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I am so proud of our student athletes. Even with the disappointment of cancelled competitions this spring as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have continued to meet virtually with their coaches and condition from home. Your encouragement really mades a huge difference to them, and we are grateful for our enthusiastic fans.

Go Warriors and, never forget, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." (Judges 6:12b)

Serving Him,

Julie H. Ambler Head of School

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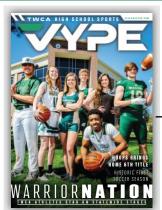
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ON THE COVER

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WARRIOR NATION: On the cover of the inaugural VYPE TWCA Magazine it is graced by outstanding athletes and students, including Caden Queck, Emily Jasek, Ellie Catron, Ben Shearer, Bakari LaStrap, Megan Murphy and Caleb Chappelle.



WARRIOR NATION

What an extraordinary year we have had at Woodlands Christian!

With Covid-19 ending our spring seasons early, we were certainly disappointed about missed opportunities. However, that doesn't take away from some amazing accomplishments of our students and coaches!

The Cross Country teams once again asserted dominance in TAPPS by winning both the boys and girls state championships! The varsity football team went undefeated through 12 games for only the second time in school history and made the TAPPS state semi-finals. Boys basketball brought home the sixth state championship in school history and girls basketball qualified for the state playoffs. The girls swim team earned a second place finish at the state meet. Our boys and girls soccer teams started varsity play for the first time in school history and had remarkable seasons. Both teams qualified for the state playoffs with the boys advancing to the state semi-finals. Although golf, baseball, softball, and track were cut short, their squads posted impressive predistrict results and were certainly on track for state success.

New Warrior Strength Coach Tim

Walker had a huge impact on Warrior athletics this year along with the construction of the new Warrior Weight room. The new state of the art facility has twenty-one workout stations to allow Warrior athletes to reach their maximum athletic potential.

Warrior athletics continues to provide avenues for young men and women to grow in Christ while navigating the challenges of life. The values of hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship will forever be a primary focus for all programs. With 59% of our students playing multiple sports, our student-athletes are dynamically skilled and committed to whole school success.

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We appreciate all Warrior fans and their commitment to making Warrior athletics successful!

Blessings,

Randy Hollas Athletic Director

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A LASTING L E G A C Y

TWCA SENIORS LEAVE THEIR MARK

**** By Joshua Koch

THIS CHAMPIONSHIP RUN FELT DIFFERENT.

From the onset of the 2019-2020 season, The Woodlands Christian Academy was the clear favorite to not only return to the TAPPS 4A Final Four – but to win the whole thing.

"It's always different when you're the team that's supposed to win," TWCA fourth-year coach Tanner Field said. "You're expected to win, you're supposed to be dominant."

Dominant is exactly what The Woodlands Christian Academy ended up being, especially in the final two games of the year.

At the TAPPS Final Four, TWCA dismantled John Paul II in an 87-49 victory and then ran past Covenant Christian for a 68-50 victory in the state championship game.

"To have these kids play the best two games of the year in the Final Four was definitely satisfying," Field said. "To watch the smiles on their faces and the joy that they had being able to complete the task was amazing."

But this group's legacy goes beyond just one game.

This story really starts back in the 2017-2018 season - the first year for TWCA to win a title under Field and company.

That year, The Woodlands Christian Academy ended a bit of a title drought. The Warriors hadn't won a championship since 2012, which at the time was the program's fourth title in five seasons.

When this current group of seniors were just sophomores, they set out on a mission.

They wanted to leave their legacy.

"Just coming back in 10 or 20 years, knowing what we wanted to start my sophomore year and accomplishing some of that," Bakari LaStrap said. "Changing the culture, changing the name of The Woodlands Christian, people in the city know us and hopefully our name just keeps growing in the state and with more championships."

For Luke Mansfield, TWCA has been a special place, considering he has walked the campus for the past six years.

In 2018, Mansfield was on the team that won the program's first championship in six years. However, he felt like he played a more "vital" role on this year's team in what ended up being his last basketball season ever.

"To end my last basketball game with a championship is the only thing I wanted," Mansfield said. "There's no better way to go out.

"I think it's really cool to leave the legacy we did. Hanging two banners is not something most people get to do. It's really cool that we got to do that." When the word legacy is thrown around, this Class of 2020 can make its' case.

It's a group of seniors that for some leave a legacy of four-straight TAPPS Final Fours, three-straight championship game appearances and two state titles.

"For that group, the goal from the beginning of the year was not to only put up a banner and leave a legacy that they could come visually see on the wall, but to also leave a legacy from a cultural standpoint," Field said. "I want it to be when they come back two or three years from now, they see the culture that they instituted."

