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**NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL CAPTURES GOLD AND MORE AT
SCHOLASTIC NATIONAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP**

Winnetka, Ill. – New Trier’s Rowing Team brought home two gold medals, one bronze, and top finishes from the Scholastic Rowing Association of America’s (SRAA) 75th National Championship Regatta, held on New Jersey’s Mercer Lake, May 22 and May 23.

Racing on a 1,500 meter, eight-lane course, the Trevian Girls Varsity and Second Varsity Eights won gold, the Boys’ Second Varsity Eight took bronze, the Girls’ Freshmen Eight finished 4th, and the Boys’ Lightweight Eight finished 5th at SRAA Nationals.

Continuing its undefeated spring season, the Trevian Varsity Girls’ Eight advanced through heats and semi-finals to win the Scholastic National Championship, beating 30 other crews in that event.

“It was beautiful and exhilarating to watch these girls row with such grace, while posting the fastest times in all of their heats, semis, and finals,” said Varsity Girls Coach Rose Marchuk.

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The Girls Second Varsity Eight were also crowned SRAA National Champions, crossing the finish line 9 seconds ahead of second-place Mount Saint Joseph Academy.

“I never thought that both of our varsity girls boats would do so well, but I think it's because there is so much competition on the team,” said Hilary Going, who rowed in 5-seat of the Second Varsity Eight. “Everybody just keeps getting better and better, and you're forced to keep pushing yourself if you want to make a good boat.”

In an historic moment for the Trevian Boys, the Second Varsity Eight claimed the bronze in the Grand Final, just behind Winter Park’s winning crew, and second-place Central Catholic, New Trier’s main Midwest rival. The bronze marks the first medal for any New Trier Boys’ Varsity Eight boat at Nationals, and only the third medal for any boys’ eight from the Midwest in the history of the SRAA regatta.

“While we got the best of Central Catholic in the semi, they took back the mantle of fastest Midwest Second Varsity Eight--and the silver medal--in the final, continuing one of the fiercest rivalries in the country” said New Trier’s Varsity Boys Coach Matthew Zatorski. “Even after such a hotly contested race, our boats came together in the spirit of sportsmanship, with many exchanging shirts and uniforms. It was a fitting end to an incredible season for these guys, and bright look into our future with six members of this boat returning next year.”

New Trier was one of 173 high schools that qualified its crews for Scholastic Nationals by finishing in the top 1-3 places at regional championship regattas around the

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country. The Trevians qualified 7 eights and 1 four-oared crew at the Midwest Scholastic

Rowing Championships earlier in May, where New Trier also won the overall team trophy.

“Beyond the immediate glory surrounding the medaling crews, this regatta will be remembered as the culmination of a great season for all the rowers in attendance, and all those that did not get to travel but that pushed the team to great success,” said New Trier Rowing Director Rose Marchuk. “The life lessons these athletes take away from the season will make them all champions for life.”

While most of the team finished its scholastic rowing season at SRAA Nationals, New Trier’s Girls’ and Boys’ Varsity Eights, as well as the Boys’ Lightweight Eight, will go on to compete at the United States Rowing Association’s Youth National Championship Regatta, June 12 - 14 on Harsha Lake, Cincinnati, OH. Known in the rowing community as “Youth Invite,” the regatta includes only the nation’s top scholastic and club crews invited by US Rowing. This will be the first time a New Trier girls’ crew has accepted the invitation to compete at this regatta.

Several Trevian rowers from the boys and girls teams have also been invited to participate in US Rowing National Team Selection and Development Camps this summer. The highly competitive Selection Camps comprise 100 high school athletes who train with national team programs, from which 64 rowers and six coxswains will be selected to represent the US and compete internationally this summer. Select athletes will train against the German Junior National Team, ultimately competing at the 2009 World

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Rowing Junior Championships in Brive-La-Gaillarde, France. Others from the camp will be named to the US team competing at the CanAmMex Regatta in Mexico City. New

Trier High School athletes attending US Rowing Selection Camps include Jason Kopelman, Matt Clark, Lauren Lashmet, and Emmi Benton.

Development Camps are designed for athletes that US Rowing selects based on their potential to contribute to future national teams. Development Camp invitees from New Trier are Connor Jones, Alexandra Swift, and Melanie Eckert.

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SRAA Nationals Highlights and List of New Trier Participants

Grand Finals

Women's Varsity 8+, 1st place (also 1st in 2007)

Women's 2nd Varsity 8+, 1st place (also 1st in 2008)

Men's 2nd Varsity 8+, 3rd (first time any NT non-freshman boys 8 has medaled at Scholastic Nationals)

Women's Freshman 8+, 4th (1st in 2008 and 2007)

Men's Lightweight 8+, 5th (first time a NT lightweight 8+ competed at Nationals)

Semi-Finals

Men's Varsity 8+, finished 5th in semi, short of advancing to petite final

Heats

Men's Junior 4+ finished 4th in a tough heat, just shy of advancing

Women's Junior 8+ finished 4th, missing the semis by 7/100ths of a second

Girls' Varsity Eight

Coxswain Sarah Specht

8 Jennifer Marchuk

7 Rachel Delehanty

6 Katie Wilcox

5 Lauren Lashmet

4 Emmi Benton

3 Hannah Wilson

2 Molly Messersmith

1 Molly Selig

"The grand final was the most exciting race this season. Halfway through the race, we were still in the middle of the pack, and all of the sudden we made a move and walked on Bishop Eustace," said Jennifer Marchuk, 8-seat (or "stroke") of the Varsity Girls' Eight, and Girls' Team Co-Captain.

Girls' Second Eight

c Marin Graham
8 Kelly Nolan
7 Melanie Eckert
6 Joanie Weaver
5 Hilary Going
4 Alex Swift
3 Caroline DeWeirdt
2 Cassie Stephens
1 Megan Marchuk

Girls' Freshmen Eight

Coxswain Danielle Cipinko
8 Hannah Oelhafen
7 Remy Johnson
6 Dorothy Gill
5 Emily Swift
4 Merritt Denham
3 Jessica Streuer
2 Anna Melio
1 Lauren Gerth

Girls' Junior Eight

Coxswain Mimi Heald
8 Heidi Voelker
7 Eliza Poor
6 Madeline Tobisch
5 Rachel Crosley
4 Meredith Goodale
3 Kat Brewer
2 Maya Krolikowski
1 Lauren McGuiggen

Girls Spares:

Alex Gazzolo
Ashley Voelker

Boys' Varsity Eight

Coxswain Patrick O'Hara
8 Jason Kopelman
7 Matthew Clark
6 Connor Jones
5 Taggart Denton
4 Daniel Krasnow
3 Owen Myers
2 Alexander Dern

1 Thomas Morrison

Boys' Second Varsity Eight

Coxswain Derek McGee

8 James Nelson

7 Christopher Daniels

6 Michael Stone

5 John Noyes

4 William Roberts

3 Matthew Sorenson

2 Owen Proteau

1 Joshua Mann

Boys' Lightweight Eight

Coxswain Quinn Pelletier

8 Connor Smith

7 Connor McLane

6 David Rodgers

5 Richard Marquardt

4 Samuel Hersh

3 Nathan Alter

2 Henry Lee

1 Holland Gibson

Boys' Junior Four

Coxswain James Najarian

4 Jack Russell

3 Andrew Galvin

2 Daniel Egan

1 Spencer Levin

Boys Spares:

Andrew Thompson

Will Rosenbloom