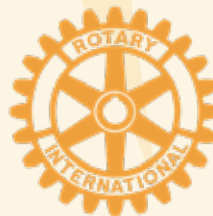




Scholar-Athlete Awards

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2023 ROTARY SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

The Rotary Club of Jacksonville annually recognizes high school students from more than 20 west-central Illinois schools for outstanding leadership, athletic achievement and academic excellence during their high school careers.

Senior students from these schools are selected based on the recommendation of school administrators and coaches. They are honored each year at a Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet, this year to be held on April 27, 2023 at Hamilton's 110 North East in Jacksonville.



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2023 HONOREES

A-C Central High School



Gavin Arthality

Parents: Colin and Alicia Arthality

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: High Honor Roll, February Student of the Month, Rank 4th in class in GPA, Beta Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Yearbook

Athletic Achievements include:

Basketball - 4 years: Varsity Letter;

Guard; IBCA All-State Selection; AP Special Mention All-State Team; Unanimous Sangamo All-Conference; First Team All-Tournament at Williamsville, Winchester, and Pittsfield Tournaments; Springfield Small School Player of the Year; **Golf - 2 years:** Varsity Letter, Conference Championship Team, Team MVP

Future Plans: Attend Illinois State University and major in Business.

Brown County High School



Colby Wort

Parents: Ron and Marcy Wort

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: National Honor Society, ACES (Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science) competition, Academic All-State, National Honor Society, Student Council, Art Club, Officiate for YMCA and Little League

Athletic Achievements include:

Football - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Inside Linebacker, Fullback, All-State, First Team All-Conference, Academic All-State; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Power Forward, Second Team All-Conference and All-Star Teams; **Baseball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Pitcher and Shortstop, 2nd in State

Future Plans: Attend University of Kentucky and attain a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Carrollton High School

Ella Stumpf

Parents: Andy Stumpf and Cathy Stumpf

Academic & Leadership Achievements: IHSA All-State-Academic Nominee, National Honor Society; Future Business Leaders of America officer (2 years), Civics Club, Yearbook Club, Spanish Club, Mathletes



Athletic Achievements include:

Volleyball - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Setter, Right Side Hitter, All-Tournament Team; **Softball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Short Stop, Second Base, All-Conference,

Regional Champions; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Point Guard, Regional Champions

Future Plans: Attend Illinois State University to study Kinesiology and Health Sciences.

Beardstown High School



Aaric Brown

Parents: Charles and Melissa Brown

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: High Honor Roll, National Honor Society (inducted in junior year), Key Club (4 years)

Athletic Achievements

include: Soccer - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Goalkeeper, 3-time MVP,

2-time leadership award, SJR players of the year 2021 and 2022;

Baseball - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Short stop, Pitcher

Future Plans: Attend college to continue playing soccer and get a degree in Business.

Calhoun High School



John Kronable

Parents: John and Megan Kronable

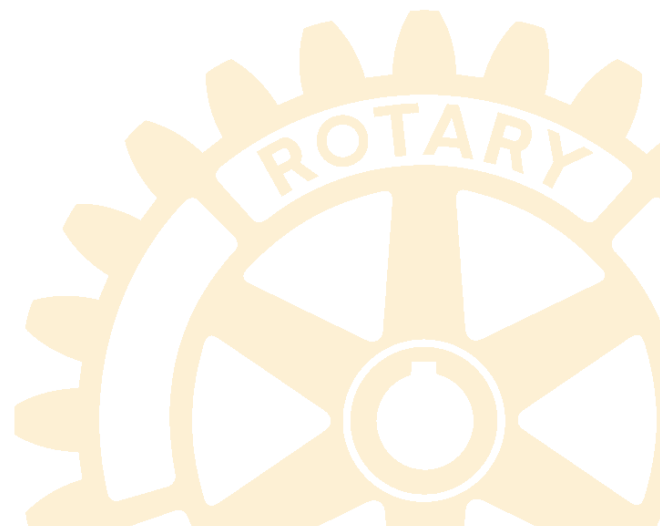
Academic & Leadership

Achievements: WIVC All-Conference Academic Team Award (6 times), IHSA All-State Academic Team Nominee, National Honor Society President, Student Council Treasurer, Class Treasurer

Athletic Achievements include:

Football - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Offensive Tackle, James A. Ringhausen Award, WIVC All-Conference Academic Award, All-Conference Tackle; **Scholastic Bowl - 4 years:** Varsity Letter

Future Plans: Major in Environmental Science at a 4-year university.



