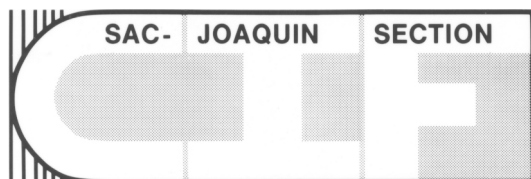


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A. Dale Lacky/CSEA Scholarship Winners Announced; Granucci, Howarth win Clarke Coover Scholarship Award

LODI (April 5, 2011) – The CIF Sac-Joaquin Section is proud to announce \$34,400 in scholarships will be awarded to the 49 winners of the A. Dale Lacky/CSEA Scholarships for outstanding athletic performance, community service and academic success during their four years of high school.

The award, honoring former Section and State CIF President, A. Dale Lacky, recognizes the top male and female student-athletes within the Section. The scholarship committee has selected four male and four female students as the recipients of a \$1,000 scholarship. The remaining nominees are awarded a \$600 scholarship from the Section.

In addition, The Clarke Coover Scholarship Award has been established for two of the top honorees. This award, named in honor of former Section commissioner Clarke Coover, grants a \$1,500 scholarship to one male and one female. The inaugural winners of the Clarke Coover Scholarship Award are Kayla Granucci of Roseville and Kyle Howarth of Granite Bay.

All schools were allowed to play one extra volleyball game and an extra boys and girls basketball game with 50 percent of the gate going directly to the foundation for the scholarships. More than \$24,000 was generated through the foundation games. The balance of money came through California School Employees Association.

All of the winners will be recognized at the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Breakfast Awards Ceremony, which will take place on April 12, 2011 at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi. The program will start at 9 a.m. The Section will also be honoring three male and three female model coach winners at this breakfast as well. University of the Pacific athletic director Lynn King is the keynote speaker.

The Clarke Coover Scholarship Award winners are:

KAYLA GRANUCCI (ROSEVILLE) – Kayla is a 12-sport athlete for Roseville. She played four years of basketball and soccer, and two years apiece for the volleyball and water polo teams. Her junior year, the soccer team won the Section Division II championship. She's been a team captain for volleyball, water polo and basketball. She's the only 12-sport athlete in her graduating class. She volunteers for the California Police Youth Charities, for her church, the Roseville West Little League and the Jerry McNeil Foundation. She also works for Blue Star Moms, Toys for Tots and is a part of the school's Link Crew. Kayla has a 3.73 GPA and will attend the University of

Nevada-Reno, where she'll major in psychology and child development in the hopes of becoming a teacher and coach.

KYLE HOWARTH (GRANITE BAY) – Kyle played soccer, basketball and volleyball for all four years and was on the varsity teams for all three his sophomore year. He's been a team captain four times, all-league for soccer three times and he's been a part of Section championship teams for volleyball and soccer twice each. He's been a Link Crew leader for the last two years, and he's been a volunteer coach for the local youth basketball camp for four years. He started a youth soccer night that got nearly 1,000 children to a Granite Bay exhibition soccer match. He's a lifetime CSF member and he's received a National Merit Award. Kyle has a 4.27 GPA and plans on attending UC Davis, where he will major in biology with the future goal of becoming a doctor.

The four female \$1,000 scholarship winners are:

EMILY BUHRKUH (ELLIOT CHRISTIAN) – Emily is a four-year standout for the softball team. She also ran cross country for two years and played volleyball for one. She was named to the HCL all-league team her freshman and sophomore years and was the league MVP her junior year. She volunteers at the Ashley House (retirement home) and with the Interact Sack Lunch Ministry and Stockton Food Bank. She's also worked at several fundraising dinners for charity as well as her softball team. She's received academic excellence awards in science, math and English. Emily maintains a 4.14 GPA, second-best in her class. She will attend William Jessup University in Rocklin, where she plans on continuing her softball career while majoring in business administration.

