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St. Cecilia Academy student named to All-State Soccer Team

St. Cecilia Academy Junior Natalie Goodrum was recognized by the Tennessee High School Soccer Coaches Association (THSSCA) as a member of the TSSAA Division II Class A—All-State Team for 2009.

In addition, Lin Marzialo and Roxana Pita-Romero were named to the All-Region team for soccer. Both are SCA juniors.

Natalie, a middle fielder on the SCA soccer team, received several other awards this season. She was named to the All-District Team and the All-Tournament Team at the Regional Tournament. Natalie also scored the first goal for her team on the new St. Cecilia soccer field that was just completed this past fall.

The entire SCA team turned in a strong season, finishing 12-4-3 and reaching the Elite 8 in the state tournament. The Scarabs also were finalists in the Kate Hunter Soccer Tourney and finished as Champions in the Ladies Championship Tournament.

Emily Marcouiller, the Scarabs' soccer coach, is proud of the Natalie and the whole team's accomplishments.

"Natalie is an extremely hard worker and a competitor," Marcouiller said. "She is a fighter with a big heart. Her dedication sets the tone for the whole team, and the team really feeds off her energy."

Reaching this level of recognition is a difficult task. According to St. Cecilia's Athletic Director Jerry Landers the last SCA player to make the All-State team was three-time member Erin Edwards (1992-94). Coach Landers is glad to add Natalie's name to the list.

"Natalie was our leading goal scorer and helped lead a talented team to the brink of the state tournament," he said, noting that hopes are high for next year. "This team returns all of its starters next year, and they are looking to take it a step farther."

Natalie is pleased with the team's performance and the accolades she has received.

“I chose to attend SCA because I was drawn to the all-girls environment and the academics,” she said. “Having a chance to be a part of a winning soccer team is icing on the cake.”

Natalie is currently playing basketball for SCA and is the team’s leading scorer. She is also a St. Cecilia Academy Ambassador and an honor student.

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 four times since 2004. Seventy-eight percent of the Class of 2009 earned college scholarships totaling \$4.6 million. Five St. Cecilia Academy students – 9 % of the senior class – have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for high scores on the PSAT for 2009.

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