Franklin High School



Thaddeus Bergschneider

Parents: Paul and Janie Bergschneider

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: IHSA All-State Academic Team, College Board honorable mention, Rural and Small Town Recognition, Illinois State Scholar, High Honor Roll (3 years),

Principal's Award (3 years), and Morgan County Elite 5 Scholar 2020 and 2023, Illinois FFA Section 14 President, Franklin FFA President, Yearbook Staff Assistant Editor, Scholastic Bowl Captain, Chess (First Board)

Athletic Achievements include: Basketball - 4 years:

Varsity Letter, Guard/Forward, Country Financial All-Star Game Selection; **Cross-Country - 2 years:** Varsity Letter, Conference Champion and Capitol Area All-Star Preps Selection; **Football - 1 year:** Varsity Letter, Middle Linebacker and Running Back, Bill Burger Award and Newcomer Award

Future Plans: Study Agricultural Economics at an undecided 4-year college.

Greenfield High School



Bailee Mathews

Parent: James Mathews and Jennifer Cox

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Silver Medallion, Sons of the American Revolution, Redbird Academic Scholarship, Student Council Vice President, National Honor Society Vice

President and Treasurer, Senior Class Vice President

Athletic Achievements include: Volleyball - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Libero, WIVC All-Academic Award, Captain Award, Dedication Award; **Softball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Outfielder, WIVC All-Academic Award, Rookie of the Year, Offensive Hitter Award (2 years)

Future Plans: Study Communication Sciences and Disorders at Illinois State University.

Griggsville-Perry High School



Sydnee Brown

Parents: Kara Wainman and Travis Brown

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Honor Roll (4 years), High Honor Roll (4 years) Gifted Writer Award 2021, Spanish I Excellence Award 2020, National Honor Society (2 years and current Secretary), Student Council

Representative (4 years), Adopt-a-Grandpal (4 years), Team Impact (1 year), Science Club (2 years), High School Student Advisory Committee (1 year)

Athletic Achievements include: Volleyball - 4 years:

Varsity Letter, Middle Hitter, Most Aces award; **Softball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Pitcher, Shortstop, Third Base, Most Valuable Player (2021) and Pike County All-Conference Team

Future Plans: Earn a CNA through John Wood Community College this summer, then attend John Wood Community College to obtain a general education, then transfer to a 4-year university to obtain a degree in the medical field.

Havana High School



Taryn Wickman

Parent: Troy and Lori Wickman

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: National Honor Society, High Honor Roll, D.A.R.E. Role Model, Interact Club, Spanish Club, Science Club Secretary, H-Club, Student Council, Student Body Class President, SALT, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leader, FFA

Athletic Achievements include: Volleyball - 4 years:

Varsity Letter, Back Row and Outside/Middle Hitter, Most kills award (2 years), All-Tournament Team in Beardstown (2 years),

First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Conference Unanimous, Athlete of the Month; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Point Guard, Guard, Forward, All-Tournament Team in Beardstown and Macomb (2 years), First Team All-Conference, All-State Honorable Mention, MVP of team, First Team All-Conference Unanimous, All-State IBCA First Team, All-State Honorable Mention AP, 1,000 point Club; **Softball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Pitcher/Shortstop, First Team All-Conference Unanimous (2 years), 3rd Team All-State

Future Plans: Attend Spoon River College for 2 years and then transfer to a 4-year college.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired



Sidney Horn

Parents: Colleen and Jon Horn

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Student council, Lighthouse Team member, Choir, Drama Club, Senior Class Secretary

Athletic Achievements include:

Track - 2 years: Varsity Letter, Ran the 60 and 600, Shot Put, Academic Achievement and All-Conference

Awards; **Goal ball - 2 years** (sport for the blind and visually impaired): Varsity Letter, Left Wing, Team Captain, Most Improved Athlete Award, All-Conference Award, Academic Award, and will be Team Captain next year; **Cheerleading - 1 year:** All-Conference Award, and Academic Award; **Bowling:** Academic Award, 9-time Academic All-Conference Athlete Award

Future Plans: Stay at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired for at least one to two more years while taking college classes, studying Psychology/Counseling.