ASHLEY CIPPONERI (BEYER) – Ashley played water polo and competed for the swim team for all four of her years at Beyer. She was the water polo team MVP for two years and all-league for three. She volunteers as a caregiver at her church nursery, is a coordinator for the school blood drive, Pennies for Patients and Hope for Haiti and she's an elementary school Fall Fair volunteer. She's the student body Spirit Commissioner, Calculus Club president and the founder and president of the Beyer Hope Club. She also won the Violet Richardson Award for community service. Ashley has a 4.34 GPA, which ranks her No. 11 in a class of 409. She'll attend Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo looking toward a career in nutritional research.

MABEL FLORES (LOS BANOS) – Mabel is a three-sport standout; she's competed for the water polo, wrestling and swim teams for all four years. She's been a team captain for water polo twice and she's earned medals at the state wrestling championships the last three years. She volunteers with the youth wrestling team, local animal hospital, water polo summer camp and she gives swimming lessons. She's also the president of the Renaissance program and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and Spanish Honor Society. Mabel has a 4.27 GPA, which ranks her No. 4 in a class of 588. She's undecided on her college, but plans on becoming a surgeon or nutritionist.

JILLIAN GOULART (EAST UNION) – Jillian has played for the golf and softball teams for all four years. The golf team won Section titles for three of those years and she was all-league twice and the VOL MVP her senior year. Her softball teams have won one league title and she's been all-league twice. She's worked with her church to feed the homeless in San Francisco and serves at a local nursing home every Thanksgiving. She and her softball team cleaned up the football stadium after every home game for the last four years. She tutors junior high students in math. Jillian carries a 4.10 GPA, No. 7 in her class. She will attend Simpson University in Redding, where she'll major in business administration with the hopes of working for the Disney Company.

The four male \$1,000 scholarship winners are:

LOGAN DAY (SAN JUAN) – Logan has played soccer and baseball for San Juan for all four years. He played football his freshman year. He was a team captain for the soccer team the last three years and baseball for the last two. He's been named all-league for baseball twice and

soccer once. He's volunteered for the Angel Tree Project, Twin Lakes Food Bank, the St. John's Shelter for Women and Children and he is a server for his church's homeless outreach. He's the editor of the school yearbook, the president of the school Christian Club and a leader of the rally spirit club. Logan has a 4.14 GPA, which ranks him No. 3 in his class. He'll attend the University of Puget Sound where he'll major in English with the hopes of becoming a teacher, journalist or lawyer.

WILL FINDLAY (OAK RIDGE) – Will has played basketball and high jumped for the track and field team for all four years at Oak Ridge. In basketball, he's been named all-league twice and he made four all-tournament teams. He set the Sac-Joaquin Section Division II meet record his junior year, clearing 6-foot-8. He's a member of the Interact Club and the National Honor Society. He volunteers as a camp counselor for the Oak Ridge basketball camp, Walk for Education and the Pancake Cook-off. He's an AP scholar with honors. Will has a 4.26 GPA, which ranks him 11th out of a class of 517. He's undecided on his college – he's been accepted to Stanford University – and has future plans of being an engineer.

BENJAMIN HODGES (RIVERBANK) – Benjamin has wrestled and competed for the cross country and track and field teams for four years apiece. He's competed in the state cross country championships three times and his track teams have won the TVL title for all of his years. He volunteers for the Boy Scouts of America clean-ups, food drives and has participated in mission trips to Mexico. As a member of NJROTC, he does color guard, security and is a crossing guard. He attended California Boys State and the National Youth Leadership Forum. He's an Eagle Scout. Benjamin has a 4.07 GPA, No. 1 in his class of 160. He will attend the Air Force Academy, where he'll major in aeronautical engineering with the hopes of becoming a pilot or working in the special forces.

LOGAN VOS (RIPON CHRISTIAN) – Logan has played basketball and golf for all four of his years at Ripon Christian. He's been named team MVP four times in that span. He's been named all-league for golf twice and for basketball twice. This year in basketball, he was the Southern League MVP and the Modesto Bee's player of the year. He's a praise team worship leader at his church and has gone to San Diego for a mission trip. He's the community youth liaison for the Ripon City Council. He was named the Wendy's High School Heisman award winner for California; this award is given to only two athletes per state. Logan carries a 4.30 GPA, tops in his class of 55. He's undecided on his college, but plans on majoring in business administration.

