



PRESS RELEASE

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TO: Twin City media outlets
FROM: Phil Kuemmel, Activities Director, Park High School
RE.: Park High School's Triple "A" Award Winners

Park seniors Kailena Krech and Alexander Hidlebaugh have been selected to represent the school in the Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award program for Region 3AA.

Established in 1988, the Academics, Arts, and Athletics (Triple "A") Award is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. The award goes to high school seniors who have a "B" or better grade point average and who participate in League-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities.

Park's female recipient this year is Kailena Krech. Kailena is a letter winner in soccer and served on the program's senior leadership team. She is a section leader in band and received a superior rating in the large group contest. Krech was named All-Conference in both band and orchestra. She is a member of National Honor Society, the marching band, jazz band, pit orchestra, and has a GPA of 4.2. Kailena plans to study animal science on the pre-veterinarian track at the University of Minnesota -Twin Cities next year.



Alexander Hidlebaugh is Park's male winner. Lex is a two-time letter winner in basketball and participated in track and field. He earned All-Conference and All-State honors in choir while also receiving best of site and superior ratings at Region contests. Hidlebaugh is involved in the theater department and has been in numerous fall play and musical productions. He is a member of National Honor Society and has a 4.1 GPA. Lex will attend the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and will study conservation science.

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Triple "A" Award recipients are selected by a multi-level process involving the League's member schools and administrative regions. MSHSL officials will announce the four award recipients (a girl and a boy from both a Class "A" and Class "AA" school) at a recognition ceremony held in March. Each state award recipient will receive a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Additional information about the Triple "A" Award may be obtained by visiting the Minnesota State High School League's website at www.mshsl.org.

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