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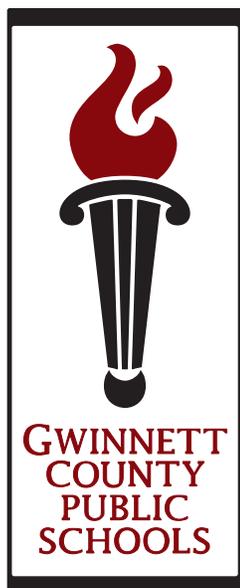
Academic honor for Collins Hill HS and Parkview HS athletes

Several **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) student-athletes recently earned recognition not only for their performance on the field, but also due to their high academic achievement in the classroom. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCCA) presented **Collins Hill High** and **Parkview High** with the 2009-2010 Team Academic Award. The organization honored both the boys and girls teams at each Gwinnett high school.

“Whenever we have students recognized for their academic success, it shows that the students, their families, and their coaches value the importance of maintaining high standards in the classroom as well as on the athletic fields,” says **Mike Emery**, the school district’s director of athletics, activities, and community schools. Mr. Emery explains that high achievement on the field and in the classroom doesn’t happen by accident. He adds, “It takes a lot of hard work, dedication and excellent time-management skills to excel at the highest level possible. This type of recognition is another way of showing how the academic and extracurricular worlds work hand-in-hand to promote the high quality of student-athletes we have in Gwinnett County Public Schools.”

In all, the NSCAA recognized 386 soccer teams across the nation. That number includes 144 boys teams and 242 girls teams. Gwinnett’s Collins Hill High and Parkview High were part of a small group of only 61 schools which received honors for both teams. In order to earn the award, each team had to meet a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the academic year. Collins Hill High’s boys soccer team had a 3.31 GPA, while Parkview High earned a 3.29. The girls soccer team had a 3.46 GPA at Collins Hill High, and a 3.49 at Parkview High.

Founded in 1941, the National Soccer Coaches of America consists of more than 30,000 members. The Team Academic Award program was established in 2000.



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