

Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards

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Eric Hill Named 2008 Florida Dairy Farmers Girl's Swimming Coach-of-the-Year

Gainesville (Dec. 18) --- Eric Hill of Boca Raton High School was named the 2008 Florida Dairy Farmers Girls' Swimming Coach-of-the-Year following a final round of voting by a statewide panel of high school swimming coaches.

Hill is the 17th winner of the annual award sponsored by Dairy Farmers, Inc. and the Florida Athletic Coaches Association to honor the top high school girls' swim coach for the 2008 season.

Hill was named as the Coach-of-the-Year by leading Boca Raton to the Class 2A state championship with 258.5 total points. Hill, who was earlier selected as the Class 2A Swimming Coach-of-the-Year, finished ahead of Mark Matusak of Sarasota Riverview, the 3A Coach-of-the-Year and Sergio Lopez of Jacksonville Bolles, the 1A Coach-of-the-Year.

"Florida's dairy farmers congratulate coach Hill for a job well done and we salute him with a milk toast," said Matt Lussier, a Gainesville area dairy farmer. We take a lot of pride in watching a winner such as coach Hill represent our industry and this award in such a positive manner and we wish him continued success."

The Florida Dairy Farmers Sports Awards Program exemplifies Dairy Farmers Inc.'s commitment to the state's youth. While honoring the state's top athletes, coaches and scholars in all 26 FHSAA-sanctioned sports for the 17th consecutive year, the program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan.