

CHICAGO BEARS NAME GEORGIANA MAJERUS FOURTH RECIPIENT OF THE 2026 COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR AWARD

The Chicago Bears announce Georgiana Majerus, a senior student-athlete at Joliet Central High School in Joliet, Ill., as the fourth recipient of the 2026 Community High School All-Star Award, brought to you by Athletico Physical Therapy.

As part of its ongoing recognition of high school student-athletes throughout March and April who demonstrate leadership, character and a positive impact beyond the game, the Chicago Bears highlight Majerus for her commitment to serving others and strengthening her community.

Nominated by her coaches, Majerus was described as a student-athlete who consistently leads with compassion, accountability and a strong sense of responsibility toward others. Throughout her high school years, she has consistently volunteered at her local church, where she supports youth programming through kids ministry and day camp initiatives. In these roles, she helps organize activities, leads small groups and mentors younger children, assisting with day-to-day programming while helping create a structured and engaging environment for participants.

Building on her involvement at her local church, Majerus also volunteers with Special Olympics, where she supports programming that provides opportunities for individuals of all abilities to participate in sports and activities. Through this work, she assists with event execution, engages with participants and helps create an inclusive environment that encourages participation and connection.

While remaining active in her community, Majerus also stays committed in the classroom, where she maintains a strong GPA while balancing the demands of academics, athletics and volunteer responsibilities. She is a member of the Sign Language Honor Society, a program that promotes Deaf culture, advocacy and service, aligning with her interest in developing communication skills to better connect with and support individuals within the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

In addition to her academic work, Majerus continues to develop her leadership skills through her involvement in FORGE, a leadership development program designed to prepare students for success beyond high school. Through the program, she participates in activities focused on communication, teamwork and problem-solving, applying these skills across her academic, athletic and community involvement while building a foundation that will support her success in college and future leadership opportunities she chooses to pursue.

Her impact continues on the field, where Majerus serves as a team captain for Joliet Central's girls flag football team during its inaugural season. As girls flag football has continued to grow following the Chicago Bears' support of the sport since 2021, Joliet Central launched its program in 2025, where Majerus took on a key role in helping lead a new group of student-athletes. Playing both quarterback and running back, she contributes on the field while also helping guide her teammates, many of whom are new to the sport, as they learn the fundamentals and begin to build the foundation of the team. Majerus also earned recognition for her performance on the field, receiving honorable mention for the 2025 Herald-News Flag Football All-Area Team.

As part of the Community High School All-Star Award, each 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

Now in its sixth year, the Community High School All-Star Award continues to highlight student-athletes who make meaningful contributions to their schools and communities. In partnership with Athletico Physical Therapy, the Chicago Bears created this initiative to recognize high school football and girls flag football players who use their leadership, teamwork and service to create a lasting impact beyond the season. The program encourages student-athletes to stay engaged in their communities during the offseason, using their platform to give back through volunteerism, mentorship and service initiatives. Since its inception, the program has recognized more than 45 student-athletes and contributed more than \$22,500 to charitable organizations selected by the honorees.

