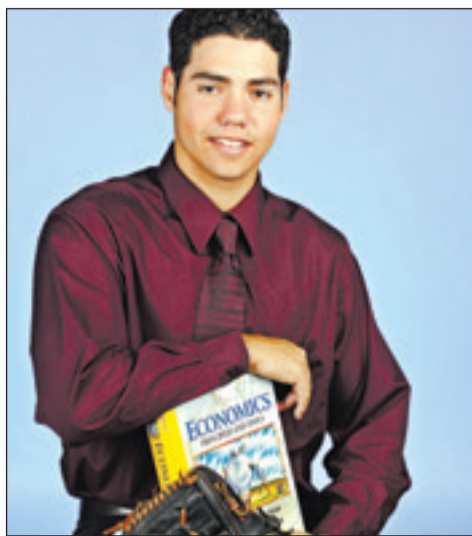
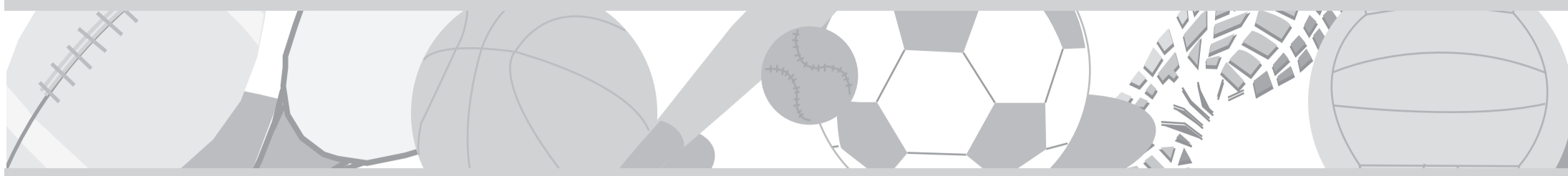


# 2004 ALL-DADE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES



**RAUDEL ALFONSO, Hialeah**

**Sport:** Baseball.  
**Athletic honor:** All-Dade second-team as a junior.  
**GPA:** 3.192 (unweighted), 4.025 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** 95th of 806.  
**Test score:** 1350 SAT.  
**College choice:** University of Miami.  
**Class schedule:** Art, Drafting, AP Chemistry, Honors American Government/Economics, English, Weight Training, Dance Technique, Leadership Skills.  
**Community service:** Helped students learn how to read.  
**Dream career:** MLB player; engineer.



**JAVIER GARCIA-TUNON, Belen**

**Sport:** Track.  
**Athletic honors:** First place at the 2003 decathlon state championship, finished second at state in the 300 hurdles as a junior.  
**GPA:** 4.81 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** School does not rank its students.  
**Test scores:** 1350 SAT, 29 ACT.  
**College choice:** FSU.  
**Class schedule:** Honors Philosophy, Latin American History, World Literature, AP Calculus BC, Honors Ignatian Spirituality, AP Psychology, Dramatic Literature.  
**Community service:** Served the homeless at Camillus House. Traveled to the Dominican Republic to help build schools for the poor.  
**Dream career:** Olympian.



**CAROLINA ARDILA, Gulliver Prep**

**Sports:** Swimming, water polo.  
**Athletic honor:** The Herald's water polo Player of the Year as a junior.  
**GPA:** 3.38 (unweighted), 4.82 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** School does not rank students.  
**Test scores:** 1310 SAT, 27 ACT.  
**College choice:** Princeton.  
**Class schedule:** IB Calculus, IB World Literature, AP Psychology, IB Spanish Literature, IB Contemporary World History, IB Art and Design II IB, Concert and Jazz Band Conservatory Level.  
**Community service:** Raised money to aid international organization that helps clear land mines in Cambodia. Taught English to Little Havana residents.  
**Dream career:** Politician.



**KIMBERLY MERKUR, Florida Christian**

**Sports:** Volleyball, soccer.  
**Athletic honor:** All-Dade first-team volleyball.  
**GPA:** 4.0 (unweighted), 4.6 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** 7th of 101.  
**Test scores:** 1280 SAT, 30 ACT.  
**College choice:** Central Florida.  
**Class schedule:** AP English Literature, Band, Government/Economics, AP Calculus, Chemistry.  
**Community service:** Served food to missionaries. Participated in Hands on Miami beach cleanup project.  
**Dream career:** Physical therapist.



