

Sarasota Crew Wins Western Florida District Championship

*Team brings home “All-Points” Trophy and Men’s Varsity 8+ Nabs 1st Place Gold
At Inaugural FSRA Western District Championships Competition*

Sarasota, Florida / April 9, 2010 – Sarasota Crew won the Florida Scholastic Rowing Association’s Inaugural “FSRA Western District Championships” competition held last weekend at the Tampa Bypass Canal. With a collective total of 511 points, the team brought home the “All Points” championship trophy on Saturday, April 3; as well as four Gold (1st place) medals – including one for the event’s signature event, the Men’s Varsity 8.

Competing against 14 teams overall, Sarasota Crew also brought home four Silver (2nd place) medals and two Bronze (3rd place) medals. This new annual event provides an opportunity for rowing teams in west Florida to compete against one another before state championships begin in June.

1st Place/Gold Wins

Men’s Varsity 8+ -- Matt Sobotka; Marcel Dupuis; Joshua Schmidt; Hunter Leeming; Nick Duncan; Ryan Anderson; Daven Natarajan; Dan Corin; Courtney Berger, Coxswain. **SEE PHOTO ATTACHED OF THIS TEAM; additional photos showing rowers in the water are available upon request.**

Women’s Varsity 4x – Christina Niffenegger; Westanna Carleton; Carli Goldberg; McKayla Taaffe.

Men’s Varsity 4x -- Matt Sobotka; Marcel Dupuis; Joshua Schmidt; Hunter Leeming.

Men’s Freshmen 8+ -- Travis Taaffe; José Colon; Ryan Hails; Andre Dupuis; Maddux Castle; Mateo Vasquez; Andrew Konecny; Oliver Jennings; Grant Golub, Coxswain.

2nd Place/Silver

Women’s Varsity 8+ -- Christina Niffenegger; Westanna Carleton; Carli Goldberg; McKayla Taaffe; Lily Wan; Gabby Halula; Carolina Elizalde; Marissa Beiling; Lauren Terris, Coxswain.

Men’s Junior Varsity 8+ -- Chase Rowe; Ed Palermo; Tony Rzepka; David Broussard; Jan Stary; Thomas Pring; Tanner Pletzke; Ian Hull; Sarah Benderson, Coxswain.

Women’s Varsity 2x -- Carolina Elizalde; Marissa Beiling.

Men’s Freshmen 4+ -- Jake Almontree; David Broussard; Chad Rowe; Thomas Pring; Anthony Senseman, Coxswain.

3rd Place/Bronze

Men’s Varsity 1x – Ed Palermo.

Women’s Varsity 1x – Gabby Halula



Sarasota Crew is a non-profit organization founded in 2002 by a group of visionary and dedicated parents and coaches with a mission of developing student athletes into self-respecting, quick thinking, responsible and rational young adults by promoting positive repercussive growth within the most challenging events. For more information, visit www.sarasotacrew.com or call Liza Dickson at 941-966-9791.