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NEW MEXICO ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2016 SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

The New Mexico Athletic Directors Association, interscholastic athletic directors in the state of New Mexico, is proud to announce the 2016 NMADA Male and Female Scholar Athlete Award Winners.

2016 NMADA Female Scholar Athlete – Kaitlyn Romero, Espanola Valley High School, nominated by Eric Vigil, Espanola Valley High School Athletic Director. Kaitlyn has earned 14 varsity letters, 5 each in volleyball and basketball, 3 in tennis, and 1 in cross country. She was a first team all-district selection in volleyball and basketball, a state qualifier in cross country and tennis. Basketball is where she excels having been a part of a 5 year run representing a varsity team record of 119-27, and final four appearances her junior and senior seasons. She earned all state and North-South honors from the NMHSCA for her senior season. Kaitlyn has a current GPA of 4.32, has completed a rigorous academic program including several AP classes and will graduate as the Salutatorian for the 2016 EVHS graduating class. Kaitlyn has also been involved in student government, participated in several community volunteer activities and worked as a student intern at Los Alamos National Laboratories. She will be attending New Mexico Highlands University planning to compete in basketball and focus her studies on computer science and sports medicine.

2016 NMADA Male Scholar Athlete – Daniel Miller, Carlsbad High School, nominated by James Johns, Carlsbad High School Athletic Director. Daniel earned 12 varsity letters, 5 in tennis, 4 in basketball, and 3 in football. He was team captain in all 3 sports, led the basketball team to the 6A championship game (the first time since 1957), and has earned 3rd and 4th place medals in state tennis doubles prior to his senior season. Daniel was the Wendy's High School Heisman state award winner for New Mexico in 2015, a program that focuses on "learning, leading, and performing". Daniel is ranked 4th in his graduating class, has a 4.646 GPA, has taken numerous AP courses and has outstanding ACT scores. He has also participated in music activities throughout high school, earning multiple all-state honors as a member of the CHS Troubadors (choir). Daniel has also participated in a number of school and community activities, including youth and choir groups at First Presbyterian Church. Daniel, a talented musician, will be attending the University of New Mexico and plans a double major in physics and music.

Nominations are accepted from all current NMADA members and all nominees receive NMADA certificates of award. There were 26 female scholar-athletes and 27 male scholar-athletes nominated for the 2016 state-wide awards. The NMADA Scholar Athlete Awards include an individual plaque, a school plaque and a \$1500.00 scholarship for each of the two awards (1 male, 1 female).

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