That next wave of talent and legacy builders will start with Austin Benigni.

The sophomore played a crucial role on the team, learning from LaStrap the entire way. He earned TAPPS first-team, all-state honors at year's end.

"That's the ultimate goal," Benigni said about wanting to win another title. "Hopefully me, Chanse and Dylan can win another one next year. It's just really cool to be able to do it as a sophomore."

Benigni will be a leader on the 2020-2021 version of the Warriors, as well as Chanse Perkins, Dylan Johnson and Caedmon Parker, who are the four returners. Talk about the future has already started for Field. It started a few days after the state tournament on a drive to Waco.

"We're excited about that group of four," he said. "I think when you have success it attracts some kids from the local area that want to be a part of what we're doing. We also have some sophomores and juniors that are in our program that we are really excited about.

"We transition to 5A next year, which is going to make things a little bit tougher, but we're excited about that opportunity and the challenge that presents."





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NEXT-LEVEL TALENT

BAKARI LASTRAP WALKS AWAY AS TWO-TIME STATE CHAMP

**** By Joshua Koch

WHEN THE BUZZER SOUNDED AT THE END OF THE GAME, BAKARI LASTRAP FELT IT.

He felt the joy and at the same time the bitter sweetness of his career ending the only way he thought it should – as a state champion.

"I can't express it enough. Being a state champion, everybody doesn't come across this. This year was the right team, right family, it's just all love," LaStrap said. "I can't thank the man up above enough."

LaStrap arrived at The Woodlands Christian
Academy as a sophomore.
He wanted his class to be the ones to leave a lasting legacy.

When he walked onto

campus, the Warriors hadn't won a basketball state title since 2012. It was Tanner Field's second season at the helm of the program. The year prior to LaStrap arriving, the Warriors had made the TAPPS Final Four but fell in the state semifinals.

As LaStrap walked off the court one last time in February, he did so with a legacy cemented - threestraight TAPPS Final Fours, three-straight title games and two state championships.

"Bakari LaStrap is the type of young man you would love to replicate every year," Field said. "He has been a blessing to our basketball program and overall school community. He is a great leader on and off the court and will be missed. He joined us to help lead our program to a championship level both on the court and culturally. He for sure did that and much more."

With the high school portion of his career over, LaStrap looks back on it knowing he was able to do things others dream of.

"This is every high school basketball kid's dream, finishing off with a state championship," LaStrap said. "Having two, it's a lot of hard work. Everything behind the scenes paid off. It's a blessing."



EMILY JASEK GOES ALL IN WITH HOOPS

N By Matt Malatesta

AFTER A PLAYOFF LOSS DURING HER JUNIOR YEAR, EMILY JASEK CAME TO A REALIZATION.

"I never really thought about playing basketball in college," she said. "I'll never forget it. A college coach approached me after losing in the postseason and asked if I was playing in college? It took me by surprise.

"He told me he saw real potential and asked if I could come check out his school."

Sometimes others see things in you that you don't see in yourself.

Jasek signed with Southwestern University in November and the rest is history.

"I love the coaches and the program," she said. "They are

bringing in a lot of freshmen to basically rebuild and start over. I love that it's a smaller school and very inclusive. It's similar to where I am now at TWCA."

At TWCA, Jasek led her squad to the postseason and earned first-team, all-state honors in her senior campaign.

"I like to think I'm a pretty good three-point shooter," she said. "Scoring is definitely my strength."

It's no shock then that Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu is her favorite player. The Duck scored 2,500 points in her four-year career.

As for Jasek, she looks back fondly on her own career.

"When I was a freshman, I gave up all the other sports and just focused on basketball," she said. "We had a lot of newcomers this year and had some injuries, but we did pretty good. We made the playoffs again, but it was a tough way to end. Now, my high school career is over. It was sad to play that last game, but I've had a great four years here and loved every minute."

While basketball will come to end at some point, Jasek is taking an interesting career path.

"I really want to go into forensics," she said. "I'll probably get a degree in biology and go to grad school and get a Master's degree. Then, I'll see where that will take me."



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GIRLS; BOYS CROSS COUNTRY SET BAR FOR CLASS 4A TAPPS

**** By Matt Malatesta



UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COACH TOM EARLE, THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY WON ITS FOURTH-STRAIGHT GIRLS' TAPPS CROSS COUNTRY TITLE AND THIRD-CONSECUTIVE BOYS' TITLE IN LATE OCTOBER IN WACO.

