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**NYSPHSAA Announces 2019-2020 Scholar-Athlete
School of Distinction and Excellence Winners**

Latham, NY- The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) announces its 2019-20 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction and School of Excellence Award winners.

The purpose of the School of Distinction and School of Excellence Awards are to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide academic honor. This year, 56 schools earned the School of Distinction Award and 140 schools earned the School of Excellence Award. An additional 21 schools received the School of Distinction Award and 13 more received the School of Excellence Award compared to 2018-19 school year.

“We are excited once again to see the numbers of schools honored increase and it is a true testament to the kind of student-athletes we have here in New York State,” said Dr. Robert Zayas NYSPHSAA Executive Director. “We continue to be proud of this program which highlights and celebrates schools that value the importance of academics, as well as athletics. The fact that so many student-athletes thrived in the face of a pandemic this past winter is truly remarkable.”

Schools can apply for School of Distinction status by having 100% of its varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award during their respective sports seasons. To earn the School of Excellence Award, 75% of a school’s varsity teams must qualify and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award. For the 2019-20 school year the School of Distinction and School of Excellence winners were based on fall 2019 and winter 2020 Scholar-Athlete submissions because the spring 2020 program was cancelled. The full list of School of Distinction and School of Excellence Award winners is below.

School of Distinction:

<http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Scholar%20Athlete/School%20of%20Distinction%20%26%20Excellence/2019-2020%20School%20of%20Distinction.pdf>

**School of Distinction
2019-2020**

Section	Name of School	# of Teams
1	FOX LANE HIGH SCHOOL	19
1	HORACE GREELEY HIGH SCHOOL	21
1	RYE HIGH SCHOOL	18
1	SUFFERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	23
1	URSULINE SCHOOL	9
2	BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE SR HIGH SCHOOL	20
2	DUANESBURG HIGH SCHOOL	12
2	FORT PLAIN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	14
2	SARATOGA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	10
2	SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL	18
3	FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	23
3	LA FARGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL	5
4	CHARLOTTE VALLEY SCHOOL	5
4	WORCESTER SCHOOL	5
5	ALLENDALE COLUMBIA SCHOOL	13
5	CANISTEO-GREENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	10
5	FILLMORE CENTRAL SCHOOL	8
5	LIMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	5
5	MCQUAID JESUIT SCHOOL	11
5	PITTSFORD SUTHERLAND HIGH SCHOOL	13
5	PITTSFORD-MENDON HIGH SCHOOL	13
5	SCIO CENTRAL SCHOOL	6
5	THE HARLEY SCHOOL	13
5	VICTOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	21
6	ALLEGANY-LIMESTONE HIGH SCHOOL	13
6	CLARENCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	24
6	LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL	26
6	PIONEER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	14
6	WILSON HIGH SCHOOL	13
8	BETHPAGE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	20
8	FARMINGDALE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	19
8	ISLAND TREES HIGH SCHOOL	15
8	JERICHO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	19
8	MANHASSET SECONDARY SCHOOL	22
8	MASSAPEQUA HIGH SCHOOL	22
8	PAUL D SCHREIBER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	20
8	PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE/JFK HIGH SCHOOL	22
8	SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL	17
8	WANTAGH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	20
8	WELLINGTON C MEPHAM HIGH SCHOOL	15
8	WHEATLEY SCHOOL	13
9	MONROE-WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL	20
9	PORT JERVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	14
9	STISSING MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL	9
9	VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	12
10	PARISHVILLE-HOPKINTON JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL	6

* 2019-2020 only represents Fall 2019 and Winter 2020 as the Spring Scholar-Athlete program was cancelled

**School of Distinction
2019-2020**

Section	Name of School	# of Teams
11	BABYLON JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	18
11	CENTER MORICHES HIGH SCHOOL	15
11	ELWOOD/JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL	13
11	NORTHPORT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	20
11	SACHEM HIGH SCHOOL EAST	21
11	SACHEM HIGH SCHOOL NORTH	21
11	SHELTER ISLAND SCHOOL	7
11	SMITHTOWN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	4
11	SMITHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL-EAST	21
11	WARD MELVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	22

School of Excellence:

<http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/PDF/Scholar%20Athlete/School%20of%20Distinction/Excellence/2019-2020%20School%20of%20Excellence.pdf>

NYSPHSAA's Scholar-Athlete team award was initiated in 1991-92 school year. The School of Distinction Award was established in 2002-03 while the School of Excellence Award began in 2016-17. All awards are sponsored by Pupil Benefits Plan.

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The New York State Public High School Athletic Association Inc. is a non-profit, voluntary, educational service organization composed of public, parochial, and private schools dedicated to providing equitable and safe competition for the students of its member schools. The organization conducts 32 championship events and governs the rules and regulations of high school athletics in New York State. Membership is open to secondary schools providing interschool athletic activities for boys and girls in grades 7-12.

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