

GREATER OMAHA SPORTS COMMITTEE

2025-26 Winter Scholar Athlete Award Winners

Omaha Marriott - Regency

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Tuesday, April 21, 2026

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Scholar/Athlete

***Kylee
Paben***

***Millard West
High School***

Selected for
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and Achievement
in the Sport of
Basketball



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Selected for Outstanding Scholarship & Achievement in the Sport of Girls Basketball

Kylee Paben



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.9 of 4.0 Rank: N/A of 599**
- ★ **9th Grade: Varsity Letter, District Champion**
- ★ **10th Grade: Varsity Starter and Letter, Class A First Team All Metro Tourney. Team – Metro, District, and State Champions**
- ★ **11th Grade: Class A First Team All Metro Tourney, Outstanding player at State Tourney, All State 2nd Team, Academic All State. Team – Metro, District, and State Champions**
- ★ **12th Grade: Gatorade Player of the Year, All State, All Metro Team, All Metro and All State Tourney. Team – District Champion. Team Captain, lead team in points, rebounds, steals, and blocks. National Honor Society, Play it Forward Coach, Senior Class Board, Ladycats Camp Coach.**



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***Avah
Underwood***

***St. Alberts
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Avah Underwood



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.9 of 4.0 Rank: N/A**
- ★ **9th Grade: Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: Varsity Starter and Letter, 1st Team All State, All Tourney Team, 2nd Team all conference, KMA Sophomore of the year.**
- ★ **11th Grade: 1st Team All State, all conference, 1A state player of the year, City player of the year, KMA Junior of the year, Class 1A state champions, Single season record for rebounds 292 and single game 24 rebounds.**
- ★ **12th Grade: 1st team All State, 1st team all conference, All Tourney Team, KMA senior of the year, career record holder for rebounds 840 and and all time career leading scorer 1028. Also plays track and field. Worked Youth Camps.**



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***Emre
Gedik***

***Westside
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Emre Gedik



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.137 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 615**
- ★ **9th Grade: Freshman of the year, All State Hon Mention, Varsity Letter, NE Class A 3 point FG made in a season record 98, Academic All State, Tied single game 3 pt FG made 10.**
- ★ **10th Grade: Academic All State, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: 3rd team All Metro, Reached 1,000 career points, Academic All State, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **12th Grade: NE Class A 3pt career record holder, Team Captain, Varsity Letter, Coaches Camp Volunteer, Volunteer at Homeless Selters.**

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**George
Ziebell**

*Skutt Catholic
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George Ziebell



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.169 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 178**
- ★ **10th Grade: Varsity Letter, All RCC Hon Mention, Team – Conference, District and State Champions.**
- ★ **11th Grade: Varsity Letter, All RCC 1st Team, Academic All State, All State Tourney 1st Team, Team – Conference, District, and State Champions.**
- ★ **12th Grade: Varsity Letter, Team Captain, Team – Conference, District Champions. Also plays Baseball. Outstanding Service Award, Referees Youth bball games, National Honor Society.**



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Scholar/Athlete

**Mae
Martin**

**Millard South
High School**

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Bowling



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Mae Martin



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.6 of 4.00 Rank – N/A of 611**
- ★ **9th Grade: All Tourney Team for Metro, Team – 9th place Greater Omaha Area Bowling Association Junior Bowler of the Year, Ne Youth Bowler of the year.**
- ★ **10th Grade: All Tourney Team for Metro, Team – 5th place, District Bowling indiv Champion, Youth City Tourney – 2nd place.**
- ★ **11th Grade: All Tourney Team for Metro, Team – 7th place, Ne Youth Bowler of the year, District Bowling Individual Champion**
- ★ **12th Grade: NSAA State Bowling – Qualifies 1st PL, Finished 5th Pl.**

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***Nathaniel
Gust***

***Millard North
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Nathaniel Gust



- ★ **Academics: GPA - 3.863 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 615**
- ★ **9th Grade: Varsity Letter, 8th pl at NSAA State, 3rd at Districts, Academic All State,**
- ★ **10th grade: 6th at Districts, Pius Invite 10th pl, MNHS Invite 4th, Metro – 8th pl, Team Captain, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: 4th pl at State, 4th at Districts, Pius Invite 8th, MNHS Invite – 1st Pl, Academic All State, Team Captain, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **12th Grade: 9th pl at State, 6th at Districts, Academic All State, Team Captain, Varsity Letter, Participated in Boy Scouts**



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***Meredith
Peyton***

*Marian
High School*

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Swimming



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Selected for Outstanding Scholarship & achievement in the Sport of Girls Swimming!

