

CLAIRE ANDERSON NAMED SEVENTH 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 Claire Anderson, a senior at West Aurora High School in Aurora, Ill., as the seventh 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.

Anderson is the captain of West Aurora's inaugural girls flag football team and played a central role in the program's early success. In its first season, the team posted a 13-4 record in IHSA regular season and won the school's first-ever regional championship against the number one seed Maine West High School. Anderson then helped lead the team to its first sectional championship appearance, a significant milestone for a program in its first year. While the team fell short to Willowbrook High School in the sectional final, their postseason run set a strong foundation for future seasons.



A multi-sport athlete, Anderson also competes on the varsity soccer team and has earned two MVP awards. She is actively involved in team strength and conditioning sessions, consistently leading by example and earning the respect of her teammates and coaches.

Outside of athletics, Anderson is a section leader in the Blackhawk Marching Band, where she has led more than 25 musicians over the past three years. Section leaders are responsible for guiding their peers and are typically among the most skilled and disciplined performers in the ensemble. Anderson has been selected multiple times for ILMEA District festivals and has performed solos in top groups including Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble and A Cappella Choir.

In the classroom, Anderson maintains a 3.5 GPA while pursuing a rigorous course load that includes multiple AP and honors classes. She earned a top score of 5 on the AP Language and Composition exam and is currently enrolled in AP Literature and AP Psychology.

Anderson also serves as a summer camp counselor at Camp Ondessonk, a Catholic youth camp in southern Illinois that promotes character development, leadership and outdoor education. There, she mentors and supervises more than two dozen campers each week, demonstrating responsibility and care in a high-impact role. Her commitment to service, leadership and personal growth continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

“Claire's ability to inspire her teammates and elevate those around her is a testament to her character and work ethic,” said West Aurora girls' flag football head coach Jordyn McFarlane. “Her passion, resilience and dedication to her team and community make her the perfect choice for this prestigious honor.”

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.