

### **QWEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WINNERS ANNOUNCED BY OSAA**

Wilsonville, Ore. --- The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) today announced the recipients of the Qwest Scholarship Program. Calli Jackson from Oregon City High School and Dallen Davies of Crane High School are the winners for Winter 2009.

"These two fine recipients have shown dedication, not only in the classroom, but on the field of play and within the communities they live," said OSAA Executive Director Tom Welter. "We are proud to partner with Qwest in this outstanding effort to recognize those who exemplify true leadership."

"Qwest is very pleased to reward these student-athletes for their accomplishments both on and off the field," said Judy Pepler, Qwest President for Oregon. "We appreciate the opportunity to partner with OSAA and hope these scholarships help these outstanding young people continue to pursue both their athletic and academic development."

Jackson served as a captain of the Oregon City Girls Basketball team that won the 6A Girls Basketball State Championship this past March. From mentoring young girls at basketball clinics throughout the summer to volunteering her time at a memory care facility in which Alzheimer's patients reside, Jackson gives back to her community in a multitude of ways. She has also organized an Adopt a Family program which aids disadvantaged families during the holiday season. Leadership on the court has transferred into the classroom as she developed a Diversity Month club at Oregon City High School.

Davies led the Crane Mustangs to a fifth place finish at the 1A Boys Basketball State Championship. Besides the leadership he exudes on the court, he shows leadership in his community and school. A young man who is always willing to lend a helping hand, Dallen believes you should always leave something better than the way you found it. This is evident in the community in which he lives. He is an active member in the FFA, 4-H club, National Honor Society, and his local church. Davies is an Eagle Scout and plans on becoming a neurosurgeon after college.

The Qwest Scholarship Program, administered by the OSAA, recognizes six high school student-athletes each school year who make a difference in their communities through leadership skills and a commitment to community service. This program promotes and inspires student-athletes to better the communities in which they live using leadership skills and abilities. The scholarships are awarded based on the student-athlete's level of commitment to community service and a demonstrated ability to lead their peers. Each season (Fall, Winter, Spring) two student-athletes will be chosen to receive a \$1,000 college scholarship from Qwest and the OSAA. The winners are selected by representatives from Qwest and the OSAA.

Student-athletes recognized as a Qwest Player of the Game/Qwest Athlete of the Meet during the 2008-09 school year are eligible to apply for the Qwest Scholarship Program. These student-athletes must have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher and have completed at least 10 hours of community service in the past calendar year to be eligible.

Support for the scholarship program is part of Qwest's mission to support community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on pre-K through grade 12 education.

The Oregon School Activities Association is a private non-profit, board governed association comprised of 295 member high schools. The OSAA, sanctioned by the Oregon State Board of Education and a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, annually sponsors 118 state championships in 19 sports and activities. For more information about the OSAA and its member schools, visit [www.osaa.org](http://www.osaa.org).