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Dear Coach,

To recognize the academic achievements of New York State's scholastic rowers, the New York State Scholastic Rowing Association has implemented a Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program.

Varsity rowing teams or clubs with an average grade point average of 90.000% or higher will receive a NYSSRA Scholar/Athlete Team Award certificate and recognition on the NYSSRA website. Press releases will be sent to teams' local newspapers.

Varsity rowers with individual GPAs of 90.000% or higher who are members of qualifying Scholar/Athlete teams will each receive a NYSSRA Scholar/Athlete Team Award pin.

You are invited to begin the nomination process with the enclosed NYSSRA Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program nomination form. All materials must be submitted by **May 15, 2009** for the Spring 2009 season. Qualifying teams will be announced on June 1, 2009 at which time award packages will be mailed out to the contact person listed on your nomination form.

Additional information on eligibility and instructions for completing and submitting nomination forms can be found in the materials included with this announcement. Please contact NYSSRA Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program Committee Chairperson Connie Trigger at (518)381-9407 or NYSSRAScholars@gmail.com with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Chase

President, New York State Scholastic Rowing Association

NYSSRA's Mission:

To aid, encourage, foster, support and promote
the development and growth of rowing as a scholastic sport in New York State.