

# New Mexico Athletic Directors Association

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### **NEW MEXICO ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2017 SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS**

The New Mexico Athletic Directors Association, interscholastic athletic directors in the state of New Mexico, is proud to announce the 2017 NMADA Male and Female Scholar Athlete Award Winners.

2017 NMADA Female Scholar Athlete – Sophie Long, Albuquerque Academy, nominated by Taryn Bachis, Albuquerque Academy Athletic Director. Sophie has earned 6 varsity letters, 2 in volleyball and 4 in basketball. She was a first team all-district selection in basketball for 3 years, co-player of the year for 2-5A in 2016-17, first team All-Metro (AMBCA and Albuquerque Journal) and a NMHSCA North-South All Star selection as a senior. Sophie has a current GPA of 4.36, is a National Merit Finalist and an AP Scholar with Distinction. Her transcript reflects AP courses in biology, physics, calculus, history, and studio art. Her college entrance scores are among the highest in the 10 year history of this state-wide award. Sophie has participated in Scholastic Art Competitions (sculpture), and participated in school/community activities including the Best Buddies program, Peer Counselors, and the Dean's Council. Sophie will be attending Washington University (St. Louis, MO) and studying neuroscience.

2017 NMADA Male Scholar Athlete – Brendon Armstead, V. Sue Cleveland High School, nominated by Larry Chavez, Cleveland High School Athletic Director. Brendon has earned 9 varsity letters in 3 sports during his high school career. His football career included a state team championship, all-district honors, and 2<sup>nd</sup> team all state selection. He was also a member of 2 state championship wrestling teams, earning a 5<sup>th</sup> place medal as an individual in 2017. He is also a qualifier in track and field for the 2017 NMAA state championships. Brendon's current GPA is 4.18 and he is ranked in the top 1% of his graduating class. His transcript reflects AP courses in physics, calculus, language, history/geography/economics, and biology and he has been recognized as a 2017 Daniels Fund Scholar. Brendon's activities participation has included Black Student Union, Black Engineers, and Young Life and New Life youth groups. He plans to attend Notre Dame, major in mechanical engineering and neuroscience, and pursue a career in neuroscience and robotics.

Nominations are accepted from all current NMADA members and all nominees receive NMADA certificates of award. There were 26 female scholar-athletes and 19 male scholar-athletes nominated for the 2017 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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