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Scholar-Athletes Honored at Annual Banquet

Christian, Laursen take home top awards

Student-Athlete Services

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**STATESBORO** - Georgia Southern Athletics and Student-Athlete Services hosted recently the Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center. The banquet honored the Eagle Honor Roll and Scholar-Athletes of the Year. One hundred and forty-one student-athletes qualified for the Honor Roll, and one male and one female were selected as the Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

The male nominees for Scholar-Athlete of the Year were: [Tyler Martin](#), Baseball; [Lane Ecton](#), Football; [Shawn O'Connell](#), Basketball; [Archer Price](#), Golf; [JC Alcalá](#), Tennis; and [Emil Laursen](#), Soccer. The female nominees were: [Jennifer Middlebrook](#), Rifle; [Alesha Mann](#), Softball; [Alexis Foulks](#), Basketball; [Angelica Wallerstedt](#), Soccer; [Anna Rose Moore](#), Swimming & Diving; [Bailey Willett](#), Track & Field; and [Paige Christian](#), Tennis.

This year, soccer player [Emil Laursen](#), who earned first-team Academic All-America honors, and tennis player [Paige Christian](#) were chosen as the Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year, respectively. The criteria for this award requires that each student-athlete must have completed at least four full-time terms at Georgia Southern; they must have earned a varsity letter in their respective sports; and they must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The award selection is 50 percent academic, 30 percent athletic, and 20 percent leadership and community service. The University Athletics Committee votes to select the award winners.

**Earning spots on the All-Academic Team Award were:**

[Brian Eichhorn](#), Baseball

[Lane Ecton](#), Football

[Shawn O'Connell](#), Men's Basketball

[Crawford Simmons](#), Men's Golf

[Emil Laursen](#), Men's Soccer

[JC Alcalá](#), Men's Tennis

[Lydia Odlin](#), Rifle

[Alesha Mann](#), Softball

[Joscelin Morrow](#), Volleyball

[Alexis Foulks](#), Women's Basketball

[Julianna Collett](#), Women's Golf

[Madeline Jones](#), Women's Soccer

[Madison Heydinger](#), Women's Swimming & Diving

[Paige Christian](#), Women's Tennis

[Bailey Willett](#), Women's Track & Field

**Earning the Athletic Director Award were:**

[JC Alcalá](#), Men's Tennis

[Kierra Camp](#), Softball  
[Lane Ecton](#), Football  
[Alexis Foulks](#), Women's Basketball  
[Madison Heydinger](#), Women's Swimming & Diving  
[Paige Hoover](#), Women's Soccer  
[Eddie Landin](#), Men's Tennis  
[Alesha Mann](#), Softball  
[Cathrine Murray](#), Volleyball  
[Angelica Wallerstedt](#), Women's Soccer  
[Bailey Willett](#), Track & Field  
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