

## **CLASS OF 2025 AWARDS NIGHT RECIPIENTS**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS (Danie Floerchinger):**

#### **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 spring National Honor Society blood drive. This year's recipient of the American Red Cross Scholarship is Bailey Roberts.

#### **AVENUE SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP (Chris)**

Our Avenue Scholars program through Treynor High School leads to a full scholarship at Iowa Western Community College or assistance with workforce development post high school. Through the program, students work with our career coach, Chris Grala. Our Avenue Scholars graduates this year include Konner Gronewold who earned his welding certificate while in high school, Lowell Knott earned his plumbing diploma, Tristen Pearce earned his CNA, Jordan Rogers earned her CNA, and James Vandevanter who earned his welding diploma. Congratulations to our Avenue Scholars graduates!

#### **CARSON COMMUNITY RODEO SCHOLARSHIP**

The Carson Community Rodeo Association offers one scholarship to a Treynor senior who has shown community or church activity involvement, rodeo attendance or memories, and has goals to pursue post secondary education. This year's recipient of the Carson Community Rodeo Association Scholarship is Gretchen Swalwell.

#### **EUGENE & AUDREY STEWART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (Val Reed)**

The Eugene and Audrey Stewart Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a Treynor student planning to attend a trade school after graduation. The scholarship was formed to honor Eugene and Audrey Stewart who believed strongly in extending education beyond high school and also the value in mastering a trade. Eugene was a life-long educator who began his teaching and coaching career at Treynor and finished it 35 years later at Iowa School for the Deaf. Audrey drove a school bus for the Treynor school district for nearly four decades. The founders of this scholarship are Rick and Valerie Reed. Valerie is a daughter of Eugene and Audrey and is here to present the award tonight. The recipient of the Eugene and Audrey Stewart Memorial Scholarship this year is Jack Vorthmann.

#### **FINNEGAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS (Amy Carolus)**

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. Here

to present the scholarships tonight are Ken's wife, Nancy Finnegan and his daughter, Amy Carolus. This year's recipients of the Finnegan Family Scholarships are Jordyn Boswell, Camryn Copperstone, and Brynna Huffman.

### **GRIST MILL SCHOLARSHIP (Sue)**

The Grist Mill Theater is awarding one senior with a scholarship this year. Sue Duhachek is here to present the award.

### **IOWA BANKERS ASSOCIATION STUDENT ATHLETE ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

The Iowa Bankers Association Student Athlete Achievement Scholarship recognizes a student athlete who excels in the classroom and community as well as on the basketball court. The recipient must be a member of a state qualifying basketball team. The winner of the Iowa Bankers Association Scholarship this year for all of Class 2A was Peter Young.

### **JUNIOR TREYNOR WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Junior Treynor Women sponsors multiple scholarships for seniors who excel in academics, activity participation, and citizenship. JTW members, Laura Fischer and Jennifer Eitmann, are here to present certificates this year. This year's recipients of the Junior Treynor Women Scholarships are Kyle Beekhuizen, Sydney Burmeister, Reese Chapman, Kallie Danker, Emma Miller, Monica Osborn, Gretchen Swalwell, and Andyn White.

### **PEO CHAPTER OZ OF TREYNOR SCHOLARSHIP (Jodi Volkens)**

The PEO Sisterhood is one of the largest community-based women's organizations in North America with almost 250,000 initiated members. The organization provides loans, grants, and scholarships for women. The PEO Star Scholarship is a highly competitive one-time scholarship recognizing women in their final year of high school who demonstrate outstanding leadership, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and community service. PEO member, Jodi Volkens, is here to present the award tonight. The recipient of the PEO Star Scholarship this year is Monica Osborn.

The P.E.O. Chapter O.Z. of Treynor also sponsors scholarships for senior girls who plan to attend college and demonstrate excellence in community service, leadership, academics, and activity involvement. Applicants had to write a community service essay. The two recipients for the Treynor PEO Scholarship this year are Emma Miller and Gretchen Swalwell.

### **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 with multiple scholarships that are selected by a committee with the Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation. The following students will be recognized at a SWIEF breakfast, but we want to acknowledge them tonight as well. This year's recipients of the Richard P. Wenninghoff Memorial Scholarships are Kyle

Beekhuizen, Grant Karr, Taylor Mass, Emma Miller, Monica Osborn, Gretchen Swalwell, Jack Vorthmann, and Hailey Wiebold.

### **SOUTHWEST IOWA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation manages multiple scholarships for students across southwest Iowa. In addition to the eight Wenninghoff recipients, we had five seniors receive other SWIEF scholarships. First, Andyn White received the Dr. Arthur and Dorothy Strobehn Memorial Scholarship. Kallie Danker received the Julia and Gary Funkhouser Scholarship. Claire Cook earned the John and Rose Dalton Westfair Scholarship, and Tristen Pearce and Reese Chapman received Council Bluffs Soccer Club Scholarships.

