



Congratulations to Harlan County High School Student Athletes Kassydee Owens, Baili Boggs and Hunter Crain on being recognized by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in the "Triple Threat Award" program.

In an effort to continue the national emphasis and the KHSAA's own efforts to de-emphasize sports specialization in the athletic culture, the KHSAA commissioner's office launched the program in May 2018 to recognize those students who participate in high school athletics year round.

The award, which is given to student-athletes who participate in a KHSAA sport or sport-activity on the varsity level during each season of the academic year (fall/winter/spring). It has been presented to a total of 1,814 student-athletes for 2017-18, and 1,878 student-athletes for 2018-19.

An incoming senior, Boggs participated in cross country, cheerleading and track. In track, she competed in the 300 meets hurdles, and the 100 meter hurdles, earning second in the region in the 100 meter event. Her cheer squad also finished second in district and region cheer competition. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Beta club, Talent Search and First Priority. She is the daughter of Tammy Boggs and the late D.J. Boggs.

As a freshman, Crain participated as a wide receiver in football, shooting guard on the basketball team and competed in the 400 meter, the 4X4, the 4X2 and the 200 meter in track. he is the son of Charles and Jeanie Crain.

Owens competed in cross country, basketball and track as a sophomore. Her basketball team finished second in the region and she placed third in the region. She competed in the triple jump, high jump, 400 meter dash and the 4X4.

An incoming junior, she is a member of the Beta Club and Talent Search. She is the daughter of Joe and April Owens.

To be considered for the award, students must compete on the varsity roster of a sport or sport-activity for a team in each of the three sports seasons.

For this award, the fall sports are cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, and volleyball.

Winter sports are basketball, bowling, competitive cheer, dance, Esports 1st half, swimming and diving, and wrestling.

Spring Sports are archery, baseball, bass fishing, Esports 2nd half, softball, tennis, and track and field.

The awards are based solely on each KHSAA member school's rosters submitted through the KHSAA's online system, as that is the only permitted determinant for athletic eligibility (including team eligibility).

Further details on the breakdown of award recipients can be found at: <https://khsaa.org/.../news-and-informati.../triple-threat-award/>

The KHSAA staff and Board of Control are proud to issue these awards and look forward to continuing the program in the future to emphasize the values of participation and the now-documented likely negative aspects of sports specialization.