

2025-26 MIAA NEWCOMER ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

INSTITUTION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ACADEMIC LEVEL	SPORT	GPA	MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Emporia State University	Jack	Weigus	Freshman	Men's Basketball	4.00	Mathematics	Willowbrook, Ill.
Emporia State University	Trey	Wichman	Freshman	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Business	Overland Park, Kan.
Emporia State University	Hannah	Butterbaugh	Freshman	Softball	4.00	Biology	Lenexa, Kan.
Emporia State University	Mackenzie	Gudic	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Accounting	Crystal City, Mo.
Emporia State University	Erin	Cahill	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	Psychology	Adelaide, Australia
Emporia State University	Giulia	Russu	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	Business	Arsachena, Italy
Emporia State University	Ella	Crain	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Nursing	Pleasant Hill, Mo.
Emporia State University	Ava	Markley	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Health & Human Performance	Rose Hill, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Kole	Klaassen	Freshman	Baseball	4.00	Agriculture (Animal Science)	Whitewater, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Olivia	Mortensen	Freshman	Women's Basketball	4.00	Health & Human Performance (Sports Management/Recreation)	Broomfield, Colo.
Fort Hays State University	Mikayla	Pilley	Freshman	Women's Basketball	4.00	Health & Human Performance (Sport & Exercise Therapy)	Springfield, Mo.
Fort Hays State University	Eva	Cortes	Freshman	Women's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Health & Human Performance (Exercise Science)	Holton, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Madelynn	Nichols	Freshman	Women's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Communication Sciences & Disorders	Platte City, Mo.
Fort Hays State University	Ethan	Shaw	Freshman	Football	4.00	Agricultural Business	Fairfield, Neb.
Fort Hays State University	Ella	Edwards	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Information Networking & Telecommunications (Cybersecurity)	Stilwell, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Kennedy	Hartzell	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Nursing	Hayden, Idaho
Fort Hays State University	Payton	Porter	Sophomore	Women's Soccer	4.00	Professional Studies (Criminal Justice) Masters	Tampa, Fla.
Fort Hays State University	Maddy	Spiers	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Nursing	Douglass, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Ava	Burgess	Freshman	Softball	4.00	Medical Diagnostic Imaging	Littleton, Colo.
Fort Hays State University	Lucas	Kirk	Freshman	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Finance	Bucklin, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Will	Wegerer	Freshman	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Health & Human Performance (Sport & Exercise Therapy)	Cunningham, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Carly	Huffles	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Medical Diagnostic Imaging	Horton, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Breanna	Wells	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Agriculture (Animal Science)	Milton, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Kaitlyn	Cure	Freshman	Volleyball	4.00	Nursing	Andover, Kan.
Fort Hays State University	Ender	Rider	Freshman	Men's Wrestling	4.00	Technology Studies (Engineering Design)	Overland Park, Kan.
Missouri Southern State University	Colton	Dryden	Sophomore	Baseball	4.00	FN10	
Missouri Southern State University	Jackson	Shorter	Sophomore	Men's Basketball	4.00	OT03	Springfield MO
Missouri Southern State University	Carson	Sturgell	Sophomore	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	BI13	Lamar MO
Missouri Southern State University	Madison	Phillips	Sophomore	Women's Golf	4.00	BI13	Mount Vernon MO
Missouri Southern State University	Abigail	Brackenbury	Senior	Women's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	KI02	Blue Springs MO
Missouri Southern State University	Madelyn	Griffard	Junior	Women's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	NU01	Bloomsdale MO
Missouri Western State University	Micah	Kobuszewski	Senior	Baseball	4.00	Biology - Health Science	Topeka, KS
Missouri Western State University	Joseph	Spiazar	Graduate	Football	4.00	Business Management	Carroll Stream, IL
Missouri Western State University	Dylan	Stout	Senior	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Cinematic Arts and Marketing	Pacific, MO
Missouri Western State University	Katelyn	Diani-O'Day	Sophomore	Volleyball	4.00	Early Childhood Education	St. Peters, MO
Missouri Western State University	Lindsey	Kelderman	Graduate	Women's Basketball	4.00	Business Management	Waukee, IA
Missouri Western State University	Ambranette	Storr	Graduate	Women's Basketball	4.00	Social Work	Rockford, IL
Missouri Western State University	Rosemary	Pujado	Sophomore	Women's Soccer	4.00	Nursing	Overland Park, KS
Missouri Western State University	Alessa	Tamez	Senior	Women's Soccer	4.00	Biology - Health Science	Sachse, TX
Missouri Western State University	Ella	Gates	Sophomore	Women's Tennis	4.00	Business - Finance	Kansas City, MO
Newman University	Michael	Carger	Redshirt Junior	Baseball	4.00	Science Technology	Lancaster, Calif.
