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Scholar athletes recognized

BY TRACY BURKENHAUER
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With a varsity letter in soccer and 4.0 grade point average, Molly Jud doesn't have much spare time.

"It's kinda hard during the season," said the Farmington High School sophomore. "But if you want it bad enough, you can do it."

That was the attitude echoed by many of the FHS students recognized during the second annual scholar athlete award ceremony on Tuesday.

With 101 students honored for having a varsity letter and a 3.5 or better grade point average, building athletic director Bernard Call was glowing.

"These are the best kids we got," he said, looking over the students munching on bagels in the cafeteria before the ceremony. "These kids not only have excellent grade points, they also have varsity letters. What more can you ask of a student? This is how a school establishes its reputation."

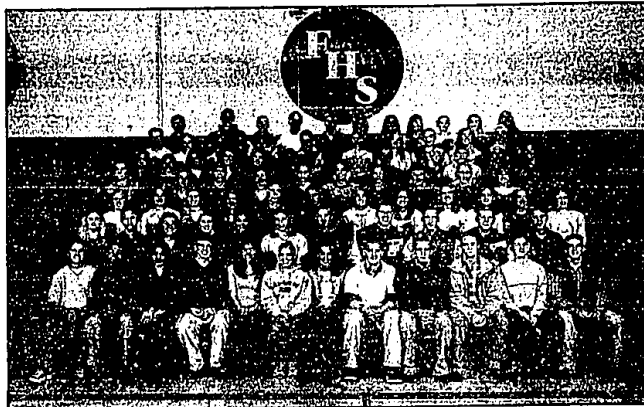
"It's just the type of kids we have here."

Molly Jud's parents agree. They don't prod their daughter to do her homework or attend soccer practice. She does it all on her own.

"The motivation's coming from her," said Ellen Jud. "We'd be happy even if she didn't have a 4.0, but that's what she wants."

The only time the Juds recall their daughter having a scheduling conflict was when Molly was working on a school project and had to miss some conditioning practices before soccer season started.

"She plans ahead," Ellen said. "That's because she's focused."



Congratulations: The winning scholar athletes gathered in the Farmington High School gym for a group photograph Tuesday morning after a brief ceremony.



Good job: Building director Bernie Call congratulates Grant Weber.

Molly said she wants to become an archaeologist, and

she wants to graduate with a 4.0 average.

After nine years at Farmington High School, Call said these are just the kinds of students the school breeds.

When he was the football coach, he had 19 players. He brags that four of them went to medical school.

He initiated the scholar athlete award ceremony last year "because the strongest thing in this school are the scholar athletes." Next year, he said, the ceremony will coincide with the FHS athletic hall of fame induc-

tion ceremony.

"It means a lot to us to pay homage to these students," Call said. It means a lot to the students, too.

With a 3.9 grade point average, senior Aaron Scheidies enjoyed his second scholar athlete awards ceremony. He said athletics and academics are a naturally complement for him. "Athletics given you the competitiveness that carries into school," said Aaron, who letters in cross country, swimming and track. "If you don't give your best, you fail yourself."

Scholar athletes have at least 3.5 average and a varsity letter

Farmington High School Scholar Athletes:

Megan Amarino, Kristin Balla, Bradley Barenis, Shanna Barkume, Michael Batkie, Rajbir Bedi, Blake Belaky, Shellie Berkesch, Layna Boddy, Kristina Boskey, William Boskey, Kate Bouschet, John Boychuk, Catherine Brouillette, Jessica Brown, Randin Brown, (Timothy) Brett Brown, Scott Cave, Tina Cavicchioli, James Clara-

han, Rory Crittenden, Claire Czaplinski, Lauren D'Agostino, Melissa D'Arcy, Danielle D'Orro, Brian Davies, Erik Depotter, Heather Derwinski, Thomas Eason, Katie Ellis, Katherine Escott, Jeffrey Frederick, Heather Friedli, Justin Gerwatoski, Bryan Giglio, Garlin Gilchrist, Timothy Glass, Dustin Greese, Kelsey Guisbert, Robert Gundlach, Bradley Hall, Nicholas Hippler, Jennifer Hol-

land, Ji-Hyun Hong, Colin Hopper, Eliza Hutchinson, Molly Jud, Frank Judge, Lisa Kasper, Julie Kimmel, Lauren Kleiman, Ian Konopinski, Jeffrey Kroeger, Erin Lennon, Adam Lidgely, Kimberly Livingston, Benjamin Lukas, Thomas Mahon, Kristen Maki, Matthew Martin, Matthew McGrail, Lindsey Mergener, Nathaniel Meyer, Danielle Miller, Sarah Miller, Emily Moiseff, Drew Mokris,

Anthony Moran, Renee Morris, Aaron Muncey, Katy Murphy, Ryan Murphy, Sean Murphy, Sarah Nallet, Elizabeth Nelums, Brittany Nuccitelli, Meghan O'Rear, Nathan Pacer, Aleksandra Palmer, Heidi Paquette, Jonathan Pawlak, Julia Power, Bryan Proven, Jennifer Reeve, Natalie Schauer, Aaron Scheidies, Joseph Seymour, Suchita Shah, Hemant Srinivas, Kristel Stricker, Yi Ren Tan, Sarah Thomas, Christian Tobe, Jennifer Tosiola, Shamik Trivedi, Aaron Turk, Kara Twendey, John Waisanen, Grant Weber, Eric Zelman, Angela Zerbina.



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