The 20 female \$600 winners are:

BRIANA BAER (CASA ROBLE) – Briana is a three-year varsity basketball player and has two varsity seasons apiece on the volleyball and soccer teams. She's been selected to the all-league team for all three of her basketball seasons as well as both volleyball years. She's the captain for all three of her teams this school year. She organized and officiated the Ram-Olympics, an Olympics-style competition that teams classes at Casa Roble with teams from four area elementary schools. She also volunteers for the Special Olympics, school blood drive, Pennies for Patients, Relay for Life and The Giving Tree. Briana carries a 4.09 GPA, which ranks her 12th in her class. She'll attend Gonzaga University and hopes to become a teacher.

HANNAH BEATTY (WOODLAND CHRISTIAN) – Hannah has played varsity volleyball for three years, basketball for three and soccer for two seasons. She was a team captain for basketball for two years and for the volleyball team once. She is the school's Every 15 Minutes coordinator and served on a mission trip to Navajo country. She also volunteers in several area sports camps as an instructor. She also volunteers at the Woodland Opera House and works with the school Community Service Club, Interact Club and Girl Scouts. Hannah has a 4.17 GPA, which ranks her No. 3 in her class. She'll attend Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, where she'll major in kinesiology and hopes to work in the field of orthopedic medicine.

KATE DAVEY (LINCOLN-STOCKTON) – Kate is a four-year varsity swimmer for Lincoln. She's been the swim team MVP since her freshman year and was a high school all-American the last two years (this season has yet to be completed). She's won six Section swimming titles, so if she wins two more this year she'll become the third swimmer in Section history with eight titles. She volunteers for Delta Blood Bank, Animal Friends Connection, Ripon Aquatics and is a member of Leo's Club (Service club affiliated with the Lions Club). She's a lifetime CSF member and a Scholastic all-American. Kate holds a 4.0 GPA and will attend the University of Southern California, where she'll continue her swimming career while majoring in business administration.

TAMARA DE LA ROSA (COSUMNES OAKS) – Tamara played all four years for the golf team and played tennis for one season. She was named the golf team MVP the last three years. She has participated in her church choir for 11 years and also plays the piano. For the last three years, she's been her school's yearbook editor. She's been on the school honor roll for all four years and she's won an award for her excellence in English as well as a school PRIDE award. Tamara carries a 4.42 GPA, which ranks her No. 5 in her class. She's undecided on her college but plans on majoring in English to become a writer or editor. She's been accepted to UC Davis, UOP and St. Mary's College.

MARISA GENZOLI (HUGHSON) – Marisa has played volleyball, basketball and soccer for all four of her years at Hughson. She'll receive the school's 12-sport award at the end of the year. She was the team captain and MVP all four of her seasons with the basketball team. She's developed a community service project called "Beautify Hughson High School," where she has overseen 250 students, staff and alumni in projects that improve the look of Hughson High. She's held an office for all four of her years at Hughson, she was an organizer of the Centennial Park – a park built to celebrate Hughson High's 100th anniversary – and she coaches a youth soccer team. She was a Wendy's Heisman state finalist and has received honors for her excellence in science and business. Marisa has a 4.06 GPA, No. 4 in her class. She plans on majoring in nursing with the hopes of becoming a surgical nurse.

NICOLE HELLER (ATWATER) – Nicole is a four-year member of the volleyball team and has competed for the Falcons' swimming team for the last three years. She was her volleyball team's most valuable offensive player her junior year – they won the league title – and was the team MVP and first-team all-CCC her senior year. She's currently the Atwater student body president and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She's also a member of the Drama Club, CSF, FFA and Key Club. She's helped organize a school-wide canned food drive, assists in the INTERACT yard sale, helped organize a community parade and was a sixth-grade camp counselor. Nicole carries a 4.37 GPA, which ranks her sixth out of a class of 455. She will attend UC San Diego with the future plans of becoming a lawyer, forensic engineer, sociologist, teacher or politician.

