



2017 NDHSCA-Gelaine Orvik Scholarship Narrative

The fourth pair of NDHSCA-Gelaine Orvik Scholarship Recipients will be presented tonight. Each individual will receive a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. These two student-athletes have been identified and selected, based on the criteria used in the selection by the NDHSCA Scholarship Evaluation Committee. The factors used for consideration included GPA, class rank percentile, athletic awards, activity awards, ACT test score, SAT test score, captain's and leadership roles, the applicant's application letter, letters of recommendation from faculty, coach and administrator. Other criteria for the evaluation included the necessity for the recipient to attend a North Dakota University or College and have the intention to become a **High School Coach**.

Brenna Hanson; BISMARCK LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

Brenna Hanson is ranked 26th in her class of 234 at Legacy High School. She earned 28 credits when she graduates with an ACT test composite score of 23 and a 3.98 GPA through seven semesters with heavy academic classes in her curriculum that includes Algebra II and AP Chemistry. Brenna competed in softball and basketball in three of her four years of high school. She has earned 5 athletic letters. Brenna was member of National Honor Society, choir and Key Club. In addition to her participation and earning letters in athletics, she was a leader and a captain of her softball team.

In addition, **Brenna** volunteered over 100 hours at Papa's Pumpkin Patch, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, The Hodge Podge, The Giving Tree, Pack the Pantry, Stock the Shelves, the Brent De Kok benefit breakfast and Apple Bees Fundraisers.



Brenna has also prepared for her coaching profession by coaching a 5th grade girls basketball team. She attests to her love for coaching as she declares "Getting to go to the gym every day, working with younger athletes, and seeing their progression throughout the season was an amazing feeling." Brenna further states that "...to encourage kids to stay active and positive towards athletics...through being a coach." Brenna further alludes to her family's history of coaches that includes her grandpa, her dad and her aunts and uncles. "I grew up going to the gym every day with my Dad....I always told myself I wanted to be like him some day."

Brenna was nominated for the scholarship by her softball coach, Paige Nustad. Coach Nustad, Brenna's faculty and her administration praises her by identifying her character and leadership skills. "She gives 120% in everything she does and strives to



be the best role model for younger teammates. Her character is contagious to her teammates on and off the field. Brenna's opponents will remember her for the great character she leads and the sportsmanship she displays. Her teammates will always remember her for her sacrifice, optimism, effort, kindness, encouragements and role-modeling."

Assistant principal Thomas Schmidt adds praise for Brenna's qualities of "being composed, responsible, passionate, caring, tolerant and intelligent. Brenna has proved herself a critical thinker and consummate communicator." Assistant basketball coach and assistant principal Ryan Riehl adds that "Brenna has a work ethic that gives me goose bumps. She gives 150% effort every day and expects her teammates to give the same effort."

Brenna is the daughter of Perry and Judy Hanson.

Congratulations Brenna Hanson!

Cheyenne Jacobson; MAX HIGH SCHOOL

Cheyenne Jacobson graduated 4th in her class of 15 with an ACT test composite score of 24. She had a 3.98 GPA through seven semesters with heavy academic classes that includes Algebra II, Chemistry, College English 110, Pre-Calculus, and Human Anatomy. She competed in basketball and cross-country for the Max Cossacks for four years. She also participated in FFA, drama, pep club, athletic club, science club, band and choir. In addition, she was a member of National Honor Society, student council and served as a class officers for her four high school years.

Cheyenne was a letter winner in basketball and cross-country for four years. She held leadership roles as captain of her cross-country team for her four high school years and for her basketball team for her junior and senior years. She has done volunteer work for Youth Group, car-washes, sweet corn picking for the community, trash pickup, "Feed My Starving Children" food packing program, Bible school volunteer, Lutefisk server, apple picking, tie-dye t-shirts at all school reunion, Christmas Tree Decorating and Easter breakfast making/serving.

Cheyenne was nominated for this scholarship by Max High School girls' basketball coach Christina Roth. Coach Roth's reasons for nominating Cheyenne for this scholarship was "...because she exemplifies all the qualities that Coach Orvik instilled in his athletes. She has been an exceptional multi-sport student-athlete. She has put in





the time and dedication that is needed to excel.” Cheyenne has been a four-year varsity starter on the girls’ basketball team and she also played as an 8th grader. Coach Roth ascertains Cheyenne’s “...accomplishment by putting in hours of practice on her own and with a traveling team throughout her elementary years....She has always given more than what is expected and is the hardest working player ever....She is a true team player....She has been a role model and leader for all teammates.”

A major aspect in the selection of Cheyenne for the scholarship was identification of how she responded to the loss of a friend and teammate in an automobile accident. She was able to comfort teammates and assisted with the healing for them in such a huge loss. In addition, she proved to undertake additional responsibility for the team---the way a coach always does.

Amanda Huettl, Max FFA Advisor, identifies ability to overcome obstacles as a young adult in her project to develop an entrepreneurship program which involved breeding, raising and selling registered border collies. “Cheyenne’s customers speak very highly of her, the behavior of her dogs, and the reputation she has built with people from around the state.

A second quality noted in Cheyenne was noted by the Athletic Director, Jade Larson. He addressed the many successes she will encounter throughout her fulfilling life. He states, “She will make a great coach and I would hire her on the spot if she would apply for a coaching position in Max. She has been a true joy and pleasure to teach and get to know.”

Cheyenne is the daughter of Paul and Jackie Jacobson.

Congratulations Cheyenne Jacobson!