



Waconia High School is proud to announce that **Elizabeth Whalen**, a senior at WHS was selected as one of the School's two 2018 Triple "A" Award Winners.

Elizabeth Whalen, daughter of Alan and Karen Whalen, has been active in Soccer and Dance throughout her high school career. As a member of the Wildcat soccer program, Elizabeth has served as a team captain and earned three "Spotlight on Scholarship" Gold awards. Elizabeth could also be found this past fall working as a referee for numerous youth soccer games. A four-year team member and letter winner in dance, Elizabeth was a vital member of both the Varsity Kick and Varsity Jazz teams, including the 2018 State Tournament Participant Jazz Team. Serving as a Varsity team leader and also captain for her junior and senior seasons, Elizabeth wore many hats when it came to taking on team responsibilities. Elizabeth choreographed the competition dances for three years, designed costumes for two years and led by example as a two-time fall dance team leader. Elizabeth's creativity was beneficial for not only developing choreography but also for creating her exceptional artwork. Elizabeth specializes in drawing and painting and has a passion for surreal and impressionist works. Not only is Elizabeth an Advanced Placement Art student, but she also qualified to participate in the highly competitive Section 2AA Visual Arts competition. Elizabeth is also an active leader of the WHS Art Club, making an impact by partaking in service projects that improve our local and global communities alike.

Elizabeth enjoys challenging herself in a variety of honors classes including AP Calculus, Ceramics III while also engaging in many school activities such as Art Club, National Honor Society, Peer Mentoring, International Club, Conservation Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Peer Tutoring. Elizabeth succeeds in all she sets out to accomplish, including compiling an impressive 3.99 grade point average and being named a **National Merit Scholar!** In her free time, Elizabeth volunteers in her church community working at their Vacation Bible School camp in the summer, decorating, packing donations, and making blankets for the homeless. Over the last 7 years Elizabeth has contributed countless hours of time to the "Relay for Life" campaign, raising money, setting up, performing, serving at the survivor's dinner, and even finding time to join in the walk to raise awareness. Elizabeth's leadership in our community is consistent with her favorite quote by Harold S. Geneen, "Leadership is practiced

not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.” This resume also earned Elizabeth the honor of representing Waconia High School as a 2017 MSHSL ExCEL award winner, the highest honor given to a high school student in their junior year.



Waconia High School is proud to announce that **Caden Turner**, a senior at WHS was selected as one of the School’s two 2018 Triple “A” Award Winners.

Caden Turner, son of Tim and Holly Turner, has been active in Cross Country, Track, and Hockey. Caden’s athletic accomplishments in track include: three varsity letters, Most Improved (9th grade), High Point Earner (10th grade), and three Spotlight on Scholarship awards. As a freshman, Caden qualified for the section finals in the 110 meter hurdles and in 10th grade he qualified for the 110 and 300 meter hurdles placing 3rd and 5th respectively. As a junior, Caden placed 7th in the MSHSL State Track Meet in the 110 hurdles. Caden has been named All Conference, two-time All State Academic and Waconia High School MVP. Caden participated in Hockey for two years, one year as the Bantam A Captain and one year as a Wildcat team member where he earned a Spotlight on Scholarship award. A four-year Cross Country team member and letter winner, Caden also earned four Spotlight on Scholarship awards as a team member. Caden also represented Waconia High School as our 2017 MSHSL ExCEL award winner, our highest award given to a high school junior and was named the 2017 Southwest Metro Prep Elite Award winner.

Academically, Caden has held a 3.9 GPA while taking Advanced Placement Classes in US History, Statistics, Calculus, and World History. He was also enrolled in the “College in the Schools” program taking Physics (a class limited to juniors based on their GPA). Caden was a member of the National Honor Society and spends countless hours volunteering in his community with numerous organizations such as the America Reads program (tutoring reading in the elementary schools), Relay for Life, St. Joseph Catholic School (cleaning classrooms, organizing supplies, etc.), Carver County Fair at the Waconia Hockey Association booth, Feed My Starving Children and serving as a Youth Hockey Referee. Caden is described by WHS staff as, “A person that leads with enthusiasm and positivity. He is willing to work hard, but finds ways to help motivate those around him as well, a true role model.”