

GHS coaches present Swede athletes with honors

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Gothenburg High School coaches presented Swede athletes with awards and honored all letter winners during a banquet on Tuesday.

Highlighting the event was the announcement of the 2010 special award winners, including 12-sport honorees.

Mark Hilderbrand and Emily Max received the Dutch Zorn Award. The honor is presented annually to the top three-sport senior letter winner.

Hilderbrand lettered in football, basketball and track while Max is a letter winner in volleyball, basketball and track.

Landen Haake earned the Jack Logan award for football excellence. The award is given to an outstanding senior two-year football letterman.

Haake was a running back and defensive back for the 2010 Swede football team. He rushed for 1,180 yards last fall and finished his career with 2,940 rushing yards to finish No. 2 on the school's all-time chart in career yards.

The 12-sport award is presented to any high school athlete who has been involved in a sport during each season of his or her high school career.

Six seniors qualified: Mark Hilderbrand, Landen Haake, Patrick Reeves, Tommy France, Derek Franzen, Joel Teahon, Ali Abramson, Emily Max, Kira Peterson and Tabitha Paul.

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Following are past winners of the Dutch Zorn Award and awards for the various sports. Fall athletes were recognized earlier this year.

Zorn award history

BOYS—2009, Aaron Demoret; 2008, Alex Paul; 2007, Justin Wilson; 2006, Levi Fickenscher; 2005, Dustin Walker; 2004, Jordon Folkers and Matt Hilderbrand; 2003, Jeff Neujahr; 2002, Nathan Cheetsos; 2001, Brandon Koch and Blake Lambert; 2000, Pat Clark; 1999, Ross Hicken and Joe Johnson; 1998, Jeff Ellis; 1997, J.P. Thomalla; 1996, Shane Butterfield; 1995, Jeff Pramberg; 1994, Danny Kreis; 1993, Tony Brass; 1992, Heath Haynes; 1991, Willie Leahy; 1990, Adam Plank; 1989, Wade Fleischer; 1988, Joe Hudson and David Stevens; 1987, Shane Geiken; 1986, Rod Lohse and Travis Brock; 1985, Bump Novacek; 1984, Yancey Keiser; 1983, Terry Pramberg; 1982, Bob Edson; 1981, Jay Novacek; 1980, Lennie Ambler; 1979, Steve Dudley.

GIRLS—2009, Brooke Ballmer, 2008, Katie Keiser; 2007, no qualifying recipient; 2006, Kaitlyn Peterson; 2005, Kiley Peterson; 2004, Jamie Gonzalez; 2003, Cara Fisher; 2002, Jamie Jorgensen; 2001, Cassie Holmes; 2000, no qualifying recipient; 1999, Rachel Neujahr; 1998, Michelle Sitorius and Lindsey Stevens; 1997, Alison Bryant and Crystal Jareske; 1996, no qualifying recipient; 1995, Trina Franzen, Hallie Stevens and Stacy Hicken; 1994, Amber Schlichenmaier; 1993, Kim Ritola; 1992, Kara Fecht; 1991, Tina Peterson; 1990, Mary Karol Raymond and Rebecca Hecox; 1989, Elizabeth Healey; 1988, Cassie Janssen; 1987, Kristi Wahlgren; 1986, no qualifying recipient; 1985, Tricia Dudley; 1984, Brenda Peterson; 1983, Shelly Block; 1982, Michelle Wiggins; 1981, Lisa Franzen; 1980, Lori Miller.

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