

MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

Press Release – Jonathan Lutchka from Grass Lake High School

The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, (MIAAA) the professional organization of High School Athletic Directors, yearly awards college scholarships to help defray college expenses for selected graduating seniors as they make the move to colleges and universities in the fall. This year they are awarding six scholarships to honorees from around the state.

The MIAAA is proud to announce that Grass Lake three-sport standout and scholar athlete Jonathan Lutchka is a recipient of one of their \$1,000 scholarships.

While at Grass Lake HS, Jonathan has excelled in the classroom, the athletic arena and in his community. He will graduate with a 4.039 GPA and scored a 28 on his ACT and 1340 on his SAT. He has challenged himself taking courses at the high school that will prepare him to major in biology and pre-medical studies. He will graduate in the top 10 of his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as the president. He is active in his local 4-H serving as the treasurer of the group while working on numerous projects during his high school years. He has coordinated blood drives, food drives, craft shows, and working in local animal shelters. He is active with church related programs at St. Mary's in Chelsea. He enjoys the outdoors both raising steers and sheep to show at the Jackson County Fair. He also enjoys hunting ducks and geese with family and friends.

None of these extracurricular activities has stopped him from playing sports at Grass Lake. He is a three sport athlete lettering in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. He has earned numerous All-Conference and Academic All-Conference awards from the Cascades Conference in football and baseball. Football is his best sport, serving as the quarterback for the 2016 9 and 2 Grass Lake Warriors. He led them to the conference championship and plans on continuing to play football at Albion College.

Grass Lake Athletic Director Eric McCalla speaks very highly of Jonathan. He is just a great kid who will do whatever needs to be done to get the job done. If Jonathan is involved in any project you know you won't be disappointed in the results because of his leadership and drive. Jonathan is part of the Grass Lake Mentoring program, working with underclassmen. He is active in refereeing youth sports, knowing that being a good role model to these student athletes of the future is a huge responsibility. He uses this platform as an "on the radar" athlete to set good examples in everything from respecting other to work hard in school. The excellence he has shown in the classroom, on the field of play and in his community service projects reflects well on this young man's upbringing. Jonathan has worked hard to earn this selection and the investment by the MIAAA in his educational future is money well spent.

The MIAAA is committed to the value of educational athletics and has awarded over \$30,000 since the scholarship program began in 1991. Awards are based on athletic and academic achievement, as well as participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. The five other 2017 recipients are Hope Baldwin – Hackett Catholic Prep, Summer Eubank – Belding, Jasmine Harper – Clare, Tait Morrissey – Big Rapids and Trevor Roznowski – Alpena. Congratulations to all six of these young ladies and gentlemen on their selections.

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