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SCA cross country coach named best in the state

The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association named St. Cecilia Academy's Cross Country Coach Teresa Marchetti the 2010-11 State of Tennessee Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year. This honor comes after an outstanding season for Coach Marchetti and the cross country team.

Last spring Coach Marchetti was named the *The Tennessean* Mid-State Cross Country Coach of the Year after the SCA cross country team won second place in state and first in the region for the TSSAA Division IIA. St. Cecilia cross country star Emily Peters won the state individual championship with a 19:34:60 run in the 5000m at TSSAA State Cross-Country Championships.

This fall the SCA cross country team won the district meet Sept. 13 and this past weekend came in third overall at the Tennessee Classic Meet.

Coach Marchetti was recognized on Thursday during a school pep rally and that evening before the SCA soccer game. Coach Jerry Landers, St. Cecilia Academy athletic director, presented Coach Marchetti with a certificate and honored her with the official game coin toss. Coach Marchetti's cross country team as well as her family members came out to show their support and recognition of this honor.

"Coach Marchetti is dedicated to the girls and to the sport. This award recognizes that dedication and the excellence the girls have achieved with the guidance of their coach," St. Cecilia Academy's Principal Sister Mary Thomas, O.P., said.

Coach Marchetti has been affiliated with St. Cecilia Academy for more than 20 years. She has coached cross country, track and basketball, and has taught biology as well as anatomy and physiology. Both of her daughters are St. Cecilia athletes, too. Maddy Marchetti is a current sophomore and a member of the soccer, cross country, basketball and track teams. Her eldest daughter, Anna Marchetti, graduated from SCA in 2008 and now plays soccer for the University of the South at Sewanee.

Coach Marchetti is also the assistant track coach at SCA. She has been a competitive runner for the past 20 years. She completed nine marathons (including three Boston Marathons) and recently began to compete in triathlons. She is a four-time National Age Group Qualifier. She has been a coach of various teams at SCA since 1987 and has been the head cross country coach since 2007.

Coach Marchetti is now eligible for the Coach of the Year at the sectional level by the National Federation of High School Associations, which will be announced later this year. The St. Cecilia Academy community congratulates Coach Marchetti and appreciates all of her years of service and dedication to SCA.

St. Cecilia Academy is Nashville's oldest private high school, founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list five times since 2004. Ninety-one percent of the Class of 2011 earned college scholarships totaling \$7.1 million.

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