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Jacksonville High School



Kellen Leifheit

Parents: Dustin and Renee Leifheit

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Academic All-Conference (3 years), High Honor Roll, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society

Athletic Achievements include: **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Forward, Team Co-Captain; **Track - 3 years:** Varsity Letter, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 800, 4x400, Triple Jump; **Cross Country - 2 years:** Varsity Letter

Future Plans: Attend Illinois College to further academic and athletic careers playing basketball.

Meredosia-Chambersburg High School



Bailey Norman

Parents: Justin Norman and Brittany Chambers

Academic & Leadership

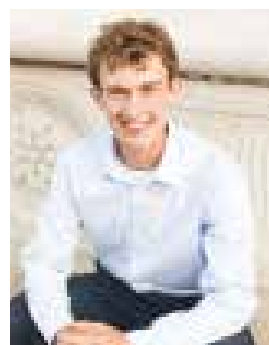
Achievements: Underclassmen Citizenship, National Honor Society, Senior Class President, Student Council

Athletic Achievements include:

Volleyball - 4 years: Libero; **Track and Field - 3 years:** Shot Put and Discus; **Cheerleading - 2 years**

Future Plans: Attend Millikin University to study Nursing.

New Berlin High School



Benjamin Hermes

Parents: Shannon Hermes and Kevin Hermes

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Illinois State Scholar, New Berlin High School Public Speaking Student of the Year, New Berlin High School World Studies Student of the Year, New

Berlin High School High Honor Roll (4 years), Class President (3 years), Key Club President, National Honor Society Vice President, Key Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Athletic Achievements include: **Football - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Quarterback, Wide Receiver, Defensive Back, New Berlin High School Football Bill Burger Team Pride/Leadership Award (2 years); Most Valuable Player Award; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Guard, 2023 Sangamon County Tournament All-Tournament Team; **Track - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, 400m, 800m, 4x400m, 2022 State Qualifier in 800m, 4x800m, and 4x400m run/relays

Future Plans: Study Journalism at the University of Missouri.

North Greene High School



Reese Scott

Parents: Nicole Bettis and Michael Scott

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Class Treasurer, Unified Basketball Coach

Athletic Achievements

include: **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Point Guard, Selected for Carlville and Jacksonville All-star games; **Baseball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Short Stop

Future Plans: Attend Lincoln Land Community College to study Accounting.

Northwestern High School



Brandon Dennison

Parent: Billy Bennett

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: "A" Honor Roll, Sousa Award (band), National Honor Society, Class Programs/Fundraising, Spanish Club Treasurer, Science Club

Athletic Achievements include:

Football - 1 year: Special Teams;

Track and Field - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Sprinter; **Golf - 2 years:** Varsity Letter

Future Plans: Study at SIUE to be an engineer.

Pittsfield High School



Ellianna ("Ellie") Ten Eyck

Parents: Michael and Renita Ten Eyck

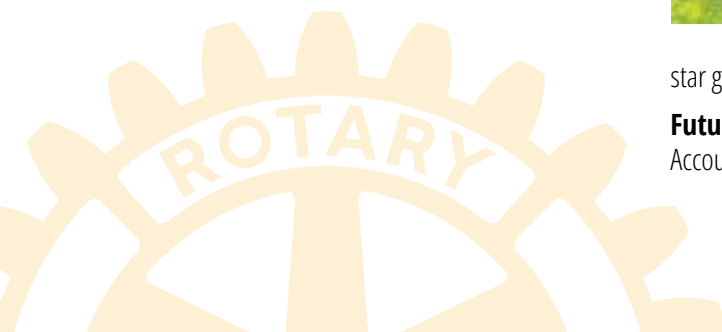
Academic & Leadership

Achievements: National Honor Society, High Honor Roll, Redbird Scholar and Honors Program - Illinois State University, Daughters

