

Panthers, Mustangs, Wolverines and Huskies grab early lead in NIAA Award of Excellence standings

Pahranagat Valley (1A), The Meadows (2A), Truckee (3A) and Reno (4A) garnered the most academic and athletic points over the course of the fall season to assume the early lead in the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association's Award of Excellence in Academics, Athletics and Citizenship program.

The NIAA, which began the Award of Excellence program in 2001, is again conducting a year-long scoring system whereby school earn points based on their varsity teams' performance in the classroom, at the athletic venue and in the Citizenship Through Sports program. Each of the three major categories representing high school activities – academics, sports and sportsmanship – are weighted equally and boys and girls teams are combined in the standings table. Points will also be awarded at the conclusion of the winter season for student council and spirit group participation. Points will be deducted at the conclusion of the spring season for coach/player ejections and other unsportsmanlike conduct.

The NIAA Award of Excellence will honor the winning school in each classification by presenting it with a commemorative trophy and banner. The NIAA considers the Award of Excellence to be its top overall recognition program.

The Pahranagat Valley High School Panthers (310 points) scored well in both the academic and athletic categories this fall season to open a slight lead over Virginia City (290) and Laughlin (280) in the Class 1A standings. Pahranagat Valley, which won the first two Award of Excellence titles (2001 and 2002), is the two-time defending champion. The Panthers' four titles overall is matched only by Palo Verde (4A champions in 2007, 2003-2005). Virginia City and Mountain View (4th, 230 points) tallied the most academic points (180) this fall season. Sage Ridge (5th, 220 points), bolstered by two state championships, tallied the most athletic points (220, ranks second for all-time 1A fall season athletic points).

The Meadows School Mustangs, who also led after the fall season last year, scored well in the academic category (560 points, ranks second all-time for 2A fall season academic points) to assume a 100-point lead (760-660) over both North Tahoe and Whittell. The Meadows won the 2A crown in 2001 and 2006. North Tahoe used three runner-up athletic finishes to score 410 points (ranks second in all-time 2A fall season athletic points) in that category. On the other side, Whittell scored 420 points in the academic category.

The Truckee High School Wolverines, who won the 3A title in 2003, rode two state athletic championship and four state academic championship finishes to a commanding lead after the fall season (1,110 points). Truckee's fall academic and overall point totals are 3A seasonal records. Incline, a traditional strong starter, and Faith Lutheran, a three-time champion in the 2A (2002-2004), lead the chase pack with 740 points. Pahrump Valley is in fourth place with 650 points.

The Reno High School Huskies, the first Class 4A champion (2001), reached the 1,000-point plateau this fall season with a solid athletic (440 points) and academic (560 points) season. Reno, which led after the fall season in 2006, has finished in the top five every year of the Award's existence. Carson, a traditional contender to win the Award, Galena, the 2006 champion, and Palo Verde, a four-time and defending champion, sit second, third and fourth respectively.

NIAA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
All-time fall seasonal records

CLASS 1A

Fall Total – 480, Laughlin (2006)
390, Laughlin (2005) & Sage Ridge (2005)
380, Pahrnagat Valley (2006) & Wells (2004)

Fall Academics – 290, Laughlin (2006)
210, Sage Ridge (2005)

Fall Athletics – 240, Laughlin (2005)
220, Sage Ridge (2007) & Wells (2004)
210, Sage Ridge (2006) & Wells (2006)
200, Pahrnagat Valley (2005)

CLASS 2A

Fall Total – 890, The Meadows (2005)
850, Faith Lutheran (2003)

Fall Academics – 590, The Meadows (2005)
560, The Meadows (2007)
470, The Meadows (2006)
440, Whittell (2005)
420, Whittell (2007)
410, Faith Lutheran (2003)

Fall Athletics – 440, Faith Lutheran (2003)
410, North Tahoe (2007)
400, Faith Lutheran (2002)

CLASS 3A

Fall Total – 1110, Truckee (2007)
1000, North Tahoe (2003)
980, Boulder City (2006)
970, North Tahoe (2002)
960, North Tahoe (2005)
950, Truckee (2003)
930, Truckee (2005)
920, Truckee (2006)
910, Truckee (2002)

Fall Academic – 670, Truckee (2007)
630, Boulder City (2006)
600, Truckee (2006)
590, North Tahoe (2002)
560, North Tahoe (2003)
540, Boulder City (2004)
530, Truckee (2003)
520, Truckee (2005)
500, Incline (2007) & Faith Lutheran (2005)

Fall Athletic – 480, North Tahoe (2005)
470, North Tahoe (2004)
460, Faith Lutheran (2006) & Truckee (2002)
440, Truckee (2007) & North Tahoe (2003)
420, Truckee (2003)
410, Truckee (2005)
400, Lowry (2003)

CLASS 4A

Fall Total – 1220, Galena (2005)
1170, Galena (2002)
1090, Galena (2006)
1040, Galena (2004)
1030, Reno (2006)
1000, Reno (2007), Carson (2005) & Palo Verde (2004)

Fall Academics – 730, Bishop Manogue (2004)
710, Bishop Manogue (2005)
710, Carson (2003)

Fall Athletics – 580, Galena (2002)
570, Palo Verde (2004)
560, Galena (2005)
530, Galena (2004)
500, Reno (2006) & Reno (2003)

Past winners of the NIAA Award of Excellence (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A)

2006-2007: Pahrnagat Valley, Rite of Passage, Boulder City, Palo Verde.

2005-2006: Pahrnagat Valley, The Meadows, Boulder City, Galena.

2004-2005: Wells, Whittell, Boulder City, Palo Verde.

2003-2004: Smith Valley, Faith Lutheran, Virgin Valley, Palo Verde.