GABRIELLA HERRERA (WEST) – Gabriella has played tennis for three years and soccer and track and field for two years apiece. The tennis team won league titles her sophomore and junior seasons and she was named the outstanding "homefield advantage" athlete her junior year. She volunteers for the McHenry House homeless shelter, the Tracy Hispanic Business Group Scholarship Banquet, Salvation Army and the Tracy Boys and Girls Club. She is a part of her school's Mock Trial team, she's the president of the Pre-Med Club, MEChA, and she's a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. She was named the 2010 National Hispanic Scholar by The Collegeboard. She carries a 4.43 GPA, No. 2 in her class of 724. She plans on majoring in neuroscience or molecular and cell biology with the future goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

MELISSA IMMEL (DIXON) – Melissa is a four-year basketball player who competed for two years on the track team and one season apiece for the water polo and swim teams. Immel suffered a knee injury during her junior year, missing the majority of her senior basketball season as well. She remained a fixture on the bench and at her team's practices. She volunteers to help feed the hungry and homeless, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and works as a referee in

the Dixon community. She's the president of the school's Spirit Club and recently won the Violet Richardson Award for work within her community. Melissa has a 4.36 GPA, tops in her class of 263. She will attend UC Santa Barbara with a future goal of working in education/counseling.

KACIE JOHNSON (ELK GROVE) – Kacie is a four-year varsity tennis player who also played basketball and swam for a season apiece. She made the all-league team and was her team MVP three times (injury kept her from the fourth selection); she was her league's MVP her sophomore year. She's been Elk Grove's No. 1 singles player for all four of her seasons. She volunteers as a Muscular Dystrophy summer camp counselor and telethon worker, UC Davis Hospital trauma unit, tennis instructor and feeding the homeless. She's a National Merit Scholar, CSF lifetime member and is part of the school's Mock Trial county champion team. She carries a 4.45 GPA, which ranks her 13th out of 431. Kacie will attend Point Loma Nazarene University where she will continue to play tennis and hopes to become an emergency room nurse.

DANIELLE LITTLE (ARMIJO) – Danielle played volleyball and soccer for all four years at Armijo and played basketball for three seasons. She led her soccer team into the playoffs twice, and she was the MVP of the volleyball team her junior year. She volunteers with the Solano Soccer Club (field prep, concessions, tournament assistance), Fairfield's Save our Athletic Program fundraisers and she's a scorekeeper for National Junior Basketball and the Armijo girls basketball team. She earned special recognition at the National Young Leaders Conference in 2010 and is the Armijo yearbook editor. Danielle has a 4.09 GPA with a course-load that includes several International Baccalaureate classes. She's undecided on her college, and hopes to eventually work in the health field.

APRIL LITTLEJOHN (COLFAX) – April has played basketball for four years and volleyball and track and field for one season apiece. She was the basketball team captain the last two years and, her senior year, made the all-league team. She volunteers for several groups and events, including: Math and English tutoring, private basketball lessons, the Colfax basketball camp, building homes in Mexico, Colfax freshman orientation, the Service Club and helping with cleanup and environmental control at the Truckee River. She attended California Girls State, is the co-president of the Go Green Club and is a member of the Junior Statesmen of America. She carries a 4.23 GPA, tops in her class of 213. She has yet to decide on her college, but hopes to major in international relations with the hopes of getting a job in that field with a focus on aid to developing countries.

SARAH MANCINA (SACRAMENTO COUNTRY DAY) – Sarah competed on the track and field team for three years and competed with the volleyball and cross country teams for two years apiece. She's won league championships in track and her cross country team twice has qualified for the state championships. She volunteers with Breakthrough Sacramento, a college prep and tutoring program for under-resourced schools and students. She also counts chamber music, orchestra and dressage (an equestrian sport) among her activities. Sarah has a 4.38 GPA, which ranks her No. 3 in her class. She plans on majoring in physics with the goals of becoming a scientific researcher. She's undecided on her college choice, but has been accepted to the University of Rochester, St. Olaf, Agnes Scott and Eckerd.

