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## MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE ANNOUNCES 2017 TRIPLE “A” AWARD WINNERS

Four Minnesota high school students were honored during ceremonies at the Boys’ State Basketball Tournament March 25<sup>th</sup> with the Minnesota State High School League Academics, Arts and Athletics Award.

Established in 1988, the award, popularly known as the Triple “A” Award, recognizes and rewards high school seniors from across the state for their achievements in the classroom, the arts and athletics. To qualify for the award, students must have a 3.0 or better grade point average and participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities. League member schools are invited to nominate one boy and one girl for the award. Award recipients are selected through a multi-level process involving the League’s administrative regions and a committee of athletic, fine arts and educational leaders.

The 2017 Triple “A” Award recipients are **Anja Maijala, Cloquet; Kiera Olson, Fillmore Central; Carter Peterson, Underwood;** and **Eric Wilson, Benilde-St. Margaret’s**. Each student will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

“We are very proud to recognize and honor these student leaders,” says Jody Redman, League Associate Director who oversees the Triple “A” program. “The caliber of students and the scope of activities in which they have excelled demonstrates their high values and potential leadership of tomorrow.”

Since its inception 1988, nearly 14,000 students have represented their school in the Triple “A” Program. Fairview Sports and Orthopedic Care, the Institute for Athletic Medicine and AAA Minneapolis sponsor the Triple “A” Award program, which is now in its 29th year

Here are the 2017 Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award winners and finalists:

<b>Region 1A</b>	Bryant Gernes, <i>Cotter</i>	<b>Kiera Olson, <i>Fillmore Central</i></b>
<b>Region 2A</b>	Noah Decker, <i>Maple River</i>	Liana Blomgren, <i>Mountain Lake</i>
<b>Region 3A</b>	Mason Whitehead, <i>Murray County Central</i>	Gabrielle Gervais, <i>Tracy-Milroy-Balaton</i>
<b>Region 4A</b>	Sam Lee, <i>Nova Classical Academy</i>	Kari Preus, <i>West Lutheran</i>
<b>Region 5A</b>	T.J. Johnson, <i>Hinckley-Finlayson</i>	Kacy Broschofsky, <i>Pierz</i>
<b>Region 6A</b>	<b>Carter Peterson, <i>Underwood</i></b>	Midori Soderberg, <i>Morris Area</i>
<b>Region 7A</b>	Caleb Curtiss, <i>Aitkin</i>	Ally Bode, <i>Moose Lake</i>
<b>Region 8A</b>	Isaac Mills, <i>Stephen-Argyle Central</i>	Elizabeth Birkemeyer, <i>Ada-Borup</i>
<b>Region 1AA</b>	Trenton Brown, <i>Austin</i>	Harmony Zweber-Langer, <i>Lakeville South</i>
<b>Region 2AA</b>	Nathan Weckwerth, <i>Dassel-Cokato</i>	Lauren Smith, <i>Mankato West</i>
<b>Region 3AA</b>	Chun-Kit Chow, <i>Burnsville</i>	Lauren Markowski, <i>Eagan</i>
<b>Region 4AA</b>	Douglas Shield, <i>White Bear Lake Area</i>	Kaia Porter, <i>Roseville Area</i>
<b>Region 5AA</b>	Samuel Skoglund, <i>Anoka</i>	Alyssa Wicks, <i>Anoka</i>
<b>Region 6AA</b>	<b>Eric Wilson, <i>Benilde-St. Margaret's</i></b>	Amanda Mosborg, <i>Edina</i>
<b>Region 7AA</b>	Michael Sullivan, <i>Hibbing</i>	<b>Anja Maijala, <i>Cloquet</i></b>
<b>Region 8AA</b>	Nick Zwack, <i>Monticello</i>	Anna Norgard, <i>Fergus Falls</i>