

## **Treynor Class of 2023 Awards and Scholarships**

### **Awards Ceremony: Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS SCHOLARSHIP**

The American Red Cross Scholarship is awarded through participation in the American Red Cross Blood Drive held at Treynor High School. This scholarship is based on community service, academics, and activity participation in the blood drive. This year's recipients of the American Red Cross Scholarships are **Mira Dreyer** and **Maisy Wasenius**.

#### **AVENUE SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP**

Our Avenue Scholars program at Treynor High School leads to a full scholarship at Iowa Western Community College. Through the program, students work with our career coach, Chris Grala. Our Avenue Scholars graduates this year include **Ryan Deitchler**, **Michelle Gonzalez-Arevalo**, **Averi Jefferson**, **Josh Nelson**, **Zach Smith**, and **Ryan Wilson**.

#### **FINNEGAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Finnegan Family Foundation is a charitable fund that awards scholarships to high school students in southwest Iowa each year. The Foundation was set up as a memorial to Ken Finnegan, who was the elementary school principal in Oakland, Iowa from 1974 – 1994. This year's recipients of the Finnegan Family Scholarships are **Brooklynn Currin**, **Mira Dreyer**, **Reagan Gordon**, **Kiralyn Horton**, **Makennah Kienow**, and **Gunner Larsen**.

#### **JUNIOR TREYNOR WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Junior Treynor Women sponsor scholarships for seniors who excel in academics, activity participation, and citizenship. This year's recipients of the Junior Treynor Women Scholarships are **Nate Christiansen**, **Mira Dreyer**, **Reagan Gordon**, **Kasey Lang**, **Tyler Reefs**, **Sadie Schaaf**, **Delaney Simpson**, **Mason Yochum**, and **Alan Young**.

#### **PEO CHAPTER OZ OF TREYNOR SCHOLARSHIP**

The P.E.O. Chapter O.Z. of Treynor sponsors scholarships for senior girls who plan to attend college. Selection of recipients is based upon community service, leadership, extra-curricular participation, and academics. This year's recipients of the PEO Scholarships are **Mira Dreyer** and **Avery Dyke**.

#### **RICHARD P. WENNINGHOFF SCHOLARSHIP**

The late Richard P. Wenninghoff was a Treynor High School graduate and farmer between Underwood and Crescent. He left a generous endowment fund that is managed by the Community Foundation for Western Iowa and multiple scholarships that are managed and selected by the Southwest Iowa Education Foundation. This year's

recipients of the Richard P. Wenninghoff Memorial Scholarships were **Grace Alff, Sydne Dotson, Avery Dyke, Kiralyn Horton, Makennah Kienow, Kasey Lang, Delaney Simpson,** and **Mason Yochum.**

#### **SHARI NIELSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Shari Nielsen was the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Dick Nielsen who attended Treynor High School. She was tragically killed in a car accident between her sophomore and junior year. She was involved in flag corps, drill team, and multiple athletics. Her family gives this scholarship in her memory. This year's recipient of the Shari Nielsen Memorial Scholarship is **Ethan Dickerson.**

#### **SOUTHWEST IOWA EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Southwest Iowa Education Foundation manages various scholarships for students across southwest Iowa. We had nine seniors receive scholarships through the Foundation in addition to the eight Wenninghoff Scholarship recipients. All were recognized at a SWIEF breakfast this morning, but we'd like to recognize them this evening as well. **Rafe Gayer** and **Kyle Moss** received the Barbara J. Green Memorial Scholarship. **Sam Burmeister** and **Tyler Reelfs** received the HGM Associates Civil Engineering, Architecture, or Surveying Scholarship. **Caden Hill** received the Pottawattamie County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship. **Mia Harter** received the Julia and Gary Funkhouser Scholarship. **Amelia Hedrick** and **Whitley Tiarks** received the Council Bluffs Soccer Club Scholarship. And **Brooklynn Currin** received the Dr. Arthur and Dorothy Strobehn Memorial Scholarship.

#### **TRENT COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Trent Collins Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Trent Collins who was a 1993 graduate of Treynor High School. Trent had many interests in school and particularly enjoyed playing trumpet in the marching and jazz bands. Trent was also active in the school musicals and enjoyed spending time with friends. His niece and nephew, Kiralyn and Korbin Horton, presented the award. This year's recipient of the Trent Collins Memorial Scholarship is **Brooklynn Currin.**

#### **TREYNOR AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Treynor American Legion Post 725 sponsors scholarships for seniors based on citizenship and academic achievement. This year's recipients of the Treynor American Legion Scholarships are **Nate Christensen, Ethan Dickerson, Mira Dreyer, Avery Dyke, Amelia Hedrick, Kasey Lang, Kyle Moss, Tyler Reelfs, Whitley Tiarks,** and **Mason Yochum.**

Additionally, the American Legion recognizes one senior for their good citizenship. This student receives a scholarship and their name engraved on a plaque. This year's recipient of the American Legion Good Citizenship Award is **Mira Dreyer**.

