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CARDINAL GIBBONS RECEIVES AWARD FOR ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

RALEIGH, N.C. – Cardinal Gibbons High School has been named the [2025 No. 1 High School for Athletes in North Carolina](#) by Niche. The school offers 27 different sports, featuring over 1,000 athletes within its student body.

Cardinal Gibbons is a private, Catholic high school in Raleigh, North Carolina, educating around 1,600 students per year. A winning culture rooted in community has resulted in the school's athletic success, with over 100 state championships since its introduction to high school athletics in the late 1940s.

Cardinal Gibbons has 17 alumni coaches throughout its sport programs, each averaging a 12-year tenure. Once students, too, these coaches mastered their sports within their respective programs and have come back to the school to inspire new athletes to do the same.

"These guys were committed to making their mark in history," said Greg Mader, alumnus and Men's Varsity Soccer Head Coach, in response to his team winning the 2023 Men's Soccer State Championship. Being a part of the successful athletic history at Cardinal Gibbons is a goal of all students, alumni and coaches.

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As a part of its history, Cardinal Gibbons is rooted in faith-based practices. Each athletic team showcases their faith by praying on the field before games and participating in community service together outside of school hours. Common beliefs and shared experiences help develop the team chemistry necessary to win a state championship.

Cardinal Gibbons received this award because it connects students and alumni with its history and beliefs to create a connection that is seen both on and off the field. This connection has led to the strongest athletic program in the state of North Carolina as current students continue to carry on the legacy of the school, according to Niche.

About Cardinal Gibbons High School

Founded in 1909, Cardinal Gibbons is the first Catholic high school in North Carolina. Cardinal Gibbons is known for its athletics, student organizations and strong academics, educating around 1,600 students per year. For more information, visit the [website](#).

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