Newman University	Frank	Fabian	Junior	Baseball	4.00	Biochemistry	Broomfield, Colo.
Newman University	Brett	Kocher	Junior	Baseball	4.00	Agribusiness	Olney, Ill.
Newman University	Lawrence	Lubchuk	Graduate	Baseball	4.00	MBA	Long Island City, N.Y.
Newman University	Peyton	Mitchell	Junior	Baseball	4.00	Business	Blue Springs, Mo.
Newman University	Trey	Runge	Graduate	Baseball	4.00	MBA	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Newman University	John	Sjoberg	Redshirt Sophomore	Baseball	4.00	Business Management	Leewood, Kan.
Newman University	Luciano	Casini	Junior	Men's Basketball	4.00	Ag. Tech	Incline Village, Nev.
Newman University	Teresa	Martinez	Junior	Women's Cross Country	4.00	Elementary Education	Dodge City, Kan.
Newman University	Allyson	Hamblin	Redshirt Sophomore	Softball	4.00	Social Work	Wichita, Kan.
Newman University	Kinley	Powell	Junior	Softball	4.00	Psychology	Fairland, Okla.
Newman University	Isabella	Lamb	Sophomore	Volleyball	4.00	Business Administration	Omaha, Neb.
Newman University	Elijah	Means	Freshman	Wrestling	4.00	Business Data Analytics	Wichita, Kan.
Northeastern State University	Baptiste	Linnet	Sophomore	Men's Tennis	4.00	Finance	Nantes, France
Northeastern State University	Tomas	Aramburu	Junior	Men's Tennis	4.00	International Business Mgmt	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Northeastern State University	Morgan	Coryell	Sophomore	Softball	4.00	Business Administration	Fort Smith, Ark.
Northeastern State University	Aubree	Saporito	Senior	Softball	4.00	Nutritional Sciences	Columbus, Kan.
Northeastern State University	Addisyn	Whiteley	Sophomore	Women's Basketball	4.00	Nutritional Sciences	Braggs, Okla.
Northeastern State University	Raylee	Gaston	Sophomore	Women's Basketball	4.00	Speech-Language Pathology	Broken Bow, Okla.
Northeastern State University	Talya	Samir	Sophomore	Women's Golf	4.00	Undeclared-Undergrad	Alexandria, Egypt
Northeastern State University	Carla	Alvarez Perez	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	Marketing	Madrid, Spain
Northeastern State University	Laura	Mertens	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	Undeclared-Undergrad	Hilden, Germany
Northwest Missouri State University	Jessa	Cassity	Junior	Women's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Agronomy: Crop Science	Dearborn, Mo.
Northwest Missouri State University	Liam	Adair	Freshman	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Business Administration	Smithville, Mo.
Northwest Missouri State University	Chase	Willis	Freshman	Football	4.00	Business Management	Chariton, Iowa
Northwest Missouri State University	Addy	Armstrong	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Foods and Nutrition: Dietetics	Kansas City, Mo.
Northwest Missouri State University	Konstantin	Feiel	Freshman	Men's Tennis	4.00	Business Administration	Bruck an der Mur, Austria
Northwest Missouri State University	Nikas	Nikolaienko	Freshman	Men's Tennis	4.00	Food and Nutrition: General	Kharkiv, Ukraine
Northwest Missouri State University	Elena	Williams	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	Criminology	Higginsville, Mo.
Northwest Missouri State University	Addie	Budig	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Applied Health: Sports Medicine	Harrisburg, S.D.
Northwest Missouri State University	Kiki	Witt	Senior	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Therapeutic Recreation	Charles City, Iowa
Northwest Missouri State University	Beatriz	Pinheiro	Junior	Women's Golf	4.00	Applied Health: Exercise Science	Curitiba, Brazil
Quachita Baptist University	Ty	Matyja	Freshman	Wrestling	4.00	Engineering	Benton, AR
Pittsburg State University	Barrett	Donaldson	Junior	Baseball	4.00	Recreation Services, Sport & Hospitality Mgmt.	Olathe, Kan.
