

WHS 2015 Triple “A” Award Representatives – Kennedy Peitz and Mitchell Taylor



Kennedy Peitz, daughter of Randal and Jennifer Peitz, has been active in golf, volleyball and the Lakettes Dance Team. Kennedy is a four-time letter winner and has earned All Conference, Rookie of the Year and Most Dedicated Dancer awards. In her freshman year, Kennedy was a contributing member of the Lakette’s State Tournament Dance Team and has continued her dancing prowess as a Lakette throughout her high school career. As a Senior Leader of the Lakette Dance Team she has taken on many team responsibilities including choreography, designing dance costumes, team fundraising and organizing team events which included communicating information to the other 70+ team members. Kennedy has also been active in Waconia High School fine arts. Kennedy has participated in choir for four years and twice earned the opportunity to participate in the MSHSL Solo/Ensemble Contest receiving an Excellent rating her junior year. Kennedy demonstrates her excellence in education and her leadership skills by being an active member of Student Council, NHS, Peer Helpers, Peer Mentors and an Officer for the International Club. Academically, Kennedy has maintained a 3.82 grade point average and received four academic letters. Kennedy’s extra efforts do not go unnoticed. Amy Segner, Lakettes Dance Team coach, stated, “When Kennedy Peitz is asked or even notices that something needs to get done, she just does it!” Congratulations Kennedy for being a true team leader we can all look up to!



Mitchell Taylor, son of Kevin and Stacy Taylor, has been a leader in athletics, fine arts and academics throughout his high school career. Athletically, Mitchell has been a member of the Cross Country team and during his junior and senior years earned a Varsity letter and a Spotlight on Scholarship Award. As a fine arts participant, Mitchell is a member of the Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble, the Award Winning Show Choir, Marching Band and has been a four-year member of the school's Band and Choir. As a sophomore and again as a junior, Mitchell earned two Superior ratings in the MSHSL Solo/Ensemble Contest playing his trumpet. Additionally, Mitchell earned three opportunities to compete in the MSHSL Solo/Ensemble contest as a tenor and secured a Superior rating at each event. Mitchell's singing talents also resulted in him being chosen as a member of the All State Choir during his junior year. As a Show Choir participant, Mitchell earned the honor of being selected a soloist and Team Captain. During his junior year in the WHS Marching Band, Mitchell's strong leadership abilities were once again demonstrated as he took on the Marching Band Commander role. Academically, Mitchell has challenged himself with difficult courses and maintained an impressive 3.99 GPA with a class ranking of 6 out of 257. Mitchell's friendly demeanor and dedication to serving others shines through as an active member of the National Honor Society and when he volunteers at the Waconia United Food Shelf assisting shoppers and stocking shelves. School and community personnel have stated about Mitchell, "One can always find Mitchell looking for ways to make a positive difference in the lives of others". Congratulations Mitchell on your constant commitment to lead by example!