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ST. BEDE SENIORS LEAVE IT ALL ON THE FIELD AND BECOME SCHOOL WINNERS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

There are some students who set the bar. They work harder, show more passion and lead by example - in the classroom, on the field and within the community. Today, High School Heisman recognizes **Nathan Potthoff and Elaina Wamhoff** from **St. Bede Academy** and their dedication to never cutting corners by naming them School Winners.

"These students are known by their teachers and friends for their commitment to excellence. We are excited and honored that a program like the High School Heisman is also recognizing their hard work," said Michelle Mershon, Principal.



Nathan is the son of Jack and Lucy Potthoff of Spring Valley and attended Dalzell Grade School. While Nathan has been a student at St. Bede Academy he has been a 4-year participant in Basketball, Golf and Tennis; a student ambassador for two years and a member of student government for three years, serving as secretary his senior year. He has received the All-Academic Conference and the All-Conference in Golf for three years, qualified for golf sectionals three years in a row, named the BCR Golfer of the Year two times, and was the News-Tribunes 2020 Golfer of the Year. Nathan has made the honor roll every year during his time at St. Bede and has a 4.384 GPA. He is a Eucharistic Minister, a member of Lectio Divina and the WYSE Team. Nathan plans to attend the University of Illinois to major in civil engineering.



Elaina is the daughter of Matthew and Jennifer Wamhoff of LaMoille and attended Peru Catholic School. While attending St. Bede Elaina has been a 3-year participant in volleyball, where she served as captain her junior year and received the SBA Volleyball Offensive Player of the Year her sophomore year and the SBA MVP her junior year. She was made the TRAC All-Conference Team, the BCR All-Area Team, and the News-Tribune All-Area Team 3-years in a row and was the 2019 BCR Volleyball Player of the Year. As a junior, Elaina received recognition from the National Rural & Small-Town College Board and was recognized as an AP Scholar with Honors, she has been on the honor roll all 4-years and has a 4.622 GPA. Elaina is a member of the Interact Club, the WYSE Team and volunteers at the local food pantry. She plans on attending The University of Albany to major in Computer Science and Pre-Med.

Nathan and Elaina will continue to compete, with other school winners, for the chance to become State Winners, National Finalists or National Winners. State Winners receive a \$500 college scholarship, National Finalists receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and the male and female National Winners will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship.

A complete list of School Winners can be found at <https://www.heismanscholarship.com/results/>