Meredith Peyton



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.24 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 146**
- ★ **9th Grade: 2nd in 100 butterfly at state and metro, 3rd in 200 freestyle at state and metro, 1st in 200 free and 400 free at state, Varsity Letter, Team won State Championship**
- ★ **10th Grade: 1st in 100 butterfly at state and metro, 1st in 200 free at state and metro, Outstanding swimmer in Metro Conference Meet, Team – 2nd at state.**
- ★ **11th Grade: 1st in 100 butterfly at state and metro, 1st in 200 free at state and metro, Outstanding swimmer at state meet, Team – 1st at state. All American in 100 butterfly and relays.**
- ★ **12th Grade: Same as Junior year plus Junior National Qualifier in 100 Fly and 200 IM, All American in 100 Fly and consideration in 200 IM. National Honor Society, Freshman Retreat Leader, Big Sister Club, Campus Ministry.**



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**Sadie
Rogers**

**Westside
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Swimming



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Sadie Rogers



- ★ **Academics: GPA - 4.24 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 556**
- ★ **9th Grade: State Qualifier and finalist, Metro finalist, Team – Metro and State Champions**
- ★ **10th Grade: State Qualifier and finalist, Metro finalist, Team – Metro and State Champions, Unity Council Team Representative**
- ★ **11th Grade: Same as Soph year plus All Metro Academic Team, All American Interscholastic Team**
- ★ **12th Grade: State Qualifier and 2X 2nd Place, Metro 1st and a 2nd place, Unity Council Team Rep, Team Captain, All Metro Academic Team and Academic All American, Lisa Ellis Scholarship, National Honor Society, Student Athletic Trainer, Student Board of Directors.**



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***Matthew
Brailita***

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Matthew Brailita



- ★ **Academics: GPA - 4.48 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 615**
- ★ **9th Grade: State Qualifier in 2 events, 8th at Metro in 1 event, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: State Qualifier in 3 events, 7th in 200 IM, plus placed in 2 other events. Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: State Qualifier in 4 events 2nd 3 times and 3rd in other, Medaled 3rd, 5th, 3rd, & 4th. Team MVP, Academic All Metro and All State**
- ★ **12th Grade: State Qualifier in 4 events -3rd, and 3 2nd. 7 school records, 4 individual and 3 relays, Team Captain, Team finished 3rd at state – highest ever, NE all time in Top Ten in 200 IM. NHS.**

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**Riley
Mead**

**Creighton Prep
High School**

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Riley Mead



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.37 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 270**
- ★ **9th Grade: Member on Swim Team, Team – Metro and State Champions, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: State Qualifier at Metro and State, Team – Metro and State Champions, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: State Finalist, Team – Metro – 1st and State 2nd, Academic All Metro Team, Qualified for Speedo Sectionals. Varsity Letter**
- ★ **12th Grade: Team Captain, Team – Metro and State Champions. Scored most points on team at State, 3rd in 2 Ind events and 3rd in 2 relays, Academic All Metro Team, Freshamn Retreat Leader, Jaysquad Group Leader, NHS, AP Scholar with Distinction.**



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Scholar/Athlete

***Kaitlyn
Ferguson***

***Millard West
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Wrestling



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Kaitlyn Ferguson



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.00 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 599**
- ★ **9th Grade: Academic NSAA All State Award, Girls Wrestling Media Manager, Team MVP Award, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: Academic NSAA All State Award, Team Captain, USA NE Freestyle 2nd and Greco Roman State Champ, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: State Medalist, Team Captain, Placed at USA NE State Freestyle and Greco Roman, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **12th Grade: Academic NSAA All State Award, State Qualifier, Team Captain, Team 100 Club Leader – MW all time record holder. Varsity Letter, NHS, 4 years honor roll, Playmakers Camp Volunteer, Youth wrestling coach volunteer.**

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**Riley
Johnson**

**Skutt Catholic
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Riley Johnson



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.8 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 178**
- ★ **9th Grade: State Finalist, Team Dual State Champions, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: State Champion, Pinned every opponent at State, Team – Elite and Dual Champions, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: State Champion, Dual State Champion, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **12th Grade: State Champion, Dual State Champion, Team – State and Dual Champions, Ranked #22 Nationally at 190, Team Captain, Varsity Letter, Coach Youth wrestling, Open Door mission Volunteer.**

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***Creighten
Lassen***

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Creighten Lassen



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 4.00 of 4.00 Rank: N/A of 599**
- ★ **9th Grade: 4th at State, 41-11 record, 2nd at Districts, MW Newcomer Award, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: 5th at State, 41-9 record, 1st at Districts, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: 6th at State, 25-8 record, 100 career wins, 1st at Districts, Academic All State Award, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **12th Grade: 1st at State, 1st at Districts, 53-0 record, 150+ career wins, School record for most wins in a season – 53, MW record for most career pins 82, Varsity Letter, Playmakers Volunteer, QLI Volunteer.**

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***Kiernan
Meink***

***Millard South
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Kiernan Meink



- ★ **Academics: GPA – 3.8 of 4.0 Rank: N/A of 638**
- ★ **9th Grade: State Champion 106 pounds, KC Stampede and Cheesehead All American, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **10th Grade: 3rd Pl at State 120 lbs, Ranked 19th in Nation, Cheesehead National All American, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **11th Grade: State Champion 126 lbs, Fargo & KC Stampede National All American, Cheesehead Finalist, Varsity Letter**
- ★ **12th Grade: State Champion 138 lbs, Ranked 16 in Nation, Cheesehead Nationals Champion, KC Stampede Nationals All American, Varsity Letter, DECA Executive Officer, 3X Gold Honor Roll, MS Invite Volunteer.**

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