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BSSG Announces Character Counts! Scholarship Winners

Billings, MT – The Big Sky State Games is happy to announce: Keatin Hertz of Billings Senior High School, Julia Kunau of Fergus High School, Logan Cole of Billings Senior High School, and Delayne Lindeen of Huntley Project High School. The \$500 scholarship winners will be recognized at the 38th Annual Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies event Friday, July 14.

The winners were selected based on their character, community involvement, and participation in sports. Character Counts! promotes sportsmanship fostering good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating, and modeling, the “Six Pillars of Character”: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship

2022-2023 high school juniors were eligible to apply for the scholarship. Selecting students who are finishing their junior year in high school ensures that the winners may be observed as role models during their senior year. Congratulations, again, to this year’s recipients.

Keatin Hertz has competed in the State Games for the past eight years in five different events (Tennis, Ballroom Dancing, Golf, Road Race, and Opening Ceremonies). Hertz holds a 4.53 Cumulative GPA at Billings Senior High School. He has the awards in Jazz band, Montana Eagle scout of the year, Drum Corps Leader, District Music Festival awards, National History Day County, State, and National Champion, and DMK Percussionist award.

Julia Kunau has competed in Dance in the State Games since 2014. Kunau is a student at Fergus High School and is a member of National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America and Class President. She was the Class A State Champion in debate, finalist in State Olympiad in Medical Health Events, and received the Daughters of American Revolution Youth Citizenship Award. Kunau has the work experience of lifeguarding, being a barista, and a choreographer of dance at the Dance Syndicate.

Logan Cole has been a Big Sky State Games participant in Soccer from 2014-2015 and Track and Field from 2016-2017. His academic and athletic accomplishments at Billings Senior High School include holding a 4.61 Cumulative GPA, participating in National Honors Society, Senior Advocates, NHSA High School All American Award and 3X Academic All State.

Delayne Lindeen has participated in Volleyball in both team and quad categories since 2018. Lindeen attends Huntley Project High School holding a 4.0 cumulative GPA and participates in Volleyball and Track and Field. For three years she has received academic All State in Volleyball as well as Track and Field, and has spent two years in the National Honors Society. Lindeen has an entrepreneurial mindset being self employed since 2020 and is a lifeguard at Oasis.

The Character Counts! Scholarship is sponsored by Mountain Alarm Fire & Security. Major sponsors of the Big Sky State Games are Kampgrounds of America, First Interstate Bank, and BlueCross BlueShield of Montana. Wendy's sponsors Opening Ceremonies. For more information, go to bigskygames.org or call (406) 254-7426.



Keatin Hertz



Julia Kunau



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