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South Winneshiek Senior Awarded Special Education Teacher Scholarship

Calmar, Iowa—Senior Caylie Adam, South Winneshiek Schools, has been awarded the 2025 Special Education Teacher Scholarship of Iowa in recognition for her academic accomplishments and educational goals. Within her time at South Winneshiek Schools, Adam has proven herself as a leader both in and out of the classroom. For the past four years, she has participated in countless activities and volunteer opportunities including softball, individual speech, and 4-H County Council.

After graduation, Adam plans to attend Waldorf University in Forest City, IA where she will study special education. In her application, she gave special thanks to her grandma Jan who worked as a dedicated nurse for over 40 years. "Her empathetic approach to everyone she meets has inspired me to adopt a similar mindset, especially in my goal to become a special education teacher," she shared.

After earning her degree from Waldorf University, Adam hopes to make a positive impact on the lives of children as a special education teacher with a reading endorsement. "I hope to provide meaningful learning experiences and instill a sense of value and confidence in every child," Adam 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. ClaimAid is a leading provider of comprehensive Medicaid eligibility and enrollment services, school-based billing and claims resolution for schools, hospitals, patients, individuals and their families. IASB is a nonprofit organization representing Iowa's 325 public school districts, nine area education agencies and 15 community colleges.

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