

JULIA MURPHY NAMED OUTSTANDING FEMALE STUDENT- ATHLETE

IB senior **Julia Murphy** was one of 11 young women recognized as an Outstanding Female Student-Athlete of the Year by the Board of Education of DPS at its February 17th meeting. Each traditional DPS high school, plus Bruce Randolph High School, selects one female student-athlete for this honor, which coincides with National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD).

Athletic Director Doug Tucker sought nominations from GW's coaches and then forwarded the names to GW's faculty. Julia received the highest number of faculty votes.

This honor reflects Julia's remarkable achievements both on and off the field, in the classroom and in the newsroom. Julia has played Girls Varsity Soccer since freshman year and was elected team captain as a junior. Last season she was named to the all district 1st team for Girls Soccer as a defender. In addition to playing soccer for GW, she plays soccer for Rush Soccer Club on the Swoosh team. Julia has also been on the GW Girls Swim Team for 4 years, served a team captain this year, and wore the Patriot hat for her GW team spirit. As part of her community service, Julia has volunteered for 3 years on the Junior Ski Patrol at Winter Park Ski Area. She is an outstanding IB diploma candidate who will graduate well within the Top Ten of the Class of 2011. That honor will earn her a spot in the May edition of The Surveyor, where she is Co-Editor-in-Chief.

Seven of the 11 GW nominees came from the ranks of the IB program: **Laura Gabriel, Callie Hitchcock, Catherine Maguire, Grace Michaels, Kate Rowe, and Valencia Watson** (plus Julia). The three traditional program nominees were Jazsymn Johnson,

Brittany Lewis (who recently signed with CU for Women's Track), and Jasmine Lewis. The 11th nominee was Alexandra Guy, who attends DSA. All 11 students are to be congratulated for this recognition from their coaches and teachers.

NGWSD is the brainchild of the National Girls and Women in Sports Coalition, which advocates for equity for female athletes. According to the Coalition, "despite the stunning advances made in the 39 years since Title IX was enacted, high school girls still receive 1.3 million fewer participation opportunities than do boys, and evidence suggests that the money spent on girls' sports programs lags significantly behind the money spent on boys' programs." The Coalition's members include Girls' Incorporated, Girls Scouts of America, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, the National Women's Law Center, and the Women's Sports Foundation.