

Waconia High School Triple “A” Award Representatives Announced

Melanie Grangaard and Jared Pawelk, seniors at Waconia High School, were selected as the school’s 2009 Triple “A” Award representatives. Melanie and Jared are both very deserving representatives and model on a daily basis what the Triple ‘A’ Award is all about – Excellence in the classroom, Excellence in the arts and Excellence in athletics.

Melanie Grangaard has been active in cross country, alpine skiing, track & field, concert band, marching band, drumline and choir. She has received numerous awards including: six-year letter winner in cross country; three-year letter winner in track; two-time state qualifier in track; school record holder in the 100 Meter Dash; and a three-time WCC All-Conference member in track. Melanie demonstrates her excellence in academics by being a four-year member of the National Honor Society, a two-time member of the WCC All-Conference Academic Team in Track, as well as being on the Waconia High School ‘A’ Honor Roll every semester. Her high school grade point average is a 3.867. Melanie’s excellence in the arts includes All State Honors in Women Chorus and she has been a member of the Minnesota State Honors Choir for five years. In her “spare time”, Melanie teaches Sunday School at church, serves as a mentor to the freshmen class and works at Waconia Pharmacy. Melanie’s parents are Karen and Timothy Grangaard.

Jared Pawelk has been active in football, wrestling, track & field, baseball and visual arts. He is a three-year letter winner in football and a four-year letter winner in wrestling. Jared was also named to the WCC All-Conference Team in football and wrestling. Other athletic accomplishments include: starting offensive lineman on the football team that made it to the state semifinals; state qualifier in wrestling; and finished in sixth place at the 2008 Minnesota Elite Wrestling Tournament. Jared demonstrates his excellence in academics by being a three year member of the National Honor Society, a two-time member of the All-Conference Academic Team in football & wrestling, was named to the 2008 All-State Academic Football Team, as well as being on the Waconia High School ‘A’ Honor Roll every semester. His high school grade point average is a 4.000. In his “spare time”, Jared finds time to serve at church and volunteers through a variety of projects for the National Honor Society, as well as officiates youth wrestling tournaments. Jared’s parents are Carol & Michael Pawelk.