

# 2018 NCA-Country Inn & Suites Scholarship Recipients



## **Reagan Janzen, Giltner High School (District I)**

A four-year letter winner in volleyball, basketball and track & field, Reagan Janzen's high school athletic career has garnered much individual and team success. She was a member of the class D girls' state champion 3200M relay team the past three years, and helped Giltner earn the state team championship for four years in a row.

Reagan earned all-conference honors in both volleyball and basketball, and was an academic all-state selection in both sports as well. She excelled in the classroom, earning a 31 ACT and finishing first in her class while also participating one-act, speech and FCA. Reagan plans to continue her education at Nebraska Wesleyan University, where she will study Nursing and participate in track & field.



## **Megan Grote, Shickley High School (District I)**

Megan participated at the varsity level in three sports during all four years of her high school athletic career. She started at libero as a freshman on the BDS volleyball team and went on to become co-captain during her senior season, earning a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the state tournament.

Also a four-year starter in basketball, Megan helped her team earn a district championship and a state runner-up trophy this past season. She earned four varsity letters in track & field and was a state qualifier in high jump as a freshman. Recognized as a High Ability Learner, Megan was awarded for Outstanding Performance in Art, English, Math and Business and was selected to receive LJS academic all-state honors in volleyball, basketball and track & field. Megan graduated at the top of her class and was selected as a UNL Regents Scholar. She will study Actuarial Science at UNL this fall.



## **Kole Prosocki, Fullerton High School (District II)**

Kole Prosocki's list of academic, extra-curricular, and athletic accomplishments at Fullerton is long and diverse. A two-year academic all-state selection and team captain in football, Kole also served as team captain and was a state qualifier in wrestling, and was a varsity performer in track & field. The US Bank Believers & Achievers

honoree graduated at the top of his class and excelled in several other school activities. He served in officer roles in the FFA and qualified in FFA state events four years in a row; participated in Quiz Bowl, F-Club & Student Council; and graduated first in his class while receiving his school's Roll of Excellence award each semester of his high school career. Kole will attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney and study Agribusiness.



## **Sydney Nickerson, Gross Catholic High School (District II)**

A role model to her peers, Sydney Nickerson is an active member of the Gross Catholic High School community. She participated each of her four years in softball, basketball and soccer, overcoming adversity and serving as team captain. She represented her school as a student

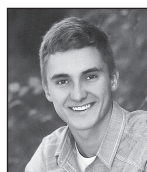
ambassador, was a National Honor Society member, and was part of the weight lifting program and sports medicine program. Sydney demonstrated strong leadership skills through her involvement in S.A.L.T. (Student Advocate Leadership Team), while also excelling in the classroom – earning a 4.23 GPA, academic all-state honors, and Dean's List High Honor Roll status. She will continue her education studying Health & Human Performance / Athletic Training at Nebraska Wesleyan University.



## **Alexis Heller, Wisner-Pilger High School (District III)**

Alexis Heller had a tremendous impact as a student-athlete at Wisner-Pilger High School. She was a four-year starter and team captain in softball, basketball and track & field and received several honors for her participation, including academic all-state in all three sports. After

experiencing season-ending knee injuries during her senior basketball season, Alexis focused on using her 'eye for the game' and leadership skills to help build other leaders on her team. In the classroom she challenged herself by taking several college credit classes, maintaining a near-perfect GPA while also staying extremely active in several extra-curricular activities – including FFA (President), One-Act, 4H (President), National Honor Society (Treasurer), and coaching youth sports in her community. Alexis will head to Chadron State College this fall, and will major in Human Biology.



## **Brady Glause, Northwest High School (District IV)**

As a student-athlete at Grand Island Northwest High school, Brady has been an integral member and representative of the programs at his school and in his community. A three-sport athlete, Brady was leader and captain of the football team, earning all-district, all-conference, and academic all-state honors. He also served as team captain

on the basketball team and was a 3-year letter-winner in track & field. An FBLA participant and member of the crew on the school musical, Brady also served his community through numerous volunteer opportunities, including Heartland United Way Adopt a Family, Project Hunger, Nebraska State Fair First Aid, Hall County Leadership Limited, and Youth Academy Basketball & Football volunteer. His dedication to academics was exemplified by his ability to maintain a 4.0 GPA and earn academic letters while balancing his extra-curricular activities and community involvement. Brady will attend UNL and major in Civil Engineering.



## **Sheldon Johnsen, Medicine Valley (District V)**

Sheldon Johnsen is an active and integral member of the Medicine Valley Community, having been involved in a variety of activities, including football, basketball, golf, FCCLA, FFA, 4-H and Student Council. A 4-year letter-winner in football, Sheldon earned academic all-state

honors, served as team captain, and was a first-team all-state selection. He also was an academic all-state selection and team captain in basketball and golf, and was a 3-time state golf medalist. Sheldon was able to balance his athletic commitments with his leadership involvement in the other school organizations, with success in the classroom, and with a wide variety of community volunteer service. He will continue his education at Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he plans to study Athletic Training & Communications while participating on the Prairie Wolf football team.



## **Braydon Cortney, Sidney High School (District VI)**

An impressive resume of high school accomplishments will accompany Braydon Cortney as he moves into the next phase of his education. Athletically driven, Braydon earned academic all-state honors in both football and basketball, and also participated in track & field and golf.

Academically driven as well, he maintained a 4.0 GPA, was a National Honor Society member, and earned Straight 'A' Honor Roll status all four years of high school. Braydon's contributions to his community include serving as a teacher assistant in math, volunteering at youth football and basketball camps and tournaments, coaching youth soccer & baseball, and working as a guide assistant for chairbound hunters. This fall Braydon will head to the University of Wyoming and major in Biology.