



**2026**

**Phi Theta Kappa  
All-Nebraska Academic Team  
Recognition Ceremony**



**Warner Legislative Chamber  
Nebraska State Capitol  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 29, 2026  
10:30 a.m.**

# Central Community College All-Nebraska Team Members

With campuses in Columbus, Grand Island, and Hastings

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**Jessica Braun** is a business administration student with an accounting major at Central Community College. She values accuracy, professionalism, and community impact. She enjoys time with her family, thrift and antique shopping, and gardening—especially growing flowers. Jessica has served as President and Vice President of Records for her PTK chapter and President and Secretary of the NSLS at CCC, guided by a belief that education should improve lives and strengthen communities.

**Jason Harper** is attending Central Community College in Hastings. He will transfer to Nebraska Wesleyan University to pursue a degree in Pastoral Leadership, driven by a calling to plant a church and serve those who are broken, lost, and often overlooked. His goal is to build authentic, lasting relationships within a community guided by faith and compassion. Through his involvement in the Transfer Edge Program and leadership roles in PTK, he has developed a deep appreciation for servant leadership. He believes meaningful restoration begins when challenges are honestly confronted.



**Olivia Hind** is a dedicated student at Central Community College preparing to transfer to the College of Saint Mary to study Nursing. Passionate about helping others, she is committed to providing compassionate, high-quality patient care while continuing to compete as a student-athlete in soccer, demonstrating teamwork, discipline, and leadership as she pursues a career in healthcare.



**Alissa Pacheco** is a dedicated student who is receiving her Associate of Arts at Central Community College. She plans to transfer to Wayne State to study elementary education and become a kindergarten teacher in Omaha. She is the president of the Student Government Association and her chapter's Phi Theta Kappa. Alissa is also a Student Ambassador, a Brand Ambassador for her college, and she is on the cheer and dance team. A quote from Alissa is "I want to inspire, encourage, and ignite a light in the students I teach!"





**Chloe Smith** is a criminal justice major at Central Community College. She will transfer to the University of Nebraska at Kearney to earn a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, with plans to attend law school. She aspires to become an attorney specializing in medical malpractice and advocating for victims of healthcare negligence. She is a full-time mother and student, and owner and photographer of Chloe Goodenow Photography. Honors include President's Honor List, Hornady Criminal Justice and Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise awards.

**Whitney Williams** is a health information management systems major at Central Community College. She plans to continue her education while working toward her five-year goal of owning a coding business. In her free time, she enjoys crafting with her children, teaching them new activities, and creating seasonal outfits. She is the top-scoring student in the state for the Phi Theta Kappa competition, a 2026 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar, and a member of National Society of Leadership and Success.

