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**NMAA FOUNDATION TO AWARD \$28,000
IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce the recipients of the 2014-2015 NMAA Foundation Scholarships.

The NMAA Foundation will recognize the 17 students receiving these scholarships during the U.S. Bank State Basketball Championships which will be held March 10-14.

Over 200 students applied for the scholarships, with nine students receiving \$1,000, six receiving \$1,500, and two receiving \$5,000. There were seven different scholarship categories for which students could submit applications.

The following list details those students who were selected:

Extraordinary Participation Scholarship, presented by Farmers Insurance (\$5,000 each)

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

1. Danielle Nguyen, Farmington
2. Ryan Taylor, Sandia

“Compete with Class” Scholarships, presented by the NM National Guard (\$1,500 each)

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

1. McKenzie Bucksath, Portales
2. Kayla Herrera, Santa Fe
3. Justin Martinez, Goddard
4. Jakob Bernal, Estancia

Mario Martinez Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500 each)

**given to students excelling in athletics and academics within Class A-3A schools*

1. Kayla Montez, Jal
2. Caley Barnard, Melrose

Dan and Lucille Wood/Gray Gladiator Athletic Scholarship (\$1,000 each)

**given to students excelling in athletics and academics*

1. Larimar Rodriguez, Cleveland
2. Morgan Komar, Jal
3. Tim Barreras, Sandia

Activities Scholarship (\$1,000 each)

**given to students excelling in activities and academics*

1. Naudiea Davis, House
2. Abby Medlin, Tatum

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

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

1. Hannah Olvera, Goddard
2. Fabiola Contreras, Cibola

Swimming & Diving Scholarship, presented by Streamline Swimstore (\$1,000 each)

**given to students excelling in swimming and/or diving and academics*

1. Eric Walker, Santa Fe
2. Taylor Winings, La Cueva

The New Mexico Activities Association Foundation was established in 2007 as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that awards scholarships to participants of 13 interscholastic sports and 23 school activities. The primary mission of the organization is to raise funds for these endeavors. The Foundation is made up of a Board of Directors that meets annually. Since its inception, the NMAA Foundation has distributed over \$200,000 in student scholarships.

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