

GREATER OMAHA SPORTS COMMITTEE

Fall Scholar Athlete Winners 2025-2026

Hilton Omaha Downtown

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Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026

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2025-2026
Scholar/Athlete

*Lili
Denton
St. Alberts
High School*

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in the Sport of
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Lili Denton

- ★ **Academics: GPA – 414 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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Abbigail
Durow

*Millard South
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Abbigail Durow



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



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*Levi
Riedel*

*Millard West
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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**
- ★ **11th Grade: Varsity Letter, State Qualifier, Metro All Academic Team, NSAA Academic All State Team, MW CC 110% Award**
- ★ **12th 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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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**
- ★ **11th Grade: Varsity Letter, 1st Team All Metro, All Class A Team, All Nebraska Team**
- ★ **12th 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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Scholar/Athlete

*Jett
Thomalla*

*Millard South
High School*

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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
- ★ **9th Grade:** Varsity Letterwinner
- ★ **10th Grade:** Varsity Letterwinner, Team State Semi-Finalist, 2nd 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 broke 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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Scholar/Athlete
*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
- ★ 9th Grade: Varsity Letter, State Qualifier, Top 30 at State
- ★ 10th Grade: Varsity Letter, Team won District, Top 20 at State, Team 4th at State.
- ★ 11th Grade: Top 5 at District, Top 10 at Metro, Team Metro 2nd, Team District 1st, Class A Super State, 7th at State, Team 2nd at State, Varsity Team Captain, Broke School Record
- ★ 12th Grade: Medalist at District, Team 1st at District, 4th at State, Team 2nd at State, Class A Super State, 2nd at Metro, Team 1st at Metro, Team Captain, Broke School Record.



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*Addison
Burdorf*

*Millard West
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Addison Burdorf



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



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*Maizey
Carpenter*

*Papillion-LaVista
High School*

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Maizey Carpenter



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



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*Laini
Michaelis*

*Skutt Catholic
High School*

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Lani Michaelis



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



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*Lauren
Schneider*

*Elkhorn South
High School*

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Lauren Schneider



- ★ **Academics:** GPA – 4.2 of 4.0 Rank: 11 of 371
- ★ **9th Grade:** Team Starter, Varsity Letter, Team State Semi Finalist
- ★ **10th Grade:** Team Starter, Varsity Letter, LJS Class A Hon Men
- ★ **11th Grade:** Varsity Letter, OWH Class A 2nd Team All State, All Metro, Coaches All Metro Team, Team State Qualifier
- ★ **12th 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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Scholar/Athlete
*Anuraag
Ganti*

*Millard North
High School*

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in the Sport of
Tennis



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Selected for Outstanding Scholarship & Achievement in the Sport of Tennis

Anuraag Ganti



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



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Dyrstad*

*Papillion-LaVista South
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Kami Dyrstad



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



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West*

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Addison West



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

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