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## **Cato Memorial Scholarships to be presented to 12 seniors Student-Athletes to be recognized April 19 at Lucas Oil Stadium**

The Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. is pleased to announce this year's group of 12 senior student-athletes who will be honored with the 2023 IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarships.

To reward the efforts of Indiana's complete student-athletes, Forté Sports Medicine, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Fever, Indiana Pacers, Sport Graphics, Inc., and Franciscan Health Systems have all partnered with the IHSAA and the IHSAA Foundation 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 at this year's [\*\*Thomas A. Brady Sports Achievement Awards\*\*](#) established by Forté Sports Medicine, at Lucas Oil Stadium on April 19, 2023.

This year's recipients of the 2023 IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarships are:

### **2023 IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship Recipients**

Trinity Britton	South Spencer
Riley Broshears	Evansville Central
Braylee Brown	North Vermillion
Adam Cox	Southmont
Isabelle Ellis	Fort Wayne Canterbury
Alexander Emenhiser	Lebanon
Ella Garvin	New Castle
Beth Graber	Barr-Reeve
Ellie Jones	Plymouth
Kaleigh Kelley	Mt. Vernon
Jasmine King	Gary West Side
Molly Moriarty	Tippecanoe Valley



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 22 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 and; 6) have no violations of the school’s athletic code of conduct.

Nearly 100 completed applications were received from across the state and a blue-ribbon panel of individuals decided upon the final recipients:

- Wayne Barker**, Superintendent, School City of Mishawaka and member of the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors
- Mo Barkley**, Director of Philanthropy, Forté Orthopedic Research Institute
- Bill Benner**, Retired Vice President, Pacers Sports & Entertainment
- Tina Bennett**, Superintendent, Clarksville Community Schools and member of the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors
- Bobby Cox**, Commissioner Emeritus, Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. and member of the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors
- Joe Fonderoli**, Senior Director of Events & Operations, Indianapolis Colts
- Lee Ann Logan**, System Marketing Director, Orthopedics, Franciscan Health
- Paul Neidig**, Commissioner, Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. and member of the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors

The scholarship program is named in tribute to the late Commissioner C. Eugene Cato who led the IHSAA from 1983 to 1995 and 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 228 outstanding student-athletes with scholarships totaling \$570,000.

In addition to a Lifetime Achievement Award and a Tactical Athlete Comeback Award, the Forté Sports Medicine Research and Education Foundation also will honor Indiana high school and college student-athletes that have overcome injury or hardship with Brady Comeback Awards.

Biographies for this year’s recipients are listed below:

### **Trinity Britton (South Spencer)**

**Trinity Britton** of South Spencer High School is a nine-time varsity letter winner, competing in Volleyball and Basketball in each of her years as a Rebel, while also participating in Cross Country during her sophomore year. Trinity served as Team Captain of the Basketball team this past season. She has earned a 4.16 weighted GPA and ranks first out of 85 students in her class. Trinity is the President of her Student Council, Key Club, and Spirit Club. She is also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Freshman Mentors, the History and English Academic Team, and the Yearbook staff. Trinity has participated in numerous community outreach initiatives through her roles on the Student Council and Key Club. In addition to her academic and extra-curricular work, she also works during the summer as a lifeguard and youth basketball coach. Trinity plans to attend Asbury University in the fall.

### **Riley Broshears (Evansville Central)**

Two-sport athlete **Riley Broshears** of Evansville Central High School is a seven-time varsity letter winner, competing all four years in Baseball and his final three years as a Bear in Football, where he served as Team Captain during his senior season. He has earned Academic All-City recognition in both sports and currently posts a 4.23 weighted GPA ranking third in a class of 220 students. Riley is President of the Central's National Honor Society, Concert Choir, and Drama Club. He is also a member of his Student Council and the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee, where he assists with State Finals events throughout the year and serves as an ambassador to student-athletes throughout the state. Riley also participates in Unified Basketball and Unified Bowling, which joins student-athletes with and without intellectual disabilities and allows them to compete together. His volunteer work includes assisting with Holiday Food Drives, working with incoming freshman to help them adjust to high school, and helping with the Highland Youth Challenger League, an inclusive baseball league that allows kids with different disabilities to play Baseball. Riley is undecided on his college choice.

