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Dear Governor's Scholar,

On behalf of the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the member schools it serves, I want to congratulate you on your recognition as a 2020 Iowa Governor's Scholar. While the COVID-19 restrictions won't allow us to host the Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition ceremony this year, please know that we applaud you on this most significant accomplishment. In 2003, the Iowa High School Athletic Association, the Governor's Office, and Iowa Farm Bureau began this program to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of Iowa students. Your selection as a recipient of this prestigious award designates you as one of Iowa's finest!

Receiving this award is a testament to the hard work, dedication and perseverance you have demonstrated during your four years of high school. You have soared beyond what was expected of you. Ninety-nine percent of the students honored through the Governor's Scholar Recognition Program also represent their schools in at least one interscholastic activity program. Consistent with the level of effort you have shown in your academic work, your commitment to your activities has led to success there as well. What is most impressive is the positive impact you have had on your classmates, teammates and school community.

We understand how important the support of others has been in your success. Parents are at the top of that list. Whether it was mom and dad, single mom or single dad, adoptive mom and dad or anyone else who took on the important role of parent, these are the folks who have had a profound impact on who you are today and the success you have experienced.

Also important to your success has been the influence of your teachers, coaches, directors and administrators. By challenging you, guiding you and supporting you, they have helped shape you into the best version of yourself. That is why we have asked you, as part of this award, to recognize them.

We sincerely thank Governor Reynolds for her continued involvement with this recognition program. Her partnership affirms the importance she places on the education programs in our state. We also thank Farm Bureau for their support and investment in the young people of Iowa!

The Iowa High School Athletic Association is proud to be able to celebrate students in a variety of programs. The Governor's Scholar program is one of the most prestigious. Again, on behalf of all of us, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Tom Keating

IHSAA Executive Director