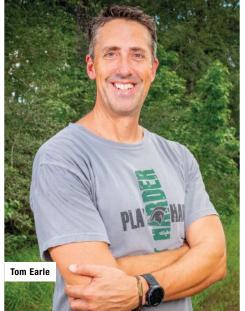
Ladies first. Ellie Catron won her third-straight individual title and Lindsay Worthington took fourth. Fern Shirley was sixth, Isabella

Krantzke was 16th and Ellie Johnson rounded out the top five for the Warriors.

Ben Shearer finished first overall on the boys' side, demolishing the competition. The second-place finisher crossed the finish line almost a minute after Shearer, Josh Mueck took bronze, while Caleb Bigler was eighth. Zachary Bagnoli and Lucas

Trevathan finished in the Top 25.

Can the Warriors keep the tradition going as they move up to Class **5A TAPPS** competition? Stay tuned.



BABY

SHEARER IS LAST IN LINE OF STAR RUNNERS

**** By Matt Malatesta

FOR BEN SHEARER, RUNNING IS A FAMILY TRADITION.

The junior cross-country and long-distance trackster has dominated the competition over the past 12 months.

He won the Class 4A TAPPS individual title in October by over a minute to lead his team to its third-straight state title. The first in the string of TWCA titles was headlined by his brother Josh, who now runs for the University of Arkansas.

His sister Hannah won two state titles for the Warriors back in 2014 and 2016. She runs at Missouri Science and Technology. His bothers Luke and Logan (Missouri S&T) Shearer also ran for TWCA.

"I'm the youngest in a family of runners," he said. "It's really cool to compare what we've done over the

years because we all know the ins and outs of the sport. We can relate to what each other goes through at the high school and college level."

While Shearer is uber-talented, he knows what is the cornerstone of being a cross-country star.

"It really takes consistency," he said. "You can't make excuses. You can't take a practice off and you have to

go through the pain."

His slate didn't stop after the state meet. Shearer finished fifth at the Nike Cross-National South Regional Meet, before winning the 2020 Carl Lewis High School Indoor Invitational in the one-mile race. Before the virus shortened the season, he won the 800-meter race at the Lutheran South Meet.

"Before I graduate, I'm looking to break some records," he said. "As far as a favorite school, I like Arkansas because my brother goes there."

Might as well keep it all in the family.



RE-WRITING HERECORD BOOKS

CATRON'S FOCUS IS UNMATCHED

N By Matt Malatesta

ELLIE CATRON IS JUST WIRED A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT.

In the fifth grade, she started a running club.

"I had a band teacher who was super into Iron Mans," she said. "I was telling him that I was going to be sad that we weren't going to do the elementary school 'Fun Runs' anymore. He said he was thinking about starting a running club and if I wanted to do it, to recruit some kids. I 20s and got some kids from my grade and we made a club that would run around the parking lot before school."

That was the first glimpse that Catron would become one of the most decorated private school runners in the state of Texas.

Catron would go on to win the Class 4A state title in back-to-back-to-back seasons as an individual and four times as a team. On the oval, she won the State "triple" - the 800, 1600 and 3200-meter races - and set the state record for the 3200-meter run.

"I didn't come here trying to create a legacy," she said. "I just found something I was good at and went for it. I remember in the eighth grade, I watched Hannah Shearer run here. I thought, if I could be as fast as her. That was my goal and I accomplished that."

And more.

Catron will run at Trinity University in college and pursue an accounting degree.

"In 10 years, I want to be working for one of the 'Big 4' accounting firms and training for marathons," she laughed. "Your late early 30s is your prime marathon age."

To be an elite runner, you have to be tough. TWCA's 100-pound harrier is a

killer on the course.

"People think, you run all the time - you don't feel any pain," she laughed. "That's not true. It's very painful... it hurts a lot. It's really more the feeling of having done the training and thinking, I've got this. You feel so strong, so powerful. Even after a good run or just practice, the rest of my day is just better. I've done something that is hard. After you finish, you feel elated - a runner's high."

Most recently, Catron took her running shoes and gave back.

"I ran the 'Hood to Coast' relay," she said. "You start at Mt. Hood in Washington state and run to the coast.



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running 7 to 10-mile legs.

"We slept in a field in sleeping bags and ate pancakes out of a road-side church. It was 40 hours of



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running and being exhausted in a van."

Yep, wired just a little different.

SERVING UP!

YOUTHFUL WARRIORS EARN ALL-DISTRICT NODS

N By Joshua Koch



THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL TEAM FINISHED THE YEAR LANDING EIGHT PLAYERS ON THE TAPPS DISTRICT 7-4A ALL-DISTRICT SQUAD.

Earning first-team honors were outside hitter Abigail Adams and right-side hitter Bella Eddie. Of the two, Adams will be back for her senior year in 2020.

