

# 2017 NCA-Country Inn & Suites Scholarship Recipients



## Megan Algya, Omaha Westside

A cross country and track & field athlete at Omaha Westside, Megan received Metro All-Academic and NSAA Academic All-State honors and was selected a captain on the cross country team her junior and senior years. She earned a 4.0 GPA while completing the challenging Honors and Advanced Placement courses, and achieved a score of 33 on her ACT. Megan's cross country coach credits her for holding high expectations for herself and lauds her leadership skills, having watched her share with her teammates the knowledge and experience she gained going to camps, and doing whatever she could to help her teammates succeed beyond their own expectations. Megan plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha and study Biology.



## Braden Peters, Pender

A three-sport athlete throughout his high school career, Braden Peters is a State track & field meet qualifier and also participated in football and basketball. He maintained a 4.0 GPA at Pender, finished first in his class, and achieved a composite ACT score of 35. Braden's athletic and academic success is coupled with extensive involvement in other school, volunteer, and work activities. He received several accolades and served as an officer or captain during his involvement in the FFA, 4-H, National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, and science & math competitions, while contributing needed volunteer hours in his community and working on his family farm. Braden also worked summer maintenance and construction for Pender Public Schools and owns and operates his own lawn care business. He will attend UNL, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



## Emily Clarke, Waverly

A four-year letter winner in volleyball, basketball and track & field, Emily Clarke's high school athletic career has garnered much individual and team success. She started on a state-qualifying volleyball team as a freshman and served as captain as a senior. Her junior basketball season ended with the class B state runner-up trophy, and she earned two gold medals as a junior at the state track & field meet in the 4x100 and 4x400 relays – helping her team win the state championship. Emily also excelled in the classroom, finishing first in her class while also participating in student council and other clubs & activities. She will continue her education at UNL, studying Pre-Medicine.



## Jared Remar, Ralston

Jared Remar proved himself to be a valuable asset to the Ralston baseball team for four years, serving as team captain for two seasons and setting the bar high for future captains. Jared's coach credits him for being an inspirational leader, applying four core values that were important to him – integrity, consistency, commitment & hard work – and leading by example. Also a 2-year letter-winner on the Rams basketball team, Jared earned Academic All-Conference and All-State honors in both baseball and basketball while achieving Merit Honor Roll and Distinction Honor Roll status and a 4.167 GPA. He plans to study Sports Management and play baseball at Buena Vista University.



## Colby Ensz, Tri County

Colby Ensz' list of academic & athletic accomplishments at Tri County is long and diverse. An All-State selection in football, Colby also earned Academic All-State honors in football, wrestling and track & field. He is a four-year letter-winner in all three sports, holds school records in football (rushing) and wrestling (most pins in a season), and was a state qualifier in both wrestling and track & field. The US Bank Believers & Achievers honoree graduated at the top of his class and excelled in several other school activities, qualifying for state in Speech; earning best actor awards in One-Act Play Production; participating in band, choir & swing choir, Math Bowl & Quiz Bowl; and serving as Student Council President. He will continue his football career while studying Accounting at Nebraska Wesleyan University.



## Leah Treffer, Lexington

In the words of her cross country and track & field coach, Leah Treffer has woven her 'thread of excellence' throughout her school life in academics, athletics & activities. Ranked first in her class, Leah achieved a 4.6 GPA while enrolled in honors and college courses, and earned an ACT score of 32. She has participated in cross country, volleyball, basketball, track & field, and was the class B state power-lifting champ in 2017. A US Bank Believers & Achievers selection, Leah served as President of the National Honor Society and 'L' Club, and participated for four years in the high school band and FCA. Her ability to balance the academic demands of school with the desire to serve and perform in extracurricular activities will serve her well as she heads to Nebraska Wesleyan University with a major in Biology/Biochemistry.



## Jerrod Fedorchik, Bridgeport

A three-sport, four-year letter-winner in football, wrestling, and track & field, Jerrod earned a 3rd place state finish in wrestling, while also contributing to a 2nd place finish in the 4x800 relay at the state track championships, in both 2016 & 2017. He earned Academic All-State honors in football and wrestling, as well as Speech and One-Act Play Production, and was Quiz Bowl MVP all four of his high school years. The 4.0 student finished at the top of his class and earned a score of 30 on his ACT. Jerrod is a National Shooting Sports Ambassador and is also a registered Emergency Medical Technician. He heads to South Dakota State University this fall and plans to major in Chemistry.



## Jackson Van Laningham, Wilcox-Hildreth

Jackson Van Laningham is an active and integral member of the Wilcox-Hildreth Community, having been involved in a variety of activities, including football, basketball, golf, Speech, Mock Trial, Quiz Bowl, FFA, FCA & FBLA. A 4-year letter-winner in football, Jackson earned Academic All-state honors and served as team captain. He also was an Academic All-state selection in basketball, and started for four years on the Kearney County Legion baseball team. Jared was able to balance his commitments on the athletic field with his leadership involvement in the other school organizations, as well as with success in the classroom. He graduated as class valedictorian while achieving a 4.0 GPA and 33 ACT score. Jackson plans to study Pre-Health (Physical Therapy) at UNL this fall.