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"NSAA activities...the other half of education."

Kathryn Keller Papillion-La Vista High School

Grade Point Average: 3.952

NSAA Activity Participation: Swimming & Diving, Journalism, Music

"My swim coach recommended me for Circle of Friends, a club where students hang out and develop friendships with special needs students. This opportunity was beyond humbling...Disabilities do not take away the most important part of life--learning. In fact, they provide it."



Regan Taubenheim Lincoln Pius X High School

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field

"Volunteering my time and working with younger children from all over Lincoln enabled me to grow personally while also strengthening a community of young athletes...I strived to teach the young athletes everything I could to help them become better players and teammates, but little did I realize they had been teaching me important lessons about myself, too."



Wolf Lucas Millard South High School

Grade Point Average: 3.79

NSAA Activity Participation: Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field

"If I never would have taken the risk my freshman year, I would not have dreamed these accomplishments could come true. Taking risks has made an impact on how I have pursued my high school career. I continue to try new things... I have learned in my high school career to never be afraid of risks."



Kenny Allred Bellevue West High School

Grade Point Average: 3.8

NSAA Activity Participation: Baseball

"The movement of a variety of pieces of my life allowed me to evolve into a skillful mentor for young kids in my community...My ability to begin to view myself in a new perspective full of not only leadership, but also confidence, has provided me with the success I've been blessed with in high school. The game of baseball, school work, and even the right way to approach failure is a valuable tool that I have put to use."



Cole Tessendorf Columbus Lakeview High School

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Football, Track & Field, Speech, Music

"I learned very quickly that as a young man, particularly an athlete, it was important for me to take a stand against violence... Because I decided to take a risk, I have learned that I can use my voice to help others."



Emily Ostdiek Scottsbluff High School

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Speech, Journalism

"Prior to my sophomore year, I had it all wrong. I was so focused on moving mountains, I failed to recognize the power of pushing pebbles. Every smile, wave, high five, and genuine response can have a huge impact... If you push enough pebbles, pretty soon that pile begins to look something like a mountain."



Courtney Sandell Malcolm High School

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Softball, Track & Field

"Outside of actually playing the sport, I also volunteer coach my younger sister's team and umpire in Malcolm and surrounding towns. All of this has helped me grow as a person and a player."



Kyle Otto Freeman High School

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Football, Wrestling, Music

"From an early age, I was taught that giving is better than receiving, and FFA has given me new opportunities to give back to my community... I've learned that giving hasn't been just about harvesting produce for donations each week; it's become more about making a difference in our community."



Taylor Donner Emerson-Hubbard High School

Grade Point Average: 3.93

NSAA Activity Participation: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Music

"I learned no matter what the situation is, the problem can always be worse than it really is. And from that moment on, I knew there was no greater lesson to be taught than to value your life and to not take anything for granted, and for that I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my community."



Ethan Hall Heartland Community Schools

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Football, Play Production, Music

"I've found that when people feel like they matter, they will exceed your expectations. I focus this philosophy within the football team, baseball team, youth group, at work, and in the hallways and classrooms at school. I've learned how profoundly lives can be changed with a simple, authentic "Hello."



Katie Voichahoske Fullerton Public Schools

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field, Play Production

"I now know that I have to work for every day, nothing will ever be handed to me. Ever since that day I've worked harder, been more involved, and lived my life to the fullest because tomorrow is never guaranteed."



Braden Hadwiger Pleasanton High School

Grade Point Average: 4.0

NSAA Activity Participation: Football, Basketball, Boys Golf, Play Production, Speech, Music

"Speech gives you no choice other than to stand in front of a group of people and talk... By the end of my freshmen year I was placing in district speech contests and feeling more confident in myself."



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