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**NMAA FOUNDATION TO AWARD \$22,000  
IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce the recipients of the 2015-2016 NMAA Foundation Scholarships.

The NMAA Foundation will recognize the 16 students receiving these scholarships during the U.S. Bank State Basketball Championships which will be held March 8-12.

Over 250 students applied for the scholarships, with eight receiving \$1,000, six receiving \$1,500, and two receiving \$2,500. 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 the NMAA Foundation (\$2,500 each)**

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

1. Leanne Calhoon, Estancia
2. Adrianna Sanders, Aztec

**“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. Estevan Atencio, Escalante
2. Amanda Schmidt, Portales
3. Andre Gomez, Hobbs
4. Kaitlyn Romero, Espanola Valley

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

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

1. Kyle Idtensohn, Fort Sumner
2. Autumn McMath, Fort Sumner

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

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

1. Raimi Clark, Farmington
2. Taylor Bostwick, Melrose

**Activities Scholarship (\$1,000 each)**

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

1. Matthew Bedeaux, East Mountain
2. Morgan Weber, Silver

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

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

1. Caitlyn McDowell, La Cueva
2. Alyssa Aragon, Raton

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

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

1. Isabelle Runde, Los Alamos
2. Case Schaap, Clovis

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 \$225,000 in student scholarships.

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