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## **Press Release**

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## Saint Mary's Hall Earns National Soccer Coaches Association of America High School Team Academic Award

(San Antonio, Texas) – The Saint Mary's Hall varsity women's soccer program was selected by The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) as a recipient of the 2015-2016 High School Team Academic Award. For the 17th consecutive year, the SMH varsity women's soccer program was selected for the outstanding athletic and academic achievement of its players. For the 2015 -2016 school year, the Barons were one of only 251 women's high school soccer teams across the country selected, one of only 12 women's teams in Texas, and the only women's team in San Antonio private or public, to be selected for the prestigious prize as a result of their performance both on and off the field.

Beyond recognizing talent, the NSCAA's award recognizes a team's exemplary performance in the classroom, with recipients possessing a team minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 for the entire academic year. The GPA for the 2015-2016 Saint Mary's Hall women's soccer team was 3.80. The 17-year streak makes it the sixth longest in the country.

Founded in 1941 and based in Kansas City, Mo., the National Soccer Coaches Association of America has grown into the world's largest soccer coaches' organization that serves members at every level of the game.

Since 1879, Saint Mary's Hall has set the standard for college preparatory education in San Antonio by providing a widerange of exceptional opportunities in academics, athletics, fine arts, and character education to create well-rounded students that are successful in college and life. Saint Mary's Hall offers exceptional opportunities for children ages 3 through grade 12.