Pittsburg State University	Liam	Kirkpatrick	Freshman	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Data Science & Information Systems	Overland Park, Kan.
Pittsburg State University	Braylon	Brown	Freshman	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Biology	Aledo, Texas
Pittsburg State University	Leo	Chauchard	Graduate	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Technology (Master's)	Lille, France
Pittsburg State University	Gannon	Marquardt	Freshman	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Biology	Nevada, Mo.
Pittsburg State University	Jackson	Salsbury	Freshman	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Construction Engineering Technology	Maize, Kan.
Pittsburg State University	Bailey	Backhaus	Junior	Softball	4.00	Marketing	Newkirk, Okla.
Pittsburg State University	Kennedy	Behnke	Freshman	Volleyball	4.00	Psychology	Ellinwood, Kan.
Pittsburg State University	Karolina	Kiraga	Freshman	Women's Basketball	4.00	Management	Wisla, Poland
Pittsburg State University	Tessa	Turner	Freshman	Women's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Biology	Basehor, Kan.
Pittsburg State University	Alexa	Binkley	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Management	Lee's Summit, Mo.
Pittsburg State University	Alycia	Cosens	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Biology	Pittsburg, Kan.
Pittsburg State University	Claire	Vanderweide	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Finance	Basehor, Kan.
Pittsburg State University	Madison	Williamson	Freshman	Women's Track & Field	4.00	Exercise Science	Clearwater, Kan.
Rogers State University	Erica	Ross	Sophomore	Softball	4.00	Social Science - Psychology	Alberta, Canada
Rogers State University	Riley	Pauley	Freshman	Men's Track & Field	4.00	Business Administration - Management	Yukon, OK.

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Rogers State University	Bella	Holland	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Allied Health - Pre-Physical Therapy	Thornton Cleveleys, England
Rogers State University	Taylor	Mendez	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Business Administration - Marketing	Cleveland, OK.
Rogers State University	Reagan	Fowler	Freshman	Women's Basketball	4.00	Allied Health - Pre-Physical Therapy	Oklahoma City, OK.
Southern Arkansas University	Taiki	Minamino	Freshman	Men's Tennis	4.00	Management	Hirakata, Japan
Southern Arkansas University	Jonas	Sommer	Freshman	Men's Tennis	4.00	Management	Steinbach, Germany
Southern Arkansas University	Shun	Wakino	Freshman	Men's Tennis	4.00	Management	Yokohama, Japan
University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Nick	Mazzola	Junior	Baseball	4.00	Business Administration	Flower Mound, TX
University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Jett	Frazier	Junior	Baseball	4.00	Criminal Justice	Fort Smith, AR
University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Brookelyn	Davis	Freshman	Women's Cross Country	4.00	Biology	Wylie, TX
University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Sawyer	Beller	Freshman	Men's Cross Country	4.00	Mathematics	Claremore, OK
University of Central Missouri	Kyle	Rehg	Sophomore	Baseball	4.00	BSBA Finance	Wildwood, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Hayden	Heim	Sophomore	Women's Basketball	4.00	BS Kinesiology	Paxico, Kan.
University of Central Missouri	Addy	Davis	Sophomore	Women's Golf	4.00	BSE Special Education	Kirksville, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Ansley	Giesselmann	Sophomore	Women's Golf	4.00	BSBA Marketing	Fremont, Neb.
University of Central Missouri	Jadrian	Thurmon	Junior	Men's Cross Country	4.00	BS Biology	Montgomery City, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Hannah	Bergstadt	Junior	Women's Soccer	4.00	BS Biology	Lee's Summit, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Maryn	Clement	Sophomore	Women's Soccer	4.00	BS Kinesiology	Shawnee, Kan.
University of Central Missouri	Taylor	Kvale	Graduate	Softball	4.00	MS Sport Management	Cedar Falls, Iowa
University of Central Missouri	Jadrian	Thurmon	Junior	Men's Track & Field	4.00	BS Biology	Montgomery City, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Andrew	Wrecke	Sophomore	Men's Track & Field	4.00	BS Construction Management	Olathe, Kan.
