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St. Monica Catholic School - Hackett Catholic Prep—St. Augustine Cathedral School

Hackett Senior Hope Baldwin Earns MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award

Hackett senior Quinn Epkey also named as award finalist

Kalamazoo, MI (February 6, 2017) — Hope Baldwin, a senior at Hackett Catholic Prep, earned an early graduation present this week.

Baldwin, a four-year member of Hackett’s volleyball, basketball and soccer teams, competed against nearly 1500 state athletes to win the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Scholar-Athlete Award. A second Hackett senior, Quinn Epkey, was one of the 24 students in all Michigan class C schools to be named a finalist for the award.

The MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award is given to 32 student athletes each year. The honor carries with it a cash award of \$1000. Winners are recognized at the state finals for boys basketball held at Michigan State University in March.

“There are so many accomplished student athletes throughout the state of Michigan, so being selected as one of only 32 recipients of the Scholar-Athlete Award is truly an unexpected and humbling honor,” said Baldwin. “Incorporating athletic endeavors into my high school years has presented me with a wealth of irreplaceable experiences, and has taught me a lot about leadership, cooperation, work ethic and myself.”

Baldwin says she is grateful that “over the years I have been blessed with wonderful coaches and teammates who have pushed me to pursue growth in character as well as in athletic achievement. I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to participate in three sports throughout high school — an experience that is award enough in itself — and I am incredibly honored to be receiving the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award.”

Mike Garvey, Athletic Director at Hackett, praised both Baldwin and Epkey, saying both “personify the term ‘scholar-athlete’ to the world.”

“To take this compliment to the next level, they also personify the term ‘Catholic scholar-athlete,’” Garvey continued. “The world will be a better place because the Lord put them here and bestowed many gifts upon them.”

Hackett Catholic Prep educates students in grades 9-12 and offers a full complement of sports opportunities for its students. Hackett is a part of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo, a district which also includes St. Augustine Cathedral School and St. Monica Catholic School, where Baldwin received her elementary education. CSGK operates under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Greater Kalamazoo.