

NICHOLAS OHANIAN NAMED SECOND RECIPIENT OF THE 2025 CHICAGO BEARS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR AWARD

Recognizing student-athletes who go above and beyond for their communities and schools

The Chicago Bears proudly announce Nicholas Ohanian, a senior at Fenton Community High School in Bensenville, Ill., as the second recipient of the 2025 Community High School All-Star Award. The Community High School All-Star Award, brought to you by Athletico Physical Therapy, recognizes high school football and girls flag football players who make a positive impact in their communities and schools. From February through April, nine student-athletes will be honored for their leadership, character and dedication to community service.

Nominated by his school peers, Nicholas has made the most of his time at Fenton, excelling in the classroom, on the field and in the community. A dedicated multi-sport athlete, he has competed in both football and wrestling, bringing the same determination and discipline to each. As a running back and linebacker, he played a key role in helping Fenton achieve a winning regular season and qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

Academically, he ranks among the top students in his class with a 3.8 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society, a nationwide organization in the United States that recognizes high school students for their excellence in scholarship, leadership, service and character. Beyond the classroom, he has dedicated 63 hours to community service, taking on roles that help others find their way.



“Nicholas has demonstrated resilience and leadership in the face of challenges,” said a Fenton High School staff member. “His ability to excel academically while balancing the demands of athletics and community service is a testament to his strong work ethic and time management skills. His academic success, community involvement, and exceptional character make him a deserving recipient of the Chicago Bears Community High School All-Star honor.”

Nicholas leads in ways that often go unnoticed. As a freshman mentor, he has helped younger students navigate their transition into high school. He also played an active role in Fenton’s middle school athletics and activity fair, encouraging students to explore new opportunities. His leadership was further recognized when he was selected to serve on the hiring committee for Fenton’s new football coach, a responsibility that reflects the trust and respect he has earned within his school community.

His coaches describe him as the kind of teammate who steps up when something needs to get done, not because he’s asked, but because he knows it helps the team. Whether it’s volunteering at the concession stand, assisting with team logistics, or ensuring things run smoothly behind the scenes, Nicholas is someone his teammates and coaches can always count on.

Due to his selfless efforts, his dedication and sportsmanship were recognized when he was awarded the Brandon Burlsworth Character Award, given to student-athletes who lead with integrity and give their all to their sport. His coaches also selected him for the Bob Ciancio Leadership & Dedication Award, an honor that speaks to his commitment, perseverance and the example he sets for his teammates.

Balancing school, sports and community service is not an easy task, but Nicholas has handled it with the same focus and effort that have earned him respect throughout his school community.

Each Community High School All-Star recipient will receive a custom hand-painted football, a gift bag and an invitation to a future Chicago Bears event. Additionally, the Chicago Bears will donate \$500 to a charitable organization of the honoree’s choosing.

About Community High School All-Star Award

This is the fifth year of the Community High School All-Star Award, which continues to highlight student-athletes who make meaningful contributions to their communities. In partnership with Athletico Physical Therapy, the Chicago Bears established this initiative to recognize high school football and girls flag football players who use their leadership and teamwork skills to create a positive impact during the offseason. By celebrating these young leaders, the Bears aim to inspire future generations to carry these values forward, both on and off the field.