

# Press Release

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## **East Sac Senior Awarded \$2,000 Star Student Scholarship**

Senior Maggie Gosch, East Sac Schools, is the recipient of the 2020 Star Student Scholarship of Iowa in recognition for her academic achievements, leadership, extracurricular activities and educational goals.

Gosch is an active member of the Future Farmers of America, an honor roll student, and works two part-time jobs. After graduation, she plans to attend the veterinary technician program at Iowa Lakes Community College. Once she has completed her education, she aspires to work at a local veterinarian clinic working with large and small animals.

Gosch shares that her high school special education teacher impacted her life in a significant way, “Mr. Zehnder set a goal for me my freshman year to help improve my self-confidence and learn to advocate for myself. To achieve this goal, I took a senior-level class and was the only junior, earning a “B” grade. I was the first student in my high school with an IEP to take that class. Thanks to the support and encouragement of Mr. Zehnder, I was able to excel.”

Now in her senior year, she is enrolled in two college classes and has exceeded her own expectations. “At the beginning of my high school career, I never thought that college was an option for me. But now, with the guidance of Mr. Zehnder and learning to believe in myself, I plan to pursue my goal of becoming a veterinary technician,” says Gosch.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, awards were not presented in a live ceremony this year. The information was sent to the student’s guidance counselors for recognition.*

**ABOUT THE AWARD:** The Star Student Scholarship is awarded to a graduating student. This scholarship is 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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