

Press Release

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Re: Runza® / KPTM Student Athletes of the Year Announced

LINCOLN, NE—

Since 2004, Runza® Restaurants and KPTM Fox 42 have honored the best and brightest student athletes in Omaha and surrounding areas through the Runza®/KPTM Student Athlete of the Week program.

This academic year, 30 local high school seniors were selected to receive a \$500 scholarship, recognition plaque and video feature, which aired on the KPTM 9pm News.

Chelsea Albers, Papillion/LaVista
Kurt Berchtold, Lincoln Northeast
Jamie Carlson, Gretna
Brooks Erhart, Platteview
Kevin Falck, Millard North
Brooke Fletcher, Concordia
Jordon Flynn, Blair
Robert Frick, Omaha Burke
Johnny Fuller, Glenwood, IA
Tyrell Galloway, Omaha Central
Galen Gullie, Omaha Bryan
Jonathan Hall, Creighton Prep
Morgan Hancock, Wahoo
Erin Handke, Millard South
Ashley Hasebroock, Duchesne Academy
Scott Ingham, Lincoln Southwest
Samantha Lovell, Bellevue East
Andrew Martinez, Omaha South
Dylan Mustoe, Omaha Benson
Jay Nelson, Elkhorn
Shayne Nielsen, Omaha Mercy
Sierra Nighswonger, Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln
Ashley Pearson, Bennington
Sophie Peters, Fremont
Ali Schrack, Omaha Gross

Greg Shanahan, Ralston
Ashley Stelling, Nebraska City
Kyle Thomsen, Omaha Westside
Kaiti Williams, Papillion/LaVista South
Jessica Wright, Bellevue West

At the year-end banquet held this week, Kaiti Williams of Papillion/LaVista South and Andrew Martinez of Omaha South were honored as the Student Athletes of the year. Kaiti has a 3.95 grade point average, is a three sport athlete, and is involved several school and community organizations. Andrew has a 4.6 grade point average, participates in tennis and soccer, is involved in many school groups and serves as an officer for the senior class. “Kaiti and Andrew are wonderful role models for their peers. They set the bar very high with regards to their classroom success and often use their talents to help others,” said Becky Perrett, Director of Marketing for Runza® National.

“High school is a very busy time. Making time for school activities, homework, athletics and community service takes dedication, organization and a positive attitude. Not everyone can do it all like these students. I congratulate them on their achievements,” stated Donald Everett, Jr., President of Runza® National.

Runza® Restaurants – famous for the Runza® Sandwich with its delicious blend of ground beef, cabbage, onions and secret spices baked inside homemade bread; made-to-order hamburgers; and homemade onion rings – operates and franchises 81 restaurants in Nebraska (76), Colorado (2), Iowa (2) and Kansas (1).

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