The second-team, alldistrict picks included three players from TWCA, two of which were freshmen. Junior middle blocker McKenna Meadors and freshmen setter Katie Wise and libero Brooke Harris made the team.

Finally, the honorable mentions included junior middle blocker Katie Tucker, junior setter Reese Ray and freshman outside hitter/ defensive specialist Avery Buck.

Having only one senior out of the eight all-district selections should get Warrior volleyball fans stoked for the 2020 season.



ACLASS TO REMEMBER

SOLID SENIOR GROUP LEADS TWCA FOOTBALL TO NEW HEIGHTS IN 2019

**** By Joshua Koch

RANDY HOLLAS RECOGNIZES HOW SPECIAL THE CLASS OF 2020 WAS.

It is a group that was one that you have to appreciate while you have it and not take it for granted. It is a class that helped The Woodlands Christian Academy reach the TAPPS Division III State Semifinals, finish with a record of 12-1 and leave an undoubted mark on the program's history.

"We had a very strong senior class; they had been together for a while." Hollas said. "Their leadership was fantastic, creating a common goal, a solid culture. Those guys led the team and everybody followed. We had some fantastic athletes in that senior class, but it was their leadership and character that really blew me away."

Having a senior quarterback is every coach's wish when the season opens.

Aaron Monsivaiz – who passed for 2,218 yards and 31 touchdowns in his senior campaign – did "exactly" what you need a quarterback to do.

"He was efficient, he made good decisions, moved the ball down the field and was a strong leader on that side of the ball," Hollas said. "It was a great season for him."

It also helps a to have a top target - Caleb Chappelle.

The Rice-signee racked up a total of 1,589 all-purpose

yards and had
14 receiving
touchdowns. Not
only was he solid
on the offensive
side of the ball
but defensively
he had a
second-best four
interceptions
and a teamleading 11 pass
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"Probably the best receiver we've ever had at this school," Hollas said. "Maybe the best defensive back

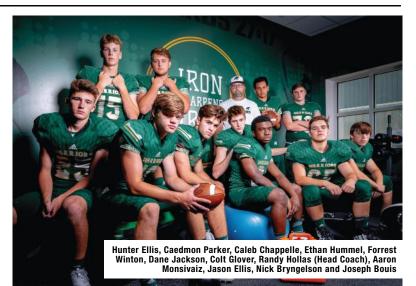
we've ever had at this school. A shutdown corner and then on the offensive side of the ball you just can't cover him."

Unfortunately for Hollas, Monsivaiz, Chappelle and allstate lineman Ethan Hummel are gone to graduation as he starts looking towards 2020.

What he will have back is first-team, all-staters Dane Jackson (RB) and Stratton Butaud (K). Also back is second-team, all-state selections Colby Gorman (OL) and Caedmon Parker, who was picked on both offense and defense.

"Dane changes direction with the best of them," Hollas said. "I've always said this, he puts his foot in the ground better than anybody I've ever seen."

Defensively, the name to remember will be Sean Kane - who led the team with 81



tackles (25 for loss).

"He was probably the best defensive player in the district, in my opinion," Hollas said. "He'll be one of the best linebackers in the state." The 2019 season was one to remember for the Warriors but they have some exciting pieces back in 2020 as they will look to make another run at the title.

First-Team All-State Offense

Caleb Chappelle, WR (Sr.) Dane Jackson, RB (Jr.) Stratton Butaud, K (Jr.)

Second-Team All-State Offense

Colby Gorman, OL (So.) Ethan Hummel, OL (Sr.) Aaron Monsivaiz, QB (Sr.) Caedmon Parker, WR (Jr.)

First-Team All-State Defense

Caleb Chappelle, CB/DB (Sr.) Ethan Hummel, DL (Sr.)

Second-Team All-State Defense

Aaron Monsivaiz, LB (Sr.)
Caedmon Parker, CB/DB (Jr.)

Honorable Mention All-State Defense Ezekiel Jurado, DL (So.)

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WARRIOR WAY

DUAL-SPORT ATHLETE WORKED HARD TO BE "THAT GUY"

N By Matt Malatesta

CALEB CHAPPELLE IS A TWCA LIFER.

The 6-foot, dual-sport stud ran the gamut from kindergarten to graduation. He is the ultimate member of #WarriorNation.

Chappelle starred on TWCA's football and baseball teams, earning first-team, all-state selections in both sports.

But it didn't come easy.
"When I was a freshman,
I wasn't 'the guy," he said.
"I wasn't the Division I
player that I wanted to turn
in to. I sort of had a body
transformation after my
freshman year. People think
that you just wake up and are

athletic. I made myself what I am today. So many beforeschool and after-school workouts. So much personal training.

"What I would tell an incoming freshman is that if you really want it... you really want to be 'that guy', you have to put in the work."

