

2017-2018 ATHLETIC SUMMARY HIGH POINT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



In 2017 – 2018 the High Point Christian Academy Athletic Department fielded 33 competitive athletic teams in 12 different sports.

We had a large number of students in grades 6-12 participating in our athletic program this year. The total number of students in our high school totaled 231 and middle school had 138 students. We had 12 fall teams that rostered 187. In the winter we had 9 teams with a roster of 113 and in the spring, 10 teams which rostered 163 student athletes. In the high school and middle school, 89 students participated in more than one varsity sport. The senior class has 11 that will represent HPCA in college playing 6 different sports.

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cheerleading – Var, JV	Basketball (Boys) – Var, JV, MS	Baseball – Var, JV, MS
Cross Country (Boys) – Var	Basketball (Girls) – Var, MS	Golf – Var, MS
Cross Country (Girls) - Var	Cheerleading – Var, JV	Soccer (Girls) – Var, MS
Football – Var, JV	Swimming (Boys)– Var	Softball – Var
Soccer (Boys) – Var, MS	Swimming (Girls) – Var	Track & Field (Boys) - Var
Tennis (Girls) – Var, JV		Track & Field (Girls) - Var
Volleyball – Var, JV, MS		

CONFERENCE AND STATE

The Piedmont Athletic Conference of Independent Schools (PACIS) 3A for Varsity and Middle School includes Forsyth Country Day School, Greensboro Day School, and Wesleyan Christian Academy.

The Cougars compete in the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISAA) 3A Division. Teams qualifying for state tournaments in 2017-2018 included: Volleyball (Championship game), Football, Boys Basketball, Baseball, Track & Field, Softball and Golf.

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

The HPCA Cougar Athletes of the Year are chosen by the coaches. The athlete must have participated in at least two Varsity sports, and been chosen All-Conference and/or All-State in at least one of them. These athletes show leadership skills on a consistent basis on their teams. Grace Young was awarded the “Female Athlete of the Year.” She played volleyball and softball. Grace was All-Conference in volleyball and softball and she was also All-State in Softball. Grace will continue her softball career at Clemson University. The “Male Athlete of the Year” was awarded to Lance Boykin. He played football, basketball and track & field. Lance was 1st team All-State in football, and All-Conference in track. Lance will continue his football career at Old Dominion University.



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COLLEGE ATHLETES

There are 11 Cougars who will continue their athletics in college in six sports.

Lance Boykin	Football	Old Dominion University
Chance Clency	Football	Saint Anselm College
Caleb Homol	Football	University of Mount Union
Copeland Petitfils	Football	Hampden-Sydney College
Dakota Truhe	Volleyball	Emory and Henry College
Raegan Thompson	Softball	UNC-Charlotte
Grace Young	Softball	Clemson University
Dawson Daniels	Golf	Elon University
Colin Best	Baseball	UNC Greensboro
Jackson Leck	Baseball	Mars Hill University
Jonathan Loy	Track and Field	USC Upstate

COUGAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Individual athletic teams were successful in conference competition. The Cougars added the following awards: **44** All-Conference players and **9** All-State players. Honors were also bestowed upon the following as **PACIS Players of the Year** in their sports: Raegan Thompson (Softball), Chance Clency (Track) and Copeland Petitfils (Football). **PACIS Coach of the Year:** Bridget Knower (Volleyball), Joseph Cooper (Basketball), David Spencer (Varsity Golf), and Scott Bell (Football).

Middle School Volleyball came in second in the PACIS Conference.

Varsity Football was seeded #3 in Division 1 and the record was 9-1.

Middle School Girls Basketball placed second in the PACIS Conference.

Varsity Volleyball was PACIS Conference Champions and finished 2nd in 3A State tournament.

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball won the Bank of the Ozarks Tournament over the Christmas holiday.

Varsity Swim team had 12 swimmers compete in the State Meet.

Varsity Golf was the PACIS Conference Champions and they were ranked 6th in 3A NCISAA.

Boys and Girls Track & Field finished 2nd in the PACIS Conference.

Varsity Baseball was seeded #6 in 3A State Playoffs.

INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Varsity Basketball players, Kyle Watkins and Jordan Robson, surpassed the 1,000 point scoring mark.

Landon Sutton and Jake Ledbetter were both All-Area honorable mention for the Greensboro News and Record.

Dawson Daniels was recognized as Greensboro News and Record "Golfer of the Year."