of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award, Student Council President, National Honor Society President, KHQA Student-Athlete of the Week, Student of the Month (September), Yearbook Staff Member of the Month (September), Yearbook Editor, Webmaster for the Pikeland School District, Homecoming and Prom Court attendant, worship leader for adult and youth worship services at Fellowship of Christian Athletes and First Christian Church of Pittsfield

Athletic Achievements include:

Volleyball - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Setter and Hitter, Team Captain, Pike County Conference All-Tournament Team (2 years), Lead Scorer in Service Points and Aces; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Point Guard, Team Captain, Lead Scorer (2 years), Lead Scorer and Steals, 989 career points (injured in senior year), 4-year Varsity starter, Lady Hornet Classic All-Tournament Team (2 years), Lady Spartan Classic All-Tournament Team (2 years), Westown Ford All-Star Team; **Track and Field - 4 years:** Varsity Letter; Hurdler,





Sprinter, and Relays (300 meter hurdles, 100 meter hurdles, 400 meters, 4 X 400 meter Relay); State Medalist - 4X400 meter relay (2020); Top Times Qualifier in hurdles and 400 meters

Future Plans: Study Business at Illinois State University through the honors program, earning bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Pleasant Hill High School



Carter Dolbeare

Parents: Tara and Brian Dolbeare

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Illinois State Scholar, National Rural and Small Town Award, Student Council Secretary, Education Department, Rank of Private 2 in Illinois Army National Guard

Athletic Achievements include: **Football - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Quarterback, Running Back, Safety, Illinois Western Valley Conference All-Academic Athletic Team Award (2 years); **Track and Field - 4 years:** Varsity Letter; **Quiz Bowl - 1 year:** Varsity Letter

Future Plans: Attend SIUE and study Exercise Science after attending basic training for Illinois Army National Guard.

Pleasant Plains High School



Benton Collins

Parents: Randall and Ellen Collins

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: ACES (Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science) competition, Top 10 in senior class, small group leader in church children's ministry

Athletic Achievements include:

Soccer - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Goalie, First Team All-Conference (2 years), All-Sectional selection; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Forward, Sangamon County Tournament Championship Team (2 years), Sangamo Conference Championship Team,

Regional Championship Team; **Baseball - 3 years:** Varsity Letter, Catcher and Outfielder

Future Plans: Attend college to study Youth Ministry.

PORTA High School



Toby Gallion

Parents: Rob and Amy Gallion

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Ranked 1st in senior class, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, PORTA Student of the Month for September 2022, National Rural & Small Town

Recognition Award, Band (4 years, percussion section leader 3 years), Choir (4 years, librarian 1 year), ILMEA District Orchestra, ILMEA District Band, ILMEA District Choir, ILMEA All-State Choir, Jazz Band (4 years), Thespians (4 years, President 1 year), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (4 years), Key Club (2 years), Student Council, Class Secretary

Athletic Achievements include: **Soccer - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Left Back, First Team All-Conference, IHSSCA Boys' Soccer All-Sectional All-Academic Award, IHSSCA Boys' Soccer All-Sectional Honorable Mention, Athens/PORTA CO-OP Soccer "Hustle Award," Athens/PORTA CO-OP Soccer "MVP" Award; **Cross Country - 1 year:** Varsity Letter, Member of Top 7 Sectional Team

Future Plans: Study Biology at Olivet Nazarene University, to further pursue Neuroscience.