#### **TREYNOR AMERICAN LEGION MILITARY RECOGNITION**

The Treynor American Legion also recognizes students who will be joining the military. This year we have four students pursuing military routes. **Rafe Gayer** will be enlisting into the United States Marine Corps. **Clara Teigland** will be attending the United States Air Force Academy. **Kaden Beebe** will be enlisting into the United States Army. And **John Ross Biederman** will be taking part in the United States Air Force ROTC program.

#### **TREYNOR MUSIC BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Treynor Music Boosters award scholarships to encourage Treynor graduates to continue their music education or activities in college. This year's recipients of the Music Booster Scholarships are **Sam Burmeister** and **Korbin Horton**.

#### **TREYNOR OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

The Treynor Optimist Club motto is "Friend of Youth" and is very active in encouraging youth activities. They sponsor scholarships for graduating seniors to encourage them to further their formal education. Jordan Campbell, the president of the Optimist Club, presented certificates to the following recipients: **Grace Alff, Samuel Burmeister, Nate Christensen, Brooklynn Currin, Sydne Dotson, Mira Dreyer, Avery Dyke, Kiralyn Horton, Korbin Horton, Kasey Lang, Kyle Moss, Carl Swalwell, Cayden Thomas, and Whitley Tiarks**.

#### **JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB**

Additionally, the Junior Optimist Club is an organization within Treynor High School with Shelly Bailey as the sponsor. The club promotes service within youth with various projects throughout the year. This year two seniors will be awarded a scholarship based on their contributions to the JOI Club: **Amelia Hedrick** and **Addy Schnepel**.

#### **TRISTAN WHITE WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP**

In memory of Tristan White, the Treynor Community Wrestling Booster Club awards scholarships to seniors who are involved in the Treynor wrestling program and seek to recognize the impact a person can make on others' lives through their character, discipline, love of family, and teamwork, which are all attributes Tristan exhibited. Treynor head wrestling coach, Trey Stickler, presented certificates to this year's recipients: **Rafe Gayer** and **Daniel Gregory**.

## **OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

We would like to recognize seniors who have received outside scholarships.

Grace Alff - University of Iowa Scholars Award

Ryan Bach - University of Nebraska - Lincoln Scarlet Scholarship

John Ross Biederman - Creighton University Academic Scholarship

Sam Burmeister - Cornell College Iowa Promise Scholarship, CSA Grant, Cornell College Art Award

Nate Christensen - Iowa State University Legacy Scholarship

Addison Darrah - Drake University Presidential Scholar, Drake University Trustee Scholarship, Iowa Tuition Grant, Jay N. Darling Institute Scholarship

Morgan Darrah - Creighton University Merit Scholarship and Founders Award, Creighton University Friar Joseph Labaj Award, Creighton University Grant

Ryan Deitchler - This isn't a scholarship but we'd like to acknowledge Ryan Deitchler for helping Treynor get connected with agriculture courses and FFA at Riverside a few years ago.

Kayden Dirks - Central College Journey Scholarship, Central College Presidential Scholarship, Central College Trustee Scholarship

Mira Dreyer - Iowa State University Forever Scholar

Avery Dyke - South Dakota State University Yellow and Blue Scholarship

Reagan Gordon - Iowa Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Scholarship, United States JCI Foundation Ronald E. Robinson Memorial Scholarship, Heisman Scholarship High School Honoree, College of Saint Mary's President's Scholarship

Caden Hill - Cody Gittens Memorial Scholarship

Kiralyn Horton - Northwest Missouri State University Merit Scholarship and their Bearcat Advantage Scholarship

Korbin Horton - Chanticleer Community Theater Scholarship, Northwest Missouri State University Academic Excellence Award, Bearcat Advantage Scholarship, Go-Green Grant, and Adopt A Bearcat

Averi Jefferson - Iowa Western Community College Presidential Scholarship

Makennah Kienow - Gretna American Legion Scholarship, Elizabeth & David Bowman Scholarship, Millard Legion Scholarship, Barbara J. Green Scholarship

Kasey Lang - Bryan College of Health Sciences Cecil Albert Biomedical Sciences Scholarship

Gunner Larsen - Oklahoma State University Out-Of-State Achievement Scholarship

Kyle Moss - Nebraska Wesleyan University Board of Governors Scholarship, Western Iowa Feeder Cattle Producers Organization Scholarship

Tyler Reelfs - Iowa State University Forever Scholar Award

Jaxon Schumacher - Kirkwood Community College Full Tuition Athletic Scholarship for baseball