University of Central Missouri	Marianna	Bizon	Sophomore	Women's Track & Field	4.00	BA International Studies	Borkowo, Poland
University of Central Missouri	Madison	Cross	Sophomore	Women's Track & Field	4.00	BSE Elementary Education	Lake Winnebago, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Kenzleigh	Goans	Sophomore	Women's Track & Field	4.00	BS Biology	California, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Madison	Cross	Sophomore	Women's Cross Country	4.00	BSE Elementary Education	Lake Winnebago, Mo.
University of Central Missouri	Kenzleigh	Goans	Sophomore	Women's Cross Country	4.00	BS Biology	California, Mo.
University of Central Oklahoma	Jane	Lockhart	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Kinesiology	Norman, Okla.
University of Central Oklahoma	Myla	Unterweger	Freshman	Volleyball	4.00	Nursing	Oconomowoc, Wisc.
University of Central Oklahoma	Trevor	Haws	Freshman	Baseball	4.00	Elementary Education	Enid, Okla.
University of Central Oklahoma	Reagan	Plank	Freshman	Women's Golf	4.00	PGA Golf Mgmt	Owasso, Okla.
University of Central Oklahoma	Kirstyn	Barnard	Sophomore	Softball	4.00	Biology	Henrietta, Texas
University of Central Oklahoma	Haley	Gallo	Freshman	Softball	4.00	Biology	Guthrie, Okla.
University of Central Oklahoma	Mei	Hasegawa	Junior	Women's Tennis	4.00	Kinesiology-Ex/Fitness Mngt	Nagoya, Japan
University of Central Oklahoma	Haley	Hibbets	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	Kinesiology-Ex/Fitness Mngt	Enid, Okla.
University of Nebraska Kearney	Aiden	Zajcek	Freshman	Football	4.00	Health & P.E. Ed. PK-12	Wilber, NE
University of Nebraska Kearney	Brennen	Bhave	Freshman	Track/Cross Country	4.00	Biology	Ames, IA
University of Nebraska Kearney	Brooks	Jones	Freshman	Track	4.00	Health & P.E. Ed. PK-12	Beloit, KS
University of Nebraska Kearney	Andrew	Rentschler	Freshman	Track	4.00	Business Administration	Atkinson, NE
University of Nebraska Kearney	Evan	Shaffer	Freshman	Track	4.00	Health Sciences	Kearney, NE
University of Nebraska Kearney	Luke	Pawloski	Freshman	Wrestling	4.00	Criminal Justice	Pleasanton, NE
University of Nebraska Kearney	Malgorzata	Byczkowska	Graduate	Basketball	4.00	Kinesiology & Sport Sciences	Gdynia, Poland
University of Nebraska Kearney	Chloe	Odle	Junior	Softball	4.00	Business Administration	Beloit, KS
University of Nebraska Kearney	Agustina	Abdo	Freshman	Tennis	4.00	Political Science	Quito, Ecuador
Washburn University	Eli	Dean	Freshman	Baseball	4.00	Environmental Biology	Perry, Kan.
Washburn University	Mason	Rohr	Freshman	Baseball	4.00	Accounting	Russell, Kan.
Washburn University	Sam	Spiegel	Freshman	Baseball	4.00	Law Enforcement	Manhattan, Kan.
Washburn University	Drew	Buchman	Freshman	Men's Golf	4.00	Economics	Council Grove, Kan.
Washburn University	Jacob	Kolich	Freshman	Men's Golf	4.00	Finance	Shawnee, Kan.
Washburn University	Connor	Burkdoll	Freshman	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Kinesiology	Princeton, Kan.
Washburn University	Lukas	Mehl	Senior	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Computer Information Science	Wurselen, Germany
Washburn University	Molly	Worley	Freshman	Men's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Mass Media	Topeka, Kan.
Washburn University	Anniston	Trevarrow	Freshman	Softball	4.00	Art	Gretna, Neb.
Washburn University	Lilian	Everley	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Kinesiology	Kansas City, Mo.
Washburn University	Ruby	Wexler	Freshman	Women's Soccer	4.00	Nursing	Lenexa, Kan.
Washburn University	Charlotte	Bair	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	General Business	Stuttgart, Germany
Washburn University	Mariana	Silva Balsa	Freshman	Women's Tennis	4.00	Data Analytics	Merida, Mexico
Washburn University	Jordyn	Cleary	Freshman	Women's Cross Country/Track & Field	4.00	Mass Media	Wichita, Kan.