

**ALVIN HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER, BAYLEIGH SMITH, NAMED THE
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FRISCO, TX (October 3, 2017) – The Athlete's Parent officially announces its September 2017 Athlete of the Month, Alvin High School's varsity cross country runner, Bayleigh Smith. The Athlete's Parent Athlete of the Month award recognizes and highlights high school-aged athletes who exemplify standout performance in their sport; academic excellence; and honorable character on and off the field.

The 5'5" varsity runner and varsity soccer player was named the 2014 Newcomer of the Year for showing outstanding athleticism as a new Varsity Cross Country runner. She also received the 2015 Fighting Jacket Award, which is only given to one female and male athlete in Alvin High School. To receive this award, one must show true leadership skills, a hard work ethic, and a positive attitude.

While being a dual sport athlete, Smith excels in the classroom as an honor roll student.

She also portrays honorable character on and off the course/field. While on the course, she has been described as "An excellent student athlete and leader on our cross country team. Even when she is tired, she makes sure she keeps the younger athletes motivated to finish!" – Jennipher McGraw, Head Cross Country Coach, Alvin High School

Smith has volunteered every year while in high school with both the cross country and soccer team for Alvin High School's "Great Alvin Clean Up." Student-athletes participate in this event to help pick up trash around the city. She has also volunteered at the Benezzy Fun Run, which is an annual event held in honor of the late Benjamin Garcia, a former student of Alvin High School. Recently, she volunteered during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. She and other cross country members helped sort clothes for families in need.

Smith is now eligible for The Athlete's Parent Athlete of the Year award which will be announced on January 31, 2018. For more information regarding The Athlete's Parent, please visit www.TheAthletesParent.com