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PIAA Announces National Student Leadership Summit Ambassadors

MECHANICSBURG, PA – The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) is pleased to announce the selection of 16 student ambassadors and 4 adult ambassadors to attend the 2026 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National Student Leadership Summit (NSLS), to take place July 16-19, 2026, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The NFHS National Student Leadership Summit brings together student leaders from across the country and international students for a unique leadership development experience focused on education-based athletics and activities. During the summit, participants engage in leadership training, collaborate with over 200 peers, and participate in discussions designed to strengthen student voice and leadership within their schools and communities.

“The PIAA is proud to provide student leaders with opportunities to grow as ambassadors for education-based athletics and activities,” said Jennifer Grassel, Senior Director of Member School Services and Sport. “These students have demonstrated strong leadership within their schools and communities, and we are excited for them to represent Pennsylvania on a national stage.

Student ambassadors were selected through PIAA’s application and review process based on demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, school involvement, and commitment to service. The selected student and adult ambassadors are listed on the next page:

**2026 NATIONAL STUDENT
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
AMBASSADORS
16 STUDENT AND 4 ADULTS SELECTED**



STUDENT AMBASSADORS	HIGH SCHOOL	GRADE - FALL 2026	DISTRICT
KADEN BAUER	UPPER MERION AREA	JUNIOR	1
HAILEY CARPENETTI	BLUE RIDGE	SENIOR	2
BURGUNDY GAHMAN	UPPER PERKIOMEN	SENIOR	1
NOLAN GIRONDA	CENTRAL CAMBRIA	SENIOR	6
BROOKE HANNIS-MISKAR	MARIAN CATHOLIC	SENIOR	11
ADDISON HUNTER	SPRING GROVE AREA	JUNIOR	3
EMILY KUCHTA	ARMSTRONG	SENIOR	7
CHASE MARSH	PENN MANOR	JUNIOR	3
CHAYSE PANCZER	BANGOR AREA	SENIOR	11
SIMON POLLARD	WYOMING AREA	SENIOR	2
ANTHONY RICCIO	ALTOONA AREA	JUNIOR	6
PEYTON SENSENIG	CONESTOGA VALLEY	SENIOR	3
CORBIN STAHL	SHIKELLAMY	SENIOR	4
MAKENA STAHLER	AVON GROVE	JUNIOR	1
FRANCO WILLIAMS	ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC	SENIOR	9
CORA WISSLER	COCALICO	SENIOR	3

ADULT AMBASSADORS	HIGH SCHOOL	POSITION	DISTRICT
FRANK HAWKINS	CONESTOGA VALLEY	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	3
OLIVIA HESS	CONESTOGA VALLEY	TEACHER/COACH	3
SHANNON GIRONDA	CENTRAL CAMBRIA	SCHOOL COUNSELOR	6
PAT TOCCI	PENN MANOR	ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	3

Since 2007, the PIAA is proud to have student ambassadors and adult ambassadors representing the 1,460 member schools from across the Keystone State. For almost two decades, nearly 200 student ambassadors have been selected for this great opportunity.

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Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association

Beginning in Pittsburgh, on December 29, 1913, PIAA was given the privilege of serving its member schools and registered officials by establishing policies and adopting contest rules that emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promote safe and sportsmanlike competition, and provide uniform standards for all interscholastic levels of competition.