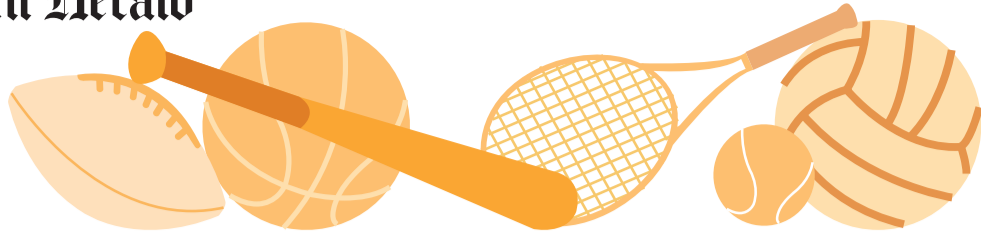


2005-06

The Miami Herald

# ALL-DADE

# SCHOLAR-ATHLETES



**FERNANDO ARAN**

Belen

- **Sports:** Football, track and field.
- **GPA/SAT:** 5.0/1420.
- **Class rank:** 1 out of 135.
- **College:** Princeton.
- **Athletic honors:** All-Dade first-team defense, All-State second team, 400 meters district champion.
- **Class schedule:** Honors Philosophy, AP Psychology, AP Calculus AB, AP Chemistry, Peer Ministry, Latin American History, AP English Lit.
- **Community service:** Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout), Key Club International, National Honors Society.
- **Dream career:** Orthopedic surgeon.



**CHAVEZ GRANT**

Booker T. Washington

- **Sports:** Football, track, basketball.
- **GPA/SAT:** 4.02/1010.
- **Class rank:** 6 out of 242.
- **College:** Miami.
- **Athletic honors:** First-team All-Dade and All-State football, CalFlorida all-star game member.
- **Class schedule:** Tech Studies, Leadership skills, AP English Lit, Spanish II, TV Production, Honors Economics, Art, Creative Writing.
- **Community service:** Football clinic with Optimist clubs, community action club.
- **Dream career:** Pro football player.



**LAUREN POLSTEIN**

Gulliver Prep

- **Sports:** Volleyball, softball.
- **GPA/SAT:** 5.19/33 ACT.
- **Class rank:** Top 5 percent.
- **College:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- **Athletic honors:** First-team All-Dade softball (since eighth grade), All-State (2005), second-team volleyball.
- **Class schedule:** AP World Lit, AP Chemistry, AP Statistics, AP Calculus 2/BC, AP Studio Art 3D.
- **Community service:** Operation Smile Club, youth softball coach.
- **Dream career:** Pharmaceutical chemist, pharmacist or doctor.



**SAMANTHA EVANS**

Palmer Trinity

- **Sports:** Volleyball, soccer and softball.
- **GPA/SAT:** 3.87/1350.
- **Class rank:** Top 10 percent.
- **College:** Franklin and Marshall College.
- **Athletic honors:** All-Dade first-team Soccer (2005-06), Volleyball (2005), honorable mention Softball (2003-04).
- **Class schedule:** Calculus, Psychology, Gothic Lit, Modern War, AP Environmental Studies.
- **Community service:** Hurricane Katrina Live Strong Bracelet Relief Fund.
- **Dream career:** Marine Biologist.



**GABRIEL Da SILVA**

Gulliver Prep

- **Sport:** Soccer.
- **GPA/SAT:** 4.75/2140 (new).
- **Class rank:** School does not rank.
- **College:** Columbia.
- **Athletic honors:** 2006 first-team All-Dade and All-State; 3A state champion.
- **Class schedule:** AP World Lit, Anatomy Honors, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, Calculus Honors, Spanish Literature IB, World Drama Honors.
- **Community service:** Youth soccer coach at Key Biscayne Athletic Club and Pinecrest Premier.
- **Dream career:** Business.



**EVAN ROMERO**

Pace

- **Sport:** Volleyball.
- **GPA/SAT:** 5.10/1400.
- **Class rank:** 8 out of 287.
- **College:** Stanford.
- **Athletic honors:** First-team All-Dade volleyball, all-tournament team at 2004 Junior Olympics.
- **Class schedule:** AP Government, AP Psychology, AP Calculus, AP Literature, Economics Honors, Pastoral Ministry.
- **Community service:** Volleyball camps at school, led religious retreats, Hurricane Katrina relief.
- **Dream career:** CEO.



