

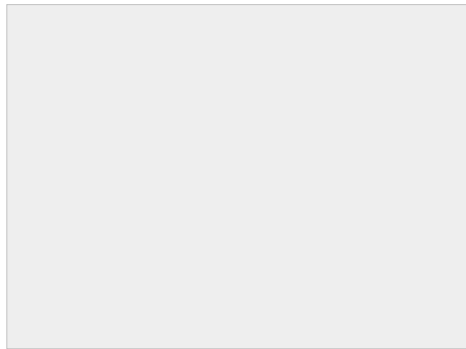


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State Board Honors Sussex County High School Scholar-Athlete As Its May Student of the Month



Alison Boyd, a senior at Newton High School in Sussex County, was recognized today by the New Jersey State Board of Education as its May Student of the Month.

Alison, an Edward J. Bloustein Scholar and All-League competitive swimmer, has achieved in both her academic studies and her athletic teams.

"Alison is an exemplary student that has excelled in every aspect of her high school experience," said State Board President Arnold G. Hyndman. "Her achievements in the classroom and on the playing field are to be admired as examples of how to maximize one's success in all endeavors. We honor Alison's proficiency and her accomplishments." Alison has a grade point average of 4.26, is enrolled in two Advanced Placement classes and three Honors classes. In addition to her academics, she has excelled in both swimming and field hockey, winning league, area and group awards for both.

Student of the Month Alison Boyd accepts her certificate from the State Board of Education on Wednesday. Pictured left to right are Deputy Commissioner Dwight Pfennig; Sussex County Superintendent Barry Worman; Alison; Lisa Bechtel, the high school's student assistance counselor; Superintendent Bob Gratz; and Board President Arnold Hyndman.

"The Department of Education is also pleased to recognize such a high standard setting student," Deputy Commissioner Dwight Pfennig added. "Alison Boyd, in addition to achieving so much in her school community, has also exhibited leadership qualities outside of her school by contributing time to worthwhile service projects. She is someone that meets all challenges and succeeds." Alison volunteers her free time tutoring and raising money for local charities through different organizations.

Each month during the school year, the State Board recognizes a student or group of students for accomplishments in community service, the arts, academics, and sports. Last month, the State Board honored Danielle Shin-Lee Conk, an honor student and senior at Allentown High School in Monmouth County.

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