MIRANDA ORNOUSKI (AMADOR) – Miranda has competed on the volleyball and basketball teams for all four years and was on the track and field team for three seasons. She was all-league in both volleyball and basketball this season. In addition, she's a national and state trapshooting champion. She volunteers for Camp Out for Cancer, the Crab Feed, the County Fair booths and New Year's Eve cleanups at the fairgrounds. She also works with the school Service Club, LEADS (Student tutoring) and the Student Body Government. She's won countywide awards for her artwork as well. Miranda carries a 3.98 GPA, which ranks her 10th in her class. She's undecided on her college choice, and hopes to work in either the media production or writing fields, or become a U.S. history teacher.

CHEYENNE PERRY (TURLOCK CHRISTIAN) – Cheyenne played volleyball and softball for all four years while at Turlock Christian. She's received scholar-athlete honors every season and was all-league softball her sophomore year. She is involved with the Harvest Community Church youth group and volunteers with Turlock Shines (cleaning yards), a local cancer walk, she passed out Christmas cards at a convalescent hospital, chaperones middle school dances and works with the Turlock Pregnancy Center. She's a part of the Samaritan Club, G.U.M.P. Club and helped initiate the school's Eco Club and Literature Club. She's the senior class president and was nominated to represent her school at a National Youth Conference. Cheyenne maintains a 4.1 GPA, which ranks her No. 4 in her class. She'll attend Boise State, where she'll major in English with a writing emphasis and hopes to work as either a journalist or a teacher.

NATALIYA REZNIK (SAN JUAN) – Nataliya is a four-year tennis player and has participated on the cross country and track and field teams for three years each. She's an all-league athlete for both tennis and cross country. She organized a Christmas party for two needy families in Citrus Heights, coordinating with the city of Citrus Heights and the San Juan High culinary program to make it even more special. She's volunteered at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, with the San Juan baseball field renovation, catering events with the San Juan culinary arts program and she's worked with several charities in her community. She's won several awards through her work with the yearbook as well. Nataliya has a 4.16 GPA, No. 1 in her class of 150. She will attend Sacramento State with the hopes to work in the fields of sociology, fine arts, interior design or photography.

VICTORIA SANDSOR (PIONEER) – Victoria has played for the volleyball team for all four years. She's been named the team MVP twice and has been the team captain for three years. She was all-league her junior year and, this year, was named the TCC Most Valuable Player. She's volunteered at the Pioneer summer volleyball camp for the last three years, Girl Scout camp and she also serves as a private math tutor. She's a part of Pioneer's Peer Mentoring Club, the National Honor Society, the Vice Principal's Student Recognition Council and she was her school's first representative to California Girls State. Victoria has a 4.47 GPA, tops in her class of 361. She's undecided on her college, but plans on majoring in pre-medicine or biology in the hopes of becoming a pediatric oncologist.

ALYSSA SCHMIDT (WHITNEY) – Alyssa is a four-year softball star at Whitney. While her fourth season is ongoing, she's been selected to the all-league team her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She's a member of CSF, the National Honor Society, Key Club and Invisible Children (a movement seeking to end the conflict in Uganda). She was also named the SHOUT (senior mentoring program) Leader of the Year. Alyssa carries a 4.35 GPA and a course load that is almost primarily honors classes; she's ranked No. 4 in her class of 316. She'll attend Princeton University, where she'll major in literature/the classics and hopes to play softball.

ROSA MARIA VALDEZ (VANDEN) – Rosa ran for the cross country and track and field teams for all four years. She was the cross country team's MVP and all-league for all four years as well. She volunteers for the school canned food drive, Pennies for Patients, Wounded Wards, Valentines for Veterans, Blue Star Mothers and she helps with dinners at the local Veterans Hall. She's a California Girls State delegate, AFJROTC Medical Honors Camp delegate, an outstanding Viking award winner, Tuskegee Airman award winner and a distinguished cadet award winner. She has a 4.27 GPA, which ranks her 12th in her class. She will attend UCLA, where she plans on running for the cross country team and will major in biology of biomedical engineering with plans on a career in those fields.

LENEE WASHINGTON (SACRAMENTO) – Lenee played volleyball for four years, basketball for two and competed on the track and field team for two seasons. She's been named all-league and team MVP for volleyball twice. She volunteers at the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services and is currently an intern for State Assemblyman Jeff Miller and at Alchemist Community Development Corporation. She's the co-founder of the school's Foster Youth tutoring program and also works with student government, Link Crew, Cooking Club, Hands on Trees Club and the

Dreaming for Success in Kenya Club. Lenee has a 3.96 GPA. She's unsure of her college, and hopes to become a neurologist or neurosurgeon.