Routt Catholic High School

Lilly Geirnaeirt

Parents: Terry Geirnaeirt and the late Jenny Stremlau Geirnaeirt

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: National Honor Society (Vice President), Illinois State Scholar, Student Body Vice President, Ambassador Club

Athletic Achievements include: **Volleyball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Setter, WIVC Academic All-Conference; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Guard, Defensive Player of the Year Award Sportsmanship Award, WIVC Academic All-Conference; **Softball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Outfielder

Future Plans: Major in Nursing at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Rushville-Industry High School



Christian Danner

Parents: Jason and Staci Danner

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award, National Honor Society

Athletic Achievements include:

Football - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Running Back, All-Conference;

Basketball - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Point Guard, Team Captain; **Track - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Hurdles and Pole Vault

Future Plans: Major in Marine Archaeology and minor in Scuba Diving at Western Illinois University.

Triopia High School



Jake Mueller

Parents: Paul and Michelle Mueller

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: National Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, High Honor Roll, Student Council (Treasurer), youth representative for pastoral hiring committee

Athletic Achievements include:

Football - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Quarterback, safety team MVP, WIVC Academic All-Conference, Team Captain; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Guard, Waverly Tournament Championship Team (2 years), Triopia Tourney All-Tournament Team, Team Captain

Future Plans: Attend college.

Virginia High School



Megan Reynolds

Parents: Mike and Julie Reynolds

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Illinois State Scholar, WYSE Academic Challenge participant (3rd place in Mathematics), Class Vice President, Student Council President

Athletic Achievements include:

Basketball - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Point Guard, Academic All-conference, Waverly Holiday All-Tournament Award, First Team All-Conference; **Volleyball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Libero/Defensive Specialist, Defensive MVP, Academic All-Conference, Second Team All-conference; **Softball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Shortstop, First Team All-Conference

Future Plans: Attend a 4-year college.

Western High School



Natalie Harris

Parents: Courtney Harris and Brian Harris

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: High Honor Roll, Senior Class Vice President, National Honor Society President, Student Council Vice President, Student Advisory Committee member

Athletic Achievements include:

Volleyball - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Middle Hitter, Team Captain, Offensive Player of the Year Award, PCC All-Tournament Team (two years); **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Team Captain, Center, Academic Team 2021, Big Red Award

Future Plans: Attend Missouri State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, followed by a Master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology.

Winchester High School



Tyson Brown

Parents: Chuck and Angie Brown

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: National Honor Society, Key Club, Senior Class Representative, Student Council Treasurer, Senior Class Treasurer

Athletic Achievements include:

Football - 4 years: Varsity Letter, Quarterback and Defensive

Back, First Team All-conference Flex Player, Academic All-State, Honorable Mention Linebacker, Second Team Quarterback and Honorable Mention Safety, West Central Team Quarterback Award (three years), West Central Team MVP; **Basketball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Guard/Forward, Team Captain; **Baseball - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Pitcher, Shortstop, Outfielder, Second Team All-Conference

Future Plans: Attend Iowa State University and major in Agronomy.

Waverly High School



Faith Hermes

Parents: Kim and Pat Hermes

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Illinois State Scholar; Ranked 1st in the senior class; High Honor Roll (4 years); Morgan County Elite Top 5% GPA (3 years); Awards in Honors Biology, Art, English, Math, Chemistry, Honors

Algebra II, Honors Chemistry II, and US History; Class President (4 Years); Student Council Secretary and President; National Honor Society President; Key Club Secretary and Vice President; Jared's Keepers (4 Years); Church Youth Group

Athletic Achievements include: Volleyball - 4 years:

Varsity Letter, Setter/Right Side Hitter, MSM All-Conference Honorable Mention; **Track - 4 years:** Varsity Letter, Pole Vault, 200 Dash, 4x200, 4x100, Long Jump; **Club Volleyball - 2 years:** Setter/Right Side Hitter

Future Plans: Attend Illinois State University to study Speech Therapy.

Westfair Christian Academy



Amelia Bordean

Parents: Jonathan and Amy Bordean

Academic & Leadership

Achievements: Honor student, Valedictorian, National Honor Society Secretary and President, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, American Legion Award, Good Citizen Award

Athletic Achievements include: Volleyball - 4 years:

Varsity Letter, Setter and Right Side Hitter, IACS State Champion (2 years) and State MVP (2 years)

Future Plans: Attend a 4-year university and continue playing volleyball there (school undecided).

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