Chappelle was a part of one of the best classes in TWCA history on and off the fields of play.

"I feel like we had a really special class this year and we helped build the football program up over the past few years," he said. "To go 12-1 as seniors was really special. It was just a different vibe from practice to the games. Sure, we won but we had a great time winning as brothers. Our chemistry was the key to our success.

"We were just getting started in baseball, but we had all the pieces to make a run to a title," he said.

Now, the Rice-signee says goodbye to his fellow Warriors to pursue his dream as a DI football player.

"In terms of body style,
I see myself as a Danny
Amendola-type," he said. "I
can play the slot and on the
outside. He's kind of my role
model. When I took a visit to
Rice, it felt like home. I'm able
to play close to home and

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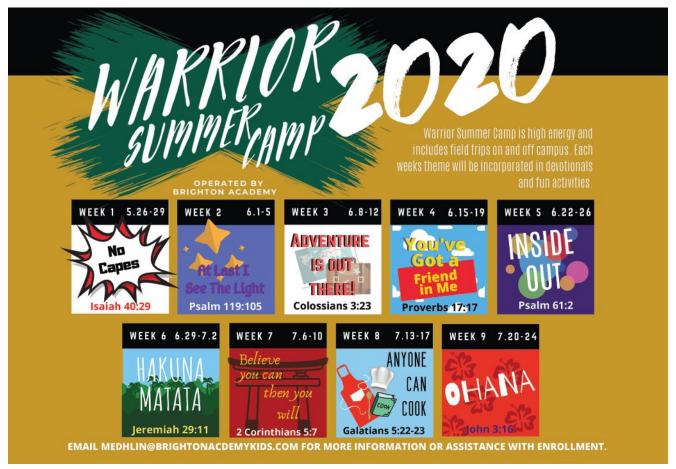
At Rice, Chappelle looks to study what he knows... sports.

"I'm looking to pursue a Sports Management degree," he said. "I see myself in the front office of a professional team and working with athletes."

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WALKER ENJOYS CALLING HE'S HAD SINCE COLLEGE

**** By Matt Malatesta

TIMOTHY WALKER HAS THE JUICE.

Bouncing around campus with bountiful energy is The Woodlands Christian Academy's full-time strength coach. Full-time strength coach at a TAPPS 4A school?

"It's unprecedented and uncommon," Walker said.
"Athletic Director Randy
Hollas is very forwardthinking. With me being here, it allows for his coaches to solely develop their athletes on the field. It's my job to get them ready."

Walker played soccer at Bay Area Christian and in community college before finishing his exercise science degree at Baylor.

"I was a gym rat in college," he laughs. "Whenever I was stressed and needed to clear my thoughts, I would train hard in the weight room or track. I realized when I was 20-years old that the barbell chose me."

It's one thing to be a hypeman in the gym, but another to set up a program and know the science around the workouts.

"In college, I really got obsessed with the science of training when pursuing my degree. I'm going to quote legendary coach Urban Meyer who said, 'bad teams, hope. Good teams have a plan and great teams have systems of development," Walker said. "To make our athletes great, I have built a system that begins in junior high that will slowlybut-surely push our kids stage-by-stage to learn new skills and sharpen basic fundamentals. It's Year

One and we've seen tremendous results."

Results are great on paper, but Walker also understands the lifelessons he's teaching.

"The things in life that are most impactful and enjoyable are the things you work hardest for." he said. "The things that may seem to be a barrier or struggle for you, tastes the sweetest on the other side. It's a process to aet better at anything. If you are patient and willing to work verv hard, you will be happy with

Coming over from a Class 6A public school in Waco High School, Walker has high-level experience in cross-training athletes in several different sports at the

the end result."

same time.

"Every day I look out that window, I know how blessed I am," he said. "I see the weight room on one end and the football field and track on the other. It's all the people in between that make it special.

Without the kids, it's just a field and rubber and iron. The kids make it a magical place for growth, development and friendship. That's powerful if you use it in the right way."



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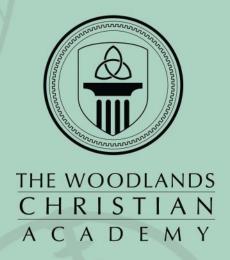
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TWCA SWIMMERS POST BANNER YEAR AGAIN

**** By Joshua Koch



COMING OFF A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON IN 2019, THE EXPECTATIONS WERE HIGH FOR THE WARRIORS' SWIMMERS IN 2020.

Led by Megan Murphy and company, The Woodlands Christian Academy took second in TAPPS Division III in February, scoring 268 points.

