



# BELIEVERS & ACHIEVERS

*Scholastics • Activities • Citizenship • Involvement*

Tuesday, June 7th, 2016

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Nebraska Club

20th floor of U.S. Bank Building

233 South 13th Street, Suite 2000

Lincoln, Nebraska



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Nebraska School Activities Association & U.S. Bank

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## Scholarship Banquet

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Welcome and Introductions ..... Jeff Stauss, *Assistant Director*  
Dr. Jim Tenopir, *Executive Director*

Featured Speaker..... Clete Blakeman  
*Carlson & Burnett, Partner & NFL Referee*

Scholarship Presentations ..... Steve Erwin, U.S. Bank  
Dolores Terwey, U.S. Bank



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**Abhinav Suresh**  
**Omaha Brownell-Talbot High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 Columbia University  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Tennis,  
 Speech



**Alexa Bruick**  
**Seward High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 Augustana University  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Golf, Play  
 Production, Speech



**Alexandra Alber**  
**Holdrege High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 University of Nebraska-Kearney  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Volleyball,  
 Track & Field, Journalism, Music



**Allison Pokorny**  
**Aquinas Catholic High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Play Production,  
 Music



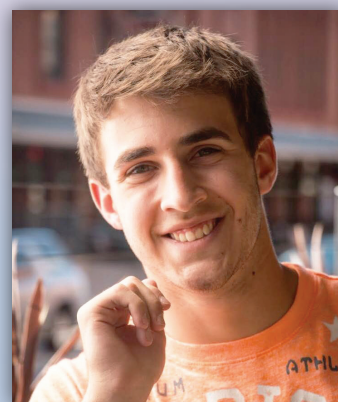
**Andrew Vasquez**  
**Omaha Burke High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 Nebraska Wesleyan University  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Cross  
 Country, Swimming & Diving, Track &  
 Field, Music



**Austin Haufle**  
**Wilber-Clatonia High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Football,  
 Wrestling, Track & Field, Music



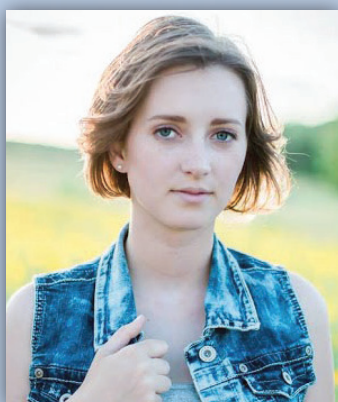
**Austin Ragland**  
**Beatrice High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 Nebraska Wesleyan University  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Football,  
 Basketball, Baseball, Music



**Brook Baller**  
**Creighton High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.9  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Football,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Speech



**Carter Knopik**  
**Lincoln Southwest High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.98  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Cross  
 Country, Track & Field, Speech, Music



**Chase Coggins**  
**Ogallala High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.9  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 Colorado State University  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Play  
 Production, Speech, Music



**Christopher Warneke**  
**Heartland Lutheran High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.9  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 Concordia University  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Football,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Speech, Music



**Courtney Anderson**  
**Adams Central High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
**College/University Planning to Attend:**  
 Chadron State College  
**NSAA Activity Participation:** Cross  
 Country, Track & Field, Journalism, Music





**Dalton Engelbart**  
**Malcolm High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.9  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Football,  
 Basketball, Track & Field



**Emma Dargy**  
**Papillion-LaVista High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Omaha  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Softball,  
 Basketball, Tennis, Journalism



**Emma Scheel**  
**Waverly High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.99  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Soccer, Play Production, Music



**Faith Otte**  
**Nebraska Lutheran High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Martin Luther College  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Play Production,  
 Speech, Music



**Hadley Kirk**  
**Gering High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Utah State University  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Soccer, Music



**Haley Fritza**  
**South Sioux City High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.72  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of South Dakota  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Basketball, Track & Field



**Hope Wilke**  
**North Platte High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Golf, Basketball, Track & Field, Play  
 Production, Music



**Jamel Johnson**  
**Madison High School**  
 Grade Point Average:  
 Undecided  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Undecided  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Football,  
 Wrestling, Track & Field, Play Production,  
 Music



