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Minnewaska Area Schools Student Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

A Minnewaska Area School student excelled in College Board assessments and schoolwork to earn these awards, which colleges use to identify academically competitive underrepresented students.

Glenwood, MN – Minnewaska Area Schools student **Alexandra Carlson** has earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, Indigenous, and/or Rural/Small Town Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service.

Alexandra Carlson is the daughter of Tony and Anja Carlson of Starbuck, MN. She plans to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL. Alexx has completed six college courses at Minnewaska Area Schools and is currently enrolled in nine for the 2022-23 school year. She is a member of the National Honor Society, BPA-Business Professionals of America, FCA - Fellowship of Christina Athletes, Student Council, MAS Cross Country team, and the MAS Track team.

"We're thrilled that our student has earned this recognition. We are very proud of her for her achievements in the classrooms and on College Board assessments," said Jennifer Ring. "These programs help students from underrepresented backgrounds stand out to colleges during admissions."

Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Eligible students will be invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year and will be awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Students will receive their awards in time to include them in their college and scholarship applications.

"We want to honor the hard work of these students through the College Board National Recognition Programs. This program creates a way for colleges and scholarship programs to connect directly with underrepresented students who they are hoping to reach," said Tarlin Ray, College Board senior vice president of BigFuture. "We hope the award winners and their families celebrate this prestigious honor, and it helps them plan for their big future."

About Minnewaska Area School District

Minnewaska Area School District is proud to serve the communities of Farwell, Glenwood, Long Beach, Lowry, Sedan, Starbuck, Villard, and Westport.