

May Athlete of the Month: Alex Schumacher

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Alex Schumacher, a senior at Miller High School, is a multi-sport athlete competing in cross country, track, and basketball. He began sports at an early age, playing basketball with his dad and brother, and initially joined cross country to stay in shape during the off season. Recently, Alex wrapped up his tenth and final high school basketball season as a four-year starter and three-time team captain. Additionally, Alex is an accomplished cross-country runner, having earned 15th at the Augustana Twilight in the fall, 2nd place at Region 4A, and 11th place at State Class A last season. With track season underway, Alex is training and competing in the long-distance events of 800m and 1,600m runs, with personal records of 1:58:28 and 4:31 respectively. Alex was the 800m event 2023 Region 4A champion and 6th place winner for State Class A and hopes to have a successful senior season.

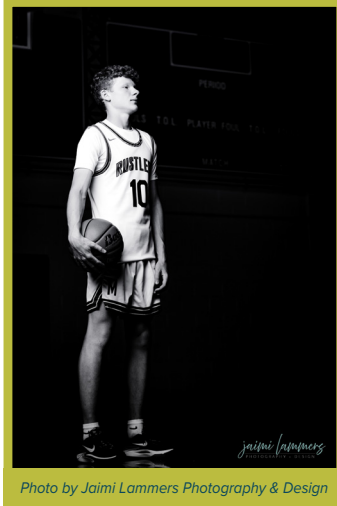


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A great lesson Alex has learned through sports is doing the little things matter. He believes small efforts can lead you to success, athletically or academically, but also in life. Whether it's practicing a couple extra minutes, studying longer, or extending a friendship to a quiet kid, doing the little things right can make a positive impact in all aspects of your life. Head Coach Tom McGough shared, Alex has been "recognized as an Academic All-State in cross country, basketball, and track – a testament to his exceptional skill and ability to balance rigorous academics with a demanding athletic commitment." Alex prioritized his academic studies and earned high marks while actively participating not only in sports but the school community. He served in the student council and competed in Future Farmers of America in the career and leadership development events the past four years. This fall Alex looks forward to attending Augustana University in Sioux Falls to major in biology and compete in cross country and track at the collegiate level. His plans include pursuing a career in physical therapy.

The application process for our scholarship ended May 1st. You may look for our scholarship recipient announcement in the July edition of Prairie Tracks and on our social media.



Getting to know Alex

FAVORITE QUOTE: "Excuses make today easier, but tomorrow harder. Discipline makes today harder, but tomorrow easier."

FAVORITE FOOD: Chicken Alfredo

HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPORTS CAREER: Joining the 1000-point club in basketball with my family present to celebrate this achievement.

FAVORITE CLASS: Anatomy has helped me to figure out what career I would like to pursue.

FUN FACT: I've never missed a high school game or meet.

BUCKET LIST: I would like to travel to a few national parks in the Southwest and try skydiving.



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