**Joelly Anderson**  
**Lexington High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Journalism, Music



**Kadin Copeland**  
**Sutherland High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Doane University  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Football,  
 Basketball, Golf, Music



**Kara Philips**  
**Bertrand High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.98  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross Country,  
 Track & Field, Play Production, Speech,  
 Journalism, Music



**Kate Knobbe**  
**Guardian Angels Central  
 Catholic High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.99  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Play Production





**Kate Staab**  
**Lincoln Lutheran High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.9  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Northwestern College  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Play Production



**Kendra Heddens**  
**Bennington High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 College of Saint Mary  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Track & Field



**Kevin Sousek**  
**East Butler High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Track & Field, Play Production,  
 Speech, Music



**Lauren Crockett**  
**Wahoo High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Track & Field



**Liam Kruse**  
**Lincoln Pius X High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Football,  
 Track & Field, Speech



**Lydia Schaecher**  
**Columbus Scotus High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Notre Dame  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Speech, Music



**Madison Schossow**  
**Lincoln North Star High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.9  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Softball,  
 Tennis



**Matthew Holloway**  
**Scottsbluff High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Harvard  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Basketball,  
 Track & Field, Journalism



**McKenna Paintin**  
**Omaha Central High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Kansas  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Soccer



**Megan Neal**  
**Sidney High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Golf,  
 Speech, Music



**Mitchael Sieh**  
**Stanton High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Omaha  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Football,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Music



**Molly Lambert**  
**Chambers High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Play Production, Music





**Nathan Singh**  
**Creighton Preparatory High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Fordham University  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Tennis,  
 Swimming & Diving



**Noel Hrnchir**  
**Hastings St. Cecilia High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.97  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Track & Field, Play Production,  
 Music



**Olivia Wieseler**  
**Wynot High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Buena Vista University  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Play Production, Speech,  
 Music



**Rachel Shadley**  
**Columbus Lakeview High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Kearney  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Golf, Play  
 Production, Speech



**Rose Wehrman**  
**Kenesaw High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.98  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Speech,  
 Journalism



**Ryan Pauley**  
**Columbus High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Saint John's University  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Football,  
 Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, Music



**Ryan Umland**  
**Fairbury High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.86  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Wayne State College  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Cross  
 Country, Golf, Play Production, Music



**Sadie Goering**  
**Grand Island Central Catholic High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 Duke University  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Tennis, Play Production, Speech, Journalism



**Samantha Funk**  
**Ewing High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.94  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Play Production, Speech, Music



**Sarah McCarty**  
**Omaha North High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 4.0  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Omaha  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Tennis



**Taylor Rhoades**  
**Giltner High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.87  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Kearney  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Volleyball,  
 Basketball, Track & Field, Play Production,  
 Speech, Journalism, Music



**Vincent Malene**  
**Millard South High School**  
 Grade Point Average: 3.98  
 College/University Planning to Attend:  
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 NSAA Activity Participation: Swimming  
 & Diving



Fellow Nebraskans:

As the 40th Governor of Nebraska, I look forward to working with leaders across our state to expand educational opportunities for the next generation of citizens.

A student's involvement outside the classroom can build the character and discipline they need to succeed in the classroom. I commend the NSAA for the work they do to provide extracurricular activities to Nebraska students which instill important values like hard work, creativity, and responsibility.

These activities help lay a foundation for skills that will serve you for a lifetime. Enjoy tonight and best of luck in your endeavors!

Best regards,

Pete Ricketts  
Governor of Nebraska



High school activities: the other half of education.

Participation in high school activities has many benefits for participants. Recent studies revealed that "athletes earned higher grades, graduated at a higher rate, dropped out of school less frequently, and scored higher on state assessments than did non-athletes."

Extracurricular activities stand out from other aspects of adolescents' lives at school because they provide opportunities to "develop initiative and allow youth to learn emotional competencies and develop new social skills."

Other data shows that participation in organized activities during high school is positively associated with post-secondary educational attainment, voting, volunteering, and occupational factors.

The NSAA staff and its member schools are pleased to be able to offer participation opportunities to over 125,000 Nebraska high school students in athletics and performing arts activities annually.

Please join us in saluting the students recognized this evening. Congratulations on your achievements!

-Dr. Jim Tenopir  
NSAA Executive Director



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