

**2007 NIAA Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year,
*presented by Lifetouch National School Studios, Inc.***

Southern Nevada banquet on Monday, May 21 at Sam's Town, Las Vegas
Northern Nevada banquet on Wednesday, May 23 at Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno

6:00 p.m., Dinner & Banquet

Southern Nevada Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year

Jeffrey Fermon, Laughlin High School
Kasen Haslem, Round Mountain High School
Jeff Holley, Pahrump Valley High School (*Pahrump*)
Heather Holmstrom, Foothill High School (*Henderson*)
Alexis Keel, Moapa Valley High School (*Overton*)
Jacob Koelliker, Coronado High School (*Henderson*)
Suhan Kupoglu, Green Valley High School (*Henderson*)
Jamie Mellies, Silverado High School (*Las Vegas*)
Katie Palmer, Boulder City High School
Kevin Rath, Silverado High School (*Las Vegas*)

Northern Nevada Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year

Nancy Burrows, Galena High School (*Reno*)
Bryan Chuan, Reno High School
Lauren Dwyer, Reno High School
Alicia Echevarria, Lowry High School (*Winnemucca*)
Kylee Gleason, Smith Valley High School (*Smith*)
Stephanie Greer, Dayton High School
Christopher Gurries, Bishop Manogue High School (*Reno*)
Eric Maupin, Galena High School (*Reno*)
Nicholas Smallman, Carson High School (*Carson City*)
Travis Wood, Dayton High School

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Just what or who is a Top Ten Student-Athlete of the Year?

The Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year award is given to not just the top high school athletes in the Silver State but rather to those student-athletes who exemplify total school and community involvement. Special consideration is given to student-athletes who participated in multiple sports, other school and student government activities, and community service projects while at the same time maintaining a high academic status within their school.

“This is an outstanding event which recognizes student-athletes who exemplify what high school activities and athletics are all about,” says Mr. Eddie Bonine, Executive Director of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. “While the requirements sound restrictive, we know these student-athletes exist as evident by the group of individuals we have with us tonight. It is our goal through the Top Ten program to find and honor these superb individuals.”

Each school is requested to submit an application for one male and one female student-athlete. All candidates must be seniors. The general categories include scholastic achievement (class rank, non-weighted grade point average, number of semesters on the honor roll, number of honors classes taken, and ACT and SAT scores), overall sports participation (number of varsity sports, number of varsity letters, and individual and team achievements), other activities (school and church activities, and community accomplishments), an essay, and letters of recommendation. The Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year in both Northern Nevada and Southern Nevada, as selected by a panel of judges, are then honored with a formal dinner banquet.

Winners receive commemorative awards from the NIAA and its sponsors. The awards include a \$500 savings bond, an engraved pen set, a souvenir portrait and a Top Ten souvenir newspaper edition. Winners are asked to invite seven guests, free of charge, to share in the banquet.

The Top Ten Student-Athletes of the Year award banquets began in 1996. The banquets are now presented by Lifetouch National School Studios, Inc. The banquets are once again supported by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, the Reno Gazette-Journal, KRNVT-TV (NBC Channel 4) and Oakman's.

For more information about the banquets, its sponsors or any of the many other special programs conducted by the NIAA, please call the NIAA office at (775) 688-6464. The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association is the private, non-profit governing body of high school athletics in the Silver State.