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IHSAA selects Six Interscholastic Stars

BOISE, Idaho (May 29, 2026) — The Idaho High School Activities Association have named six high school juniors as the 2025-2026 recipients of its annual Interscholastic Star Student Recognition Awards.

This scholarship program is sponsored First Federal Bank and the Idaho High School Activities Association. Established in 1992 to recognize and reward outstanding students who participate in high school athletics and activities while contributing within to their school and community.

Will Huckaby (Cascade HS); Tessa Stoner (Troy HS); Jeffrey Galvan (Salmon HS); Garrett Walker (Weiser HS); Bailey Kirkendall (Skyview HS); Elayna Jolly (Capital HS) have been selected from a large field of outstanding Idaho students nominated by their schools Principal.

Bailey Kirkendall was also selected as the “Idaho Star” for 2026 and will grace the back covers of the 26-27 state tournament programs.

Nominees for the scholarships are exemplary students who:

- Through their participation, strengthen interscholastic sports and activities programs.
- Are active contributors to school and community organizations and programs.
- Are good citizens and positive role models for their peers.
- Promote the ideals of good sportsmanship and citizenship.

Each application includes an essay, recommendations from school administrators, and descriptions of athletic and activity participation and service to school and community.

Each Interscholastic Star receives a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. A \$500 check is also given to each Interscholastic Star’s school. Runner’s up at each level receive a \$500 scholarship. The Idaho Star receives an additional \$1500 scholarship

All six Interscholastic Stars are leaders in their schools and communities:

- **1A Star – Will Huckaby:** Cascade High School student Will Huckaby has demonstrated exceptional leadership through multiple team captain roles in basketball and cross country, serving in key student government positions including ASB president, and participating in organizations such as FFA, NHS, drama, and church youth leadership.
- **2A Star – Tessa Stoner:** Troy High School student Tessa Stoner has demonstrated outstanding leadership through varsity athletics, student council, music programs, BPA, FFA, and community service, consistently leading by example as a team captain, mentor, and servant leader.
- **3A Star – Jeffrey Galvan:** Salmon High School student Jeffrey Galvan has demonstrated strong leadership through athletics, choir, and student government, serving as a team captain, choir section leader, class vice president, and class president while organizing events, leading fundraisers, and mentoring younger students.
- **4A Star – Garrett Walker:** Weiser High School student Garrett Walker has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication through varsity athletics, choir, theater, and school activities, serving as a role model for younger students while earning athletic and musical honors, including all-conference basketball recognition, a state championship and school record in track, and superior choir ratings.
- **5A Star – Bailey Kirkendall:** Skyview High School student Bailey Kirkendall has demonstrated exceptional leadership and achievement across athletics, academics, music, and student organizations, serving as a captain, mentor, executive council member, BPA co-president, and first chair flautist while earning honors including state championships, national qualifications, and statewide leadership roles.
- **6A Star – Elayna Jolly:** Capital High School student Elayna Jolly has demonstrated outstanding leadership through varsity athletics, orchestra, and student organizations by leading through work ethic, positivity, mentorship, and service while helping strengthen team culture, organizing practices and events, and promoting student-athlete mental health through Capital BOLD.

About the IHSAA

Founded in 1926, the Idaho High School Activities Association coordinates, supervises, and directs interscholastic activities that enhance and protect the total educational process of all student participants. Its activities and programs are formulated to promote citizenship and the academic missions of schools. Visit www.idhsaa.org for more information.