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Nebraska School Activities Association & Currency Announce 2026-27 Believers & Achievers

LINCOLN – Currency and the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) are proud to announce the 2026-27 Believers & Achievers. Believers & Achievers is a statewide awards program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders.

The 48 Nebraska high school seniors listed on the next page have been selected as Believers & Achievers. Eight of these Believers & Achievers will receive \$1,000 scholarships from Currency to use for the college or university of their choice at a scholarship banquet to be held in April of 2027.

These 48 students will also be recognized at the NSAA Girls and Boys State Basketball Championships in March 2027 and on a poster sent to all NSAA member schools.

All students nominated for the Believers & Achievers awards program represent the very best of Nebraska's high schools and are considered local school winners. A [complete list of the local school winners for the 2026-27 activities year](#) is available on the NSAA website.

For more information about the Currency Believers & Achievers Program, [click here](#).

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2026-2027
STATEWIDE
WINNERS

Emmelia Baxter
Omaha Buena Vista

Alecia Bedlan
Fairbury

Riley Benish
Leyton

Kara Brockman
Elwood

Annika Carlson
Lincoln Southeast

Violet Casady
Omaha South

Paz Cody
Alliance

Erin Cramer
Omaha Marian

Poppy Doelee
Waverly

Grady Faimon
Alma

Faith Galvin
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge

Coltan Ham
North Platte St. Patrick's

Max Hanson
Wallace

Lydia Harlow
Millard North

Regina Ho
Millard South

Rogan Hoelsing
Wausa

Meg Hoffschneider
Centennial

Thomas Jay
Paxton

Jonathan Kohout
Milford

Frank Kovacs
Minden

Emerson Lorenzo
Lexington

Therese Mammen
Omaha Duchesne Academy

Enzo Manzitto
Elkhorn South

Brody Mattox
Crete

Emerson McIntyre
Northwest

Lillian Miller
Scotus Central Catholic

James Moore
Bergan Catholic

Athaliah Nhira
Scottsbluff

Madilynn Nolan
Boyd County

Lainey Paulk
Wood River

Andrew Petzet
Kearney

Luke Pierson
Omaha Skutt Catholic

Miley Pinkelman
Bloomfield

Ben Pongratz
St. Mary's

Katelyn Preister
Twin River

AJ Rautenbach
Johnson County Central

Harper Rutt
Lourdes Central Catholic

Tessa Sattler
Lincoln Northeast

Christian Shaw
Sandy Creek

Jasi Sheriff
Norfolk

Garrett Smidt
Tri County

Owen Standage
Ravenna

Emilia Perez Tellez
Dorchester

Garrett Tollman
Crawford

Sonja Warner
Shelton

Jada Welton
Lincoln Standing Bear

Ava Wenzel
Arthur County

Jaycee Woodard
Bellevue West