

# GREATER OMAHA SPORTS COMMITTEE

Fall Scholar Athlete Winners 2025-2026

Hilton Omaha Downtown

1001 Cass St, Omaha, Ne 68102

Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026

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2025-2026  
**Scholar/Athlete**  
***Lili  
Denton***  
***St. Alberts  
High School***

Selected for  
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and Achievement  
in the Sport of  
Cross Country



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## **Lili Denton**

- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.14 of 4.0      Rank: N/A of 43**
- ★ **11th Grade: Varsity Letter, 2024 State Champion, KMA Land IOWA Girls Runner of the Year, Female All Hawk 10 team, Female All Junior Team, 2024 All Iowa Girls HS Cross County Honoree**
- ★ **12th Grade: Varsity Letter, 2025 State Champion, KMA Land IOWA Girls Runner of the Year, Female All Hawk 10 team, Female All Senior Team, Academic All State, 2025 All Iowa Girls HS Cross County Honoree**
- ★ **Also played Volleyball, Soccer, and Track.**
- ★ **Helped at St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

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Scholar/Athlete

***Abbigail  
Durow***

***Millard South  
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# **Abbigail Durow**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.11 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 593**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> in Metro, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class A Districts, 8<sup>th</sup> in Overall Class A State. Class A All State.**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> in Metro, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class A District, 7<sup>th</sup> in Overall Class A State, Class A All State.**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> in Class A Metro, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class A Districts, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Class A State, and Class A All State.**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> at Metro, District A1 Champion, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall in Class A State, Class A All State.**
- ★ **Also played Basketball and Soccer.**



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***Levi  
Riedel***

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## **Levi Riedel**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.1 of 4.0      Rank: N/A of 596**
- ★ **9th Grade: Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: Varsity Letter, State Qualifier**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, State Qualifier, Metro All Academic Team, NSAA Academic All State Team, MW CC 110% Award**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, State Qualifier, Metro All Academic Team, NSAA Academic All State Team, MW CC 110% Award**
- ★ **4 years Track and Field**

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***Darion  
Jones***

***Omaha North High  
Magnet School***

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in the Sport of  
Football**



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

## **Darion Jones**



- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.73 of 4.00 Rank: 36 of 423**
- ★ **10th Grade: Varsity Letter, Started 2 Games**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Metro, All Class A Team, All Nebraska Team**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, Super Six from OWH, 25 receptions, 25 tackles, 7 kick off returns – 194 yds 1 TD, 11 punt returns – 275 yds 2 TD's.**
- ★ **Also played Track and Basketball.**



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Thomalla**

*Millard South  
High School*

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in the Sport of  
Football



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

## **Jett Thomalla**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.40 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 593**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letterwinner**
- ★ **10th Grade: Varsity Letterwinner, Team State Semi-Finalist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State**
- ★ **11th Grade: Super State Team OWH and LJS, Team State Champions, Class A Single Season records in total offense 3740 yds, passing 3664 yds, completions 250, and TD's 47.**
- ★ **12th Grade: Super State, Team State Champions, Class A brke single season TD's 51, and set career passing 9965 yds, career TD's 127, Most TD's in a game 7; Also played Basketball.**

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**Addison  
Benge**

**Westside  
High School**

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in the Sport of  
Golf



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**Selected for Outstanding Scholarship & Achievement in the Sport of Girls Golf**

## **Addison Benge**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.75 of 4.00    Rank: N/A of 556**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, State Qualifier, Top 30 at State**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, Team won District, Top 20 at State, Team 4<sup>th</sup> at State.**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Top 5 at District, Top 10 at Metro, Team Metro 2<sup>nd</sup>, Team District 1<sup>st</sup>, Class A Super State, 7<sup>th</sup> at State, Team 2<sup>nd</sup> at State, Varsity Team Captain, Broke School Record**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Medalist at District, Team 1<sup>st</sup> at District, 4<sup>th</sup> at State, Team 2<sup>nd</sup> at State, Class A Super State, 2<sup>nd</sup> at Metro, Team 1<sup>st</sup> at Metro, Team Captain, Broke School Record.**