**CHELSEA GRIFFIN**

Coral Reef

- **Sports:** Swimming and water polo.
- **GPA/SAT:** 5.05/29 ACT.
- **Class rank:** 139 out of 659.
- **College:** Florida State.
- **Athletic honors:** Swimming state qualifier (3 times), GMAC champion (swimming, water polo), All-Dade in both sports each of past three years.
- **Class schedule:** AP English Lit, AP Government/Honors Econ, AP Music Theory, Piano V Honors, Spanish II.
- **Community service:** Homestead Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center volunteer.
- **Dream career:** Athletic trainer.



**RACHEL PYE**

Northwestern

- **Sport:** Tennis.
- **GPA/SAT:** 4.5/1020.
- **Class rank:** 31 out of 428.
- **College:** Florida A&M.
- **Athletic honors:** No. 23-ranked player in Florida (USTA girls 18-under), 4A state singles runner-up (2005), All-Dade first-team tennis (2005).
- **Class schedule:** AP Psychology, AP English Lit, AP Statistics, Honors American Government/Economics.
- **Community service:** Lillie C. Evans Elementary volunteer.
- **Dream career:** Pediatrics primary care physician.



**RICHARD HARRIS**

Miami Country Day

- **Sport:** Tennis.
- **GPA/SAT:** 5.0/1490.
- **Class rank:** 2 out of 96.
- **College:** Princeton.
- **Athletic honors:** Two-time second-team All-Dade, 2006 1A state semifinalist in singles and doubles.
- **Class schedule:** AP Biology, AP Physics B, AP Calculus BC, AP Government, AP English Lit.
- **Community service:** Tutoring, Mu Alpha Theta Honor society, NHS, Excelsior Science Honor Society, Operation Smile.
- **Dream career:** Biomedical Engineer.



**CHRIS PINTADO**

Sunset

- **Sports:** Football, track and field.
- **GPA/SAT:** 4.57/1250.
- **Class rank:** 53 out of 950.
- **College:** Florida.
- **Athletic honors:** First-team All-Dade (2005), third-team (2004), second-team All-State, Silver Knight finalist.
- **Class schedule:** AP Physics BB, AP Government, AP Literature, AP Economics, AP Human Geography, AP Calculus AB, Comprehensive Fitness.
- **Community service:** Kendall Hammocks Optimist coach.
- **Dream career:** U.S. president.



**AMANDA ESTEVEZ**

Florida Christian

- **Sports:** Volleyball, softball.
- **GPA/SAT:** 4.47/1440.
- **Class rank:** 1 out of 118.
- **College:** Vanderbilt.
- **Athletic honors:** First-team All-Dade softball (2005), third team (2004), Silver Knight nominee.
- **Class schedule:** AP English Lit, Speech and Debate, Bible Study, AP Physics B, AP Calculus AB, Government/Economics.
- **Community service:** Youth Group Leader at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Salvation Army Toy Shoppe.
- **Dream career:** Foreign Ambassador.



**MELISSA SAIONTZ**

Ransom

- **Sport:** Tennis.
- **GPA/SAT:** 3.41/1360.
- **Class rank:** 13 out of 286.
- **College:** Princeton.
- **Athletic honors:** No. 2-ranked junior player in nation, four-time first-team All-Dade selection, five-time state champion (3 singles, 2 doubles).
- **Class schedule:** AP Statistics, English, AP Calculus, Oceanography, Spanish C+C.
- **Community service:** Miami Children's home society volunteer.
- **Dream career:** Professional tennis player.

## ALL-DADE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE NOMINEES

● *Unweighted GPAs are listed below unless noted. Schools could nominate more than one person.*

