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BRANHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

The Bruin Backers Sport Booster is proud to announce the immediate opening of the application process for the **2008-2009 BRANHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT/ATHLETE-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD** program.

The Bruin Backers Sport Booster is providing 2 - \$1000.00 scholarships for two students (one male and one female) who will attend a Junior College or a 4-year college in the fall of 2009. The selection committee will review the applications and select the top four finalists. The finalists will be interviewed and the winner selected.

A. BASIC REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the STUDENT/ATHLETE AWARD, the applicant must meet or exceed the following minimum qualifications:

- * be a graduating senior
- * have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- * have played 3 yrs. of athletics including the senior year
- * display good citizenship
- * demonstrate positive citizenship in school/community and within athletics
- * come from adversity or a family of limited means (example: illness, death in family, divorce, abuse or financial difficulty)
- * 2 letters of recommendation (one from the Athletic Director)

B. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROGRESS

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applications utilizing the following criteria:

- * school/community service
- * athletic achievement
- * student essay
- * overcoming adversity/financial issues
- * finalist interview

C. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The winners would be presented his/hers respective scholarships award at the school's awards presentation. The Athletic Director will handle the appropriate disbursement of scholarship funds.

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit completed scholarship applications to the Main Office at:
Branham High School c/o Bruin Backers, 1570 Branham Lane, San Jose, Ca. 95118
2. The deadline for submitting the completed applications is:
Friday, May 1, 2009 by 3:00 PM
3. In order to be considered the application must include the following:
 - a. A completed Student Application form A (administrator's signature required)
 - b. A completed Student Application form B (athletic director's signature required)
 - c. A least 2 letters of recommendation - including one from the athletic director
 - d. A typed two page essay written, in MLA format, by the applicant:
Essay Topic: (address the prompts below)
Are high school athletics out of control? Are they still an effective teaching tool for young adults? How important are high school athletics when looking at the big picture? As student athletes are we learning responsibility, commitment, passion, dedication, respect and self sacrifice for my teammates and coaches or have these values been replaced with the win at all costs attitude, showboating, placing blame on everyone else and over emphasis on the individual athlete rather than the team
 - e. Another typed one page essay written, in the MLA format, by the applicant explaining the adversity they have overcome.

Any questions please contact: Mr. Selfridge, Ms. Spurgeon or Mr. Rose.

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