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Dear Student:

Congratulations on being selected as one of 29 recipients of the Democrat and Chronicle's Sports Excellence Award. The Sports Excellence Award was instituted to honor the elite athletes from all sports that were contested during the fall season in Section 5.

We are pleased to recognize your dedication and ability, and consider your selection a tribute to your school, coaches, teammates, and parents.

You and your parents are invited to the Sports Excellence Award buffet which will be held from noon - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8 at the Mapledale Party House, 1020 Maple Street, Rochester. Your coach is also being invited.

We're looking forward to seeing you and your parents. Please RSVP to Sheila Wood, 716-232-7100, ext. 3461, no later than December 6.

Sincerely,

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guiding his team to its first Section 5 championship since 1962.

Southall, a senior from Rush-Henrietta Sperry who is in South Bend, Ind., on a college visit to Notre Dame, is one of seven football players selected. Southall, Candaugua junior quarterback Bill Scharr and East Rochester senior tackle Chris Schojan are repeat winners.

Joining them are fellow All-Greater Rochester picks Tim Sharp and David Der Cola of Clyde-Savannah, and Mike Scott of McQuaid. Quarterback Bob Gibbs, a senior who guided Fairport to the Section 5 Class AAA title, also will be recognized.

Prey, a senior from Brighton who is one of just 32 female qualifiers running today in the national final of the Kinney Cross Country Championships in San Diego, is another repeat award winner. The all-state selection was one of five runners named.

She is joined by Section 5 champions Janet Kisner of Waterloo and Tim Heine of Brighton, and state federation champ Dave Redding of Danville. McQuaid's Rob Smilie also is recognized for guiding his team to a state championship and the No. 1 ranking in the state sports writers poll.

Kisner, a freshman, was the youngest athlete ever honored when she earned an inaugural Sports Excellence Award last fall.

Bills, the Monroe County League's swimmer of the year, was a state champion in the 100-meter butterfly and a member of her school's two-time state champion 400 freestyle relay team. Bills is joined by fellow repeat winners Maureen Cleary of Irondequoit and Anna Martens of Brighton. Each is a senior who doubled as a Section 5 champion this season.

Lisa Scott, a senior from Rushford, is one of seven girls' soccer players being recognized. Scott is Section 5's all-time leading scorer with 132 goals in six varsity seasons.

She is joined by All-Greater Rochester selections Jill Decker of Williamson, Diane Perna of Greece Arcadia, Sue Confer of Hilton, Tammy DiCesare of Cardinal Mooney, Lisa Caracillo of Myndense and Cassie Jordan of Mendon. Caracillo and Jordan are the only underclassmen in the group.

Harley-Allendale-Columbia tennis star Tina von Kessel also is an underclassman. The two-time Section 5 champion is a freshman who is undefeated in area competition over the past two seasons.

Rounding out the area's premier 32 are field hockey sensations Laurie Blanchard of Webster and Wendy VanThof of East Rochester. A pair of Monroe County League all-stars, Blanchard guided her team to a second straight Section 5 title, while VanThof took her team to the semifinals of the state tournament.