"This group is the best of the best,” said Lambert. “They embody the IHSA’s mission, excelling in the classroom, in addition to the multiple sports and activities that they participate in. It really is an accomplishment just to be nominated for this award, and I hope the schools and communities that had winners are as proud of this accomplishment as we are to have these young people represent the IHSA.”  
  
Every IHSA member school was invited to nominate one female student and one male student to be a part of the prestigious team. Nominees needed to possess a minimum 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale after their 7th semester, have participated in at least two IHSA sponsored activities during each of the last two years of high school and demonstrated outstanding citizenship.  
  
The nominations were evaluated by a committee made up of IHSA principals, athletic directors and activities directors. One male winner and one female winner from each of the seven IHSA Board of Directors Divisions were selected initially, while the final 12 spots on the team were then rounded out with at-large candidates from anywhere in the state.  
  
The IHSA received over 400 nominations for the 2017-18 team.

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| 2017-18 All-State Academic Team  Grayson Armour, Carlinville  Alex Beesley, Effingham (St. Anthony) Sarah Brady, Bloomington (Central Catholic) Cara Buckley, Williamsville Jordyn Bunning, Vernon Hills  Rose Carroll, Chicago (Agricultural Science) Alex Harvey, Rochelle  Alex Hermann, Robinson Rachel Hickey, LaSalle (L.-Peru) Lindsey Holhubner, Vienna  Danny Kilrea, LaGrange (Lyons) Tessa Leman, Eureka  Grace McLaughlin, Rockford (Boylan Catholic) Melissa Manetsch, Libertyville  Michael Obroin, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep) Charles Parrish, Freeburg  Lindsey Payne, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) Addie Pulley, Rock Island (Alleman) Harrison Sinclair Shapiro, Chicago (University) Arielle Summitt, Urbana (University) Edwin Suresh, Schaumburg (H.S.) Alexander Tam, Libertyville  Eli TenEyck, Pittsfield  Francesca Verville, Dunlap  Zach Williard, Carbondale  Samuel Winter, Stillman Valley | 2017-18 Honorable Mention Team  Sarah Acklin, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden) Caroline Boehne, Centralia (Christ Our Rock Lutheran)  Colin Boysen, Algonquin (Jacobs) Ben Buresh, Annawan  Addison Burris, Belleville (Althoff) Carly Carril, Sparta  John Christensen, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East) Miles Christensen, Downers Grove (North) Cassandra Cook, Mt. Zion  Rueben Coronel, Chicago (Jones) David Daniels, Chicago (Marist) Nathan Droessler, Rockford (Boylan Catholic) Caleb Dzierzysnki, Granville (Putnam County) Sabrina Elder, Belvidere (North) Joseph Fioresi, Oswego (H.S.) John Fletcher, Farmington  Taylor Gredzieleski, Elgin (St. Edward) Erik Haneberg, Chicago (Payton) Connor Henderson, Carterville  David Ho, Wheeling  Jackson Ivers, Waterloo (H.S.) Katherine Kerwin, Romeoville  Catherine Malnati, Chicago (Jones) Jason McIntyre, Oak Lawn (Richards) Electa Munson, Hamilton  Maeve Nelson, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest) Fatima Olaitan, Chicago (Holy Trinity) Nathan Peters, Oneida (ROWVA) Tia Polite, Chicago (University) Isaac Riddle, Beardstown  Tucker Rieman, Newton  Rebecca Ruger, Palos Hts. (Shepard)  Maryann Saba, Effingham (St. Anthony) Kayley Schacht, Champaign (The of Saint Thomas More) Hannah Schmidt, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)  Andrew Schollmeier, Mt. Zion  Spencer Smith, Rock Island (Alleman) Nikita Smyrnov, Lincolnshire (Stevenson) Caitlyn Spreitzer, Joliet (Catholic Academy) Lauren Streitmatter, Palatine (Fremd) Teagan Strom, Pana  Kaysie Stuba, LaGrange (Lyons) Zachary Styka, Chicago (Mt. Carmel) Abbi Taylor, Peoria (Christian) Petyon Taylor, Mt. Pulaski  Kirsten Tunink, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) Garret Williams, Mahomet (M.-Seymour) Taylor Wills, Carlinville  Jacob Woodrome, Nashville  Jacie Wyatt, Rochelle |