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## **NMAA FOUNDATION TO AWARD OVER \$50,000 IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce the recipients of the 2020-2021 NMAA Foundation Scholarships.

The NMAA Foundation will recognize the students receiving these scholarships during the NMAA State Track & Field Championships which will be held March June 17-19 & 25-26.

Over 300 students were nominated or submitted applications, with a total of \$53,500 being distributed through 48 different scholarships. There were 12 scholarship categories, with one being the special Together We Rise Scholarship that was created this school year due to the challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to support even more kids during these difficult times.

The following list details those students who were selected:

### **Garry Tripp NMAA Extraordinary Participation Scholarship, presented by U.S. Bank (\$2,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in athletics, activities, and academics in Class 3A-5A schools*

1. Brayden Strickland, Hobbs
2. Asa White, Farmington

### **Mario Martinez Memorial NMAA Extraordinary Participation Scholarship (\$2,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in athletics, activities, and academics in Class A-2A schools*

1. Kambry Burns, Logan
2. Kelby Hightower, Capitan

### **“Compete with Class” Scholarships, presented by the NM National Guard (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students that exemplify the ideals of sportsmanship & the Compete with Class initiative*

1. Winnie Keller, Roswell
2. Ryan Marquez, Lovington
3. Grace McDaniel, Texico
4. Savannah Montgomery, Miyamura
5. Ryan Segura, Ruidoso

### **Dan & Lucille Wood/Gray Gladiator Scholarship, presented by Subway (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Riley Clavel, Roy
2. Johnny Herrera, Volcano Vista

### **Activities Scholarship, presented by Subway (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in activities and academics*

1. Deedee Jansen, Santa Fe Waldorf
2. Luke Xue, La Cueva

**El Richards/Francis Walsh Spirit Scholarship, presented by Varsity Spirit (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in spirit (cheer/dance) and academics*

1. Hannah Hendricks, Centennial
2. Elaina Trevino, Hobbs

**Pedro & Mateo Sandoval Strong Family Scholarship (\$1,500)**

*\*given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Sophia Sena, Espanola Valley

**Coach Dick Shelley St. Michael's HS Basketball Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in basketball and academics*

1. Maria Barela, Eldorado
2. Verrels Eugeneo, Hot Springs

**Ralph Ortiz BPOE Elks Club of Santa Fe Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Larissa Scott, Santa Fe Indian School
2. Kennedy Smiley, Gallup

**Santa Fe Knights of Columbus Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Cora Mullins, Piedra Vista

**Mike Mittelstaedt Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in cross country and/or track & field and academics*

1. Juan Branch, Espanola Valley
2. Vanessa Dominguez, Pecos

**Together We Rise Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*\*given to students excelling in athletics, activities, and academics*

1. Olivia Farrar, St. Michael's (\$2,000)
2. Jace McNabb, Belen
3. Mason Van Otteson, Piedra Vista
4. Taylor Mick-Keck, Cleveland
5. Rezeile Acantilado, Bernalillo
6. Jinty Albin, Quemado
7. Owen Alsup, Goddard
8. Tunte Baca, Mescalero Apache
9. Reaghan Boyden, Eldorado
10. Jacob Cook, Cloudcroft
11. Maurie Daniels, Pine Hill
12. Hayden Dean, Eunice
13. Nena Dorame, Albuquerque High
14. Arissa Frazier, Eunice
15. Anaya Gonzales, Tularosa
16. Emily Hervol, Carlsbad
17. Taylor Jones, Rio Grande
18. Jesse Murphy, Valley
19. Maya Ortiz, Sandia
20. Julienne Rirsimaah, West Las Vegas
21. Nathan Slota, Albuquerque High
22. Haleigh Soffera, Oñate
23. Coy Wagley, Animas
24. Baylor Walton, Raton
25. Isaiah Zunic, Oak Grove Classical Academy

The Together We Rise Scholarships were presented in part by the NMAA Foundation, Taco Bell Restaurants of Santa Fe, Mr. Ben Lucero & Dr. Wendy Fronterhouse, Mr. Bruce Cottrell, and Various NMAA/NMOA Hall of Fame Members.

The NMAA Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that was set up in 2007 to support the many students that participate in high school athletic and activity programs across New Mexico. The funds raised by the Foundation are used for student scholarships and school grants/support.

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