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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - The Mules Booster Club has named Sophia Rowland and Samuel Pierce of Poplar Bluff High School the March Athletes of the Month, presented by Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Sophia, a senior soccer player, holds all the assist records for Poplar Bluff Girls Soccer, according to coaching staff. She currently has three goals and three assists for the season. In the classroom, she maintains an 11.6 grade point average.

Sophia is a "great leader and player on the soccer field," said Rusty Crafton, her coach. She is "one of the toughest and hardest working players that I've ever coached."

Samuel, a senior baseball player, is 3-0 this season, with 29 strikeouts, an .894 ERA, and a .321 batting average, with 8 RBIs. He is also in the top 30 of his class.

"...A leader on and off the field of play, Samuel is always willing to go the extra mile to help everyone on the team get better every day," said Steven Edwards, his coach. "Samuel is well known throughout the school among his peers as a person that cares for everyone, and looks to lead by example."

Pictured: Presenting the AOM awards to Sam Pierce and Sophie Rowland on Tuesday, April 9, is Booster Club member Brian Taylor.

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