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Five Nebraska High Schools Earn NSAA's Coveted Farmers® Sportsmanship Award for 2012-13

LINCOLN – The Nebraska School Activities Association is pleased to announce the fourth set of Nebraska high schools earning the prestigious Farmers® School Sportsmanship Award. The annual awards program is designed to recognize NSAA member high schools that establish and follow a quality sportsmanship program within their athletic activities.

The following Nebraska high schools have met the criteria listed below and are the 2012-2013 Farmers Sportsmanship Award winners.



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2012-2013 Sportsmanship Award Winners

***Bancroft-Rosalie**
****Gothenburg**
****Lincoln Lutheran**
****Norfolk Catholic**
***Valentine**

*Bancroft-Rosalie and Valentine high schools earned the award for the third time, while
**Gothenburg, Lincoln Lutheran, and Norfolk Catholic were honored for the fourth consecutive year.

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“The Nebraska School Activities Association is proud to have Bancroft-Rosalie, Gothenburg, Lincoln Lutheran, Norfolk Catholic, and Valentine high schools earn the Farmers® School Sportsmanship Award for the 2012-13 school year by working to provide a competitive environment during their interscholastic activities which emphasizes positive actions and fairness for everyone.” says Rhonda Blanford-Green, Executive Director of the NSAA. “These schools should be commended for their commitment to promoting sportsmanship within their communities.”

The above NSAA member schools have received the Farmers School Sportsmanship banner to hang in their schools. A Farmers representative will present the Sportsmanship Award at an all-school event of the school’s choosing during the upcoming school year.



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School Sportsmanship Program Criteria

1. Develop a school sportsmanship policy which is prominently posted within the school and (if possible) printed in the student and activity handbooks.
2. Promote awareness and involvement in sportsmanship and citizenship efforts by accomplishing three of the following (provide evidence to verify):
 - a. Attend NCA/NSIAAA Sportsmanship Summit (list names of student and adult participants)
 - b. Receive the NCA/NSIAAA Sportsmanship Award at an NSAA Girls and/or Boys State Basketball or Soccer Championships.
 - c. Utilize the NFHS “Sportsmanship. It’s up to you,” materials.
 - d. Print and announce sportsmanship messages at all spectator activities.
 - e. Publicize/Highlight a public action by a student or coach from your school who exhibited good sportsmanship in the media.
 - f. Conduct a school-wide or grade level sportsmanship essay contest submitting the winning essay to the NSAA for possible publication.
 - g. Conduct another appropriate project.
3. Promote awareness and involvement in sportsmanship and citizenship efforts by accomplishing one of the following (provide evidence to verify):
 - a. Develop a Mentoring/Positive Role Model program for elementary or middle grade students.
 - b. Develop and implement a school-wide sportsmanship recognition and awards program.
 - c. Develop a local publicity campaign to produce and present sportsmanship-related public service announcements, local bulletin boards and community service projects.
 - d. Conduct a school or community sportsmanship workshop.
4. Conduct an internal sportsmanship audit or evaluation involving students, staff and community to determine areas of success and specific areas needing improvement.
5. Did not have a coach or multiple athlete ejections at any level of athletic competition during the school year.

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