2002-2003: Smith Valley, Faith Lutheran, Truckee, Palo Verde.

2001-2002: Pahrnagat Valley, Faith Lutheran, Spring Creek, Carson.

2000-2001: Pahrnagat Valley, The Meadows, Moapa Valley, Reno.

Class 1A Schools	Fall Ath.	Fall Aca.	<u>FALL</u>	place
Austin	0	50	<u>50</u>	
Beatty	20	0	<u>20</u>	
Calvary Chapel	20	150	<u>170</u>	9th
Carlin	130	90	<u>220</u>	5th
Coleville	140	80	<u>220</u>	5th
Eureka	20	150	<u>170</u>	9th
Excel Christian	0	70	<u>70</u>	
Gabbs	0	40	<u>40</u>	
Gerlach	0	50	<u>50</u>	
Indian Springs	30	40	<u>70</u>	
Jackpot	0	100	<u>100</u>	
Lake Mead	70	150	<u>220</u>	5th
Laughlin	140	140	<u>280</u>	3rd
Lund	20	70	<u>90</u>	
McDermitt	30	0	<u>30</u>	
Mountain View	50	180	<u>230</u>	4th
Owyhee	90	80	<u>170</u>	9th
Pahrnagat Valley	170	140	<u>310</u>	1st
Pyramid Lake	0	0	<u>0</u>	
Round Mountain	50	0	<u>50</u>	
Sage Ridge	220	0	<u>220</u>	5th
Sierra Lutheran	50	90	<u>140</u>	
Smith Valley	30	40	<u>70</u>	
Spring Mountain	0	0	<u>0</u>	
Tonopah	150	0	<u>150</u>	
Trinity	0	0	<u>0</u>	
Virginia City	110	180	<u>290</u>	2nd
Henderson Int'l	30	90	<u>120</u>	
Wells	100	0	<u>100</u>	
Class 2A Schools	Fall Ath.	Fall Aca.	<u>FALL</u>	place
Battle Mountain	130	0	<u>130</u>	
Lincoln County	100	190	<u>290</u>	4th
The Meadows	200	560	<u>760</u>	1st
Mineral County	0	40	<u>40</u>	
Needles	190	70	<u>260</u>	7th
North Tahoe	410	250	<u>660</u>	2nd
Pershing County	80	140	<u>220</u>	8th
Rite of Passage	180	100	<u>280</u>	5th
Silver Stage	0	0	<u>0</u>	
West Wendover	70	0	<u>70</u>	
White Pine	120	150	<u>270</u>	6th
Whittell	240	420	<u>660</u>	2nd
Class 3A Schools	Fall Ath.	Fall Aca.	<u>FALL</u>	place
Boulder City	200	390	<u>590</u>	5th
Dayton	260	260	<u>520</u>	8th
Faith Lutheran	380	360	<u>740</u>	2nd
Fernley	120	130	<u>250</u>	
Incline	240	500	<u>740</u>	2nd
Lowry	330	250	<u>580</u>	6th
Moapa Valley	200	340	<u>540</u>	7th
Pahrump Valley	310	340	<u>650</u>	4th
Sparks	70	160	<u>230</u>	
Spring Creek	260	0	<u>260</u>	
Truckee	440	670	<u>1110</u>	1st
Virgin Valley	210	220	<u>430</u>	
Yerington	250	240	<u>490</u>	

Class 4A Schools	Fall Ath.	Fall Aca.	<u>FALL</u>	place
Arbor View	90	310	<u>400</u>	
Basic	90	310	<u>400</u>	
Bishop Gorman	420	280	<u>700</u>	11th
Bishop Manogue	170	650	<u>820</u>	5th
Bonanza	140	320	<u>460</u>	
Canyon Springs	140	0	<u>140</u>	
Carson	360	520	<u>880</u>	2nd
Centennial	310	370	<u>680</u>	13th
Chaparral	40	0	<u>40</u>	
Cheyenne	50	30	<u>80</u>	
Churchill County	20	530	<u>550</u>	
Cimarron-Memorial	140	430	<u>570</u>	
Clark	90	470	<u>560</u>	
Coronado	350	340	<u>690</u>	12th
Damonte Ranch	30	300	<u>330</u>	
Del Sol	130	250	<u>380</u>	
Desert Pines	20	150	<u>170</u>	
Douglas	350	430	<u>780</u>	6th
Durango	90	290	<u>380</u>	
Eldorado	90	0	<u>90</u>	
Elko	120	410	<u>530</u>	
Foothill	150	180	<u>330</u>	
Galena	330	520	<u>850</u>	3rd
Green Valley	250	360	<u>610</u>	15th
Hug	20	310	<u>330</u>	
Las Vegas	270	330	<u>600</u>	16th
Legacy	50	90	<u>140</u>	
Liberty	70	260	<u>330</u>	
McQueen	230	540	<u>770</u>	7th
Mojave	20	0	<u>20</u>	
North Valleys	20	270	<u>290</u>	
Palo Verde	370	460	<u>830</u>	4th
Rancho	40	220	<u>260</u>	
Reed	200	550	<u>750</u>	8th
Reno	440	560	<u>1000</u>	1st
Shadow Ridge	80	130	<u>210</u>	
Sierra Vista	160	320	<u>480</u>	
Silverado	410	310	<u>720</u>	10th
South Tahoe	330	400	<u>730</u>	9th
SECTA	50	240	<u>290</u>	
Spanish Springs	160	480	<u>640</u>	14th
Spring Valley	130	390	<u>520</u>	
Valley	100	450	<u>550</u>	
Western	60	0	<u>60</u>	
Wooster	20	410	<u>430</u>	