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National Honors Awarded to Oregon's Top Girl's High School Lacrosse Players

2008 US Lacrosse National Girl's High School Awards

The Oregon Chapter, US Lacrosse Association and the Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association (OGLA) are pleased to announce the 2008 US Lacrosse National Girls' High School All-American, Honorable Mention and Academic All-American awards for Oregon.

The All-American status is awarded to players who exhibit superior skills and techniques, exceptional game sense, good sportsmanship and knowledge of the game of lacrosse. The following players have been recognized nationally for their lacrosse skills as well as for their leadership and contributions both on and off the field. Candidate selection is made by the All-American Selection Committee with representatives from OWLUA, OR Chapter US Lacrosse and OGLA.

All-Americans:

Allyson Burk, graduating from Westview HS is coached by Kristen McKenna. Recognition includes 1st Team All state 2007, 2008; Westview Team Captain 2007; 1st Team All League; Oregon Elite Team 2006, 2007. Allyson will attend Brigham Young University in fall 2008.

Catherine Davidson, graduating from St. Mary's Academy is coached by Holly Ziegler and Reniera Eddy. Recognition includes 2007 US Lacrosse Honorable Mention All-American, 2008 SMA Team Captain; NW Regional Team 2006, 2007; Oregon Elite Team 2006, 2007 and 1st Team All state 2006, 2007, 2008. Catherine will play lacrosse for and attend the University of Oregon in fall 2008.

Emily Fuller, graduating from Lake Oswego HS is coached by Lauren Anderson and Amy Einstein. Recognition includes 1st Team All state 2008; 2nd Team All state 2007; 1st Team TRL and Lake Oswego Offensive Player of the Year 2007, 2008; and 2008 Team Captain. Emily will attend the University of California, San Diego in fall 2008.

Sally Roberts, graduating from St. Mary's Academy is coached by Holly Ziegler and Reniera Eddy. Recognition includes 2007 US Lacrosse All-American; Team Captain, 2008; NW Regional Team 2005, 2007; Oregon Elite Team, 2005, 2006, 2007; 1st Team All-State, 2005, 2007, 2008; Westside Lacrosse Player of the Year, 2007. Sally will play for and attend The College of William and Mary in fall 2008.

Honorable Mention All-Americans:

Colleen O'Donnell, graduating from St. Mary's Academy and coached by Holly Ziegler and Reniera Eddy, will attend Robert Morris University, Fall 2008. Awards include 2nd Team All state 2007, 2008.

Anna Berne, graduating from Lake Oswego will attend Brigham Young University, Fall 2008 and is coached by Lauren Anderson and Amy Einstein. Honors include Oregon Elite Team, 2007; 2nd Team All-State 2008 and Lake Oswego Athlete of the Week; 2008 Team Captain.

Oregon's Elite Team travels nationally each summer and fall to offer players competitive action against top teams from across the nation. Oregon girls participating on the NW Regional Team join with players from Washington state and Idaho players to compete in the US Lacrosse National High School Tournament at each Memorial Day week-end. Senior high school girls are ineligible for either team, with the focus on developing players for collegiate play.

Academic All-Americans:

These seventeen (17) Oregon high school junior and senior women have achieved **Academic All- Americans** status from US Lacrosse. Recipients are starters or significant contributors to their varsity lacrosse teams, have earned a weighted GPA of 3.6 or higher with over 50% of classes at the Advanced Placement, Honors or International Baccalaureate level, and have made significant contributions to their schools and/or communities outside of athletics. Players with multiple year Academic All-American awards are shown in *italic*.

<i>Kali Wilgus</i>	2008	Grant
Anna Berne	2008	Lake Oswego
Phoebe Flanigan	2008	Lake Oswego
<i>Marissa Luck</i>	2008	Lake Oswego
Maddy Noble	2008	Lake Oswego
Jasmine Barrera	2008	Lincoln
Meagan Fuchs	2009	Lincoln
Jessica McDonald	2009	Lincoln
Isabel Osgood-Roach	2009	Lincoln
Kaitlyn Harper	2009	Oregon City
Francesca Bean	2008	Oregon Episcopal School
<i>Sally Roberts</i>	2008	St. Mary's Academy
Anna Gorciak	2008	St. Mary's Academy
Marisa Bell	2009	St. Mary's Academy
Mary Holt	2009	St. Mary's Academy
Solveig Lee	2008	West Linn
<i>Erika Busch</i>	2008	West Linn

All nominations for All-American, Honorable Mention All-American and Academic All-American awards were submitted and confirmed by US Lacrosse. Nominees in all categories will be recognized locally and nationally by US Lacrosse associations and will receive certificates for their achievements.

The Oregon Chapter of US Lacrosse and the Oregon Girl's Lacrosse Association (OGLA) are proud of the outstanding achievements of these players. Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in America and Oregon is quickly gaining recognition for both girl's and boy's high school teams. Oregon girl's lacrosse has 30 varsity teams playing across the state with additional varsity teams expected to enter the field for the 2009 season. Middle school teams continue to build the base of strong players fueling the explosion of talented high school players.

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