MEGAN WATSON (OAK RIDGE) – Megan played four years with the three-time Section champion softball team, and also played basketball her freshman and sophomore years. In the fall, she spends her time on the football sidelines as she served all four years as the football team's administrative assistant. She also won the President's Volunteer Service award and the Leadership for Service award after compiling more than 100 hours of service with youth softball clinics, school charity work and fundraising. She was her school's representative at California Girls State and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. Megan carries a 4.21 GPA, which ranks her 15th in her class of 519. She'll attend either UC Davis or St. Mary's College and she hopes to eventually become a teacher or work in athletic administration. She'll continue playing softball and hopes to work with the football team if she decides on UC Davis.

The 19 male \$600 winners are:

MATTHEW AVILA (MODESTO) – Matthew has played football for all four seasons and he played baseball his freshman and sophomore years. He was all-league twice in football and was his team MVP his sophomore year. He volunteers for the Shiloh 4-H Club, Stanislaus County 4-H and the Stanislaus County 4-H summer camp. He was the freshman and junior class president and is currently the student body president. He also works with Modesto High's Site Council and was a California Association of Student Leaders conference delegate. Matthew, a full International Baccalaureate student, has a 4.64 GPA, which ranks him 11th out of 550 classmates. He's undecided on his college, but will major in engineering.

DAMIEN BLAKE (SACRAMENTO COUNTRY DAY) – Damien has run for the cross country and track and field teams for three years apiece. He's played tennis for two seasons and basketball for one. He's qualified for the state cross country championships all three seasons. He was the tennis team MVP his junior year. Currently, he's competing for both the tennis and track and field teams. He's been a counselor and instructor at orchestra camps and is a pre-calculus tutor. He's played the piano for 12 years and has performed at the Mondavi Center; he's also played the cello for seven years. Damien has a 4.14 GPA. He's undecided on his college, where he will major in physics with the hopes of becoming an engineer.

DAHLTON BROWN (ARGONAUT) – Dahlton wrestled for all four seasons, played football for two years and is currently a member of the golf team for the first time. As a wrestler, he's a four-time Mother Lode League champion. Four times he's been a team captain. He volunteers for Amador County Cancer Support, Interfaith Food Bank, the Jackson Senior Center, Locks of Love and is an assistant coach for Argonaut junior wrestling. He's been a student body officer for all four years and is the Student Body President this year. He's the editor of the school newspaper and the project manager for the Chinese Cemetery Memorial in Jackson. Dahlton has a 3.98 GPA. He's undecided on his college and plans on majoring in business administration with a minor in Native law. He hopes to be a CEO for a California tribe and a wrestling official and coach on the side.

EFRAIN DELGADO (VENTURE ACADEMY) – Efrain has played soccer for the last three years; the school didn't have soccer his freshman year. He's been a team captain all three years and was all-league the last two seasons. This year, he was the team MVP. He's volunteered for Coastal Clean-Up for four years, SLEWS local stewardship restoration project, AgVenture and FARMS Leadership Program. He's the school's Eco Club President, WildLink Ambassador, LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Youth Leadership Delegate and he's been an assistant coach for the varsity girls soccer team the last two years. Efrain has a 3.71 GPA. He's undecided on his college; he'll major in environmental science with the future goal of working in forestry or national resource conservation.

ELLIS GOOD (NAPA) – Ellis has played football and basketball for all four seasons for Napa. He's also played baseball the last two years. He's been a team captain three times and was named baseball all-league last year. He works with the St. Apollinaris CYO youth group as a referee and gym manager and also coached an eighth grade volleyball team. He tutors fellow students in both algebra and physics. He's received Lamp of Knowledge and Tribal Pride honors the last three years and, as a junior, was named the Indian of the Year. Ellis carries a 4.36 GPA, which ranks him 11th in a class of 521. He'll attend either UCLA or Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and will major in mechanical engineering.