TWCA took gold in the 200yard medley relay (Murphy, Izzy Krantzcke, Brynna Stowell and Olivia Busch) and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Stowell, Busch, Krantzcke and Murphy) and bronze in the 200-yard freestyle relay (Stephanie Brownell, Sophie Mansfield, Maggie Karim and Busch).

Individually, senior Murphy took gold in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke; sophomore Krantzcke took silver in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breastroke and freshman Stowell took bronze in the 100-yard butterfly and the 500-yard freestyle.

As the team looks toward 2021, Krantzcke, Stowell, Mansfield and Busch are all set to return.





Izzy Krantzcke



THE RING QUEEN

MURPHY SET BAR FOR FUTURE WARRIORS IN THE POOL

**** By Matt Malatesta

MEGAN MURPHY HAS SET THE BAR HIGH AT THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.

The three-time state champion swimmer says goodbye to Warrior Nation after building an amazing resume in the distance free-style, the relays and backstroke.

Murphy helped lead the Warriors to a state crown in 2019 and a runner-up finish in 2020. Her mom Lisa is the TWCA coach.

"I started when I was about four-years old and really started to love it about 15," Megan said. "People say swimming is not really a sport but they have no idea how much hard work goes into it. I get up every morning and swim for two hours, then go to school. I come back and swim two more hours at night and also do some weights in between. It's a big commitment."

The senior has signed with Incarnate Word in San Antonio with hopes of continuing her career for years to come.

"I love the environment," she said.
"They are very passionate about
swimming and it's a Christian school.
I'm really excited about that too. I'm
trying to make the NCAA meets in
college and then try and compete for
the Olympics."

Any advice for the younger Warriors? "I think I left a legacy for the next group of girls to strive for," she said. "It's really what you put into the process."

HISTORIC R U N

TWCA REACHES STATE SEMIS IN INAUGURAL SEASON

**** By Joshua Koch

IN A PROGRAM'S INAUGURAL SEASON, THE EXPECTATIONS CAN VARY.

"I knew we were going to win district as long as we did the right things," coach Ashley Williams said. "If we got the bye in the first round that would automatically put us in the second round. That would already be above expectations and a huge achievement for the soccer program."

For Williams, setting a lofty goal such as winning a state championship, would seem unattainable.

But funny enough, The Woodlands Christian Academy men's soccer team was just 80 minutes from playing for that coveted state title this spring.

The Warriors defeated Chinquapin School 2-1 for the program's first-ever playoff victory. Then TWCA beat San Marcos Academy 1-0 and with that advanced into the TAPPS Division III State Semifinals.

That would be where the road ended, suffering a 4-0 loss to eventual state champion St. Thomas Episcopal, but a historic season nonetheless.

Following the year, TWCA raked in some honors.

Stratton Butaud was named second-team, allstate offense, while Forrest Remy earned second-team, all-state defense. Kyle Jasek and Ezekiel Jurado were honorable mentions.

The all-district selections included first-teamer Jacob Melber and second-teamers Josh Mueck, Harrison Catron, Robert Bryngelson, Nicolas Sanmiguel, Antonio Torres and Samuel Huff. Honorable mentions included Tyler Van Horn, Gabriel Marco and Davis Heise.

What is the wildest part

of this story is that this team didn't have any seniors.

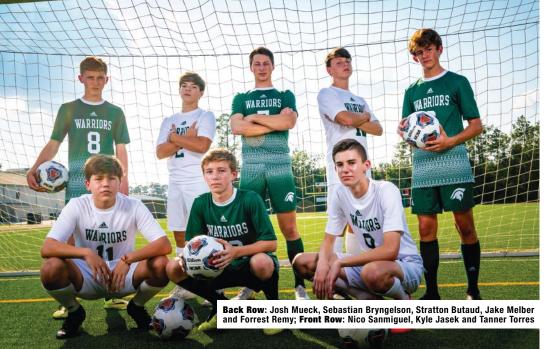
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As the Warriors move up a division next season, Williams said he is excited about the future of the program as they build from within the school. Eight eighth graders move up next year, three of which he believes will make the varsity team.

"We haven't really recruited any players, it's always been talent that has moved up through our school and I'm a firm believer in that," he said. "I believe that the players that you have in your school right now, if you invest in them, they will grow up and want to wear that varsity jersey.

"You want to build that culture. When you do, do it, you're kind of like a small town school where you grow up and you want to put that jersey on."







BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

GIRLS SOCCER CAN GROW FROM START

**** By Joshua Koch



PAIGE PETERSON ENTERED THIS SEASON WITH A PRETTY NOVICE TEAM.

Despite the fact that the Warriors had no seniors, The Woodlands Christian Academy women's soccer team earned a playoff berth.

