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Adel-De Soto-Minburn Senior Awarded \$2,000 Special Education Teacher Scholarship

Adel, Iowa – Senior Jadah Manning, Adel-De Soto-Minburn (ADM) Schools, has been awarded the 2024 Special Education Teacher Scholarship of Iowa in recognition for her academic accomplishments and educational goals. Within her time at ADM Schools, Manning has proven herself as a leader both in and out of the classroom. For the past four years, she has participated in both individual and large-group speech, academic decathlon, and was recognized as the Fine Arts Student of the month at ADM three times in three years.

After graduation, Manning plans to attend Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa where she will study special education with a focus in elementary/early childhood education. Manning credits her classmate with autism, Brycen Timmer, and their shared friendship as her inspiration to pursue a career in special education. “He’s a huge inspiration to me and everyone around him and he’s such a bright light in a dark world. He is one of the biggest factors in why I decided on special education for a career path,” she said.

After earning her degree from Northwestern College, Manning hopes to teach at an elementary school here in Iowa where she’ll have the opportunity to work with students who have special needs of differing severities. “I plan on teaching for as long as I am able to and I want to reach as many students as I possibly can,” Manning said.

About the Award: The Special Education Teacher Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who plans to study education, with a focus on special education. Co-sponsored by ClaimAid Consulting Corporation and the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), the scholarship is awarded based on a number of requirements, including educational goals and academic accomplishments.

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