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NEWS RELEASE

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Cato Memorial Scholarships to be presented to 13 Seniors

The Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. is proud to announce this year's group of 13 senior student-athletes who will be honored next month with the 2015 C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Awards.

To reward the efforts of Indiana's complete student-athletes, Methodist Sports Medicine, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Fever, Indiana Pacers, Sport Graphics, Inc. and WTHR-13 have partnered with the IHSAA to sponsor the program. These well-rounded, positive role models have demonstrated excellence in academics, school and community involvement, character, sportsmanship and citizenship.

Each individual will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for their prep accomplishments and be recognized on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis as part of the Brady Sports Achievement Awards established by Methodist Sports Medicine.

This year's recipients are:

2015 IHSAA / C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients

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| Haley Harrell | Plymouth HS |
| Christian Kreiger | Fort Wayne Canterbury HS |
| Jake Mangas | Warsaw HS |
| Megan Mannering | Cass HS |
| Anisah Abdul-Aleem | Indianapolis Crispus Attucks HS |
| Josh Brune | Bellmont HS |
| Lauren Tibbets | Oak Hill HS |
| Grace James | Perry Central HS |
| Monica Frauhofer | Norwell HS |
| Alexandra Lubbe | Shelbyville HS |
| Eric Moorman | North Decatur HS |
| Isabelle Ortt | Milan HS |
| Luke Schepers | Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter HS |

Each student completed and submitted a formal application and had to meet certain criteria to qualify including: 1) be enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at an IHSAA member school during this school year; 2) be a senior at an IHSAA member school who will graduate this school year; 3) win a varsity letter as an athlete in at least one of the 20 IHSAA-sanctioned athletic programs; 4) be nominated by the school's principal or athletic director; 5) carry a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale or the equivalent; 6) have no violations of the school's athletic code of conduct.

More than 100 applications were received from across the state and a blue ribbon panel of six individuals decided upon the final recipients. They are: Quinn Buckner, Vice President, Communications, Pacers Sports & Entertainment; Joe Fonderoli, Director of Special Events, Indianapolis Colts; Bob Gardner, Executive Director, National Federation of State High School Associations; Rich Nye, Eyewitness Sports Reporter, WTHR Channel 13; Dick Rea, Director of Communications, Methodist Sports Medicine; Bobby Cox, Commissioner, Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc.

The scholarship program is named in tribute to the late former Commissioner C. Eugene Cato who led the IHSAA from 1983 to 1995 and also served as assistant commissioner from 1976 to 1983. "Gene's" passion for athletics and his belief in the intrinsic value of athletic competition on the formation of a child's character enabled Gene to positively impact generations of young men and women with his well-known "Firm, Fair, and Friendly" approach to caring for others. He passed away in 2008.

Since 2003-04, the IHSAA has recognized 139 outstanding student-athletes with scholarships totaling \$347,500.

Honored guests for the 2015 Brady Sports Achievement Awards are Lou Holtz, ESPN College Football Analyst and former football coach at the University of Notre Dame and; and Buckner, who also serves as Television Analyst for the Indiana Pacers and is an Olympic, NBA and NCAA champion. Holtz will serve as the keynote speaker for the evening.

The Methodist Sports Medicine Research and Education Foundation also will honor four Indiana high school and college student-athletes that have overcome injury or hardship with Comeback Awards including Abigail Burns of Carroll High School in Flora and Dylan Shumaker of Bremen High School.

For additional information on the awards dinner, Methodist Sports Medicine issued this [news release](#) and this [invitation](#).



Biographies

Haley Harrell of Plymouth High School has excelled not only in athletics, but also academically. She is ranked fifth in her class of 280 with a 4.3 GPA. As a three-sport athlete, Haley has earned 11 letters and numerous honors and awards. She has held multiple leadership positions on and off the court, serving as both class president and varsity volleyball captain all four years; she was also named varsity basketball captain during her sophomore, junior, and senior seasons as well. Furthermore, Haley is an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police #195, which organizes “Shop with a Cop” during the Christmas season and “Pack-A-Backpack” for kids to receive school supplies. She is the daughter of Steve and Julie Harrell.

Fort Wayne Canterbury’s **Christian Kreiger** has excelled beyond the playing field during his tenure in school. While serving as team captain for both the golf and basketball teams, Christian is also a member of the IHSAA’s Student Advisory Committee and will be graduating this year with a 4.25 GPA. As the chairman of Canterbury’s Service Committee, he regularly volunteers in the community; he has helped orchestrate service projects that include working at Fort Wayne’s Mustard Seed Furniture Bank and Canterbury’s “Blessings in a Backpack” program. The son of Scott and Stacie Kreiger, Christian plans on attending the University of Miami.

Jake Mangas of Warsaw Community is ranked first in his graduating class of 2014 with a 4.48 GPA. While at Warsaw, Jake earned six varsity letters while participating on the football and basketball teams. He was a captain in both sports and was selected as an Indiana Academic All-star in football. Jake is also a member of the National Honors Society, is the president of the KEYS club, and helped create the Warsaw community fundraiser of “Hoops for Homework”, which raises funds for the Baker Youth Club. Aside from community and athletic involvement, he is an active member of the Business Professionals of America and competes on Warsaw’s Financial Analyst Team. Jake is the son of Tim and Ann Mangas.

