

GYEMI HONOURS SAINTS WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The names may change but the honour remains the same year after year as recipients are named to one of Windsor's most prestigious athletic awards, the Royal Arcanum, which is given to the best male and female athlete within the city. Alana Gyemi, a grade 11 student at St Anne High School couldn't have been more surprised when she was informed of the win. "I knew that there were a lot of talented athletes in the running; that is why I feel so honoured to have been chosen."

Gyemi is a four sport athlete, claiming first team all-star status in volleyball and second team all-star in basketball where she led the team in rebounding in the OFSAA basketball tournament last fall. As well, Alana placed fourth in SWOSSA badminton and played soccer where her team lost in the quarter finals at OFSAA in the spring. Coach Becky D'Amore comments, "Gyemi is always consistent about one thing ...whenever she is out on the floor or on the field, she gives one hundred percent! And if I had to be on the court or field with her, I would definitely want to be *her team!!!*". In travel sport, she plays travel soccer for the Tecumseh Warriors and was captain of her travel volleyball team, the South County Bandits; this year, the team placed 5th in the Nationals under the leadership of Jeff Miller.

Scholastically, Alana has held proficiency status with a 92 percent overall average in grades 9 and 10 and maintained an 88 average this year in grade 11. In addition to her academic achievements, Alana has successfully completed all of her lifeguarding courses and is currently working as a lifeguard at Lacosse Pools in Tecumseh. She loves children and babysits when she can fit it in her schedule and has worked at sport camps in the past.

Alana credits her success in academics to her time management skills, but mostly to her teachers at St. Anne who have always been so supportive when she has had to miss class time for tournaments. "The teachers are always so understanding and helpful whenever I needed to get the homework early due to tournaments or if I ever needed something explained because I missed their class. There is a real sense of community at St Anne; we care about one another. I just feel so honoured to be able to represent such a great school!"