### **SHARI NIELSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (Lisa)**

Shari Nielsen was the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Dick and Rita Nielsen who attended Treynor High School. She was tragically killed in a car accident between her sophomore and junior years. She was involved in flag corps, drill team, and multiple athletics. Her family usually gives one scholarship but is giving two this year in her memory. Lisa White, Shari's sister, is here to present the certificates. This year's recipients of the Shari Nielsen Memorial Scholarships are Jordyn Boswell and Andyn White.

### **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIPS**

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Treynor is recognizing seniors for their selfless service to the congregation and their outstanding dedication to upholding the values of St. Paul's mission. Scholarship committee member, Kevin Pingel, is here to present the awards. The recipients of the St. Paul Lutheran Scholarships this year are Sydney Burmeister, Alleyna Juelsgaard, Grant Karr, Gabby Pote, and Gretchen Swalwell.

### **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. This year's recipient of the Trent Collins Memorial Scholarship is Andyn White.

### **TREYNOR AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP (Legion people present)**

The Treynor American Legion Post 725 sponsors multiple scholarships for seniors based on citizenship, activity involvement, and academic achievement. Legion members, Ron Kerber and Dennis Keithley, are here to present the awards. This year's recipients of the Treynor American Legion Scholarships are Kyle Beekhuizen, Ben Casey, Griffin Gregg, Grant Karr, Emma Miller, Monica Osborn, Bailey Roberts, Gretchen Swalwell, Andyn White, and Peter Young.

Additionally, the American Legion recognizes one senior for their good citizenship and being an upstanding person. This student receives a scholarship and their name engraved on a plaque

here at the high school. This year's recipient of the American Legion Good Citizenship Award is Monica Osborn.

### **MILITARY RECOGNITION**

We also want to acknowledge one senior who is enlisting in the United States Navy after graduation. The U.S. Navy's primary mission is to defend the nation at sea, maintaining freedom of the seas and deterring aggression. Please give Evelynne Church a big round of applause for her decision to serve our country by enlisting in the United States Navy.

### **TREYNOR MUSIC BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP (Jill)**

The Treynor Music Boosters awards scholarships to seniors who were involved in choir or band during high school. They encourage Treynor graduates to continue their music education or activities in college. This year's recipients of the Treynor Music Booster Scholarships are Sydney Burmeister, Kallie Danker, Brynna Huffman, Bailey Roberts, and Gretchen Swalwell.

### **TREYNOR OPTIMIST CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (Dale)**

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. Dale Willenborg, the president of the Optimist Club, is here to present certificates to the following recipients: Kyle Beekhuizen, Sydney Burmeister, Reese Chapman, Claire Cook, Kallie Danker, Genevieve Deitchler, Griffin Gregg, Brynna Huffman, Grant Karr, Lulu Lascala, Emma Miller, Bailey Roberts, Jack Vorthmann, Andyn White, Nathan White, and Peter Young.

### **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 significant contributions to the JOI Club. They are Monica Osborn and Gretchen Swalwell.

### **TRISTAN WHITE WRESTLING SCHOLARSHIP (Young & Kingery present)**

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. These are all attributes Tristan exhibited. Treynor wrestling coaches, Cory Young and Cody Kingery, are here to present certificates to this year's recipients. The Tristan White Wrestling Scholarship recipients are Jordyn Boswell, Emma Miller, Zack Robbins, and Andyn White.

## **OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Cali Bach - University of Iowa Scholars Award

Kyle Beekhuizen - Northwestern College Peale Honor Scholarship and Iowa Elks State Association Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Jordyn Boswell - College of Saint Mary Merit Scholarship

Morgan Brown - Wischmeier Dean's Nursing Scholarship, Nebraska Methodist College Upfront Merit Scholarship

Sydney Burmeister - West Pottawattamie Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship, Robert Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship, Coe College Impact Award, Iowa Kohawk Award, Coe College Trustee Scholarship, Williston Jones Sustainability Scholarship, Coe College Visual Arts Scholarship, and Coe College Crimson Award

Ben Casey - Simpson College Grant and the Simpson College Founders Scholarship

Reese Chapman - University of Northern Iowa Panther Achievement Award

Camryn Copperstone - University of Northern Iowa TEACH Grant and University of Northern Iowa Panther Achievement Award

Kallie Danker - Iowa State Loyal Scholar Scholarship

Makenna Freiburger - Iowa Western Community College Presidential Scholarship

Emma Frohardt - Indian Hills Community College Recruiting Scholarship

Sam Gillespie - Northwest Missouri State University Scholar Bearcat Advantage Scholarship and Merit Based Scholarship

Emma Grashorn - Barbara G. Green Scholarship

Griffin Gregg - Iowa State Forever Scholar

Brynna Huffman - John and Harriet Weibe Endowment Foundation Scholarship

Taylor Mass - Nebraska Methodist Upfront Merit Scholarship, Nebraska Methodist Wischmeier Dean's Nursing Scholarship, Council Bluffs Youth Leadership Scholarship

