



NDHSCA-Gelaine Orvik



Scholarship Recipients Selected

The recipients of the annual NDHSCA-Gelaine Orvik \$1,000 Scholarship have been identified and notified for 2021. After evaluation and assessment, the selection committee selected **Truman Werremeyer** from Fargo Davies High School and **Megan Zimmer** from Kenmare High School as beneficiaries. The Scholarships will be presented to the two young student/athletes at the NDHSCA Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Fargo Ramada Convention Center on Thursday, July 22nd.

The Scholarship was established in 2008 when Joe Howell, Lisbon High School Track & Field Coach made a motion to establish the scholarship to honor Gelaine Orvik. Coach Orvik is a 35-year veteran coach who also served the North Dakota High School Coaches Association from 1974-2015. The requirements for the Scholarship Recipient are that he or she will be a student-athlete graduate from a North Dakota High School and will attend a North Dakota College or University. The final requisite is that he/she intends to pursue the profession of interscholastic coaching.

The nomination form identifies the criteria used for consideration for selection: GPA, class rank percentile, athletic awards, activity awards, ACT test scores, captains' and leadership roles, an application letter, and recommendation letters from faculty, coach and administration. The recipients also best exemplify the values and ideals modeled by Coach Orvik, as teacher and coach; those values and ideals he expected from his athletes, students and those values, ideals and principles he urges all coaches to portray.

Truman Werremeyer is ranked 20th in his class of 320 at Fargo Davies High School. He will have earned more than 24.5 credits when he graduates; he has an ACT test composite of 33 and earned a GPA of 4.188 through seven semesters. Truman has earned credits in advanced classes that includes AP Chemistry, AP statistics, AP US History, AP Biology, Pre-Calculus, and AP European History, and College Trigonometry.

Truman participated in three sports (football, wrestling and baseball) each year in grades 9-12. He was also a member of the Davies HS wrestling team as a 7th & 8th grader. He earned a total of 15 letters at Davies High School. Truman was a captain in all three sports as a senior, and in addition, a wrestling team captain as a junior. In addition, he participated in his church youth activities, FCA, and as a volunteer youth wrestling coach.

Truman was nominated for this scholarship



Truman Werremeyer

by his wrestling coach, Kevin Spiess. Kevin alerted the Evaluation Committee with his

opening statement that “Truman is a tremendous athlete but is also very humble.” Spiess also notes that Truman is identified by faculty and staff to be a “quiet” state wrestling champion and NDSU football commit. He works quietly in youth wrestling and youth football with “an incredible level of patience and heart of a teacher.”

Truman has grown up in a coaching family and understands the time and dedication required in the coaching profession as a coach and as an athlete. He is cognizant of requirements to be prepared for the season and each contest.

Coach Spiess also notes that Truman acknowledges his success in athletics is a result from the work he has spent in the strength room every day throughout the year and not just for a season. He parlays that knowledge as an epitome to others through his actions. Truman also appreciates every coach who has helped guide him throughout his life. He exhibited an awareness of Coach Orvik as “the guy who is around track meets and everyone can tell how much he loves the sport!” Truman perceives Coach Orvik’s passion for track and field and concedes the same passion to continue throughout his competition and coaching life.

Lenny Ohlhauser, Davies High School Assistant Principal, calls Truman “a sincere young man that fits the characteristics of a true student/athlete.”

John Johanson, Davies High School faculty, addressed Truman’s success in multiple advanced placement classes while participating in three sports, but more importantly his strong work ethic, perhaps his strongest attribute. **Truman** is organized and prepared for involvement in his many classes and activities; his high-academics in advanced placement classes matches his co-curricular success.

Truman is also characterized as considerate, punctual, thorough, friendly and scholarly by Jason Thielges as well as possessing all the traits of a successful athlete (strength, speed, toughness, coachable, disciplined, motivated and motivating).

Truman is the son of Wayne and Amy Werremeyer; He will attend NDSU.

Megan Zimmer is ranked first in her class of 20 at Kenmare High School. She will have earned more than 30 credits when she graduates; she has an ACT test composite of 32 and earned a GPA of 4.0 through seven semesters. Megan has earned credits in advanced classes that includes College Classes of Composition I, Composition II, Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Introduction to Psychology and Introduction to Sociology.



Megan Zimmer

Megan participated in basketball, volleyball and golf for four years and lettered in all three sports all four years. She was team captain in golf as a junior and basketball, volleyball and golf as a senior. Megan also was a member of FBLA and student council. Megan was a member of the Kenmare speech, drama and band throughout high school and a member of choir for two. She also volunteered for Stars Basketball Camp for two years.

Megan was nominated by her volleyball coach, Mr. Wallstrum. He alludes to Megan’s strengths in his recommendation. He has known her for most of her life and had her as student and athlete since she was a seventh grader. “As a student she has an outstanding ability to learn and achieve superior, well-deserved grades; as an athlete, she has earned numerous awards, and on and off the court, and her character is beyond compare.”

Megan epitomizes the role-model all young people should emulate. She has been a successful volleyball and basketball athlete.

Megan has been an All-District, All-Region, All-State volleyball player and named to the Optimists All-Star Team. Megan was named NDHSCA Region 8 Volleyball Senior Athlete of the Year. In addition to her athletic prowess and involvement in forensics and clubs, she is active in church and holds a job of delivering for a local seed company. Wallstrum's final comment is that **Megan** is "a dependable, intelligent, hardworking and deserving person. . . Her demonstration of character, leadership and dependability are unparalleled."

Kenmare's activities director praises Megan's promotion of extra-curricular activities; she was given opportunity to speak to the

coaches and administrators on how to get the Kenmare youth more involved at an earlier age and promote the benefits of extra-curricular activities.

Megan also received high praise from her chemistry and physics teacher, Laura Mibeck. Ms. Mibeck praises Megan's scientific approach to her classes and to her incredible "cooler" creation in chemistry that was far superior to the traditional coolers on the market. Ms. Mibeck calls Megan "unique" and will excel in whatever she decides to do. She will excel and be a promise to the future.

Megan is the daughter of Mike and Kris Zimmer; she will attend NDSU.

Congratulations

Truman Werremeyer

and

Megan Zimmer



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