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Senior Hunter Curlee placed 3rd and freshman Stephen Loy, placed 2nd in the Pole Vault event at the state meet.

Riley Barrett was voted by North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association into the All-Region 2nd Team.

Chance Clency was the PACIS Outstanding Performer in Varsity Track.

Raegan Thompson was the PACIS Player of the Year in Varsity Softball.

Softball players Raegan Thompson and Grace Young were recognized from the Greensboro News and Record's All-Area Team and Peyton Lawson and Lexi Hall were honorable mention.

Greensboro News and Record also recognized baseball players Kameron Heath to the All Area Team. Zach Krepjs, Connor Smith, and Carson Yates were honorable mention.

COACH'S SUMMARY OF THE SEASON

Varsity Football Record: 9-1 "This year was a season with many challenges and adjustments. With so many new players, it takes time to build the chemistry and learn the culture. The program advanced again this year playing the top three teams in the state, leading to a #3 seed in Division 1. This speaks volumes for these seniors who have won Division 3 Championship, then a Division 2 Championship and they year competed in Division 1 and played with the best in the state." *Scott Bell*

Jr. Varsity Football Record: 5-3 "Coaching this group of kids was an honor for our coaching staff. We overcame adversity throughout the season and we lost multiple players due to injury and moving to varsity. With our next man up and a late season change in our approach to "just have fun" we won the last two games. What a joyful season to see this group of young men and coaches come together to believe through adversity and grow in Christ was certainly amazing and fun to be a part of." *Chad Long*

Varsity Cross Country Record: 4th in Conference "We had a young team led by our only senior, Jonathan Loy. We made great strides and the entire team finished their last race at states with a personal record. The hard work, positive attitudes and commitment were evident as we grew as a team. One highlight of the season was hosting our first on campus cross country meet." *Heather Foster*

Varsity Boys Soccer Record 4-11, 1-5 Conference "Led by our seniors, we had a young team that learned how to compete and commit to the daily process of improving. It was exciting to watch them work hard for each other and compete in some tough games. This is a group of guys that truly care for each other on and off the field and will do anything to see their team be successful." *Austin Beck*

Middle School Boys Soccer Record: 3-9-2 "Although we were very young, this team has been the most talented group we've seen in a long time. Heads were held high in the midst of defeat and each player remained positive and encouraging no matter the result." *Kara Thaggard*

Varsity Girls Tennis Record: 7-7 "Our prayer last season was to grow our tennis team...and the Lord answered our prayers and brought five new Varsity players! We were a team of God honoring young women that cheered for each other and pushed one another towards love and good deeds. Each girl grew in their knowledge and ability of the game." *Aundrea Hendley*

Jr. Varsity Girls Tennis Record: 3-7 "This season we grew 100% from the last season of barely having enough players to fill one team to filling two teams. All the girls on the team got a chance to play in the top six



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positions. The highlight of our season was winning a hard fought match against FCD 5 – 4 on their home court.”
Joe Lyon

Varsity Volleyball Record: 20-10 “From the start, our team goal was to be in the State Final match. The girls worked hard to accomplish their goals this season. I am so proud of the way they have been unified in their spirit and love toward each other while doing great things. To God be the glory!” *Bridget Knower*



Jr. Varsity Volleyball Record: 14-5 “This team will go down in Coach Truhe’s and Coach Broaddus’ record books as one of the best they have ever coached. These girls were and are amazing on and off the court. They have such huge hearts and such love for the Lord and for the game. The room lights up when they walk in. It was such a joy to be a part of their lives and a blessing to me to be their coach. For a few months a year, your teammates are your family and that’s exactly what our team was.” *Melissa Truhe*

Middle School Volleyball Record: 8-6 “What an amazing season it has been! We worked together to conquer our team and individual goals and I couldn’t have asked for a better group of athletes!” *Emily Gesell*

Boys Varsity Basketball Record: 12-13, “All For One” from Phil. 1:27 motivated the team this season. “I really enjoyed coaching this group of young men. They had many ‘big wins’ including Greensboro Day, Cannon, Ravenscroft and Durham Academy (twice). Most of all, I’m proud of the growth that took place off the court. The 2018 seniors will certainly be missed, though the future is promising.” *Joseph Cooper*



Girls Varsity Basketball Record: 3-17, Col.3:23 was the team’s key verse. “This season was successful by virtue of all the progress the girls made towards the goal of becoming more competitive in the near future. They worked hard and were diligent as they sought to honor Christ through perseverance and work ethic. We are excited about next season and the possibilities that it holds for each of us.” *Sam Beasley*