### **Braylee Brown (North Vermillion)**

Three-sport athlete **Braylee Brown** of North Vermillion High School is a nine-time varsity letter winner, earning four in Track and Field, three in Volleyball, and two in Basketball and was also Team Captain of her Basketball team during her senior season. She has earned Academic All-State recognition and currently ranks first in her class of 59 students with a 4.22 weighted GPA. Braylee is currently the President of her senior class and is also a member of North Vermillion's Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, and Yearbook Staff. She is also a member of the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee, where she assists with State Finals events throughout the year and serves as an ambassador to student-athletes throughout the state. Braylee has volunteered her time packing and delivering gift bags to veterans each Christmas season and, also, assisted with the start-up of a Farmers Market in Cayuga, Indiana this past year with the Eugene Station Farmers Market Committee. In addition to her academic and extra-curricular work, she also works part-time as a waitress. Braylee will be attending Butler University in the Fall.

### **Adam Cox (Southmont)**

**Adam Cox** of Southmont High School is an eight-time varsity letter winner, competing in both Tennis and Baseball in his four years as a Mountie. Adam is a four-time Team Captain in Tennis and a three-time captain in Baseball and has also earned All-County and All-Conference honors in both sports. In the classroom, Adam ranks first in his class of 108 students with a 4.19 weighted GPA. Adam is the current Co-President of the Interact Club, which is a student-led Rotary Club in which Adam helps direct his peers in several community outreach projects ranging from selling hot chocolate and coffee during local Christmas events to running canned food drives to help those in need. Adam is also a member of Southmont's Student Council, National Honor Society, and Business Professionals of America. In addition to his academic and extra-curricular work, he also works part-time at Jimmy Johns and with a local excavating and farming business in the summer. He will attend Purdue University in the Fall.

### **Alexander Emenhiser (Lebanon)**

Two-sport athlete **Alexander Emenhiser** of Lebanon High School ranks second in his class of 254 students with a 4.63 weighted GPA. He is a six-time varsity letter winner, competing in Cross Country and Golf for the past three years and served as Team Captain of his Cross-Country team his junior and senior years. Alexander has earned multiple All-Conference honors in both sports and was named Academic All-State in Cross Country. He serves as President of Lebanon's National Honor Society, Treasurer of Key Club International and is DECA's Vice President of Finance. Alexander is also a member of Student Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Lebanon's Social Studies and Science Academic Team. His volunteer work includes building picnic tables and landscaping work, supervising the painting of Lebanon's parking lot, volunteering at local food shelters, and creating Christmas cards for Veterans. In addition to his academic and extra-curricular work, he also works part-time at the Ulen Country Club Pro Shop. Alexander will be attending Purdue University in the Fall.

### **Ella Garvin (New Castle)**

New Castle Trojan **Ella Garvin** is a three-sport athlete, earning 13 varsity letters during her high school career. She competed in Cross Country, Gymnastics, and Track and Field in each of her four years, while also competing in Diving her sophomore year. She served as Team Captain of her Cross Country and Gymnastics teams this past season and has earned multiple Academic All-State honors. She ranks third in her class of 173 students with a weighted GPA of 4.57. She is currently Treasurer of New Castle's Renaissance Club, which specializes in raising school spirit through pep rallies, recognizing students and teachers for individual achievement, and other school events. Ella is also a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government, and serves as Secretary of her senior class. Her volunteer work includes shopping for families in need during the holiday season, cooking breakfast and baking cookies for others through her church, and mentoring students at her old elementary school. In addition to her academic and extra-curricular work, she also works part-time as a baker for New Castle Cakes and during the summers at Baker Pool Aquatic Center and Mount Lawn Speedway. Ella will be attending DePauw University in the Fall.

### **Isabelle Ellis (Fort Wayne Canterbury)**

**Isabelle Ellis** of Canterbury School in Fort Wayne posted a weighted GPA of 4.3 in the classroom while competing as a varsity athlete in Volleyball, Basketball, and Track and Field in each of her four years at Canterbury. Isabelle served as Team Captain in each sport during her senior year and earned Academic All-State honors this past Volleyball season. She is currently President of REDgen, an organization that spreads awareness on Mental Health and its impact in school, and a Co-Leader of LatinX, an affinity group at Canterbury that discusses Latin history and the issues those of the Latin Community face today. Isabelle has received numerous recognitions including the National Hispanic Recognition Program Award, which honors the top Academic Hispanic students across the nation, and Canterbury's Rise to the Occasion Award, which was awarded to her for participating in Varsity Softball, despite also participating in Track, during her sophomore year so that Canterbury could field a team that season. Isabelle volunteers at Canterbury's Early Childhood Center and, also, assists with their English as a Second Language classes. She plans to attend Notre Dame in the Fall.

