

# GREATER OMAHA SPORTS COMMITTEE

Spring Scholar Athlete Award Winners 2024

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3730 Raynor Parkway

Bellevue, NE

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2023-2024

Scholar/Athlete

***Ethan  
Roth***

***Bennington  
High School***

Selected for  
Outstanding Scholarship  
and Achievement  
in the Sport of  
Baseball



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**Selected for Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement in the Sport of Baseball**

# **ETHAN ROTH**

- ★ Academics: GPA - 3.9
- ★ 10 Grade: JV Baseball
- ★ 11 Grade: 3B/2B starter, hit .329, Varsity,  
NSAA baseball Academic All-State, Academic All-  
Conference
- ★ 12 Grade: 3B starter, hit .362, Academic All-State, Senior  
season awards not yet presented



2023-2024

Scholar/Athlete

***Trey  
Ruge***

***Millard North  
High School***

Selected for  
Outstanding Scholarship  
and Achievement  
in the Sport of  
Golf



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Selected for Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement in the Sport of Golf

# TREY RUGE

- ★ Academics: GPA - 4.4
- ★ 11 Grade: NSAA Academic All-State, Lots of top 10 finishes in tournaments around the country, Team Captain, Class A District Medalist, State Qualifier + Top 20 finish
- ★ 12 Grade: NSAA Academic All-State, Lots of top 10 finishes in tournaments around the country, Team Captain, Class A District Medalist, currently ranked 6th in the NSAA Differential Golf Rankings, won 24 high school career medals.



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Scholar/Athlete

***Paige  
Salcedo***

***Millard North  
High School***

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in the Sport of  
Soccer



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Selected for Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement in the Sport of Soccer

# PAIGE SALCEDO

- ★ Academics: GPA - 3.95
- ★ 10th Grade: 2nd team All-Metro, Offensive Player of the Year
- ★ 11 Grade: Team Captain, Academic All-State, All-Metro
- ★ 12 Grade: Team Captain, Academic All-State, Offensive Player of the Year



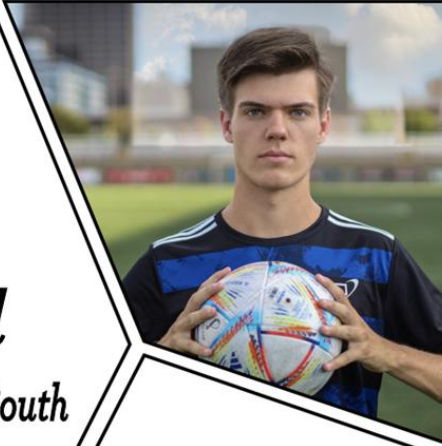
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Scholar/Athlete

***Drew  
Darnold***

***Papillion-La Vista South  
High School***

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Soccer



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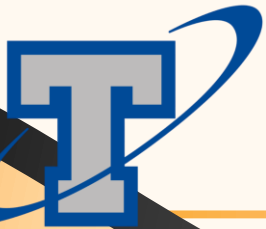




**Selected for Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement in the Sport of Soccer**

# **DREW DARNOLD**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 4.25**
- ★ **10th Grade: 11 goals, 7 assists, Honorable Mention All-State**
- ★ **11 Grade: 9 goals, 15 assists, 1st Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-State, Metro Championship, tied single season assist record for Papio South, 2nd Team Super State**
- ★ **12 Grade: 13 goals, 10 assists, broke all time goal and assist records at Papio South, Nebraska Senior Showcase, Team Captain**



2023-2024

Scholar/Athlete

**Ava  
Schroeder**

**Omaha North High  
Magnet School**

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in the Sport of  
Tennis



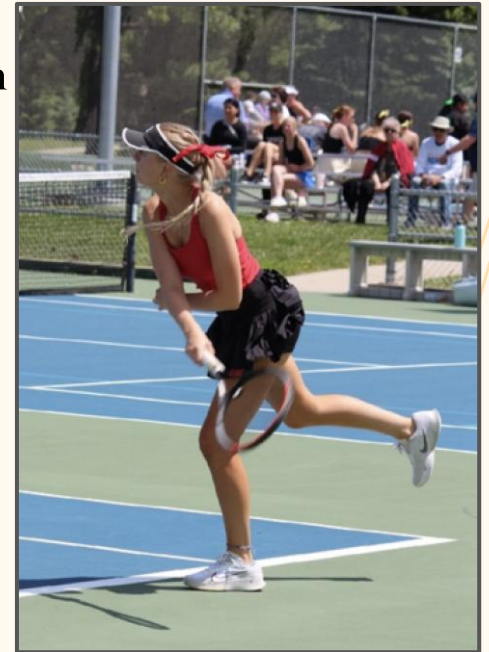
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# **AVA SCHROEDER**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.98**
- ★ **10th Grade: Metro Champion 1 doubles, Highest Distinction Scholar Athlete Award, Metro Scholar, NCAA class A State Girls Tennis Team**
- ★ **11 Grade: Highest distinction scholar athlete award, Metro Scholar, NCAA class A State Girls Tennis Team**
- ★ **12 Grade: Metro Champion 1 doubles, highest distinction scholar athlete award, Metro Scholar**



2023-2024

Scholar/Athlete

***Brooklyn  
Lech***

***Millard West  
High School***

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in the Sport of  
Tennis



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## **Brooklyn Lech**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 4.0**
- ★ **10th Grade: 2nd place at the Millard North JV invite (2 singles)**
- ★ **11 Grade: 5th place at Metro Conference (1 singles), All-Metro Scholar**
- ★ **12 Grade: Team Captain, All-Metro Conference Scholar, 4th place at the Metro Conference (2 singles), 4th place at Lincoln East Invite (2 singles), 4th place at State**





