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\$20,000 in Scholarships Awarded to Nevada Student-Athletes

RENO, NV. — The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) and One Nevada Credit Union awarded \$20,000 in scholarship funds to graduating high school student-athletes in the Silver State through the annual NIAA / One Nevada Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year awards program.

The student-athletes of the year awards are presented to those who excelled in sports, maintained a high academic status and volunteered in their community at levels beyond those of their peers. The annual northern Nevada and southern Nevada awards banquets were canceled again in 2021 due to COVID-19, but the winners will still be presented with a \$1,000 scholarship check, a commemorative program and a special gift to help them as they further their education.

“The spirit of the Silver State is embodied in high school athletics and activities,” said Bart Thompson, retiring Executive Director of the NIAA. “The Top Ten winners we honored this year achieved and maintained an exceptionally high level of excellence in all aspects of their lives. These will be our future leaders. They were dealt a horrible blow during the conclusion of their high school career. Yet, they rose up, persevered and moved forward at an outstanding level. They will continue to make a positive difference in our communities.”

“We’re proud to celebrate these student-athletes for their outstanding achievements,” said Paul Parrish, One Nevada President and CEO. “It’s profoundly unfortunate that many student-athletes missed out on their sports seasons during the pandemic. Still, we’re inspired by their perseverance to get back in the game, and their commitment to being outstanding students while giving back to their communities. That’s why we’re so pleased to award each of them a college scholarship and special gift in support of their education journey.”

2021 NIAA / One Nevada Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year

Northern Nevada Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year

Karen Beglin	Carson High School	Carson City
Karli Burns	Fernley High School	Fernley
Dylan Cleary	Incline High School	Incline Village
Jeremy Heaton	Carson High School	Carson City
Kili Lehmkuhl	North Tahoe High School	Tahoe City, Calif.
Kendra Lusk	Spring Creek High School	Spring Creek
Carson Miller	Reed High School	Sparks
Evelyne Reyes	Sparks High School	Sparks
Avery Strasdin	Churchill County High School	Fallon
Carlos Torres	Carson High School	Carson

Southern Nevada Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year

Martin Blake	Canyon Springs High School	Las Vegas
Fernando Carmone, Jr.	Las Vegas High School	Las Vegas
Kathryn Daffer	Pahrump Valley High School	Pahrump
Donovan Davis	Mojave High School	Las Vegas
Cheryl Edenfield	Sunrise Mountain High School	Las Vegas
Makayla Gent	Pahrump Valley High School	Pahrump
Preston Humes	Moapa Valley High School	Overton
Nakala Nadeau	Del Sol Academy	Las Vegas
Paige Sinicki	Coronado High School	Henderson

For more information about the NIAA/One Nevada Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year awards program, please visit: https://www.niaa.com/awards/Top_Ten/photos/2021_NIAA-One_Nevada_Top_10_-_FINAL_PROGRAM.pdf.

ABOUT THE NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) is a private, non-profit organization

(501c3) originally formed by the secondary schools in Nevada. In essence, the NIAA is the governing body of high school athletics and activities in the Silver State as recognized by the Nevada state legislature. It is important to note, however, that the NIAA does NOT receive state funding. The NIAA's three revenue streams are corporate partnerships, event ticket sales and member school's dues.

ABOUT ONE NEVADA CREDIT UNION

With over \$1 billion in assets, One Nevada Credit Union is one of the largest locally owned, federally insured credit unions in the state. It is also one of the strongest, well-capitalized financial institutions in the country. One Nevada specializes in serving Nevadan's personal financial needs. One Nevada serves 78,000 members, has 15 branches, and offers 46,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the Allpoint Network. Membership is open to all residents of Washoe, Clark, and Nye counties. One Nevada is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration, a U.S. Government Agency. For more information, visit www.onenevada.org.

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