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Seton Catholic's Boys Swim & Dive Team Wins First State Championship All Fall Sports Teams Qualify for State Competitions



CHANDLER, Ariz., Dec. 4, 2017— Seton Catholic Preparatory had an exciting fall sports season, winning a first Arizona State Championship for Boys Swim & Dive and all teams qualifying for State competitions. Below is a wrap up of Seton Catholic's 2017-18 fall sports program:

Swim & Dive: Under Head Coach Denise Underwood and Assistant Coach Josh Lester, the Seton Boys Swim & Dive team (*pictured here*) are

the 2017 Division III State Champions—a first in the school's history. Leading the way were a group of seniors: Archie Spindler, Vincent Hemingway and Gabe Rangel. The Lady Sentinel swimmers finished strong, placing 7th in State competition.

Football: The Sentinel Football season brought plenty of exciting Friday nights with their 9-3 record. In just three seasons, Head Coach Gary Galante guided his team to a 6th place State ranking in the 4A Desert Sky Region and was awarded Regional Coach of the Year. The Varsity team had many members on the All-Region team. Leading the First Team All-Region selection were seniors Roman DeCaro, Sean Rodriguez, Max Klulak, James Downey and Dominic Sycamore.

Girls Volleyball: The Girls Varsity Volleyball team finished with a 14-3 record, placing first in the 4A Desert Sky Region and 6th overall in State. The Junior Varsity team finished their season 16-2, the freshman team 14-4. The girls had several student-athletes on the All-Regional team: Kate Bannon, Emily Mangone, Riley Johnson and Delaney Shearan, who was also awarded Regional Player of the Year.

Golf: On the links, five boys team members qualified for State: Alejandro De Zavala finished 5th and Ben Yehle 28th with Carson Lee, Rocco Gump and Patrick Coghlin performing well. Meanwhile, the Lady Linksters' Elisa Jones qualified for State in both Golf and Swim.

Cross Country: Both the Girls and Boys Cross Country teams finished in the Top 20 in State competitions. The Sentinels had several runners in the Top 25 in individual performances.

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About Seton Catholic Preparatory Athletics

The philosophy of the Seton Catholic Prep Athletic Department—Home of Sentinels—promotes individual dignity, personal development and social interaction. The department provides a leading athletic program for all student-athletes in a Christian atmosphere. Athletic success is not measured solely by the number of wins and losses; success is measured by the degree to which Sentinel student-athletes live up to the principles of the Seton Catholic Prep mission: academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. The department adheres to the “Pursuing Victory with Honor” principles as outlined by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA). Since 1986, Seton Catholic Athletics has earned 47 State championships in AIA competitions; Seton Catholic ranks in the Top 10 as the most winning school among high schools in Arizona.

About Seton Catholic Preparatory

A 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, Seton Catholic Preparatory is a diocesan, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona, open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. For more than 60 years, Seton Catholic has served the East Valley of Phoenix as the only Catholic college preparatory high school, serving young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds. Seton Catholic graduates earn scholarships to and attend an array of selective colleges and universities, including state, private and Ivy League schools as well as service academies. Seton Catholic is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Western Catholic Education Association. www.setoncatholic.org.

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