- **American:** Phillip Morrow (golf, tennis, swimming) 3.6 GPA, 1100 SAT
- **Archbishop Curley:** Jay Velasco (cross country, track) 4.0 GPA, 1330 SAT, 32 ACT; Rae-Ann Sicam (volleyball, tennis) 3.5 GPA, 1080 SAT
- **Belen Point:** Kenneth Thomas (football) 2.5 GPA, 880 SAT
- **Bay Jesuit:** Anthony Fernandez (basketball) 4.0 GPA, 1270 SAT, 28 ACT; Peter Piderman (football, track) 3.3 GPA, 1310 SAT, 29 ACT
- **Braddock:** Shayan Bengali (badminton, bowling) 3.44 GPA, 1360 SAT; Lisa Tacoronte (water polo, swimming, track) 3.94 GPA, 1980 (new) SAT, 29 ACT
- **Booker T. Washington:** Judy Moore (cross-country, softball, volleyball, basketball) 3.48 GPA, 970 SAT, 20 ACT
- **Carol City:** Kendra Auguste (softball) 3.7 GPA, 1090 SAT, 25 ACT
- **Carrollton:** Christine Ronan (soccer) 3.8 GPA, 2020 (new) SAT, 28 ACT
- **Central:** Jeffrey Labeach (water polo, swimming) 3.70 GPA; Barbara Stefanich (swimming, soccer) 3.84 GPA, 1050 SAT
- **Champagnat:** Gabriel Cambert (volleyball) 4.0 GPA, 1260 SAT; Katherine Rodriguez (basketball) 4.0 GPA, 1070 SAT
- **Columbus:** Andres Pacheco (cross-country, track) 3.78 GPA, 1390 SAT
- **Coral Gables:** Sacha A. van Tuijn (soccer) 4.0 GPA, 2080 (new) SAT, 32 ACT; Angel Castillo (wrestling, cross-country) 3.84 GPA, 2090 (new) SAT, 30 ACT
- **Coral Park:** Jeyko Garoz (football) 3.67 GPA, 2.6 ACT; Loreta Rodriguez (soccer, cross-country, track) 3.7 GPA, 1210 SAT
- **Coral Reef:** Edward Martelli (bowling) 3.167 GPA, 1170 SAT

- **Dade Christian:** Jose Obregon (basketball, track) 3.61 GPA, 1970 (new) SAT; Katie Durham (volleyball, basketball, track) 3.73 GPA, 1750 (new) SAT; Ashley Williams (volleyball, basketball, track) 3.48 GPA, 20 ACT
- **Edison:** Timothy Torrence (football, track) 3.0 GPA, 18 ACT; Yvena Aristilde (softball, volleyball) 3.65 GPA, 830 SAT
- **Florida Christian:** Michael Barrios (football, track) 3.94 GPA, 1130 SAT, 26 ACT
- **Goleman:** Andre Gutierrez (basketball, cross-country) 3.75 GPA, 1300 SAT; Sofia Trotti (tennis) 3.4 GPA, 1030 SAT
- **Hialeah:** Rashidi Haughton (basketball, football) 3.67 GPA, 990 SAT; Asiah Brackett (volleyball) 3.375 GPA, 890 SAT
- **Hialeah-Miami Lakes:** Tomas Castellanos (swimming, water polo) 4.0 GPA, 1370 SAT, 28 ACT; Isel Ramos (cross-country, track) 3.27 GPA, 9000 SAT, 18 ACT
- **Homestead:** Kenny Joseph (cross-country, track) 3.72 GPA, 1040 SAT, 21 ACT; Celeste Brewer (cross-country) 3.1 GPA, 1130 SAT
- **Jackson:** Germaine Jonace (track) 3.38 GPA, 1000 SAT, 20 ACT; Ra'shawn Richardson (basketball, track) 2.8 GPA, 1090 SAT, 16 ACT; Bianca Sellers (track, basketball) 2.75 GPA, 16 ACT
- **Killian:** Devereaux Boothe (football) 3.4 GPA, 1660 (new) SAT, 24 ACT; Emily Odio (volleyball, badminton, basketball) 3.6 GPA, 1140 SAT
- **Krop:** Lenni Jo Yarchin (volleyball) 3.542 GPA, 1790 (new) SAT
- **LaSalle:** Steven Cano (football) 4.27 (weighted) GPA, 31 SAT; Katherine Mastucci (basketball) 4.0 GPA, 1500 SAT
- **Loures:** Carolina Buckler (soccer) 4.21 (weighted) GPA, 1360 SAT
- **MAST:** Dale Adamson (basketball, crew) 3.54 GPA, 1490

