



PRESS RELEASE

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FROM: Phil Kuemmel, Assistant Principal - Activities, Park High School
RE.: Athena Award Winner

Park senior Ava Reckinger has been selected as the school's Athena Award winner for 2024. The St. Paul Area Athena Award committee honors the outstanding senior female athletes from over forty area high schools each year.

Ava is a three-sport athlete for the Wolfpack. She was a four-time varsity letter winner in soccer and earned All-Conference and All-Section honors. She was a team captain and voted the team's MVP. In Nordic skiing Ms. Reckinger earned three varsity letters and received the Coaches' Commendation Award. She is also a captain in lacrosse and was named All-Conference and All-Section. Ave helped lead the Wolfpack to a conference championship and section runners-up as a junior.



Ava has 3.95 GPA and is an academic letter winner. She is involved in many school groups, including National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, and Link Crew. She will attend the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and will major in elementary education and play lacrosse

Past winners of this award at Park include Sydnee Nelson, Megan Maloney, Shauna Miller, Saren Croker, Annie Williams, Anna Keys, Larissa Lurken, Allie Morse, and Jackie Voigt, as well as current Park staff members Ashley (Homan) Bailey and Kate Schwartz. Ava will receive her award at the 30th Annual St. Paul Area Athena Award luncheon on April 17th at the St. Paul RiverCentre.

The mission of the Park High School Activities Department is to create learning opportunities for students to develop character, become well-rounded citizens, and achieve excellence in their activities, school, and community.

