



## SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

University Recognized as a State Athletic School of the Year

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- In July, [Cal Hi Sports](#) announced that San Francisco University High School was their 2017-2018 State Athletic School of the Year for Division 5. Cal-Hi Sports publisher Mark Tennis said, "Competitive equity seeding has pushed the Red Devils (enrollment 400) into higher divisions in some CIF regional playoffs, but they remain D5 for school of the year consideration, and this time they are the winners."

This is the sixth time in the twenty-two-year history of the award that University has won it, but the first time in over a decade. There are over 350 Division 5 schools in California. Only twelve other schools have received the D5 honor with Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School in Alameda (3 times), Central Catholic High School in Modesto (two times) and St. Margaret's Episcopal School in San Juan Capistrano (two times) being the only other D5 schools to receive the honor multiple times. Other Northern California schools to have won the D5 award in the past include The Branson School in Ross and Capital Christian School in Sacramento.

According to Tennis, State Championship event results tend to dominate the evaluation criteria since section and league results are not always comparable. University benefitted from outstanding cross country performances with the boys' team winning their first state title and the girls' team finishing second. Additionally, the Red Devil boys' soccer team was a NorCal runner-up (placed in D3 and losing to a school of over 2,000 students 2-1 in overtime). And both boys' (D3) and girls' basketball teams advanced to the NorCal semifinals, rounding out a dominating school-wide performance in state events.

Athletic Director Jim Ketcham commented that this was perhaps the best competitive athletic year in school history. He noted that four teams won section titles including boys' cross country, girls' volleyball, boys' tennis and girls' track and field.

Additionally, four teams were section runners-up including girls' cross country, boys' basketball, coed badminton and boys' track and field. Other teams to earn league title or playoff championship honors besides those already mentioned included field hockey, baseball, golf and girls' lacrosse.

Cal-Hi Sports also recognized Torrey Pines in San Diego and San Jose Archbishop Mitty as state boys' and girls' Athletic Schools of the Year. Other Divisional winners included Mater Dei in Santa Ana(D1), Saint Francis in Mountain View (D2), Corona del Mar in Newport Beach (D3), and Foothill Technology school in Ventura (D4).

Ketcham said, "What is especially impressive to me is that these athletic accomplishments are the product of a set of University students who are truly and completely student-athletes. They do not always find this to be easy, but they somehow find a way to excel both in one of the most energizing and challenging academic environments you can imagine and in an athletic program that provides equally energizing and challenging opportunities and experiences."

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