**DANNY LEVY, Krop**

**Sport:** Tennis.  
**Athletic honors:** First team All-Dade singles player as a junior.  
**GPA:** 4.1 (unweighted), 4.6 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** Top 10 percent.  
**Test score:** 1460 SAT.  
**College choice:** Tulane.  
**Class schedule:** AP English Literature, AP Government/Economics, AP Environmental Studies, Physical Education.  
**Community service:** Developed program that teaches social skills to kids suffering from Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity disorders.  
**Dream career:** Movie screen writer.



**RICHARD MARTIN, Palmer Trinity**

**Sport:** Basketball.  
**Athletic honor:** All-Dade first-team.  
**GPA:** 3.56 (unweighted), 3.87 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** School does not rank its students.  
**Test score:** 1330 SAT.  
**College choice:** Williams, Mass.  
**Class schedule:** AP Government, AP Environmental Science, AP English Literature, Honors Economics, Honors Universe Studies.  
**Community service:** Taught basketball at YMCA and tutored students after school.  
**Dream career:** Pro basketball player; lawyer.



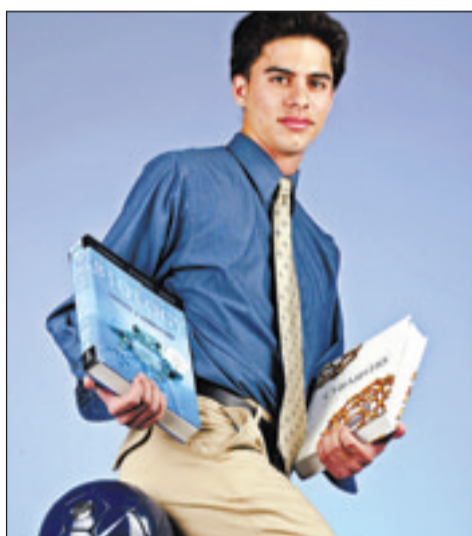
**ISABEL OLIVAS, Sunset**

**Sport:** Swimming.  
**Athletic honors:** All-Dade first-team all four years in swimming. All-Dade second-team in cross-country for three years.  
**GPA:** 3.84 (unweighted), 5.31 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** 8th of 743.  
**Test scores:** 1270 SAT, 26 ACT.  
**College choice:** Gardner Webb.  
**Class schedule:** AP English Literature, AP Calculus BC, AP Biology, AP Spanish, AP Government, AP Economics, Sports Medicine/First Aid.  
**Community service:** Volunteered as kindergarten teacher at Miami Vineyard Community Church.  
**Dream career:** Pediatrician.



**VALERIA RODRIGUEZ, Lourdes**

**Sports:** Track, cross-country.  
**Athletic honors:** All-Dade first-team cross-country for four years. State champion in the 800 meters as a junior. Helped Lourdes win three straight state titles in cross-country.  
**GPA:** 4.314 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** School does not rank its students.  
**Test score:** 1200 SAT.  
**College choice:** Florida.  
**Class schedule:** Honors Anatomy, AP Spanish, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Government, Theology IV, English IV.  
**Community service:** Volunteered at the Palace Retirement Home for two years.  
**Dream career:** Radiologist.



**STAVROS MOYSIDIS, Killian**

**Sport:** Soccer.  
**Athletic honor:** All-Dade second-team.  
**GPA:** 4.00 (unweighted), 6.933 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** 1st of 830.  
**Test score:** 1440 SAT.  
**College choice:** Florida.  
**Class schedule:** AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP English Literature, AP Macroeconomics, AP Government, AP Human Geography, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology, AP Art History.  
**Community service:** Tutored Homestead students for the FCAT.  
**Dream career:** Doctor.



**LARRY WOERNER, Gulliver Prep**

**Sports:** Cross-country, track.  
**Athletic honors:** All-Dade first-team in cross-country. Helped Gulliver win state title.  
**GPA:** 3.69 (unweighted), 5.01 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** School does not rank students.  
**Test scores:** 1460 SAT, 32 ACT.  
**College choice:** Virginia.  
**Class schedule:** AP Calculus, IB World Literature, IB Contemporary World History, IB Spanish Higher Level, Advanced Engineering, IB Physics.  
**Community service:** Volunteered at non-profit organization that promoted alternative methods of medicine.  
**Dream career:** International Business.