Boys JV Basketball Record: 17-3, The team succeeded in winning the Bank of the Ozarks tournament at Christmas. “Our season was an example of team chemistry and unselfishness. The boys played with a hard nosed defense, and didn’t know how to quit. I am proud of our season and accomplishments.” *Ronnie Kruger*

Middle School Boys A Team Record: 10-6, “What a great season! There was much uncertainty regarding this season since there was only one returning player. There were many good times on and off the court. The team grew together as a team. I wasn’t ready for the season to be over!” *Todd Farlow*

Middle School Boys B Team Record: 1-6-2, 2 Tim. 4:7 encouraged the team to fight the good fight. The team’s mission project was giving to a family in need at Christmas. “Our record does not accurately reflect the fight and heart of this team. These young men have displayed courage, discipline and the willingness to learn and grow throughout the season. I am proud of this team as they never got down on themselves and they showed positive sportsmanship the entire season.” *Barry Gillispie*

Middle School Girls Basketball Record: 9-7, The team served our community and ran a clinic at a local Boys and Girls Club and shared the gospel with the kids. They had a successful season and went 1-1 in the tournament and beat Wesleyan in the first round and lost to Greensboro Day in the championship game. “Our team improved dramatically from last season winning nine more games and scoring 300 more points than last year. More importantly, we learned what it means to have discipline on the court, with our school work, and in our spiritual lives because we know that later on, discipline produces a harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it.”

Morgan Schoenacker

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Varsity Cheerleading “This has been a wonderful season coaching alongside a great group of godly girls. As a coach, not only do I want them to persevere and reach goals in cheer, but most importantly to persevere and reach goals in their daily walk with Christ.” *Tammy Smith*

Middle School Cheerleading “These first few months have been full of fun, fights, fits and faith! I’ve been blessed to be a part of this journey. Each of the girls brings something special to our team, without which, we wouldn’t function. I’m so proud and it’s been a joy to coach this group of girls.” *Mikki Patseavouras*



Varsity Swimming The team served along with Green Street’s Furniture Ministry by delivering furniture and other needed belongings to a family in need. “This year, there was a variety of skill levels, but a wonderful, enthusiastic, loving, caring, entertaining and respectful group of swimmers that truly appreciate and enjoyed one another. I couldn’t ask for a more committed group. I was very excited for their accomplishments and very much appreciated their hearts and attitudes.” *Carol Johnson*

Varsity Baseball Record: 18-8, The theme of their season was to “Play for an audience of 1.” At Christmas, the team blessed a family in need with over \$1000 in gifts. “I believe God blessed our season in many ways. We grew together as a team and played hard for each other. I have many great memories from this season!” *Corey Gesell*

Junior Varsity Baseball Record: 8-3, “We had a good season overall. We overcame weather constraints, players moving to Varsity, and injuries to compete in every game. Our goal was to prepare the young men for the Varsity level. The young men kept working hard and competing until the very end. The coaching staff is proud of these young men.” *Bryan Marshall*



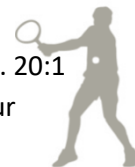
Middle School Baseball Record: 3-8, “Iron sharpens iron, as man sharpens another.” Prov. 27:17 encouraged the team this season. “We learned to become a team, work hard, hustle and compete and never give up. We learned to win with class and to learn from a loss. In the end, I learned that 14 boys I love, have a very bright future!” *Jamey Dunlap*

Varsity Girls Soccer Record: 5-9-1, The team applied one of the core values “Leave it better than you found it” as they served at the Low Country Food Bank and packed meals for the elderly. “This team persevered through a lot and worked hard to improve on a daily basis. We had a very young team and learned a lot of valuable lessons that will prepare us to be successful in the future.” *Austin Beck*



Middle School Girls Soccer Record: 0-12, “I truly enjoyed being able to coach these girls and help them learn the game of soccer. They all improved so much throughout the season and had such positive attitudes. They were a joy to be around and I know the Lord has a bright future and plan for them.” *Julia Eger*

Varsity Boys Tennis The team served snow cones to the children at Oak Hollow Recreational Center and Deut. 20:1 was their core verse. “This season was a true blessing. I am very proud of the top 6 as well as the progress our newer players made in their game.” *Jeff Grice*



Varsity Softball Record: 7-10, Philippians 2:1-2 inspired the team to be encouraging and love one another. “This group of young ladies worked extremely hard. Each player in some ways put the team before themselves. Their attitude was incredible. They all taught me something not only about softball but in many other ways.” *Lin Hayworth*