- SAT; Kathryn Rise (tennis) 2.74 GPA, 1120 SAT
- **Miami Beach:** Miyen Spinelli (football, tennis) 3.43 GPA, 1100 SAT; Valeria Bottaioli (soccer) 3.48 GPA, 1210 SAT
- **Miami Country Day:** Christine Clermont (tennis) 3.5 GPA, 24 ACT
- **Miami High:** Rachel Williams (basketball) 1320 SAT
- **Miami Springs:** Daniel Cahuasqui (soccer) 3.5 GPA, 950 SAT; Alina Lenz (cross-country) 3.7 GPA, 980 SAT
- **Monsignor Pace:** Adrian Cardenas (baseball) 3.48 GPA, 1140 SAT; Suria Bahadue (softball, volleyball) 4.0 GPA, 1900 (new) SAT
- **Norland:** Devon Leval Jackson (swimming, wrestling, bowling, water polo, badminton) 3.36 GPA, 1450 SAT; Sheuna Pinder (basketball, track) 3.39 GPA, 1380 SAT
- **North Miami:** Tevlin Petit-Frere (football) 3.0 GPA, 990 SAT; Marcela Miceli (soccer, bowling) 3.07 GPA, 1980 (new) SAT
- **North Miami Beach:** Michael Dominguez (football, wrestling, track) 2.9 GPA, 1080 SAT; Arlande Cherizol (basketball, volleyball, track, cross-country) 3.13 GPA, 1230 SAT
- **Northwestern:** Dennis Jackson (football) 3.15 GPA, 22 ACT
- **Palmer Trinity:** William H. Keunen (soccer) 3.27 (weighted) GPA, 1190 SAT, 24 ACT; Patricia M. Lehtinen (soccer) 4.03 (weighted) GPA, 1450 SAT, 32 ACT
- **Palmetto:** David Blount (baseball) 3.5 GPA, 1170 SAT, 23 ACT; Theo Jenetopoulos (swimming, water polo) 3.2 GPA, 1240 SAT; GPA, SAT; Alyssa Toland (soccer) 3.438 GPA, 1360 SAT, 30 ACT
- **Ransom Everglades:** David Benjamin (swimming) 4.0 GPA, 1590 SAT
- **South Dade:** Alberto Silva (baseball) 3.8 GPA, 1240 SAT, 27 ACT; Aimee Juan (basketball, volleyball, swimming, track) 4.0

- GPA, 1990 (new) sat, 30 ACT
- **South Miami:** Raymond Moore (basketball) 3.0 GPA, 1000 SAT; Tamara Fernandez (cross-country, soccer) 2.6 GPA, 1010 SAT
- **Southridge:** Corey Polizzano (baseball) 2.82 GPA, 910 SAT, 20 ACT; Raquel Guerin (cross-country, track) 3.33 GPA, 1140 SAT
- **Southwest:** Enrique Quinonez (soccer) 3.70 GPA, 1130 SAT; Leanne Penna (volleyball, basketball, softball) 3.84 GPA, 1420 SAT
- **St. Brendan:** Carlos Abaunza (volleyball, track, basketball) 3.75 GPA, 1130 SAT, 26 ACT; Melissa Andreu (basketball, track) 3.82 GPA, 870 SAT, 19 ACT
- **Sunset:** Ellen Moore (water polo, volleyball, swimming) 3.2 GPA, 980 SAT, 22 ACT
- **Varela:** Carlos Arbelaez (football, wrestling, track) 3.93 GPA, 1140 SAT, 26 ACT; Michelle Casadevall (soccer, cross-country, badminton) 3.48 GPA, 1010 SAT
- **Westminster Christian:** John Vanderwoude (cross-country, track) 4.9 (weighted) GPA, 2290 (new) SAT, 34 ACT; Daniel Golik (soccer, football, tennis) 4.03 (weighted) GPA, 2040 (new) SAT; Stefano Bajos (basketball, volleyball) 3.0 GPA, 1140 SAT; Andrew Williams (soccer, football) 3.73 (weighted) GPA, 1660 (new) SAT, 24 ACT; Ricky Martinez (baseball) 3.82 (weighted) GPA, 1070 SAT; Anne Langhorne (cross-country, track) 5.073 (weighted) GPA, 30 ACT
- **NOTE:** Schools not listed either did not have any nominees or failed to provide information. Miami Herald sports writer Manny Navarro, assistant sports editor Seth Lewis and executive sports editor Jorge Rojas selected the 12 finalists. Photos by David Adame; illustration by Zach Folzenlogen. The winners will be announced during The Miami Herald's All-Dade Athletic Awards Breakfast on May 19.