



Schaller-Crestland Senior Awarded \$2,000 Star Student Scholarship

Holstein, Iowa—Senior Gage Martin, Schaller-Crestland Schools, has been awarded the 2026 Star Student Scholarship of Iowa in recognition for his academic accomplishments and educational goals. Within his time at Schaller-Crestland Schools, Martin has proven himself as a leader both in and out of the classroom. For the past four years, he has participated in a variety of activities, from Taekwondo and chess club to baseball and trap shooting.

After graduation, Martin plans to earn his associate’s degree in the automotive and light-duty diesel technology program at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa. Martin gives special thanks to his grandpa, ‘Papa Gary’, for inspiring his love of cars. “My Papa Gary has led by example in not only how to do mechanical tasks in the shop but also how to do them with integrity and pride,” he said.

After earning his degree from Northwest Iowa Community College, Martin hopes to own a local automotive repair shop. “I hope to one day make a difference in my community by providing a reliable service to those who need help with maintaining or fixing their vehicles. I think it’s important to have someone you can trust working on your vehicles,” Martin shared.

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-presented 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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