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2019-20 SCHSL year-end initiatives unveiled: Senior Spotlight and Commemorative T-Shirt

Nationwide, the senior class of 2020 has experienced events like none in recent history. The South Carolina High School League shares the disappointment of those seniors in missing out on so many great traditions that their predecessors experienced. With that in mind, the SCHSL is announcing two initiatives intended to recognize and celebrate seniors at member schools as well as raise funds for one of the state's and nation's most recognizable charities.

Beginning Monday, May 11th, look for the SCHSL Senior Spotlight on Twitter and Facebook. Each day, a different senior student-athlete from an SCHSL member school will be showcased, with nominations being accepted via email at the following address: <u>Seniors@schsl.org</u>. Parents and fans are encouraged to provide a photo and information supporting their favorite seniors. The Senior Spotlight is supported by the corporate partnership that the SCHSL enjoys with the Carolina Panthers, whose annual contribution to the High School League's Student Leadership Summit was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We want to provide recognition to as many student-athletes as we can during this challenging time," said Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL. "The loss of the spring competitive season took a bigger toll on our young men and women for whom it was a final opportunity to play the games they love for the schools they love, the senior class."

At the same time, another effort is underway to provide recognition to all SCHSL seniors while contributing to the efforts of the Salvation Army of the Carolinas as they fight hunger and homelessness in our communities. Team IP, which handles the design, production, and sale of merchandise at SCHSL championships, has created a commemorative t-shirt to celebrate seniors throughout the state. The "Seniors Remembered" tee will be available for purchase beginning Monday the 11th with 25% of purchase price going to the Salvation Army of the Carolinas.

"The Class of 2020 has overcome major obstacles during their journey to close out their K-12 academic and athletic career. They are truly worthy of all efforts being put forth to celebrate their accomplishments," said Commissioner Singleton. "We are extremely proud to rally around the efforts of an organization such as the Salvation Army who has a track record of supporting South Carolinians through all crises to include homelessness and hunger. Another positive aspect that makes this a winner for all involved."

Additional information on the "Seniors Remembered" t-shirt, including connectivity to the Team IP online store, can be found on the home page at <u>www.schsl.org</u>.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our member schools and student-athletes throughout this unusual end to the 2019-20 school year.