**BAYLEE LAUREN SHAPIRO, Krop**

**Sports:** Water polo, swimming.  
**Athletic honor:** State qualifier in swimming.  
**GPA:** 3.9630 (unweighted), 6.130 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** 2nd of 781.  
**Test scores:** 1470 SAT, 33 ACT.  
**College choice:** Northwestern.  
**Class schedule:** AP Calculus BC, AP English Literature, AP Chemistry, AP Government, AP Macroeconomics, AP Computer Science, AP Statistics.  
**Community service:** Initiated Learn to Swim program.  
**Dream career:** Art museum curator.



**CRYSTAL THOMAS, Coral Reef**

**Sports:** Track, bowling and badminton.  
**Athletic honors:** All-Dade third-team in track, eighth at state in the discus as a junior.  
**GPA:** 3.152 (unweighted), 4.485 (weighted).  
**Class rank:** 198th of 567.  
**Test score:** 1200 SAT.  
**College choice:** Cornell.  
**Class schedule:** AP American Government, Honors Economics, AP English Literature, AP Humanities, Law Studies/Legal Studies & Criminal Justice, TV Production, Research.  
**Community service:** Spent six years as Sunday school teacher and keyboard musician at her church. Basketball assistant coach at Hammocks Middle School.  
**Dream career:** Marketing/PR executive.

## ALL-DADE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE NOMINEES

• *American:* Pamela Morrow (soccer, softball, swimming, cross-country), 5.4 GPA, 1130 GPA; James Arado (baseball), 5.3 GPA.  
 • *Archbishop Curley:* Lauren Cristostomo (cross-country, track), 5.127 GPA, 1100 SAT; Ryan Ruby (soccer, wrestling, lacrosse), 4.4 GPA, 1150 SAT.  
 • *Braddock:* Nicole Hubbard (volleyball), 4.4 GPA, 1040 SAT; Alejandro Palma (swimming, track, cross-country), 6.433 GPA, 1500 SAT.  
 • *Carol City:* Alexander Velasquez (football); Vencil Graham (basketball).  
 • *Central:* Katherine Harris (cross-country, track), 3.9 GPA, 1000 SAT; Victor Lantigua (soccer, water polo), 4.8 GPA, 1100 SAT).  
 • *Columbus:* Gabriel Fernandez (football), 1110 SAT.  
 • *Coral Gables:* Elizabeth Simonhoff (soccer) 5.817 GPA, 25 ACT; Ranier Pollard

(track), 5.4 GPA, 28 ACT.  
 • *Coral Park:* Vanessa Cid (volleyball), 5.7 GPA, 1400 SAT; Lucio Rainilli (baseball), 5.1 GPA, 1270 SAT.  
 • *Coral Reef:* Loryn Conte (swimming, water polo), 5.0 GPA, 1140 SAT; Brett Bigenho (bowling), 5.2 GPA, 1350 SAT.  
 • *Florida Christian:* Alberto "Tito" Hernandez (football, track) 4.189 GPA, 1250 SAT.  
 • *Goleman:* Alyssa Iglesias (water polo, swimming), 5.241 GPA, 1280 SAT; Frank Espinosa (basketball, cross-country), 4.5 GPA, 1190 SAT.  
 • *Hialeah:* Christhy Serra (soccer), 4.353 GPA, 18 ACT.  
 • *Hialeah-Miami Lakes:* Amarilyn Bermudez (volleyball, soccer), 5.672 GPA, 1170 SAT; Jorge Tameron (volleyball), 4.880 GPA, 1150 SAT.  
 • *Homestead:* Kate Justus (softball), 5.3