Jaret McIntosh - Northwest Merit Bearcat Advantage Scholarship

Emma Miller - Omaha Youth Salute Scholarship, Simpson College Founders Scholarship, Simpson Speech and Debate Scholarship, and Simpson Volunteer Scholarship

Monica Osborn - Drake University Presidential Scholarship, All-Shaver State 4-H Scholarship, Karen Kolbe Goodenow Scholarship

Tristen Pearce - OrthoNebraska Comeback Athlete of the Year Scholarship and Simpson College Presidential Scholarship

Gabi Pote - University of South Dakota Coyote Beginnings Scholarship

Zack Robbins - Morningside University Dean's Scholarship Award and Morningside Athletic Grant for Football

Alana Schondelmeyer - Nebraska Methodist College Merit Scholarship

Jared Schwarte - University of Sioux Falls Football Scholarship

Gretchen Swalwell - Kansas State University Wildcat Non Resident Award and the Menard Family Scholars Program

Ryleigh Thomas - Simpson College Grant and Simpson College Endowed Scholarship

Brady Wallace - South Dakota State University Track and Field Scholarship, South Dakota State University Yellow and Blue Academic Scholarship

Andyn White - Josie Harper Nursing Scholarship

Hailey Wiebold - University of Iowa Scholars Award, Addison C. and Helen K. Kistle Endowed Scholarship, and the University of Iowa Bright Scholarship

Peter Young - Iowa State Forever Scholar, Iowa State Engineering Merit Scholarship

## **OTHER AWARDS/RECOGNITION (Rick Nickerson):**

### **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 and will receive a plaque today. Treynor High School's Governor's Scholar this year is Kallie Danker.

### **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 score. Those seniors are recognized in the Des Moines Register sometime in May. The Treynor High School nominee this year is Monica Osborn.

**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 service and respect for our government. They will receive a certificate and medal tonight, and their name will be engraved on a plaque that will hang in the high school. The recipient of the Iowa State Bar Association American Citizenship Award is Kyle Beekhuizen.

**DAR GOOD CITIZENS AWARD**

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. Here to present the award tonight is Council Bluffs chapter member, Mary Ann Ervin. Our DAR Good Citizen Award recipient this year is Monica Osborn.

**TREYNOR HIGH SCHOOL CARDINAL OF THE YEAR**

The Treynor High School Cardinal of the Year is an award for two seniors 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. Our 2024 Senior Cardinals of the Year are Kallie Danker and Kyle Beekhuizen.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

The President's Education Award Program honors students who have achieved academic excellence as evidenced by their grade point average of 3.5 or higher every year in high school and their junior year state standardized test scores being at or above the 90th percentile for reading or math. This year's recipients for the President's Award for Educational Excellence are:

Kyle Beekhuizen  
Morgan Brown  
Kallie Danker  
Griffin Gregg  
Emma Miller  
Bailey Roberts  
Gretchen Swalwell  
Nathan White  
Hailey Wiebold  
Peter Young

## **ATHLETIC AWARDS/RECOGNITION (Jason Shupp):**

### **ROBERT SMILEY & E. WAYNE COOLEY AWARDS**

The Robert Smiley Award is offered by the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Smiley Family in honor of Bob Smiley who passed away in 2003. The Robert Smiley nominee must meet certain GPA and athletic lettering requirements. The E. Wayne Cooley Award was established in 1993 as a tribute to the Executive Director of the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union from 1954 to 2002. The E. Wayne Cooley nominee is recognized not only for her contributions on the playing field but more importantly her leadership in the classroom, in her school, and in her community. This year's Robert Smiley and E. Wayne Cooley Award nominee for Treynor High School is Andyn White.

### **LISA BRINKMEYER AWARD**

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union also provides the Lisa Brinkmeyer Award. This award honors graduating female student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their high school careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletic excellence, service, and leadership. The Lisa Brinkmeyer Award for Treynor High School this year goes to Emma Miller.

### **BERNIE SAGGAU AWARD**

The Bernie Saggau Award is presented by the Iowa High School Athletic Association's Board to a senior, male athlete at every Iowa high school. There is no academic or athletic requirement for this award, but the behavior of the student shall have consistently been of high quality and represented them, their family, and school well. Our Bernie Saggau Award recipient this year is Peter Young.

### **SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD**

Lastly, we want to recognize a senior this year with the School Spirit Award. This student has contributed a great deal of time and energy to bringing smiles to countless faces at games and events. With unmatched Cardinal pride, he has gone above and beyond to fire up the student section, entertain the crowd, and create lasting memories—especially for our youngest fans.

His commitment to school spirit has been unwavering, and his presence has truly made a difference.

Please join me in giving a big round of applause to Red Thunder—Nathaniel Biederman!

### **FACULTY AWARDS:**

Erica Schnepel: For outstanding leadership and creative vision in the production of the spring play, Around the World in 80 Days. We recognize Gretchen Swalwell and Monica Osborn!