

WYATT HALTER NAMED EIGHTH 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 Wyatt Halter, a senior at Lawrenceville High School in Lawrenceville, Ill., as the eighth 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.

Halter has been described as the heart and soul of the Lawrenceville football program, serving as a two-time team captain and helping shape the team's identity over the past several seasons. On the field, he was named to the All-Little Illini Conference First Team as a defensive back and also contributed at quarterback and running back. He also competed on the varsity basketball team, making him a multi-sport athlete recognized for his athletic versatility and competitive drive, consistently looking to put his team in the best position to win.



"Halter is always willing to put his life aside to help others," said Lawrenceville head football coach Taylor Braasch. "A two-time captain for our football team, Wyatt has paved the way of what I am trying to build as a head coach and has embraced the culture and lived it through his football time."

This past season, despite the team not having the outcome they had hoped for, Halter remained fully engaged with his teammates and coaches. He routinely checked in with players off the field, asked for input on how to better support the group and stayed grounded through every challenge. His steady leadership helped the team stay connected through adversity.

Halter is also known for stepping up without being asked, whether it's organizing team equipment, unloading deliveries or simply being present when someone needs a hand. These efforts, often done quietly and without recognition, reflect his reliability and work ethic. His commitment continues to make a lasting impact on the Lawrenceville football program.

Not only does Halter prioritize creating opportunities for his team, he also remains committed to his education. Over the past two years, he earned Academic All-State honors from the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association. The recognition is awarded to student-athletes who maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA, meet standardized test score benchmarks and demonstrate strong character and leadership on and off the field.

He has also helped lead multiple service efforts within the community. Halter coordinated volunteer days at a local pumpkin patch, where players assisted with field setup, tractor work and guest activities. He also launched "High-Five Friday" at the local elementary school during homecoming week, creating moments of connection between younger students and the high school team. His example has helped establish a stronger culture of service at Lawrenceville, one that continues to grow because of his leadership.

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.