

October Athlete of the Month: Tayne Herrmann

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Tayne Herrmann, a senior at James Valley Christian School, is a talented student who excels both on the field and in class. Balancing a busy schedule filled with sports and studies, Tayne stands out with impressive accomplishments in multiple areas.

When it comes to athletics, Tayne's dedication is inspiring. This fall marks his fourth year competing on the varsity cross country team. His hard work has earned him the chance to compete at the state level during his freshman and sophomore years. In 10th grade, he received the "Most Improved Award," reflecting his perseverance and growth. Tayne enjoys the challenge and discipline of long-distance running, traits that contribute to his success. As winter approaches, Tayne transitions to the basketball court for his eighth season. Playing as a shooting guard on the varsity team, he brings a dynamic presence with his experience and skills, making him a crucial asset to his team. Tayne's passion for track and field began in 6th grade and has only grown stronger. Excelling in sprint relays, hurdles, and triple jump events, he has qualified for state during his freshman and junior years, earning numerous individual medals. His coach praises him for striving to improve both his performance and his team's success.

Tayne's achievements extend beyond athletics into academics, where he maintains perfect grades. This success is a testament to his hard work, dedication, and positive outlook. Coach and Academic Advisor Tom Brantner commends Tayne's optimism and ability to move past disappointments, qualities that make him an excellent individual, teammate, and friend. Additionally, Tayne makes the time to participate in many school activities and give back to the community. As a National Honors Society member, Student Council Treasurer, and leader of a discipleship group, he also engages with his church youth group and volunteers with the backpack program. Emphasizing faith and family, Tayne values lessons from sports like hard work and sportsmanship, believing they positively impact many areas of his life: "In the end, sports don't last forever, but the discipline and lessons you learn from sports last a lifetime, aiding in a better faith, business life, family life, and overall mental and physical health."

Looking ahead, Tayne plans to attend Dakota Wesleyan University to pursue a business degree. While he is still deciding whether to continue running track at the collegiate level, there is no doubt that his passion and dedication will drive him to excel in whichever path he chooses.

To obtain an application for the Athlete of the Month Scholarship program email fast@vfplanning.com, visit Vantage Financial Partners website at www.vfplanning.com, or ask your high school guidance counselor. If you are a high school senior who plays sports, attends a SD high school, you are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship.



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Getting to know Tayne:

FAVORITE QUOTE: "When God sees you doing your part, developing what He has given you, then He will do His part and open doors that no man can shut." -Joel Osteen

FAVORITE FOOD: Grilled Teriyaki steak tips and sautéed zucchini (my mom's way!)

FAVORITE LATE-NIGHT SNACK: Cream cheese and pastrami wrapped pickles

SPORTS HIGHLIGHT: Making it to state track in 110m hurdles for the first time.

FUN FACT: I enjoy woodworking and sketching at times.

BUCKET LIST: Drive a trophy truck off-road, visit Tokyo, Iceland, Germany, and Switzerland, and own a fast car (for emergencies of course!).

HIDDEN TALENT: I can sketch/draw quite well!



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