Barbara, have been named the 1984-85 Scholar-Athletes Of The Year by the State CIF. The award has been established to honor that one young woman and one young man who had best attained their full potential as student and athlete during their high school careers, and whose records indicated a bright, productive future.

To qualify as a candidate for this award, the student was required to have maintained a 3.70 overall grade point average, played varsity-level sports in the state of California for at least two years, have a record of good citizenship, and possess a high degree of personal integrity. Candidate was also required to submit a brief essay on "The Value of Participation in High School Athletics."

Margaret Davis, Associate Commissioner of Athletics, spoke for the CIF: "We at the CIF congratulate Miss Christensen and Mr. McGrory, as well as the 470 qualified applicants, for this award. They are all outstanding young men and women of California and we wish them every success in their continuing pursuit of academic and athletic excellence."

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TOP 20 FINALISTS

BOYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>PRIMARY SPORT</u>
JOSEPH A. CAMPANELLA	CRESPI CARMELITE	ENCINO	BASKETBALL
CURTIS A. DUNN	CHAMINADE COL. PREP.	CANOGA PARK	TENNIS
KEVAN D. KATUIN	SANGER	SANGER	WRESTLING
ANDREW LAWSON	NEWPORT HARBOR	NEWPORT BEACH	WATER POLO
TODD S. LICHTI	MT. DIABLO	CONCORD	BASKETBALL
* JOHN J. McGRORY II	SAN MARCOS	SANTA BARBARA	TENNIS
RICHARD W. MEYER	SALINAS	SALINAS	FOOTBALL
JOHN R. MIDDLETON, III	WOODBIDGE	IRVINE	CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD
JOHN W. MOHR	LOS ALTOS	LOS ALTOS	TRACK
PERRY WU	LYNBROOK	SAN JOSE	SWIMMING/WATER POLO

GIRLS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>PRIMARY SPORT</u>
KELLY R. CARTER	MADERA	MADERA	VOLLEYBALL
* KARI E. CHRISTENSEN	PLEASANT VALLEY	CHICO	BASKETBALL
ROCHELLE A. DAVIS	WOODLAND	WOODLAND	BASKETBALL
CYNTHIA L. GILLESPIE	NORCO SENIOR	NORCO	SWIMMING
SHEILA HUDSON	RIO LINDA	RIO LINDA	TRACK & FIELD
NOEL KAN	MISSION	SAN FRANCISCO	VOLLEYBALL
MELANIE L. MARTELLA	HUGHSON	HUGHSON	BASKETBALL
DEIDRE MAZURIE	FOOTHILL	SANTA ANA	SWIMMING
ELIZABETH A. PETERS	HENRY M. GUNN	PALO ALTO	BASKETBALL
LORENA D. WONG	SOUTH HILLS	W. COVINA	VOLLEYBALL

* CIF Scholar-Athlete Of The Year Winners

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

NAME: *Kari E. Cristensen*
HIGH SCHOOL: *Pleasant Valley Senior High School*
SCHOOL ADDRESS: *1475 East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926*
SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: *916-891-3050*
GRADE POINT AVERAGE: *3.97*
STANDING: *8/209*
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: *Pepperdine University*
PRIMARY SPORT/SPORTS: *Basketball*
YEARS VARSITY PLAY: *3*
AGE: *18*

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM RECORDS/AWARDS:

Three year varsity letter winner in Basketball, Tennis, Track
Basketball - All-State
- All-Northern California
Tennis - Member of league and section championship team
Track - All-league

QUOTE FROM ESSAY:

"Team sports teach discipline, teamwork, and cooperation - valuable concepts which can be applied to academics. I believe on one of my teams, every team member earned at least a 3.0 G.P.A., six of those, 4.0's.

The ideals I operate by in sports are the same ones which encourage me to achieve academically."

PERSONAL:

Hopes to become a pharmacist; Junior Class Vice-President; exceptional talent in music; outstanding leadership and communication skills; academic role model for her peers; Christian Leadership Award; Outstanding Female Athlete Of The Year Award; Science Fair Award; Member of Grace Baptist Church Choir; Youth Choir Pianist.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

NAME: *John J. McGrory II*
HIGH SCHOOL: *San Marcos High School*
SCHOOL ADDRESS: *4750 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, CA 93110*
SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: *805-967-4581*
GRADE POINT AVERAGE: *4.0*
STANDING: *1/435*
COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: *Princeton University*
PRIMARY SPORT/SPORTS: *Tennis, Soccer*
YEARS VARSITY PLAY: *4*
AGE: *17*

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM RECORDS/AWARDS:

Tennis - Number one player, Varsity team
- All-League
- CIF Section Quarter-finalist
- Team Captain

Soccer - Member varsity soccer team 1983 to present

QUOTE FROM ESSAY:

"During a recent interview ..., I was asked, "What quality do you like most about yourself?", and my response was, "my sense of commitment." This sense of commitment is the common ingredient in all activities (including academics), and is the key to success in each area. ... Athletic Competition is the best example of the effects of this attitude, because I view sports as an area needing constant improvement, both on an individual and team basis. I am constantly striving for higher goals both for myself and my team because of this commitment."

PERSONAL:

California All-State Honor Band; Student Director of Band; Trumpet player for Santa Barbara Youth Symphony; Part Time employee and "Crew Member of the Month at McDonalds (Goleta); Key Club President; Elk's Club Student of the Month; National Finalist - Josten's Leadership Scholarship Competition; Sports Editor for School Newspaper; California Scholarship Sealbearer



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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE FINALISTS NAMED

FULLERTON . . .

The California Interscholastic Federation state office has announced the 20 finalists for the high school Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Finalists (10 girls, 10 boys) were selected from a field of 478 qualified candidates from throughout California who were nominated for the prestigious award by high school principals.

In naming the finalists, State CIF Commissioner, Tom Byrnes, noted:

"All the candidates qualified for this award and all deserve the recognition of their peers, school administrators and communities for their fine athletic and scholastic accomplishments. The CIF is especially proud to honor the 20 finalists whose meritorious achievements are truly exemplary."

The two Scholar-Athletes Of The Year, one girl, one boy, will be announced on May 6, 1985. Winners will be presented appropriate recognition at the CIF State Track Meet competition on June 1 in Sacramento.

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