Middle School Golf Record: 1-5, “We had a young team with no experience. They worked hard, had great attitudes, showed great improvement throughout the season and I enjoyed coaching this season. I was very proud of the Christlike character they displayed at every match. They represented Christ and our school very well.” *Scooter Nance*



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Varsity Golf PACIS Conference Champions, “Be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”

I Corinthians 16:13 guided the team this year. “God has blessed me with an amazing team to coach. I am so proud of my players and their accomplishments this season.” *David Spencer*

Varsity Track and Field Record: 2nd in Conference -Boys and Girls, The team donated supplies for the tornado victims in Greensboro as their service project. “The team had some seasoned veterans but also welcomed many newcomers to the program. Each athlete strove to improve their individual performances as well as contribute to the team. Overall it was a successful season in which several school records were broken.” *Heather Foster*



TOURNAMENTS

Three of the Varsity teams played in tournaments outside of their regular schedule. The Varsity Boys Basketball team traveled to a tournament in Lexington, Kentucky. The Varsity Baseball team played in the annual Mingo Bay Baseball Tournament in Myrtle Beach over Spring Break. The Varsity Boys Soccer and Volleyball teams travelled to Raleigh for tournaments as well. The Varsity Girls soccer team played two teams in Charleston, South Carolina during spring break.

COUGAR CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2017 Cougar Cup Golf Tournament was held in September at The Meadowlands Golf Course. We had 130 golfers and the tournament raised over \$18,000 for our Athletic Department. Our Premier sponsor was ServiceMaster, and we had three Double Diamond sponsors and five Diamond sponsors.

Tournament Winners

1st: David Spencer, Troy Spencer, Dawson Daniels, Brandon Clifford

2nd: Jason Harris, Josh Piersall, Craig Stroup, Scott Erickson

3rd: Bo Sink, Will Armfield, Jared Hall, Steven Williams

4th: Patrick Patterson, Mark Dunker, Eddie Greene, Pete Otterberg

Closest to the Hole Winners

Hole #3 Dawson Daniels, #6 Steve Powell, #11 Matt Underwood, #17 Ryan Kirby

Longest Drive

Hole #8 Zac Lee

ALUMNI NEWS

Bam Adebayo ('16) was selected by the Miami Heat in Round 1 with Pick 14 in the 2017 NBA draft. In his rookie season, he averaged 6.9 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.5 assists in 69 regular-season games and started 19 games.

Michal Seals ('15) UVA-Wise Freshman SID All-State honors.

Chris Corbett ('13) was chosen in MLB 2017 Draft in 18th round by San Francisco Giants.

Jackson Kent ('13) graduated from JMU in 2017 and is playing basketball in the Czech-Republic for the team BK-JIP-Parabudice.

Diante Baldwin ('13) graduated from UNCG, then went to Poland and is playing for the AZS-Koszalin team.



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The annual Alumni Night was held in the Fall. The Volleyball team played against 9 former HPCA players and the Boys Soccer team played against 19 HPCA alumni.

SUMMER CAMPS

Cougar Summer Athletics Camps included Basketball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Volleyball, and an All-Sports camp.

COACHES

Baseball:	Corey Gesell (V), Bryan Marshall (JV), Jamey Dunlap (MS)
Basketball:	Joseph Cooper (V Boys), Sam Beasley (V Girls), Ronnie Kruger (JV Boys) Todd Farlow (MS Boys), Morgan Schoenacker (MS Girls), Barry Gillispie (MS Boys B)
Cheerleading:	Tammy Smith (V), Mikki Patseavouras (JV)
Cross Country:	Heather Foster (V Boys and Girls)
Football:	Scott Bell (V), Chad Long (JV)
Golf:	David Spencer (V), Scooter Nance (MS)
Soccer:	Austin Beck (V Boys and Girls), Kara Thaggard (MS Boys), Julia Eger (MS Girls)
Softball:	Linn Hayworth (V)
Swimming:	Carol Johnson (V Boys and Girls)
Tennis:	Aundrea Hendley (V Girls), Joe Lyon (JV Girls) Jeff Grice (V Boys)
Track & Field:	Heather Foster (V Boys and Girls)
Volleyball:	Bridget Knower (V), Melissa Truhe (JV), Emily Gesell (MS)

Assistant to the Athletic Director: Joy Barrett

Athletic Director: Corey Gesell

