

Alger Association awards scholarships

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The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans has awarded scholarships to 47 outstanding high school students in Nebraska.

Each scholar will receive \$5,000 toward his or her college education. The students were selected for the Ak-Sar-Ben Scholarship Program -- a partnership with Horatio Alger, Ak-Sar-Ben and TeamMates -- because they persevered in overcoming adversity while succeeding academically, contributing to the community and exhibiting exemplary character.

"We are privileged to provide scholarships to the deserving students from Nebraska to attend college and achieve the American dream," said Tony Novelly, president and chief executive officer of the Horatio Alger Association. "These students have overcome significant challenges in their lives and have become stronger, more determined people because of it.

The ASB scholarships are made possible by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation which has sponsored the Horatio Alger scholarships five years. The scholarships provided by the Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs range from \$2,500 to \$20,000 and are sponsored by Horatio Alger members and friends.

In 2011, the programs are awarding more than 850 state scholarships to students throughout the country. This marks the first year that the state scholarships are assisting students in all 50 states.

The 2011 Ak-Sar-Ben recipients from Central Nebraska are: Shannon Beed, Aurora High School; Kyle Berger, Spalding Public School; Breanne Crow and Kortnie Ravenscroft, Grand Island Senior High School; Isabelle Edson and Whitney Engel, High Plains Community School, Polk; Daniel McKenzie, Fullerton High School; Kristina Redwine, Kearney Catholic High School; and Catherine Ripp, Ravenna High School,

Horatio Alger scholars are provided with numerous resources to ensure a successful college career. Each student receives:

- Financial aid guidance to assist in the selection of, and preparation for, college.

- Access to the association's website, where students can create online profiles, search for fellow scholars, update their personal information, submit disbursement requests and direct questions to the association.

- Access to a toll-free information line, to speak to program coordinators for assistance with questions about their scholarships and other educational programs.