

## KGW's Student Athlete of the Month

December 2010

Winner: **Emily Hillmer**

Blanchet Catholic High School

Sports: Cross Country, Swimming, Track, Ballet, Horseback Riding, Skiing

Emily Hillmer is an excellent example of a young adult who balances the responsibilities of school and extracurricular activities. Her dedication to continual self improvement and compassion for others has remained constant throughout her high school years. Encompassing all of these qualities is an innate gratitude and passion to grasp the best gifts that each day holds.

Emily keeps very busy with her extracurricular activities at Blanchet Catholic School: cross country, swimming, track, horseback riding and ballet. She is a member of National Honors Society; a member of Blanchet's Spirituality Team and through all of this maintains a 4.0 GPA. She has won many awards such as Science and Spanish Student of the Year, Ballet Performance awards, Most Valuable Cross Country and Track awards, State recognition for running, swimming and more.

Emily is very focused in school and sports. She realizes that life is not about what award she can achieve and what activity can be put on her college applications. What is first and foremost to Emily is how she treats others and her ability to reflect on where she needs to improve. Emily looks for any opportunity to learn, not just in the classroom. She is inspired to connect with a world larger than her.

We congratulate Emily on winning December's KGW Student Athlete of the Month, generously sponsored by Portland-Salem Acura Dealers.