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Scholar/Athlete

***Asher  
Jenkins***

***Bellevue West  
High School***

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in the Sport of  
Track & Field



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# **ASHER JENKINS**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 4.1**
- ★ **10th Grade: State Silver - 400M, State Gold - 4x100 (3rd leg), 10th at State- 200M**
- ★ **11 Grade: State Silver - 400M, 6th at State - 200M, State Silver - 4x100 (3rd leg), Team Captain, Academic All-State**
- ★ **12 Grade: State Gold - 100M, 400M, and 200M, All-Class Gold - 200M, Team Captain, 4x100 Anchor, Academic All-State**





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***Donovan  
Jones***

***Omaha North High  
Magnet School***

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# **DONOVAN JONES**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.6**
- ★ **11 Grade: Qualified for State in the 100M, 200M, and 4x100. Placed 5th in the 4x100**
- ★ **12 Grade: Qualified for State in the 100M, 200M, and 4x100.**



2023-2024

Scholar/Athlete

**Zaidah  
Lightener**

**Papillion-La Vista South  
High School**

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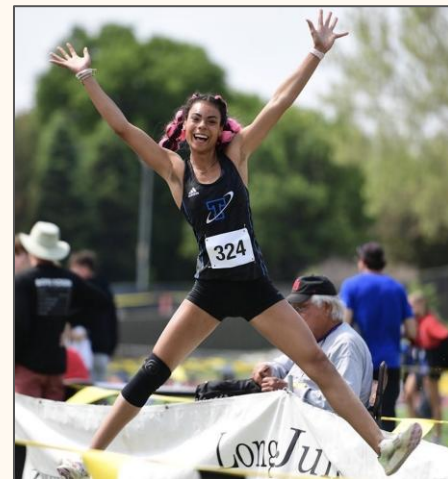
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## **ZAIDAH LIGHTENER**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.979**
- ★ **10th Grade: State meet qualifier in 100m and long jump. 7<sup>th</sup> in state in long jump. All conference in long jump and 100m.**
- ★ **11 Grade: Academic all state, school record in long jump and 100m. State – 2<sup>nd</sup> in TJ, 3<sup>rd</sup> in LJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4 X 100m**
- ★ **12 Grade: Academic all state, State – qualified in LJ, TJ, 100m, & 4X 100m. State champion in LJ, 4<sup>th</sup> best in state history & all class gold in LJ.**



**OUTSTANDING**  
**SCHOLAR ATHLETES**  
**2023-2024**

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Scholar/Athlete of the Year



**OLIVIA MAUCH**  
Bennington High School

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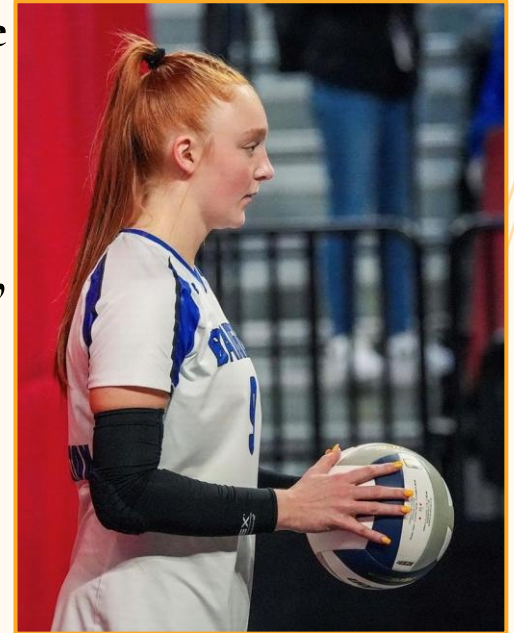
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Selected for Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement in the Sport of Volleyball

# OLIVIA MAUCH

- ★ Academics: GPA - 4.0
- ★ 10th Grade: OWH Class B 2nd Team, EMC All-Conference
- ★ 11 Grade: OWH All-Nebraska 1st Team, OWH Class B 1st Team, All Conference All-Area 1st Team
- ★ 12 Grade: OWH Super 6, State Record for Digs in a Match, Season, and Career, HS Record for Digs in a match, season, career and Aces, USA U-19 National Team World Champion





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Scholar/Athlete of the Year



**DONOVAN JONES**  
Omaha North High Magnet School

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# **DONOVAN JONES**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.6**
- ★ **11 Grade: Qualified for State in the 100M, 200M, and 4x100. Placed 5th in the 4x100**
- ★ **12 Grade: Qualified for State in the 100M, 200M, and 4x100**







2023-2024  
Scholar/Athlete of the Year



**CALEB BENNING**  
Westside High School

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Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement

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**Selected for Outstanding Scholarship and Achievement in the Sport of Basketball**

# **Caleb Benning**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.77 Rank: 162/547**
- ★ **10th Grade: All State, All Metro, All Nebraska**
- ★ **11 Grade: All State, All Metro, All Nebraska**
- ★ **12 Grade: All State Captain, All Metro, All Nebraska**





2023-2024  
Scholar/Athlete of the Year



**CLAIRE WHITE**  
Westside High School

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## **CLAIRE WHITE**

- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.95**
- ★ **10th Grade: Omaha Metro All Academic Award, 3rd Place at State, All State Team**
- ★ **11 Grade: Omaha Metro All Academic Award, 3rd Place at State, 2nd Place at State as a Team, All State Team**
- ★ **12 Grade: Meet Record Holder at Charlie Thorell Invite, School Record Holder, Omaha Metro All Academic Award, State Champion Individual (1st Westside student to Win State XC), All State Team**