MATTHEW HUBBARD (GOLDEN VALLEY) – Matthew is a four-year soccer star for the Cougars. He also played three years of baseball and, this year, is competing with the track and field team. He's received all-CCC honors in soccer two times and was also named the league's offensive player of the year. He's the 2010 Merced Sun-Star boys soccer player of the year. He went to Mexico on mission trips in 2008 and 2010 and went to New Orleans on a mission trip in 2009. He's a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation and involved in leadership at Golden Valley. He plans on continuing his soccer career at either Cal Lutheran, UC Davis or UC Irvine. He'll major in history, criminal justice or kinesiology with a planned career in one of those fields.

LENNOX JACOBSON (MARYSVILLE) – Lennox has played football and tennis for all four seasons. He also played one year of basketball. He won the highest GPA award in every season he's competed. This year in football, he received all-league honors and was the GEL lineman of the year. He's a member of the teen leadership committee, a group of 30 students from the six high schools in the Marysville area that helped raise thousands of dollars for the Fremont-Rideout Hospital in Marysville. He's also heavily involved in several service projects through his church. He was chosen to attend California Boys State, where he was elected a city official in the mock government. Lennox carries a 4.20 GPA, which ranks him No. 4 in his class. He will attend Brigham Young University, where he will major in law or political science with the future goal of being a lawyer or politician.

NICKOLAS KLEIN (SONORA) – Nickolas has run for the cross country team for four years and competed for the track and field team for three. He played varsity soccer his freshman year as well. He's been named all-league for cross country for the last three years and ran in the state championships the last two. He's volunteered for the California Deer Association for a banquet and a restoration project, and he will be hosting the Jamestown Run this year for his senior project. He's made the honor roll all four years. Nickolas has a 4.07 GPA, which ranks him No. 7 in a class of 228. He's unsure of his college choice, where he will major in aerospace or mechanical engineering in the hopes of working in one of those fields.

JOSHUA KNAPP (FOREST LAKE CHRISTIAN) – Joshua played basketball for four years, baseball for three years and ran cross country for one season. He's won basketball awards twice for his hard work and dedication. He's an active member in several youth groups, interns at Eigen medical engineering firm, has made choral appearances at several area retirement homes and has been on many outreaches to San Francisco and Foresthill. He's also helped build a church and orphanage in Mexico. He represented his school at California Boys State and is a member of CSF. Joshua carries a 3.8 GPA and is still deciding on the college he will attend. He plans on majoring in mechanical engineering with a future goal of working for NASA or possibly robotic systems for the military.

KYLE LEE (UNION MINE) – Kyle has played soccer and volleyball for all four years. He's also wrestled for the last two seasons. He's been a team captain for the soccer team twice. He works as a math tutor for his classmates and he volunteers at the El Dorado County Animal Shelter. He also works with Toys for Tots, Crop Walk and Gift to Cure. He's a National Honors Society member, CSF member and he works on the school yearbook. Kyle carries a 4.28 GPA, which ranks him No. 2 in a class of 229. He will attend UC Davis, UC Irvine or Stanford with the plan of majoring in electrical or aeronautical engineering looking toward a future in one of those fields.

NICHOLAS MAR (McCLATCHY) – Nicholas has played basketball and baseball for all four years. This year, he also played football. He's been a team MVP three times and all-league for baseball the last two years. He was an UnderArmor Preseason baseball all-American this year. He volunteers for several organizations, including Sacramento Food Bank, Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation, the South Sacramento Vikings, Elks Lodge and the Land Park Pacific Little League. He's also worked on school canned food and coat drives and he's a member of student government. Nicholas has a 4.22 GPA. He's undecided on his college, and plans on majoring in business administration with a future goal of sports management or administration.

ANDREW McNEECE (BENICIA) – Andrew has played football and baseball all four years for Benicia. He's been the football team MVP three times and all-league twice. The football quarterback holds the school records for passing yards and touchdowns in a season and in his career. He's volunteered at local youth football and baseball camps for the last four years. He's a referee for the Benicia Youth Soccer League. He tutors fellow students in chemistry and math and he attended a school leadership camp over the summer. He's a four-year honor roll student, an AP scholar with distinction and a National Merit Commended student. Andrew carries a 4.386 GPA, which ranks him No. 1 in his class of 376. He's unsure on his college choice, where he'll major in chemistry or materials science.

