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**NMAA FOUNDATION TO AWARD OVER \$40,000
IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce the recipients of the 2021-2022 NMAA Foundation Scholarships.

The NMAA Foundation will recognize most of the students receiving these scholarships during the NMAA State Basketball Championships. Some will also be honored during the NMAA State Spirit or Spring Championships.

Approximately 200 students were nominated or submitted applications, with a total of \$41,500 being distributed through 37 different scholarships. There were 12 scholarship categories, with one being the special Together We Rise Scholarship that was created last school year due to the challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to support even more kids during these difficult times.

The following list details those students who were selected:

Garry Tripp NMAA Extraordinary Participation Scholarship, presented by U.S. Bank (\$2,000)

**given to students excelling in athletics, activities, and academics in Class 3A-5A schools*

1. Robert Gersten, Taos
2. Andrew Corliss, Los Alamos

Mario Martinez Memorial NMAA Extraordinary Participation Scholarship (\$2,000)

**given to students excelling in athletics, activities, and academics in Class A-2A schools*

1. Bailey Nez, Pine Hill
2. Audriana Apodaca, Maxwell

“Compete with Class” Scholarships, presented by the NM National Guard (\$1,000)

**given to students that exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship & the Compete with Class initiative*

1. Brooklyn Arreola, Lovington
2. Laila Charley, Navajo Prep
3. Morgan Schaller, Los Alamos
4. Sarah Pearson, La Cueva

Dan & Lucille Wood/Gray Gladiator Scholarship, presented by Dion’s (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Hannah Lilley, Gateway Christian
2. Angela Korte, Volcano Vista

Activities Scholarship, presented by Realty One of NM and the NB3 Foundation (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in activities and academics*

1. Ethan Nguyen, Farmington
2. Kira Medina, Raton

EI Richards/Frances Walsh Spirit Scholarship, presented by Varsity Spirit (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in spirit (cheer/dance) and academics*

1. Carlyse Hernandez, Moriarty
2. Bryleigh Clark, Hope Christian

Pedro & Mateo Sandoval Strong Family Scholarship (\$1,500)

**given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Marc Armenta, Bloomfield

Coach Dick Shelley St. Michael's HS Basketball Scholarship (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in basketball and academics*

1. Diego Aragon, Mora
2. Ranley Krueger, Tatum

Ralph Ortiz BPOE Elks Club of Santa Fe Scholarship (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Daymon Lujan, St. Michael's

Ralph Ortiz Santa Fe Knights of Columbus Scholarship (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Loryn Trujillo, Rio Rancho

Mike Mittelstaedt Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in cross country and/or track & field and academics*

1. Gilbert Valdez, Penasco
2. Josette Gurule, Academy for Technology and the Classics

Together We Rise Scholarship (\$1,000)

**given to students excelling in athletics, activities, and academics*

1. Joren Mirabal, Magdalena
2. Makenzie Williams, Hatch Valley
3. Tanin Ramnath, La Cueva
4. Matthew Quartieri, Raton
5. Mikaella Sena, Robertson
6. Melaki Jones, Espanola Valley
7. RyLee Crandall, Artesia
8. Johanna Roybal, Melrose
9. Oviad Ontiveros, Eunice
10. Mac Manzanares, Sandia Prep
11. Benjamin Willhite, La Cueva
12. Caitlin True, Animas
13. Ethan Manske, St. Michael's
14. Kaya Perce, Albuquerque High
15. Luke Tipton, Gateway Christian
16. Zoey Stewart, Dexter

The Together We Rise Scholarships are presented in part by the NMAA Foundation, Taco Bell Restaurants of Santa Fe, Mr. Bruce Cottrell, Various NMAA/NMOA Hall of Fame Members, Zeroeyes, the Cecil Lynn Memorial Fund, the Tom Drangmeister Memorial Fund, the Mike Danoff Memorial Fund, and in Memory of Hobbs HS Student-Athlete Kooper Davis.

The NMAA Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was set up in 2007 to support the many students that participate in high school athletic and activity programs across New Mexico. The funds raised by the Foundation are used for student scholarships and school grants/support.

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