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## ***CIF STATE OFFICE ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 ACADEMIC TEAM CHAMPIONS***

SACRAMENTO – The CIF State Office is pleased to release its 28 state academic team champions for the 2009-10 school year, CIF Executive Director Marie M. Ishida announced.

Harker School (Central Coast Section) and La Costa Canyon (San Diego Section) earned top honors in three sports, while Apple Valley Christian (Southern Section) and Menlo School (Central Coast) claimed two. Apple Valley Christian, moreover, had the highest overall grade-point average (3.95) in girls' cross-country, while Atascadero (boys' tennis) produced the best overall boys' GPA (3.93).

The Southern Section claimed the most titles with 11, followed by the Central Coast Section with 10 and the San Diego Section with four.

This season marks the sixth year that all CIF-approved sports are eligible for consideration. CIF Academic State Championships are offered for 28 teams in 17 sports. Previously, only teams in state championship sports were eligible for team academic honors. "We continue to be impressed with the academic success of students throughout the state. The academic state championship program recognizes those teams that truly have embodied the CIF's belief in education," Ishida said.

The CIF Academic State Championships (formerly the Scholastic State Championships) were initiated in 1996 as a way to reward teams with the highest collective grade-point averages, based on an unweighted 4.0 scale, in their respective sport. Championship teams will receive a banner, suitable for display in their school gym, to recognize this accomplishment.

All nominees were their respective CIF Section academic team champions. Section offices forwarded their local winners in all sports for statewide consideration.

2009-10 CIF Academic Team Championships

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<b><i>SPORT</i></b>	<b><i>SCHOOL</i></b>	<b><i>SECTION</i></b>	<b><i>GPA</i></b>
Badminton	Mission, San Francisco	San Francisco	3.88
Baseball	Desert Chapel, Palm Springs	Southern	3.72
Boys Basketball	Whitney, Cerritos	Southern	3.86
Girls Basketball	Los Gatos	Central Coast	3.93
Boys Cross Country	Apple Valley Christian, Apple Valley	Southern	3.90
Girls Cross Country	Apple Valley Christian, Apple Valley	Southern	3.95
Field Hockey	La Costa Canyon, Carlsbad	San Diego	3.81
Football	Harker School, San Jose	Central Coast	3.51
Boys Golf	Fullerton	Southern	3.89
Girls Golf	Carpinteria	Southern	3.91
Gymnastics	La Costa Canyon, Carlsbad	San Diego	3.68
Boys Lacrosse	La Costa Canyon, Carlsbad	San Diego	3.60
Girls Lacrosse	Menlo School, Atherton	Central Coast	3.82
Boys Soccer	Webb, Claremont	Southern	3.71
Girls Soccer	Dos Pueblos, Goleta	Southern	3.81
Softball	Menlo School, Atherton	Central Coast	3.83
Boys Swimming	Harker School, San Jose	Central Coast	3.79
Girls Swimming	Sacred Heart Prep, Atherton	Central Coast	3.86
Boys Tennis	Atascadero	Southern	3.93
Girls Tennis	Carlsbad	San Diego	3.91
Boys Track & Field	Hemet	Southern	3.73
Girls Track & Field	Leland, San Jose	Central Coast	3.93
Boys Volleyball	Bellarmino Prep, San Jose	Central Coast	3.66
Girls Volleyball	Napa Christian, Napa	North Coast	3.86
Boys Water Polo	Charter Oak, Covina	Southern	3.63
Girls Water Polo	Castilleja, Palo Alto	Central Coast	3.79
Boys Wrestling	Harker School, San Jose	Central Coast	3.58
Girls Wrestling	Castro Valley	North Coast	3.47

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