

Ypsilanti Football Banquet 2010



Ypsilanti Football Student-Athletes (Academic Quarter #1)

Zaid Abdellatif (3.4 G.P.A.), Andrew Hunt (3.66 G.P.A.), Marc Miles (3.8 G.P.A.), Bryan Griffin (3.83 G.P.A.), Ryan Griffin (3.27 G.P.A.), Bryan Fortson (3.1 G.P.A.), Brendan Frame (3.16 G.P.A.), Trey Sweeney (3.1 G.P.A.), George Baylis (3.0 G.P.A.), Austin Sanders (3.1 G.P.A.), DeAngelo Howard (3.22 G.P.A.), Tyren Smith (3.2 G.P.A.), Adam Smith (3.0 G.P.A.), James Kliemola (4.0 G.P.A.)

Ypsilanti High School and Scholar-Baller have teamed up to encourage academic success. During the end of Quarter 1 and Quarter 4, students of the football team are recognized as Scholar-Ballers-Members 3.0 Academic Team.

Scholar-Ballers

Mission is: To inspire youth and young adults to develop leadership skills and to excel in education and life by using their cultural interests in sport and entertainment.

Vision is: To systematically recognize and reward all student-athletes who excel academically in order to further their academic and personal development.

A “scholar-baller®” is someone who succeeds academically and athletically.

Scholar is a term used to describe an individual who possesses academic prowess or a commitment to education and learning.

Baller is an urban term that resonates with individuals of all origins and has taken on global meaning in recent years. In popular culture, baller has been mainstreamed on ESPN, Music Television (MTV), in major newspapers such as USA Today, and in speeches by President Obama. The term baller can be used as a noun, adjective, or verb to signify aspects of achievement or success. Many of today’s student-athletes view a baller as someone who has gone to the top, won the biggest prize, and who has simply just made it. Ask a room full of high-school or college football players, “Which one of you is a baller?” and nearly all the hands in the room reach sky high. It is a concept student-athletes understand and embrace. Any misunderstanding about the term or any uneasiness has come from coaches and administrators who do not identify with young people and what they are interested in and can relate to. Dr. Harrison, Original Founder and President of Scholar Baller®, has published numerous articles and book chapters relating to how popular culture (e.g., sports and entertainment imagery) impacts the educational aspirations and perceptions of youth in society.

Link to article <http://www.ypsifootball.org/Scholar-Baller.html>

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