GPA, 1310 SAT; Gabriel Thornton (basketball, football), 4.7 GPA, 1240 SAT.  
 • *Jackson:* Ann Pope (softball, badminton), 4.5 GPA, 1070 SAT; Manuel Richardson (baseball), 3.9 GPA, 23 ACT.  
 • *Killian:* Jennifer Mitzenmacher (cross-country, track), 4.2 GPA.  
 • *Krop:* Garrett Feldman (wrestling, cross-country), 5.2 GPA, 1150 SAT.  
 • *LaSalle:* Erin Doyle (soccer); 3.9 GPA, 970 SAT; Javier Cherta (baseball), 4.77 GPA, 1130 SAT.  
 • *MAST Academy:* Monica Simo (tennis), 5.6 GPA, 1550 SAT; Kaya Suarez (crew), 5.2 GPA, 1525 SAT.  
 • *Miami Beach:* Noelia Rabino (swimming, water polo), 4.7 GPA; 910 SAT; Modesto Mora (swimming), 5.4 GPA, 1330 SAT.  
 • *Miami Country Day:* Vanessa Gonzalez (volleyball, soccer), 3.9 GPA, 1360 SAT; Bastien

Broda (golf, soccer), 4.0 GPA, 1320 SAT.  
 • *Miami High:* Victor Perez (swimming, water polo, cross-country), 4.8 GPA, 1160 SAT; Natalie Ramos (swimming, water polo) 5.4 GPA, 1330 SAT.  
 • *Miami Springs:* Ryan Williams (swimming, water polo), 6.0 GPA, 1550 SAT.  
 • *Monsignor Pace:* Keyanna Hartley (tennis), 5.2 GPA; Lovon Ponder (basketball, football), 3.9 GPA.  
 • *Norland:* Kayla Chin Nuke (volleyball, softball) 5.1 GPA, 1210 SAT; Garfield Edman (track, soccer) 4.4 GPA, 1060 SAT.  
 • *North Miami:* Lynda Hunt-Dorta (softball, swimming and water polo), 6.7 SAT, 1400 SAT; Luis Cordova (tennis), 5.7 GPA.  
 • *North Miami Beach:* Cristina DeTagle (softball, volleyball, soccer), 4.9 GPA, 1170 SAT; Mario Betancur (soccer, volleyball), 3.8 GPA, 980 SAT.

• *Northwest Christian:* Lucy Martinez (basketball, volleyball, softball), 4.08 GPA, 860 SAT; Jordany Maignan (football), 4.33 GPA, 1180 SAT.  
 • *Northwestern:* Ketsia Marcellus (golf), 4.1 GPA, 820 SAT; Arlan Augustin (football), 4.7 GPA, 830 SAT.  
 • *Palmer Trinity:* Aliana Abascal (soccer), 4.12 GPA, 1430 SAT.  
 • *Palmetto:* Lisa Nentwig (volleyball, softball), 4.230 GPA, 1060 SAT; Jesse Cooper (football, baseball), 4.648 GPA, 24 ACT.  
 • *Ransom Everglades:* Emily Schwartz (water polo, swimming), 1520 SAT; Alex Javelly (football, soccer, lacrosse), 1440 SAT.  
 • *South Dade:* Amy Hernandez (basketball, volleyball), 5.241 GPA, 24 ACT; Jordan See (football), 5.193 GPA, 1190 SAT.  
 • *Southridge:* Lyndsay Worden (volleyball), 5.163 GPA, 1260 SAT; Ronald Chunga

(wrestling, football), 4.989 GPA, 1120 SAT.  
 • *Southwest:* Jackie Yaniga (volleyball, softball), 4.713 GPA, 1120 SAT; Bryan Hyde (wrestling, football, track, bowling) 4.427 GPA, 1100 SAT.  
 • *Sunset:* Richard Nelhaus (basketball, track, football), 4.0 GPA, 1200 SAT.  
 • *Westminster Christian:* Louann Rusch (volleyball), 4.3 GPA, 1120 SAT; Jason Benn (football), 4.12 GPA, 1160 SAT.  
 • *Varela:* Jimmy Finns (football, baseball), 4.99 GPA, 1180 SAT, 28 ACT; Jessica Gheller (volleyball, track), 6.0 GPA, 1430 SAT.

Seniors were nominated by each school with the six finalists selected by Herald Assistant Sports Editor Walter Villa and Sports Writer Manny Navarro. Sports listed cover an athlete's career and not necessarily one player during his/her senior year.

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