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128 SCHOLAR ATHLETES AND COUNTING
SFUSD Athletic Office Report on Athletes' Academic Scholarships
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SFUSD athletes have won at least 128 academic scholarships over the past four years. We say at least because that number is still growing as we are still finding athlete winners – either through research, follow up with students or reports from schools.

These scholarships have been topped off by six athletes winning the prestigious (and lucrative) Gates Millennium Scholarship. Two of these Gates winners were from Galileo. Two were from Jordan. One was from Mission. One was from City Arts and Tech. It is safe to say that there are few Districts in the country that average 1.5 Gates winners per year. It is also safe to say that most of the District's Gates winners have come from the District's athletic program.

Of course, our athletes have won numerous other scholarships. These range from the national Ronald McDonalds and Wells Fargo Bank scholarships to a host of local scholarships.

The athletic office has played its role in this success. The athletic office screens students for a number of scholarships, and delivers those scholarship applications to the students. Some are hand delivered. Some are delivered by e-mail. This screening has been effective as the athletic office has worked directly with 33 scholarship winners over the past four years ... and counting. We might have more to come since there's often a lag time between the win and us getting the information.

The athletic office screens for some of the most elite scholarships in the country. Indeed, the athletic office has worked directly with three of the six Gates winners from the District's athletic programs. However, the athletic office also has screened students with GPAs as low as 2.5 and helped them win an academic scholarship.

These academic scholarship numbers are impressive. Of course, they will likely become even more impressive when more schools report their athletes who have won academic scholarships.

Yes, it is safe to say that in the San Francisco Unified School District, the athletes are the leaders on the court, on the field, in the pools, on the track, and in the classroom.