Megan Mannering has earned a total of 14 varsity letters during her career at Cass High School. A letter winner on the girls track, golf, and swim teams, Megan has also served as the manager for both the football and baseball teams. In addition to her athletic involvement, Megan is not only the Spanish club president, National Honor Society president, and the school’s year book editor, but she has also been elected class president each of the past four years. Outside of school, Megan volunteers at the Kokomo rescue mission, assists with the community’s Special Olympics Bowl, and also helps with church Thanksgiving meals and food drives. She is the daughter of Scott and Lisa Mannering.

Anisah Abdul-Aleem ranks first in her class of 92 at Indianapolis Crispus Attucks with a 4.2 GPA. She has earned varsity letters in volleyball all four years and served as the team’s captain her senior season. In addition to excelling in the classroom and on the court, Anisah has completed multiple community service projects through her membership with the National Honor Society, Mayor’s Youth Council, and the Crispus Attucks chapter of the NAACP, for which she serves as President. She also volunteers regularly with her mosque’s food pantry and summer programs. She is the daughter of Nashia and Ismail Abdul-Aleem.

A three-sport athlete, **Josh Brune** is ranked fifth in his class of 158 at Belmont High School. While working hard for his 4.24 GPA, Josh also earned varsity letters in football, baseball, and basketball and has won multiple athletic awards for his performances. He has served as captain of both the football and baseball teams and is the head of a National Honor Society Committee. Not only has

Josh excelled athletically and academically, he has also achieved over 180 hours of community service volunteering at sport camps, assisting at a nursing home and cooking for the elderly, and assisting at school events. He is the son of Jim and Rhonda Brune.

Lauren Tibbets of Oak Hill High School ranks fourth in her class of 109 with a GPA of 4.1. She has received varsity letters in golf all four years and swimming and diving her junior year. Lauren has won numerous honors and awards for her athletic and academic achievements, including being named the 2014 IHSAA Girl's Golf Mental Attitude Award winner. Lauren not only shines in the classroom and as an athlete, she also serves as the Student Council President and the National Honor Society Vice President. Lauren is a member of the school orchestra, the Spanish Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is the daughter of Mike and Luanne Tibbets.

Perry Central's **Grace James** will graduate at the top of her class of 79 with a 4.0 GPA. Outside of the classroom, Grace was a three-sport athlete and earned varsity letters in volleyball, track, and basketball. She captained the volleyball team to a regional championship in 2014 and holds school records for most aces and most assists in a single season. Grace has served as the Vice President for multiple organizations including the National Honor Society, Student Council, Student Wellness Awareness Team and Key Club. As a member of those organizations, she has contributed hours of community service and helped raise funds for numerous charities. She is the daughter of Raymond James.

Norwell's **Monica Frauhiger** will graduate as her class' valedictorian with a perfect GPA of 4.0. She has excelled not only academically, but also athletically, earning seven varsity letters in cross country and track and field while also participating in basketball and tennis during her four-year career. She was a member of the cross country sectional team champions her freshman and sophomore years and was voted team captain her senior year. Monica is the Vice President of the National Honor Society and has held multiple leadership roles within the Student Council. She is an avid volunteer and has been on multiple mission trips to Jamaica. Monica is the daughter of Grant and Maura Frauhiger.

Alexandra Lubbe of Shelbyville High School is a two-sport athlete who has participated in cross country and track and field, where she has earned a combined seven varsity letters. She was named captain of the cross country team for three years and has won multiple honors and awards for both sports. Alexandra not only excels at running, she has also held multiple leadership roles including Editor and Chief of the Yearbook Staff as well as Secretary of the National Honor Society. She has been on several mission trips to Haiti to help those in need and is part of Shelbyville's peer mentoring program. Alexandra is graduating as the school's salutatorian with a GPA of 4.65. She is the daughter of Craig Lubbe.

North Decatur's **Eric Moorman** ranks first in his class of 81 students with a 4.24 GPA. He has earned 10 varsity letters in three sports: basketball, cross country, and track. Not only is Eric an outstanding student and athlete, he also serves as President of the National Honor Society and Student Council, team captain of the Math Academic Team, and team captain for both the cross country and basketball teams. Eric also commits time to volunteering and has worked with many different organizations for various causes. He is the son of Beth Moorman.

A three-sport athlete, **Isabelle Ortt** is ranked at the top of her graduating class of 100 students at Milan High School with a GPA of 4.22. Isabelle has participated in swimming, tennis and cross country, earning eight varsity letters and several awards and honors. Not only has she shined in the classroom and as an athlete, Isabelle is also involved with multiple school organizations. She serves as Secretary of the National Honor Society, Treasurer of the Class Club, and is senior drum major of Milan's marching band. Isabelle is the daughter of Dennis Ortt.

Luke Schepers is the valedictorian of Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, earning a 3.97 GPA. He has earned varsity letters all four years in both cross country and track and field. During both his junior and senior seasons, Luke was named captain of the cross country by his teammates. Luke has worked as a student ambassador and campus ministry leader; he has also been a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Math Academic Super Bowl Team, and Ping Pong Club, which he founded. Luke is an active Boy Scout and currently holds the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the son of Vicki Schepers.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.