"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 TeamGrayson Armour, Carlinville Alex Beesley, Effingham (St. Anthony)Sarah Brady, Bloomington (Central Catholic)Cara Buckley, WilliamsvilleJordyn Bunning, Vernon Hills Rose Carroll, Chicago (Agricultural Science)Alex Harvey, Rochelle Alex Hermann, RobinsonRachel 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 TeamSarah 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  |