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Willowbrook students compete in Special Olympics state event



On Thursday, June 11, Willowbrook High School held a send-off celebration for its nine students heading to compete in the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games held from June 12-14 at Illinois State University. The school's students who participated in the games included: Andrenae' Anderson, Elijah Campbell, Liam Krichbaum, Milagro Ramirez, Juan Reyes, Aidan Schwarz, Ammar Syed, Kosti Vassili and Amanda Vega. The Willowbrook contingent earned multiple top-five finishes at the competition. For more details from the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games, turn to sports on Page 10. (Submitted photo)

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Sports

Multiple Warriors excel at Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games



Milagro Ramirez



Amanda Vega



Juan Reyes

Nine Willowbrook High School students competed in the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games, which took place June 12-14 at Illinois State University.

Willowbrook's standout performers in the games included Milagro Ramirez, who won the first-place medal in the 100-meter walk and placed third in the softball throw.

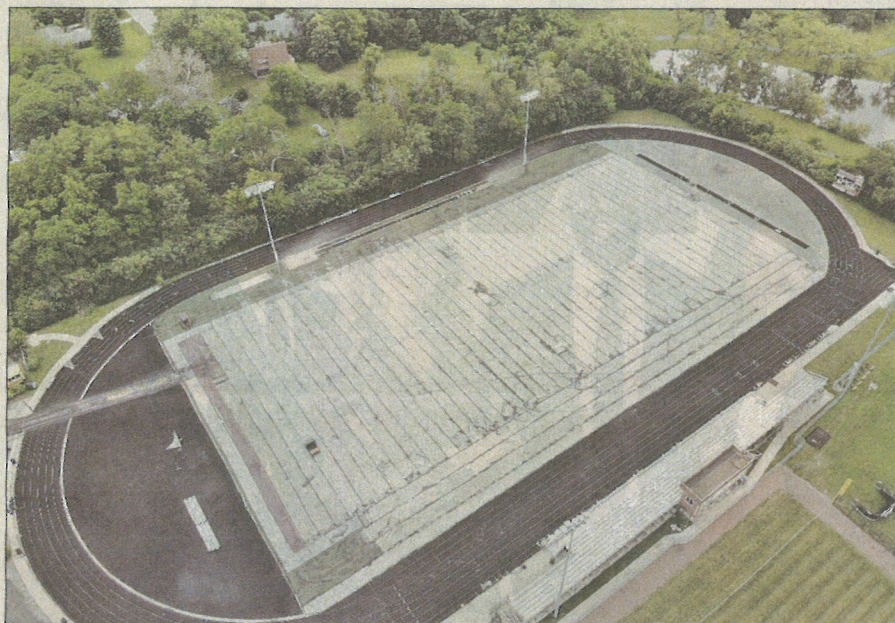
Amanda Vega placed second in the standing long jump. Elijah Campbell also claimed a second-place medal in the standing long jump for the Warriors.

Juan Reyes finished second in the mini javelin throw. Kosti Vasili placed third in the 200-meter dash and earned fourth-place honors in the running long jump.

Aidan Schwarz delivered a third-place effort in the tennis ball throw and added a top-10 finish in the 100-meter walk.

Liam Krichbaum of the Warriors finished fourth in the softball throw.

Willowbrook's Ammar Syed placed fifth in the softball throw.



The synthetic turf at Montini Catholic High School's John L. Duffy Memorial Stadium was removed last week. That surface was in place for 15 years. A new synthetic surface is being installed at the facility this week. (Submitted photos)

Montini prepares for new turf in stadium

Facility's first synthetic surface lasted for 15 years

Montini Catholic High School's John L. Duffy Memorial Stadium is undergoing some important renovations this summer. Fifteen years ago, before the start of the 2011-12 school year, a synthetic athletic surface was installed to replace the stadium's grass field.

"Though this was the most advanced product available at the time and we have worked to maintain it, its useful life is coming to an end," noted a statement from the school.

After 15 years of use by the school's football, soccer and lacrosse teams, as well as Montini's physical education students, the synthetic turf is being replaced. Last week, workers removed all of the turf at the stadium.

The new synthetic turf arrived earlier this week, and will be in place before the start of the 2026-27 school year.

The stadium field will be named "Chris Andriano Field" in honor of Montini's former football coach. Andriano, who served as the school's head coach for 38 seasons (1979-2016), guided the Broncos to six IHSA state championships.

"The technology has advanced dramatically and we are excited to offer current and future students opportunities to play, pray, learn, compete, engage, train, practice, and build community and memories on this field," stated the school.

In addition to installing new stadium turf this summer, Montini is resurfacing the stadium's existing track. In the summer of 2027, the school will add permanent restroom facilities to the stadium. The new restroom facilities will be accessible from both the football and baseball fields.



Montini's field will be named "Chris Andriano Field" in honor of the former football coach.



Villa Park's Caleb Vaughan won two individual 13-14 boys events during the Mariners' June 10 meet against Roselle. (Photo by Chris Fox)

Mariners, Roselle compete in meet shortened by rain

Visiting Racers narrowly outscore Villa Park in team standings

The Villa Park Mariners faced the Roselle Racers in last week's abbreviated meet at Jefferson Pool. A full meet between DuPage Swim and Dive Conference teams features 78 events, but the Mariners and Racers didn't have much time to swim between heavy rainfall during the June 10 meet, which included 30 events.

Roselle edged Villa Park 138-120 in the meet's team standings.

The Mariners' winners included Ruth Aldana, who swam to a pair of victories in the 11-12 girls level. After winning the 50-meter freestyle in a first-place time of 36.03 seconds, she added a win in the 100-meter individual medley, which she finished in 1 minute, 42.12 seconds.

Villa Park's Caleb Vaughan also won two events during the meet against Roselle. Swimming in the 13-14 boys level, he won the 50-meter freestyle (30.63) and the 100-meter individual medley (1:20.31).

Madison Doheny of the Mariners won the 25-meter freestyle (26.19) in the 8-and-under girls level. Villa Park's Riley Doheny won the 50-meter freestyle (40.18) in the same level.

Penelope Kuhl provided the Mariners with a win in the 100-meter individual medley (1:30.32) in the 9-10 girls division. Ryan Lloyd of Villa Park swam to a victory in the 9-10 boys level's 50-meter freestyle (43.91). Logan Turner earned a win for the Mariners in the 11-12 boys division's 100-meter individual medley (1:39.93).

While Ruth Aldana won two events for Villa Park in the meet against Roselle,

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