

## **Southland College Prep honors athletes**

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Eighty-eight students from Southland College Prep Charter High School in Richton Park, who competed on 10 teams in Illinois High School Association-sanctioned tournaments, were honored for their accomplishments at the school's recent first athletic and activities banquet.

Letters and medals were awarded to all and select students were named Most Valuable Players or Rising Stars by their coaches.

Two sophomores, Morgan Brown, 15, of Matteson, and Perry Sibby, 15, of Park Forest, the first and only Southland students to compete in IHSA tournaments at the state level, were named "Outstanding Performers," by athletic director Homer Thomas, who awarded them school jackets.

"Morgan Brown's forensic performance in IHSA tournaments this academic year has been extraordinary," said her coach, Dean Cheryl Frazier.

Brown placed seventh in the IHSA State Speech Individual Events tournament with her performance of an oratorical declamation, "I Am Seeking an Attitude," an essay by June Jordan.

"Bowler Perry Sibby had a phenomenal season," said his coach, Brian Wales, who teaches math at Southland.

The sophomore, who threw against varsity bowlers all season long, averaged 217.2 per game and rolled a high game score of 267. He averaged 7.7 strikes per game with marks on his score sheet in nine out of 10 frames per game. He finished the season placing 29th in the Boys Illinois State Bowling tournament with an average round of 209.

A highlight of the evening was the surprise announcement by Thomas that the new Southland College Prep Charter High School's teams will compete as the Eagles.

"Eagles soar to great heights and that's our vision for all of these talented young people who have represented Southland College Prep Charter High School so very well this year in IHSA sanctioned tournaments," Blondean Davis, Southland College Prep's CEO, said.

Southland College Prep coaches named 19 Most Valuable Players and Rising Stars of their respective teams as follows: boys cross country MVP Michael Ward-Fleming, Rising Star Michael Gettings; girls cross country MVP Ashley Jackson, Rising Star Imani Fountain; boys

golf MVP Perry Sibby;, Rising Star Jeremy Rhymes; girls golf: MVP Samantha Higgins; volleyball MVP, Kendall Brunson, Rising Star Phymia Nunn; girls bowling MVP Kiara Chandler, Rising Star Samantha Higgins; boys bowling MVP Perry Sibby, Rising Star Victor Banjoko; forensics MVP Morgan Brown, Rising Star Malik Bibbie; boys track MVP Michael Ward-Fleming, Rising Star Marcelle Vanarsdale; and girls track MVP Ashley Jackson, Rising Star Cierra Osborne.

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