### **Beth Graber (Barr-Reeve)**

Barr-Reeve senior **Beth Graber** ranks first out of 47 students in her class with a weighted GPA of 4.61. She is a five-time varsity letter winner, earning three in Basketball and two in Tennis. Beth served as Team Captain on both teams during her senior year. She is a member of Barr-Reeve's Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spell Bowl and the Math Academic Team, where she also is Team Captain. She earned Barr-Reeve's "Viking of the Year" during her freshman and junior year and has been honored as a Top Student in a numerous amount of her courses. She

has volunteered her time at Heaven's Kitchen, Westend Children's Ministry, and Ebenezer Camp to name a few. Beth will be attending the University of Southern Indiana in the Fall.

### **Ellie Jones (Plymouth)**

Plymouth High School senior **Ellie Jones** is a three-time varsity letter winner in Volleyball, Basketball, and Tennis and served as Team Captain of her Volleyball and Basketball team this year. She has been awarded Academic All-State in Volleyball and Second Team All-State in Tennis. In the classroom, Ellie ranks first in her class of 219 students with a weighted GPA of 4.14. She is Secretary of Plymouth's National Honor Society and President of Future Teachers of America. She is also a part of Student Government, Student Council, Key Club, and the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee, where she assists with State Finals events throughout the school year and serves as an ambassador to student-athletes throughout the state. Ellie has carried out numerous community service projects through her church's youth group and through Key Club, including Marathon Mania, an exercise and goal-setting program for the youth in her community. She also volunteers as a referee in her community's youth basketball leagues. Ellie plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the Fall.

### **Kaleigh Kelly (Mt. Vernon - Posey)**

Mt. Vernon Wildcat **Kaleigh Kelly** is a seven-time varsity letter winner, competing in Swimming and Diving for four years and Volleyball for three, where she served as Team Captain the past two seasons. Kaleigh has earned a 4.0 GPA on a non-weighted scale, ranking first out of 134 students in her class. Kaleigh is a leader on the Student Athletic Council, National Honor Society Treasurer, and DECA Secretary. She is also a member of the Student Council and Key Club, where students organize community related projects. Kaleigh is actively involved in her community by volunteering with swim clinics and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a program oriented around being a positive influence for elementary school students. She also created the "Read Big with a Little Library Project." With the help of the Construction class at Mt. Vernon, Kaleigh placed donated books in spots around town to give kids more access to reading material. In addition to her academic and extra-curricular work, she also works during the summer as a lifeguard and teaches swimming lessons. Kaleigh plans on attending Indiana State University in the fall.

### **Jasmine King (Gary West Side)**

Senior **Jasmine King** of West Side Leadership Academy in Gary ranks first in her class of 294 students, posting a weighted 4.38 GPA throughout high school. Jasmine is a four-time varsity letter winner in Track and Field, two-time letter winner in Cross Country, and a one-time letter winner in Tennis. She is currently Varsity Co-Captain of her Track team. Jasmine serves as Vice President of West Side's National Honor Society and President of their Student Government. She is also a member of the Drama Club. Jasmine has volunteered her time to numerous Food and Supply Giveaways in the Gary community. Jasmine will be attending Indiana University in the Fall.

### **Molly Moriarty (Tippecanoe Valley)**

Tippecanoe Valley senior **Molly Moriarty** is a 12-time varsity letter winner, competing in Golf and Softball in each of her four years as a Viking, while earning two letters in both Basketball and Track and Field. Molly served as Team Captain of her Golf, Basketball, and Softball team this year. She has earned numerous Academic All-Conference awards and has been named All-Conference in Golf and Softball and All-State in Softball. In the classroom, Molly ranks first in her class of 133 students, posting a 4.19 weighted GPA. She is a member of Tippecanoe Valley's National Honor Society, Academic Honors Committee, Student Council, and Peer Facilitators. She also participates in Unified Bowling, which joins student-athletes with and without intellectual disabilities and allows them to compete together. Molly has volunteered her time to numerous community outreach events and works as an umpire for the youth Softball and Baseball leagues in her community. Molly will attend Purdue University in the Fall.

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***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 407 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 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-eds (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.*