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Burdorf**

**Millard West  
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## **Addison Burdorf**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.5 of 4.00      Rank: N/A of 596**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Freshman of the Year, OWH All State HonMention, Metro 1<sup>st</sup> Team, NCPA All State Academic Award**
- ★ **10th Grade: OWH 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State, Metro 1<sup>st</sup> Team, NCPA All State Academic Award**
- ★ **11th Grade: OWH 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State, LJS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, Metro All Academic Team, Metro 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Metro Pitcher of the Year, MW Team Captain**
- ★ **12th Grade: OWH 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State, Metro 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Metro Pitcher of the Year, OWH 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Nebraska**





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***Maizey  
Carpenter***

***Papillion-LaVista  
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# **Maizey Carpenter**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.7 of 4.0** **Rank: N/A**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, OWH All Metro Hon Men.**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, OWH All Class All State, Class A All State, All Metro, Academic All Metro, Coaches All Metro Team**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: OWH All Class All State, Class A All State, All Metro, Academic All Metro, Coaches All Metro.**



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Michaelis***

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## **Lani Michaelis**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.26 of 4.0                      Rank: N/A**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Freshman All State, All Conference Hon Men, Team Starter, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, All Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team, All State Hon Men, Academic All Conference**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, All Conf 1<sup>st</sup> Team, All State Hon Men, Academic All Conf, Class B Batting Ave leader .580.**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> at State, All Conf 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Academic All Conf, 2<sup>nd</sup> school record Batting Ave .651 and Class B Leader, Also plays Basketball.**



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***Lauren  
Schneider***

***Elkhorn South  
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# **Lauren Schneider**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.2 of 4.0**                      **Rank: 11 of 371**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, Team State Semi Finalist**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, LJS Class A Hon Men**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, OWH Class A 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State, All Metro, Coaches All Metro Team, Team State Qualifier**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: OWH All Class All State, Class A All State, All Metro, Academic All Metro, Coaches All Metro, Team Semi-Finalist, Tied State record for most Homeruns in a game.**

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***Anuraag  
Ganti***

***Millard North  
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Tennis



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# **Anuraag Ganti**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.327 of 4.0                      Rank: N/A of 608**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, Played #2 singles, Qualified for Metro and State, Placed 6<sup>th</sup> at Metro.**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, Played #2 doubles, Qualified for Metro & State, Placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Metro, 5<sup>th</sup> at State, Academic All Metro**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Played #2 doubles, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Metro, 5<sup>th</sup> at State, Academic All Metro**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Played #1 doubles, 3<sup>rd</sup> at Metro, 5<sup>th</sup> at State, Captain of Team, Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> at State, Academic All Metro**





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***Kami  
Dyrstad***

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# **Kami Dyrstad**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.6 of 4.0                      Rank: N/A of 494**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, OWH and LJS Class A Hon Men, Team Award Best Freshman/Soph.**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, OWH 2nd Team Class A All State, 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All Ne, LJS Hon Men, Team Award Best Defensive Player**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, OWH 1<sup>st</sup> Team Class A All State, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Ne, LJS 3<sup>rd</sup> Team All State, Team Award Best Defensive Player**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Varsity Letter, Team Captain, Preseason Super Six also was the Basketball Manager**



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## **Addison West**



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.336 of 4.0** **Rank: N/A of 190**
- ★ **9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Starter, Varsity Letter, OWH and LJS Class A Hon Men, OWH All Area 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, Team State Champions.**
- ★ **10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Co-Captain, Varsity Letter, OWH and LJS All Ne and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, Class A All State 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Academic All State Team, Team State Champions.**
- ★ **11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Co-Captain, OWH and LJS All Ne and 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Class A All State 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Academic All State Team, Team State 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ★ **Varsity Letter, OWH 1<sup>st</sup> Team Class A All State, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Ne, LJS**
- ★ **12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Team Co-Captain, OWH Super Six, OWH All Class All**

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