"We capitalized on chemistry, on trust, on teamwork and that played big for us in our first season," Peterson said. "We came in brand new and we weren't expecting much, but we came to play the second half of the season. We competed and ended up pulling out some pretty big wins that allowed us to reach the playoffs."

The Warriors' offense was led by sophomore Lindsay Worthington. The first-team, all-district selection scored 20 of TWCA's eventual 43 goals scored for the year.

"She is very fluid with the ball, she makes the whole sport look like a dance," Peterson said. "She is very composed and does not get rattled. She's got talent beyond what our program has seen so far."

Right behind Worthington in the goals category was Emma Shepperd, who also earned first-team honors.

Shepperd, a transfer from Oak Ridge High School, scored six goals but also earned Peterson's "Heart of a Warrior" award at year's end.

"That kid plays with every ounce of heart," Peterson said. "She left every piece of herself on the field in every game. She's a very passionate player. She gave us lot of speed up top and is a very dynamic kid. I think within the next two years, she will be one of the top female athletes to come out of TWCA."

The final first-team pick was Megan Hannigan, who served as a team captain for a second-straight year.

"She's one of the best communicators I've seen at the private school level," Peterson said. "She's very dependable, she's got tenacity, she's also composed. She's the best leader I have in this program right now."

Other all-district picks

included second-teamers Gracie Graham and Mattie Hopkins. Honorable mention picks were Ellie Johnson, Abigail Stanosheck, Serafina Cianflone and Charley Wilkerson-Kemp.

As TWCA shifts to a higher classification for the 2020-2021 season, Peterson said they will be young but they "have nothing to lose" against the traditional power programs they will face.

"We are literally coming out and just trying to create some damage against other teams. We are trying to catch them off-guard," Peterson said. "I have some eighth graders coming that have been playing for three or four years, so I have some good chemistry coming up ... I think we will be pretty competitive, I'm pretty optimistic. I expect us to compete."



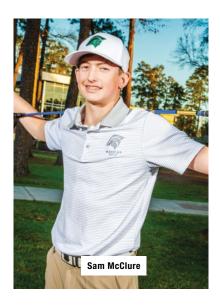




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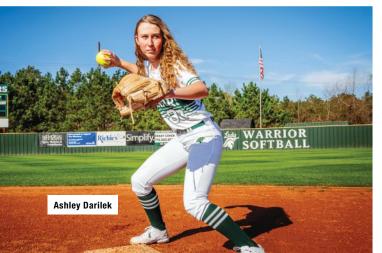
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MOVE-IN

QUECK MADE MOST OF "OPPORTUNITY" AT TWCA

N By Matt Malatesta

TRANSFERRING FROM MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL AFTER HIS FRESHMAN SEASON, CADEN QUECK FLOURISHED AT THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY.

The 6-foot-2 outfielder has a big arm and hits for power and average, making him a coveted college prospect.

"It was all about opportunity," Queck said. "There was just so much opportunity to showcase what I could do here at The Woodlands Christian Academy. It's been an amazing experience and I've gained so many relationships having come here."

Queck was looking forward to playing with his younger brother Carson, but the season was cut short.

"It's tough how it all ended but now I'm getting prepared for the next level," he said. "I've always dreamed about going to play baseball at a mid-major DI that was pretty close to the beach. It's just a bonus to have signed with a program that's basically on an island."

Queck will play for the Islanders of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

"I fell in love with the school, the city and the program," he said. "I love being outside playing basketball or on the beach. It worked out really well."

When not outside, he's playing Call of Duty with his friends or watching tape on his favorite player Javier Baez.

"I really can't see myself getting away from the game," he said. "Of course, I want to pursue the goal of being a Major League Baseball player, but so does everyone else. If that doesn't work out, I'd like to coach or be a player agent."

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FAINING THE TWCA ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS FOR MEDICAL FIELD

**** By Joshua Koch



IN SPORTS IT IS INEVITABLE THAT INJURIES WILL HAPPEN. IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF IF BUT WHEN.

When they do happen the people that are there first to tend to the athlete on the field or court is the athletic training staff. The athletic trainers are some of the unsung heroes of athletics.

At The Woodlands
Christian Academy, the
group is led by Karson Fore
and Andrea Gonzalez, who
oversee a program that is
tailored to students who want
to potentially pursue a career
in medicine.

This year, EJ Jones, Emily Trammel, Micalah Goodwin, Nick Bryngelson, Pierce Ray, Reagan Duroy, Reese Doner and Ashley Watterson were involved in the program.

VYPE caught up with Fore to learn more about the program.

