

# 2013 TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

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The Tacoma-Pierce County High School Athlete of the Year Award is presented to individuals from high school athletes honored by the TAC as Athletes of the Month during the school year. The award follows the TAC tradition of recognizing academic and athletic excellence. Participation, leadership and respect are examples of young athletes learning the rewards of community service and responsibility.

## MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Marcus Chambers, Foss



Truly one of the elite high school track & field athletes in the entire country, the Tacoma Athletic Commission is proud to select Marcus Chambers of Foss as its Male Athlete of the Year.

The four-time state champion in the 400 and 200 meters, Chambers ran the 400 in 46.18 last July to become the fastest prep runner in the nation. Only one other state of Washington sprinter in history has run faster, the legendary Darrell Robinson of Wilson. Robinson's time of 44.69 still stands as the national record for a high school sprinter.

Chambers wanted a record in the finals of the state track & field championships this year but settled for a 46.36 mark that had spectators standing and cheering for a bit of history. He didn't get his record but he did regain his No. 1 spot in the nation. He also won the 200 with a time of 21.30.



## RECIPIENTS OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

2013	Courtney Schwan, Bellarmine Prep Marcus Chambers, Foss
2012	Jennifer Anderson, Emerald Ridge Drew Templeman, Orting
2011	Kristen Rue, Life Christian Academy Tana Pritchard, Clover Park
2010	Kayla Stueckle, Emerald Ridge Taylor Meeks, Orting
2009	Andrea Geubelle, Curtis Greg Herd, Steilacoom
2008	Kylee Bishop, Washington Miles Unterreiner, Gig Harbor
2007	Katrina Drennen, Sumner Angela Jensen, Fife Andrew Putnam, Life Christian
2006	Danika Lawson, Puyallup Kyle Stanley, Bellarmine
2005	Brie Felnagle, Bellarmine Brad Muri, Steilacoom
2004	Megan Rains, Rogers Sean McNaughion, Curtis
2003	Ashley Blake, Lakes Ben Shelton, Lincoln
2002	Amy Frederick, Life Christian Shelton Sampson, Cover Park
2001	Kim Butler, Bellarmine Prep K.C. Walsh, Lincoln
2000	Cory Belser, Bethel Shannon Forslund, Mt. Tahoma Mellanie Tipps, Sumner Drew Miller, Lakes.
1999	Onnie Willis, Wilson Collin Henderson, Puyallup
1998	Alexis Yeater, Steilacoom Travis Brock, Bethel
1997	Dori Christensen, Puyallup Scott Burcar, Bethel Evan Martinac, Wilson
1996	Mary Boerner, Bellarmine Prep Bryan Streleski, Bethel
1995	Alcydia Ladd, Foss Tyce Nasinec, Rogers
1994	Sarna Renfro, Bellarmine Prep Chad Wright, Fife
1993	Sarna Renfro, Bellarmine Prep Jake Guadnola, Bellarmine Prep

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Next year he takes his talent to what he calls “track city” – the University of Oregon. He leaves behind a stack of records and achievements, including the breaking of a 30-year-old record in the 200 as a junior with a mark of 21.41, winning the Arcata, California Invitational in the 400 in April with a time of 46.62, and a national runner-up finish as a sophomore at the National Jr. Olympics where his time of 47.05 was the nation’s best for any sophomore.

What kind of student is Marcus? He carries a 3.66 GPA in International Baccalaureate classes which are rigor-

ous. He volunteers at Foss special education classes every day during 5th period. He is an assistant coach for the Foss Special Olympic Soccer team. He is active in CSU (Christian Students United) at Foss and he helps with children’s lunch every second Sunday at Roosevelt Heights Church in Christ.

In school he is one of the best cheerleaders at Foss, always rooting his team-mates on to do their best. His athletic director at Foss writes “Marcus continues to amaze me with his willingness to help others”. All that, and he’s faster than “all get out”.

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## FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR—Courtney Schwan, Bellarmine



One of the nation’s finest high school volleyball players, Courtney Schwan of Bellarmine Prep is one of 27 athletes competing for a position to represent the USA at the world championships

this year in Thailand.

Only a junior but already committed to play collegiately at the University of Washington in 2014, Courtney has



achieved at every level since she began playing club volleyball at the age of 9. She is being recognized tonight as the Tacoma Athletic Commission Female Athlete of the Year.

Her list of honors might require more pages than we have but here are a few: In December she was named Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Washington. She was 2012 4A State Player of the Year and MVP of the state tournament,

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leading the Lions to a record of 32-3 and the 4A state championship. The 6-2 junior was so dominant that several journalists referred to her as 6-4 Courtney Schwan. Her individual marks bordered “on the awesome” —488 kills, 281 digs, 74 blocks and a hitting percentage of .454 and a kill percentage of .562. As a member of the Youth National Team in Iowa and Tijuana she earned a Bronze and a Gold Medal.

With a 3.45 GPA she also found time to play a season of fast pitch for Bellarmine and was an All-Area selection as a pitcher and first baseman. She was named to the Tacoma All-City team by the Tacoma Weekly and her sophomore season stats showed a 14-6 record on the mound with 124 strikeouts while batting .450 and

recording 30 runs batted in.

An accomplished pianist, Schwan also donates her time as a youth volleyball instructor and has volunteered on behalf of the Fife Police Halloween Carnival and Fife City Santa Run. Even more remarkable, she has embraced a lifestyle unique to today’s teen-agers — she doesn’t have a Facebook or a Twitter account. But, my, how she digs” volleyball!



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