



Softball MVP Charley Condill holds the ALAH girls sports Most Valuable Player trophy at the Athletic Awards night on June 1. The trophy has had the plates updated and now has only ALAH athletes that have earned MVP honors. The plates with the former MVPs for both boys and girls are now on plaques on display in the MVP trophy cases in the foyer at the high school.



ALAH senior pitcher for the Knights baseball team holds the ALAH boys MVP trophy at the annual awards night held on June 1. The trophy has the names of all the MVPs in each boys sport in ALAH history.



ALAH senior Logan Beckmier holds the boys ALAH Most Valuable Player trophy at the Athletic Awards night last Thursday. Logan's name will be inscribed on the Most Valuable Track plate on the trophy. Lyle Adcock, voted Most Improved for boys track, was unavailable for the picture.

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portation, our high school faculty and the Board of Education for their support of our athletic programs, Mrs. Schrock, Mrs. Martinez, and Mrs. Seegmiller in the office for everything you do for our athletic programs, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Creek, and Mr. Cheek in the unit office for your help and guidance, media outlets including The Arthur Graphic-Clarion, Record Herald News, New-Gazette, Herald and Review, WCIA and WAND for their coverage this season, and the maintenance staff.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to our student-athletes. Again, congratulations on your successful seasons - it was a pleasure to watch you compete and perform.

I will now turn it over to our coaches and they will give a summary of their respective seasons and announce their Knight Award winners.

First up was Assistant Baseball Coach Brad McGill, who was speaking on behalf of Head Coach Tracy Hood who was unable to attend. Coach McGill said the Knights had a great season, with a record of 13-7. They won the Lincoln Prairie Conference with a 9-1 record, which was the first ever baseball conference championship. The team played outstanding baseball to accomplish this.

Coach McGill had this to say about the Baseball Knight Award winner, "he didn't give up, he challenged himself to

get back up and make something of his Senior season despite his injury. He had a desire to come back and make a new and improved 2023 player." That player was Wyatt Hilligoss.

Coach Lane was not able to be here tonight, so Mr. Seal filled in to speak briefly about the softball season and hand out the Knight Award. Nathan said, "When I was coaching, I often said a sports season is like a roller coaster ride. There are great highs, some lows, a lot of twists and turns and then all of a sudden it comes to a screeching halt. After the season is over, hopefully the players and coaches can reflect on how fun it was and look forward to another ride on the roller coaster in the future. I know from speaking with the coaching staff that they had a lot of fun this season and enjoyed coaching such a great group of young ladies and are very much looking forward to getting back on the field and preparing for next season. As I mentioned earlier, our softball team again finished the season reaching the 20 win plateau mark with an overall record of 20-10 and a conference record of 8-1 marking the 4th consecutive LPC championship. We are very proud of the efforts of all of our girls throughout the season and how hard they competed day in and day out. We are most proud of how they supported and cared for each other during the highs, during the lows, and during the twists and turns of the season. We will be losing

4 outstanding seniors. Kaci Beachy, Charley Condill, Alisha Frederick, and Kailee Otto have done an outstanding job leading on and off the field and will be greatly missed. Although we won't be able to replace our seniors next year, we will be returning a lot of talented players who saw a lot of varsity action this season that have great work ethics. With the lessons learned and the experience gained this season, we are very optimistic about the future."

For the softball program, the winner of the Knight award is someone that shows great character on and off of the field, is very coachable, has a great attitude, is a good student, and is a great teammate. This young lady has shown each of these qualities and is very deserving of this award. The 2023 softball Knight Award winner is Karaline Vanausdoll.

Next up was Coach Bradley Rexroad to speak about the 2023 Knight Bass Fishing Team. He thanked his assistant coaches, James Cazel, John Herschberger, and Brian Keagle. He talked about their first match being cold and windy with rain, sleet and snow and not great fishing weather. The Sectional at Shelbyville was not a lot better. He did say that the team showed a lot of improvement over the season, and he is looking forward to next year as they were a very young team this year. The team was able to host an ICAST Tourney at Lake Decatur this year.

For the Bass Fishing Knight

Award, Coach Rexroad said his winner was dedicated, listened and learned and did anything they were asked to do. Sophomore Riley Robinson was the recipient.

Coach Ryan Jefferson, Head Coach of the Knights Girls Track and Field Team was next at the podium. He thanked his assistant coach Ashley Snoddy and acknowledged the help he received from the boys' track coaches Matt Thomas

and Lyle Dorjahn. He said that after last year being full of ups and downs, the word for this year was consistent. The girls were healthy, tough and competitive, had over 100 PRs on the season and finished third in the LPC meet. He's looking forward to next year as his young team will be hitting their stride as they are gifted athletes who work extremely hard.

The Knight Award for the

girls track team is given to an athlete that is a hard worker, has integrity, high character and cheers on their teammates. Lillian Edwards was the Knight Award winner for girls track.

Coach Matt Thomas was next for boys' track and field. He also had a young squad and came into the season with a lot of questions, but the coaches pushed the team with

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These two ALAH athletes received special awards at the spring sports awards night last Thursday. Logan Beckmier, left, earned All-State Recognition from the IHSA with his fifth place finish in the 3200 meter run at the IHSA State Track and Field Finals. Clay Seal, right, received All-Region recognition from the Illinois Baseball Coaches Association at pitcher.



Earning awards for the Knights girls track and field team were from left to right: Newcomer of the Year, Josie Carrillo; Field Star, Alex Clark; and Most Improved, Lily Vanda. Not pictured: MVP, Emma Edwards and Knight Award Lillian Edwards.



These ALAH student athletes were presented awards for the Bass Fishing team at the Athletic Awards night last Thursday, June 1. From left to right: Emma Jones, Most Improved; Aiden Cazel, Rookie of the Year; and Riley Robinson, Big Bass and Knight Award. Not pictured: William Rosenberry, Biggest Rock Bass.