TROYCE METCALF (LIVINGSTON) – Troyce has played for the soccer and basketball teams for four years apiece. He also played baseball his sophomore year and is currently a member of the tennis team. He received all-league honors his last two years for soccer. He's worked over 300 volunteer hours, mainly helping at Livingston High School and Ballico School. He's involved in CSF and his school's Link Crew. He won the Merced Unified School District's art contest. Troyce carries a 3.84 GPA, which ranks him 11th in his class. He's undecided on his college choice and hopes to major in either business administration or sports medicine where he will either own his own business or work as a sports doctor.

JESSE NAKASONE (LINCOLN-L) – Jesse has competed for the soccer and wrestling teams for each of the last four years. He also ran for the track and field team as a junior. He's been a league wrestling champion twice and a wrestling team captain twice. He volunteers at the Lincoln Care Manor and Villa del Rey assisted living home. He also serves food at a local mission, sings in his church choir and is a part of the Interact Key Club. He attended California Boys State. Jesse carries a 4.02 GPA. He's undecided on his college choice, but he plans on majoring in political science with the future goal of becoming a lawyer.

JACOB PETERSON (WEST) – Jacob has played football and baseball for four seasons apiece. He received second-team all-league honors in football this season and was the league scholar athlete of the year his junior year. He's an umpire for the Tracy Little League, a coach for the Tracy Buccaneers youth football team and he volunteers at the West High youth baseball camp. He's a member of CSF and has made the honor roll for every semester at West High. Jacob has a 3.97 GPA, which ranks him 30th out of a class of 724. He will attend San Jose State University, where he's undecided on his major. His future plans include working in either the engineering or sports medicine fields.

KYLE RUSSELL (BIG VALLEY CHRISTIAN) – Kyle has played football, basketball and baseball for all four years at Big Valley. This year, the team captain received all-league honors and the league's outstanding offensive lineman award. He's worked on mission trips to Mexico and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, worked on an erosion prevention project in a local park and fundraised and led a project to build a garden for the Big Valley Christian junior high school. He's an Eagle Scout who is the senior class treasurer and has won several wards in the Stanislaus County Science Olympiad. Kyle has a 4.18 GPA, which ranks him No. 2 in his class. He'll attend either Fresno State or the Air Force Academy, where he'll major in biology with the future plans of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

LUKE SIMON (LODI) – Luke played football, basketball and baseball for all four years at Lodi. He's received all-league honors twice for baseball and football. He volunteers at his church and also tutors fellow classmates in mathematics. He's a member of CSF, the school Christian Club and Friday Night Live. He's made the Principal's Honor Roll for all four years. Luke has a 4.41 GPA, which ranks him No. 5 in a class of 453. He's undecided on his college choice, where he will major in biology or sports medicine with the goal of becoming a doctor.

ZACHARY STONE (NATOMAS) – Zachary has played 14 sports during his time at Natomas. He's played basketball and tennis and run for the cross country team for four years. He also played golf his freshman year and ran track his sophomore year. He's been a team captain three times and all-league for cross country three times. He's also won league tennis titles twice. He volunteers for Trout Creek Bible camp for three years and has taken two mission trips to Mexico. He's a member of the Natomas Christian, Asian and Mesa Clubs. He was voted the senior class mascot – the "classcot." He has a 4.4 GPA, tops out of his class of 300. He will attend Multnomah University, where he will major in Bible and youth ministries with the future goal of becoming a youth pastor.

DREW WIXON (OAKMONT) – Drew has played for the water polo and baseball teams for all four years. He was the team MVP and named all-league in water polo twice. His water polo teams placed in the top four in the Section each of the last three years. He's the team captain in baseball this year. He has volunteered at Bikefest 2007, feeding the homeless at a local shelter and he helped package food to be sent to Africa for famine relief. He's won an American Legion award and the Gold Plus Academic Merit Award. He will attend Covenant College in Georgia, where he'll continue his baseball career and major in engineering.

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