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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HONOR THE MILLBURN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM NJSIAA GROUP 4 STATE CHAMPIONS



Essex County Freeholder At-Large Patricia Sebold and District 4 Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano present the Board's Commendation to the Millburn High School Varsity Baseball Team. PHOTO BY GLEN FRIESON

(Caldwell, NJ) – During a special presentation held at the Caldwell Town Hall in Caldwell, New Jersey, on June 21, 2017, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored the Millburn High School Varsity Baseball Team for winning the NJSIAA Group 4 State Championship.

Freeholder At-Large Patricia Sebold and District 4 Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano presented a Commendation to the team in celebration of their championship victory, congratulating the team for their successes. Coach David Drechsel accepted the Commendation on behalf of the team and thanked the Freeholders for supporting Millburn.

The Millers won their second title in the past 3 seasons after defeating defending champion Hunterdon Central (10-5), on June 10, 2017, at Toms River North High School in Toms River, New Jersey. The team previously won the Group 4 title in 2015, while Hunterdon Central won in 2016. The varsity baseball team finished with a record of (26-5). The baseball team also captured the NJSIAA North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 Championship, the school's 4th sectional championship in the past 7 years and its 3rd in the past 4 years.

The players also received individual accolades. The team was led in the championship game by Senior Richie Schiekofer, who finished with a single, a double, and a home run in the championship game and concluded his career as the school's all-time leader in career hits with 120. Pitcher Connor Lally finished his senior season with a record of 8 wins and 1 loss.

The team is comprised of the following individuals: **Seniors:** Ryan Swanson, Richie Schiekofer, Connor Lally, Mike Kologlu, Jared Nemet, and Dan Clipper; **Juniors:** Peter Gula, Peter Serruto, Ben Pampush, Sam Herbst, Sam Gladson, Kyle Mazer, Matt Knowles, Alex Byington, and Eric Von Bevern; **Sophomores:** Jordan Brochin and Kyle Yih; and **Freshmen:** Ben Chrzanowski and Ben Sinins.

The team was coached by Brian Chapman, David Drechsel, Chris Drechsel, Tyler Pittenger, and Joseph Kropa and received administrative support from Superintendent Dr. Christine Burton, Principal Dr. William Miron, Vice Principals Dr. Donna Gallo and Dr. Robert Keenan, and Athletic Director Francesco Bifulco.

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