Zach Smith - Council Bluffs Building Trades Scholarship

Carl Swalwell - Kansas State University Wildcat Non-Resident Award, Kansas State's first-year Engineering Scholarship, and their Renewable Engineering Scholarship

Clara Teigland - KMA Sportscaster's Scholarship

Whitley Tiarks - Iowa State University Loyal Scholar, Iowa State University Liberal Arts & Sciences Excellence Scholarship

Kale Vorthmann - Dakota Gittins Memorial Scholarship, Northwest Missouri State University Scholar, and Northwest Missouri State University Green and White Advantage Scholarship

Maisy Wasenius - Iowa State University Tuition Grant

Mason Yochum - University of Nebraska - Lincoln Ruth Leverton Scholarship, College of Engineering Scholarship, University of Nebraska Tuition Assistance Grant

### **GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR RECOGNITION**

The Governor's Scholar Recognition Program is a joint effort between the Governor's Office of the State of Iowa, the Iowa High School Athletic Association and its title sponsor, Iowa Farm Bureau. The program recognizes senior students across the State of Iowa who are one of the highest academic achievers in their schools. One Treynor senior was honored at a recognition ceremony in April. Our Governor's Scholar this year is **Nate Christensen**.

### **DAR**

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 and its three main goals are: Historic Preservation, Education of American Youth, and Patriotism. Every year one senior is selected by the Treynor High School faculty to

receive the DAR Good Citizen Award for their dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Presentation of the award was by Donna Knight, Committee Co-Chairman. Our DAR Good Citizen Award recipient this year is **Mira Dreyer**.

### **DES MOINES REGISTER ACADEMIC ALL-STATE**

The Des Moines Register acknowledges seniors across the state as high academic achievers evidenced by their GPA and ACT scores and includes their involvement in activities. Those seniors are recognized in the Des Moines Register in May. The Treynor High School recipient this year is **Clara Teigland**.

### **IOWA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

The Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa State Bar Foundation recognize one senior for their American Citizenship Award. This student was selected for showing the qualities of strong citizenship and respect for our constitutional government and will receive a certificate and medal. Their name is also engraved on a plaque that will hang in the high school. Iowa state representative and attorney, Jon Jacobsen, present the award. The recipient of the American Citizenship Award is **Tyler Reelfs**.

### **TREYNOR HIGH SCHOOL CARDINAL OF THE YEAR**

The Treynor High School Cardinal of the Year is an award for two seniors that may not be the highest academic achievers, best athletes, or most talented fine arts students. Instead, these students should be the people who best represent the Excellence that Treynor is known for. They should be good students, active, hard working, dedicated, and more than anything, good people! What makes this award most unique is that the recipients are chosen by teachers at Treynor High School. This year's recipients are **Mira Dreyer** and **Sam Burmeister**.

### **PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARDS**

The President's Education Award Program honors students who have achieved academic excellence as evidenced by their grade point average every year in high school and their junior year state standardized test scores being in the 90th percentile for reading or math. This year's President's Education Award recipients are **Sam Burmeister, Nate Christensen, Mira Dreyer, Reagan Gordon, Amelia Hedrick, Caden Hill, Averi Jefferson, Makannah Kienow, Jay Koricic, Gunner Larsen, Kyle Moss, Miles Nichols, Tyler Reelfs, Andrew Saar, Addy Schnepel, Delaney Simpson, and Alan Young**.

### **BERNIE SAGGAU AWARD**

The Bernie Saggau Award is presented annually to the graduating student who best exemplifies a patriotic spirit, with strong religious and moral convictions, living and professing the qualities of honesty, integrity, sportsmanship; believing that both the games and life should be conducted by the rules. **Mason Yochum** was this year's recipient of this award.

**WAYNE COOLEY AWARD -**

The Wayne Cooley Award is an Iowa Girls Coach Association Award. The athlete must show the elements of good character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship). Any athlete who influenced their team in a positive manner while demonstrating great character, overcoming great odds or sacrifice. This year's recipient is **Mira Dreyer**.

**AWARDS ISSUED BY TEACHERS:**

The Outstanding Business Student - Whitley Tiarks

Outstanding Actor - Korbin Horton

Outstanding Actress - Lanie Petersen

Outstanding Student Director - Korbin Horton

All State Speech Individual - Korbin Horton, Storytelling

Outstanding Science Student - Clara Teigland

Outstanding Life Science - Kasey Lang

Industrial Education Golden Hammer - Ryan Wilson

Outstanding Vocalist - Evan Frey

Louis Armstrong Jazz - Nate Christensen

Jazz Vocalist - Lanie Petersen

John Philip Sousa - Morgan Darrah

Outstanding Musician - Mira Dryer

National School Marching AWARD - Joslyn Guttau