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**AK-SAR-BEN HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED**

*July 21, 2009, Omaha, Nebraska*-The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation in conjunction with the Women's Ball Committee has announced the names of the 2009 Horatio Alger Foundation scholarship recipients. The fifty Nebraska and western Iowa students will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship. The prestigious Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Horatio Alger scholarship is awarded annually to 50 high school seniors who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in adversity, strength of character, financial need, academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. The scholarship is available as a result of the dedicated efforts of the Women's Ball Committee who have awarded more than \$2 million to graduating youth. If you would like to make a donation to the Women's Ball Committee Scholarship Fund, please contact the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben at (402) 554-9600 ext. 106. The 2009 Coronation Ball will take place at the Qwest Center Omaha on October 10, 2009.

The following individuals will receive the 2009 Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Horatio Alger scholarship: Anayanci M. Aldana, Lexington, NE; Amanda D. Arnold, Belvidere, NE; Ashley R. Baasch, Grand Island, NE; Benjamin A. Balasa, Franklin, NE; Jesse D. Baldwin, Ord, NE; Benjamin J. Baudler, Fontanelle, IA; Justin D. Berger, Spalding, NE; Christopher A. Biermann, Wisner, NE; Rebecca J. Blair, Omaha, NE; Cody M. Bland, Ayr, NE; Alycia M. Blevins, Norfolk, NE; Wendi J. Burbach, Randolph, NE; Hans J. Christensen, Johnson, NE; Zachary P. Craft, Omaha, NE; Shalah G. Dare, Omaha, NE; Kendra J. Dickinson, Griswold, IA; Andi D. Diediker, Wayne, NE; Ronicka L. Fairchild, Omaha, NE; Katie E. Frenzen, Fullerton, NE; Fayelen M. Gerteisen, Pierce, NE; Kyle T. Gibbens, Cozad, NE; Shane T. Hennessy, Alvo, NE; Janteice A. Holston, Superior, NE; Allison M. Hubert, Pierce, NE; Dalton W. Hyke, Arapahoe, NE; Jason A. Jagels,

Davenport, NE; Sarah A. Johnson, Boys Town, NE; Megan L. Kaster; Falls City, NE; Anna M. Keiser, Gothenburg, NE; Allysen R. Korn, Humphrey, NE; Sara Maddox, Scottsbluff, NE; Halley J. Marfisi, Boys Town, NE; Bethany L. McFeely, Bellevue, NE; Samantha J. Mitchell, Grand Island, NE; Jordan R. Moss, Omaha, NE; Sara E. Murray, Creighton, NE; Jennifer L. Peterson, Wisner, NE; Kiley B. Preisendorf, Grand Island, NE; Christina A. Rice, Kearney, NE; Hannah L. Schmale, Gretna, NE; Cammie J. Schwartz, Mullen, NE; Kate M. Seifer, Paxton, NE; Jesse T. Smidt, Lyons, NE; Jacob J. Smiley, Bassett, NE; Amber L. Smith, Broken Bow, NE; Brooke R. Sullivan, Lincoln, NE; Britnee L. Turk, Pierce, NE; Kathy J. Venteicher, Pierce, NE; Alex J. Wermers, Omaha, NE; and Jenna K. Zimmer, Early, IA.

This award is just one of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben recognition programs which compliment the mission “to build a more prosperous Heartland, where communities can flourish and every child can succeed.”

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