

Awards for top juniors

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THE top athletes in the South West will be announced next Friday, December 4 in the inaugural awards night for the South West Academy of Sport.

Busselton's Lachlan Micale is a finalist for the SWAS 2009 Australian Rules Football Athlete of the Year (sponsored by WA Football Commission) and Montana Randell is a finalist for SWAS 2009 Hockey Athlete of the Year (sponsored by FHE The Field Hockey Specialist and WA Country Builders).

Dunsborough's Rowan Brown is one of the finalists for the SWAS 2009 Sports Star of the Year (sponsored by The Griffin Group) for cross-country mountain biking.

"The South West Academy of Sport's inaugural awards will celebrate the achievements of some of the region's finest young athletes," SWAS chief executive officer Bernice Butlion said.



Gerry Reilly from The Melting Pot Glass Studio in Margaret River gives South West Academy of Sport chief executive officer Bernice Butlion and administration officer Megan Pollard a sneak peek of the eye-catching glass trophies he is handcrafting for the awards night. Pictured in the background is Nick Altham.

"The academy was set up to help local sports talents reach their potential by giving them

local access to the type of high performance talent development programs that had pre-

viously only been available in the Perth and metropolitan areas," she said.