VYPE: Why was the program started?
FORE: The Warrior Athletic Training Program was

created to help students who were interested in medicine, get a knowledge base for first aid and emergency care, as well as, hands on experience with emergency situations, acute wound care, and treatment/rehabilitation of injuries. The theme for the program this year was, "The Team Behind the Teams".

VYPE: What are the students allowed to do in this program?

FORE: ATS are allowed to perform first aid, taping techniques, rehabilitation protocols, and therapeutic modalities. All ATS have to pass a skills exam prior to application on a student athlete.

VYPE: Outside of the experience at school, what are other ways these students learn about athletic training and the medical field?

FORE: The ATS program attends the Greater Houston

Athletic Trainer Society (GHATS) Student Workshop every year in January. ATS all over the Houston area join together and learn more information about emergency care, nutrition, injury prevention, and etc. There is even a taping contest! Thousands of ATS all over Houston attend this event. Several field trips to colleges, physical therapy clinics, and orthopedic offices were scheduled for the end of the year. I want the ATS to get to see how sports medicine can set them up for the future. Sports medicine is so much bigger then hydrating athletes.

VYPE: What is your favorite part of the program?

FORE: My favorite part of the program is the impact on the students. The ATS program is strict on professionalism, time management, and servant leadership. One of my goals for the ATS program was to have these students

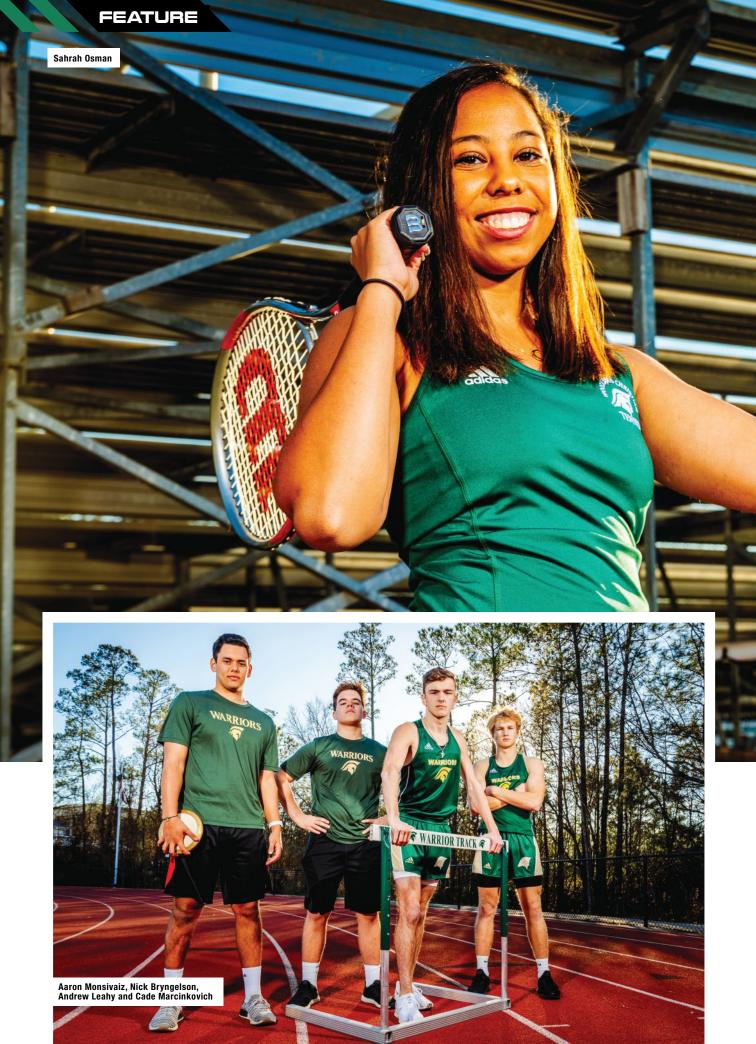
as prepped for the real world as possible. These students will see and be a part of emergency situations, they have to remain professional. **Emergency situations are** already stressful and chaotic in nature, I need the ATS as an extra set of hands and focused. I like to have the ATS think of this program as a job. They are a team. They have to work together as a team. Another huge impact is, there are 5 seniors in the program this year. Two of the five are going to college and will continue studying athletic training. Two are seeking other professions in the medical field. One of my main goals and purpose of the ATS program, was so students could further their desire to study medicine and have hands on experience.

VYPE: Where do you see this program going in the future, what are some goals that you have for it?

FORE: In the future, I would love for the program to transition into a mentorship program. I would like the senior ATS to take charge, lead, and teach freshman ATS. Most public schools have an athletic training/sports medicine course. I would enjoy being able to teach ATS about specific injuries, anatomy, orthopedic evaluation, and etc. in a class setting.











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