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LAKEVILLE NORTH NAMES THEIR 2022-23 MSHSL AAA Award WINNERS



Two Lakeville North seniors, Ava Blaszczek and Jack Grigsby, were named as Lakeville North's nominees for the 2022-23 MSHSL's AAA Award (Excellence in Academics, Arts, and Athletics).

The "Triple A" Award is presented to one high school senior male and female from each member school who excel in fine arts AND athletics, in addition to their strong academics.

Ava Blaszczek

Blaszczek currently holds a 4.15 GPA and was a key member of the Panther volleyball team who advanced all the way the State 4A Championship game this past fall. She was named the East Metro Volleyball Player of the Year! Panther Head Volleyball Coach, Jackie Richter said of Blaszczek, *"Ava is a commanding presence in Minnesota volleyball and has put a respected amount of time, effort and heart into being the student-athlete she is today."* Ava started doing graphic art in 9th grade and she has completed all three Lakeville North graphic art courses. She stated, *"My favorite projects are the ones where I have free reign to be as creative as I want, last year I took one of these projects as an opportunity to combine my love of graphic art and fashion, a project which was submitted to the SSC art show and won the Award of Excellence."*

Blaszczek plans to attend Temple University in the fall where she will major in Marketing and Graphic Art while playing D1 Volleyball.



Jack Grigsby

Grigsby is a member of our Lakeville North, audition-only a cappella choir group called the Now and Then Singers. In addition, he is a "straight-A" student who is also a very accomplished distance runner.

In Cross Country, he was a two-time captain and a four-time recipient of the The Heart of the Panther award which is given to the person who best demonstrates team spirit. His teams advanced to two section championships, a conference title, and a 3rd place finish at State.

Jack has been involved in choir since eighth grade. He has twice been selected for the Minnesota State Honor Choir and in 10th grade, he became the only sophomore to be selected for a spot in "Now & Then".

Grigsby's Cross-Country Coach, Karl Ermisch said, "Jack always puts team first and is very supportive of everyone" while Jamye Casperson, the LNHS Choir Director said, "Jack's talent and work ethic earned him a spot in the top choir of our program for three years in a row."

Grigsby plans to attend Luther College where he intends to run competitively and participate in choir.

At the state level, the Minnesota finalists for the AAA Award will be recognized in an on-court ceremony during the Class AA championship game of the Boys Basketball State Tournament in March.

